



# The Book Of Bomb

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## *Grill Pilled*

Matt Christman is my friend.

Transcendence is when he realizes he's not coming to us for himself any longer.

Please enjoy,

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### *O Captain, My Captain*

#### 4.8.20

ah **\*\*Music playing\*\*** the Cadillacs a vine house in the yank favor **\*\*Music playing\*\*** 0:1:3  
our IP - a real one I think I could say that with full earnestness alright he drools  
maybe the realest one we've ever seen **\*\*Music playing\*\*** so obviously Bertie topped 0:2:5  
out today the eternal recurrence it's a real **\*\*\*\*\*** **\*\*\*\*\*** annoying me chickens nailed  
that so well **\*\*\*\*\*** **\*\*\*\*\*** syphilitic misogynist weirdo totally damaged there's no  
question that we live in them turtle the Kurds that is our ate a lot of people are  
asking where do we open here fantastic Lancer I do not know the question all right  
that's question did that the answer to all I can say about that is that the one good  
thing for people especially considering the real you know stressful crisis moment we're  
in for everyone is that now you don't have to worry there's one less thing to you don't  
worry about the presidential election anymore like you can tote it out you don't have  
to pay attention there's no requirement for you to care about any of this stuff night 0:3:6  
and that honestly after it's one thousand four years or so of like like investing yourself  
of the ship isn't that kind of a treat that in the midst of this **\*\*\*\*\*** you can just sort of  
like read a book chill out like try to pretend an expert on coronavirus or some **\*\*\*\*\***  
and you don't have to care about the presidency you don't have to care about the  
selection it means nothing it is the payment you can be put finally and definitively  
on the pay no mind list we don't have to pay it any mind and that's really nice I'm  
looking forward to that I'm looking forward to what we're gonna do on the show now  
that we don't have to talk about this topic which honestly at this point I'm pretty  
sick up I mean what else is to be said about the **\*\*\*\*\*** you know this this mummy  
this undead mummy murdering people sacrificing like as a proof to their their faith  
of the Democratic Party I mean what the hell else do you need to say about what's  
happening that it's more damning than what they're actually doing so pay no mind 0:4:7  
so yeah beyond that I don't know what people talk about general strikes it's like  
with who you know what army like if you don't have the people hopefully with the  
Cabrera campaign was to get some numbers to get some numbers behind this whole  
thing we get some like some support it's a critical mass and now that's pretty much  
off the table so now what to do next becomes a question but I think people who

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are like alright now we can do that direct democracy now we can do other things like well we didn't have enough people before this we don't have a cup people now so maybe we need to stop and think about that I don't know the answers I still have no idea **\*\*Music playing\*\* \*\*\*\*\*** I forgot something I'll be right back **\*\*Applause\*\*** so I don't know what's happening put the pig on I listen I listen people say put the 0:5:51  
thing on it but the payoff like what kills me and makes me sad about this is that for myself personally the reason I thought it was worthwhile to invest fully in the Bernie campaign is because I recognized the chief problem of the left in this country was saying was numbers was people was people who were invested and willing to do willing to beat activists and whatever way to make it way that man and to you know do the work or whatever that meant nobody knew because they'd never been an issue we never had it you know we never had the numbers haven't had him for decades Bernie was about getting the numbers and Oh almost fell off that would have been 0:6:55  
epic fail ah it was to get people on board and because there's gonna be a crisis in capitalism you know it's like I didn't really know what burning was gonna be able to accomplish this president I honestly didn't think that much I wasn't really that I mean I he had a lot of levers he could crash but like he wasn't good at shape he wasn't gonna make revolution or anything like that now what he was gonna do was what he was gonna do was great movement create a creative get an army get people ready to go ahead of time and as capitalism came closer to crisis I mean what's killing me right now with this whole **\*\*\*\*\*** coronavirus Larry it's just imagine if Bernie had 0:7:59  
been president right now while this **\*\*\*\*\*** was as the Paris to what's happening now which is we're getting the 2008 bailout on steroids we're getting we're getting another massive corporate handout we're getting a situation where what this ends if we still have an intact government in institutions then there that's going to be we literally will use the federal treasury to keep hold the people who will just buy out everything that everybody lost during the course of this thing and that wouldn't I mean I don't know what Bernie presidency would have meant but this happening under Bernie president would not admit that I can say that for sure and if it hadn't been a virus if it had been one of the endogenous crises that are endemic to capitalism finally 0:9:1  
coming forward again which he was on the verge of happening I mean the **\*\*\*\*\*** bond markets and **\*\*\*\*\*** were going wild even before around the virus and there who knows if they're and they know people would have there would have been like a coherent response to this there would have been a coherent notion of like a capitalist like an alternative to a capitalist restructuring that we're gonna get instead and that would have been true with a Bernie presidency or post Bernie moment when the crisis came and now the crisis is here and it's just too **\*\*\*\*\*** early it's just too **\*\*\*\*\*** early and that's too bad so the past is still the same that it was without before Bernie but

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now without Bernie the question becomes what replaces Bernie as the mechanism 0:10:5  
for recruitment and mobilization and I don't know it's way too early to say we'll talk  
about it people have ideas stays Ling I know you don't I don't know I know I think  
it's too early I think anybody love you buddy anybody who's claiming to know is  
\*\*\*\*\* selling something but yeah like one way or another they keep the fact is is that  
is that we're not prepared for this moment and Bernie represented the best chance to  
get people prepared for a moment like as for what break could have done differently 0:11:6  
I think anybody arguing for any kind of specific like oh you should have done XYZ  
it's really just arguing from their own like personal crossing where they're like oh  
this is what I always wanted him to do and coincidentally that's what he should  
why would you need to engage with Biden supporters the Republican the the the the  
presidential election is no longer a zone of contention it's no longer a contest it's no  
longer a place to put energy why care who gives a \*\*\*\*\* cuz Bernie's gonna endorse  
Biden and he sure as \*\*\*\*\* don't want to be in a situation where you feel you need  
to honor that when it happens you need to have already put this in your rear-view  
mirror you've already need to put up the pay no mind sign so that when Bernie 0:12:7  
does endorse lighting and they start banging on you to vote for him you can just  
say not my problem look what they did to make this happen look at the norms they  
violated look at the lives they literally lost and kill look at the people they literally  
killed to do this it's it's it's an illegitimate process from start to finish not one you're  
obligated to \*\*\*\*\* acknowledge there is also in anyway so pay no mind just forget  
about it you don't have to care about the presidential election anymore fill that hole  
with like scrimshaw or collecting jazz records or just doing more drugs whatever you  
don't have to care about the presidency anymore so that's fun uh uh yeah like Bernie  
there's certainly versions of the Bernie campaign that would have been more fun to  
watch and participate in but I don't know if they would have been any more effective 0:13:10  
because because a of the degree to which Democratic polity the Democratic Party  
be the degree to which non voters are committed to not voting and see the degree  
to which Democratic Party voters are high are in the thrall of mainstream media  
and the party itself which they are so that means like people say Bernie should have  
been harder on Biden and should have gone harder on bite well yeah but that also  
would have been treated like all of his mild attacks on Biden were as him trying to  
undermine the Democrats on behalf of Trump because for Democratic voters things  
are all 0 some things either benefit Republican Democrats in an attack on a Democrat  
is something is Republicans that's just the way they think so there's no guarantee  
that that would have worked and especially when the media was willing to take - to  
give everything the benefit of Joe Biden's spin on it as like the assumed thing to do 0:14:13  
whereas like the actual reality like they just were like whatever the Biden campaign

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spin on this is is the one that we're giving prima facie credence to and birdie has the benefit asked to do the he has to match some burden of proof to get his point of view across I mean that's a fundamental difference in the way that they were treated by the media that was going to make it impossible for him to get enough of the Democratic electorate who watched TV and believed that \*\*\*\*\* to follow along unless they stayed separated which they did until Obama made two phone calls and brought them all together which is them together unprecedented intervention in the process that was done on the specific purpose to defeat one candidate then you have what they did during this \*\*\*\*\* primary in these all these these these primaries that they from Iowa on even before the coronavirus think they've been illegitimate but the parties still accepted them as my as legitimate all of these like five polling places 0:15:15 in Milwaukee there during a \*\*\*\*\* pandemic those delegates are gonna get certified what difference I mean there was no way they were gonna let it happen the period end of sentence nobody else wants to do an emergency chappo today they want to think some more they want to get their thoughts fresh they want to get their toss like in order but now I just want to shoot off the hip cuz what the \*\*\*\*\* Yolo right I just want to go off the hip asks for like well who to support in this thing like Holly Hawkins \*\*\*\*\* PSL I'm sorry but third party politics are a vanity \*\*\*\*\* third party politics for the presidential level is is a cookies for cranks it's for cranks I've said this before but it's still \*\*\*\*\* true it's for cranks third party presidential races are for burning light not have been a crank because of his position I'd run third party he could have been viable but like these guys no one knows Jill Stein Gloria Leu la Riva it's crank \*\*\*\*\* the point was she could have had Bernie on the top of the ticket 0:16:16 in the two-party system that would have been unprecedented and huge as a third party some \*\*\*\*\* nobody knows it's just it's just a \*\*\*\*\* pastime for people who ride recumbent bikes so who gives a \*\*\*\*\* vote forever you want I'm not voting for Biden I don't frankly I don't I don't know if I'll ever respect anyone who does vote providing them honestly so vote would just as a personal thing of like you know how it wouldn't respect somebody who you know likes pineapples on pizza or something just like a thing that's personally it's repulsive to me so yeah voting for him is a sign of a weak character I guess that's what I would say so do what you want I'll probably bite it Bernie if you want to write an e that'd be funny if you could get like if you could get like a percentage or not like not a person si realistic but if you get me like a half a percent or no like a fraction of a percent that'd be pretty funny I don't know 0:17:17 whatever doesn't matter not our problem not my problem who care as the great Dave King Dave said Big Dave himself says who care doesn't matter that's a mem that's a so that's one thing you have to worry about so the cast of the Bernie campaign now still has to be done which is organizing people the thing that's going to help that

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in this moment is that politics is about to stop being a spectator sport for the booj  
wha and start being things that regular people have to contend with every day of  
their lives but man it really kills me to think like all right so you're in the situation  
now where you have these where you have these wildcat labor actions to try to resist  
you know literally having their lives put on the line by their employers like like the  
Amazon warehouse is in instacart well it's like you guys aren't giving us protection 0:18:18  
and we don't we're not making enough money to risk our \*\*\*\*\* lives imagine how I  
mean right now like people are excited for it but like what has happened you know  
Amazon fired one of the guys who was organizing their walkout in Staten Island and  
said that it was because he violated the social distancing rules which is just hilarious  
and like it seems like a lot of them are not happening because people are \*\*\*\*\* scared  
and well it should be because they know that they're \*\*\*\*\* if they're know they were  
\*\*\*\*\* if it doesn't work and it probably won't work imagine if people were in this  
situation if people were at these vital bottlenecks for like the resources that we need  
to keep this \*\*\*\*\* society from collapsing overnight in the \*\*\*\*\* road warrior had  
Bernie \*\*\*\*\* Sanders as president imagine what that would do to their their lay their  
leverage against their bosses it's I mean if that's if we didn't see mass nationalization  
so honestly I don't think they're even out of the table off the table in a situation like  
this and more importantly than that you would have met millions millions of people 0:19:20  
would voted for this who endorsed it who had some sort of investment in its success  
as a project so that's what's really big that's what pains me is to think about what  
we could have had and now yeah we got people trying to exert leverage in a situation  
where if they get fired they're going to be cast into a reserve army of labor that  
now numbers 30% of the population it's tough it's very difficult which is why I see  
people saying okay Bernie's go on time for the general strike okay Bernie's gone it's  
like time for the revolution it's like if there weren't the numbers in America in the in  
the facts the fat happy heart of the world Empire if you didn't have enough people  
willing to just go and vote for Social Democrat Bernie Sanders in this country you  
really think you have the numbers to \*\*\*\*\* take up arms in a mass struggle or like  
simultaneously take their labor out of the \*\*\*\*\* like out of the out of the economy  
you really think that that that the numbers exist that's why the chief thing is the 0:20:22  
question like Bernie went loose Bernie losing or whatever and does not change this to  
such a challenge which is getting people getting people on your side and beyond that  
getting people willing to act that's it that's it that's the only that's the only thing  
all other questions strategies tactics they need to be subordinated to the question of  
that what does that annoys me right now is I don't \*\*\*\*\* know I know there's a lot  
of people with theories I have not been convinced by any of them doesn't mean any  
of them are wrong does it just means that I don't really feel confident I just know

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that that's got to be the goal and I definitely know the presidential politics at this point are not gonna get it done without Bernie they're trying to get people to write in Orono get people to vote for Gloria reliever or get the \*\*\*\*\* Green Party to 3% 0:21:23  
or something that is just a waste of time because you're not you're not expanding anything there you are pitching to the same gallery of disaffected cranks who always are looking for a third party to vote for as opposed to the mass and mass mass mass of people who don't vote only hope is there and only hope is with the means people say a third part of new party to discipline the Democrats which of course is that's more promising than the idea of them competing with the Democrats it would have 0:22:25  
to be a complete overnight collapse like the wigs wigs are the model here calmness as the wigs have specific historical context that made that happen and that is the main one is the split that happened that destroyed the wigs was was regional which meant that when the wigs broke up over slavery basically the entirety of the northern wig electorate everyone who's voted wig in the north was already we're all already pre organized to join the party that would embody wig principles and be anti-slavery and that was the Republicans in fact it was the emergence of the Republicans and their success early in Fremont that made the wig collapse happen because people saw an alternative but the thing was it was it was self-organizing and instantly coherent 0:23:26  
along state lines if you lived in a northern state and wear a wig you were probably anti-slavery because the Democrats basically were the party of the doughface party of collaboration with the southern slave power for the most part before the Civil War the the northern if you were against slavery in the north the Democratic Party was not really for you that's why there were like things like the Liberty Party and the Free Soil party the eventually the Republicans was because of that non-existent Democratic home for people who were in favor which meant that basically every wig in the North was ready to vote for the party that would basically be wigs - slavery which was the Republicans if this were to happen now the split is ideological and it's it's it's not as clean and it's not state-based it's not like they instantly were able to take over not only half of the Whig party but the the half that was in states where 0:24:29  
they could run the table which they did that's not the same thing here so whether it's party politics or not I don't know once another another thing that I that I don't and yeah the other big differences is that if this did this split half this split that happen to the Whig party you're not really there's not really a conflict at the top there because you're you're all capitalist the question is whether you're a capitalist who think that we should accommodate slavery is a component of the supply chain that's it this is what would be a capitalist party and like it's anti capitalist wing breaking on and that would make it the enemy of the entire establishment which did not exist with so all I can say is that right now I am a shrugging emoji guy on all 0:25:38

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questions of tactics policy what to do next not the least of all because we're in the middle of an unprecedented pandemic and economic collapse two things that have never happened and certainly never happened during an election year I mean this is people say well you've been living in interesting times my god this 20th century 21st century has been absurd and specifically the last year Jesus like just Trump got in it really has been someone put a cinder block on the \*\*\*\*\* gas tank gas pail and now we're in totally uncharted territory so that's another reason why I hesitate to say X Y or Z is the next path forward because we don't even know what the state of play is going to be in what even six months from now six months four months two months who knows they're even real election in 2020 that's a \*\*\*\*\* open question to me that no one has really asked answered to history is turning wheel of history is turning 0:26:46 something's gonna do something something we've got to give that's no there's no question about that what what that thing will be is don't ask me I'm just a girl honestly the most realistic left formation to emerge really like from the American context we have like imagining the different types of revolutions we have left-wing revolutions we could have in this country let's rank them by likelihood of actually happening I would say least likely the the sucked em fantasy of a like electoral reform 0:27:48 because we know obviously before you get anywhere close to the real engine house of power the state comes in the apparatus first and foremost the capitalist class I mean the intelligence community them like the Mafia version that could break the rules because even if you're winning by even if you're winning with within the rules they can always decide that the rules don't exist with the help of institutions like the intelligence community so that makes that very much it just happens take through honestly less not maybe a little more likely but still wildly unlikely is the idea of any kind of Maoist like peasant or or or m/l like style Bolshevik coup just wildly improbable to me given the Commission's in this country I mean we might be neo peasants right like I've said that the American like lump in person in this country is basically it's basically a medieval peasant with in terms of their relationship to to 0:28:49 each other in media and things like that like they are not they're not the industrial subjects that Marx imagined having a revolution but they don't live like peasants they don't live on the land they live disconnected completely from the land that's why I said instead of potatoes in a sack they're Pringles in a tube they've been processed they've been chopped up they've been fried they've been put inside a carton they're totally disconnected from their natural context so therefore they can't fend for themselves that makes them vulnerable and makes them incapable of the type of action where we're talking about that a peasant a like army could like those landless Hakka tribesmen of southern China who made up the bulk of anti-imperial insurgencies all through China's history we don't have those people they don't not

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where you gonna go you're gonna go out you're gonna let you're gonna go camp out  
in like what the green belt behind your \*\*\*\*\* subdivision you know you're gonna 0:29:51  
take it you're gonna do a defense in depth of the \*\*\*\*\* of the of the houses yes  
in Bushwick so that's also unlikely honestly still very unlikely but more likely than  
either of those is some sort of middle level three officer to within the military like  
like Egypt had with Nasser or like the carnation revolution in Portugal that's more  
likely than any of them is those those those icky troops like some some mid-level  
radicalized officers sort of like chopping off the head of the snake and and instituting  
some sort of like barracks socialism in in during of course during a moment of oh 0:30:53  
it wouldn't be a soft - I think a soft it would be like just the suspension of like the  
forms of democratic government which they modestly might do to Trump I'm not  
leaving that out they might not like it's claimed that they might have already done  
bowls an arrow if they haven't been at the Trump yet they might and if they do he  
would be really relieved honestly you don't think Trump would be relieved at this  
moment yeah I think he's terrified of being president right now you don't think that  
he would love the chance to not have this responsibility and have the military of his  
beautiful soldiers my beautiful soldiers look at him like a man some generals they  
want to take over the same I could take it back the same think of it yes president  
Davis have just talked about how like the only model we have for any kind of social  
organism that like I talked about Institute's the notion of a social self instead of  
erratically individualized neoliberal self is the military it's the only institution now if  
it adds to that like fascistic ship and like a call to violence and death of worship and 0:31:54  
imperialism and all that stuff but it also has the idea of like an esprit de corps I'd like  
of a collective project which note which we do not have in which is one of the chief  
obstacles to try to organize among people because they don't think that way I know  
I don't I know I struggle to like build that notion in my head because it's just not  
something I've built into so yeah man the free officers are there free officers do we have  
any free officers of the house are there any free officers you might want to consider  
like doing like a Smedley Butler type deal you know not the business plot but when  
he exposed the business plot I mean if sadly I don't really think so honestly I think  
I'll be like anti-war like all the socialist troops are like podcasters you know I think 0:32:55  
that's the height like the highest ranking an tight like genuinely likes socialist troop  
in the army is probably yeah like that \*\*\*\*\* Lance Corporal with like a podcast or  
something but who knows who the \*\*\*\*\* knows I think they might be switching their  
love to Newsome from Cuomo just because the fiction of Cuomo being doing such a  
great job is just becoming harder and harder maintain in the face of the continued  
disastrous New York response and horrifying death rates that's why it's like cuz it's  
like they didn't pick Cuomo because like they necessarily wanted him they \*\*\*\*\* put

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Cuomo there as a backstop as a last resort as an in case of in case of trouble break  
last situation because he had a buy-in with the media because people saw him as 0:33:57  
this decisive figure thanks to his press conferences it was like they were looking for  
any port in a storm and he was looking good now though couple weeks later and the  
failure of New York to see the bend the curve bend at all he's not looking so good  
meanwhile the curve does seem to be bending in California and so Newsom's looking  
good and so how it's gonna be him he's gonna be the backup but that's just shows  
you it's like they have an overriding desire to have a backup to Biden because they  
know he can't he can't hack it but like who it is specifically is contingent on public  
response and on facts on the ground there's only so much that can be massaged like  
you can take a like a genuine phenomenon like 1200 frances they've got people like  
feeling good got people feeling like will reassured after watching the president just  
get sweaty and start freaking out and my like speaking in tongues that was a real 0:35:1  
thing if so they they tried to have dry rot away their treasures they all good good  
good we got this but then he just he'd get \*\*\*\*\* up and then he \*\*\*\*\* did insist on  
\*\*\*\*\* cutting Medicaid well the bodies keep piling up while it's still the highest in  
the country meanwhile you got another Democrat across the country who is seems  
to have whatever maybe probably through luck more than anything has actually  
dumping although apparently he's also like San Francisco two things very seriously  
unlike New York and that wasn't just Cuomo that was de bungler oh let's not forget  
our own two bungler to bungle the \*\*\*\*\* out of this thing he was telling people like  
two weeks after we knew for a fact that asymptomatic carriers could transmit it that  
if you were feelings weren't feeling sick you couldn't transmit it and so you should  
go out EPIK just one of our greatest bunglers honestly more of a bundler than warm 0:36:4  
of unliving a bundler actually because at least the old Butler got to be president for  
two terms welcome the bums are all got two terms as mayor and then to bungled the  
\*\*\*\*\* out of the presidential race uh D Butler do I see a place for a propaganda of  
the deed in a post burning left I'm not sure officer I'm not sure if I want to commit  
right now to endorsing criminal acts on a public space of a recording that literally  
NSA could be watching right now I know this is separate this is uh oh this I have a  
medical exemption I have to do this to prescribe this to have for having a podcast  
whose hip and this helps me so please officer I've just I'm just going about my day  
sir please please sir yeah what about doing I don't know about propaganda of the 0:37:10  
deed but I can tell you about propaganda what about sudden strikes ceasing means  
first of all I love that as a tongue-twister sudden strike ceasing means but how does  
that not beg the question of where do you get the people to do the sudden strikes  
like once again people are talking about tactical questions and you're all assuming  
a can opener you can opener you're assuming is a organized critical mass of radicals

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who are gonna all do the same thing at the same time that is the can opener that all questions of tactics assume and so I'm saying you can't assume the can opener and you have to start asking that question before you ask any others you'll ask how do we get people anybody any anybody asking any other questions has skipped a step and they're assuming what about sudden strike ceasing means **\*\*Music playing\*\*** Sun strikes teasing means strengths like seasoning setting strike seasonings a quick brown fox jumped over the lazy dog yeah what bell rang much to the pay I'm doing another Spanish read I'm enjoying the Spanish Reds lately fine spends their bold is a thing and they've got a nice mineral taste to them I know this looks like it's a ganache a tooth of a now the mixture good give you a reason to be happy at all sir that is beyond my paygrade happiness comes from within I cannot make one happy charlie **\*\*Music playing\*\*** I don't know watch the little feet documentary now how big of a tool is david axelrod his name is literally two tools an axle and iran those are both tools his name is two tools how did you know happiness is right action happiness is knowing that you're on the path of the beam that's it happiness is feeling a Concord between I mean maybe yeah maybe do some goo thing baby boo baby boo fit up shine a light on me oh don't know where Virgil is don't care he submitted something for us to show put on the show and we didn't do it because it's like he's not talking to us so why would we do it so sorry I'm not gonna bother with him how are we this all of a sudden finding the **\*\*\*\*\*** Orson Welles commercial that things are classic but things that thing's been a wreck literally I think I represent the critic in 1994 how are you people all finding the **\*\*\*\*\*** out every two weeks I guess it's a new group of young people finding something I hate being reminded there's a new group of young people there's always a new group of young people every day the Republican Party becoming the Left now the left body the Republicans will not be the left party because then they wouldn't be the Republicans it's like a ship of theseus thing like the right the right exists to the Republican Party exists to actually exercise power on behalf of capital as oppose the Democratic Party which exists to provide a formal sort of ritual the Democratic Party is there to perform like a ritual consecration of that action like a literally like manufactured consent for what capital wants to do that's why the Democrats exist so the Republican Party literally is job is to function as capitalism's civil manifestation how could it be the Left Party regardless of what like people are trying to gamify with like Tucker Carlson or or like are intellectually talking about or trying to Brandes whatever what's gonna change that function reality maybe if you're in a situation where capitalism is so dire that like there has to be some sort of crisis a crisis accommodation made with the people right and like they'll be like all right it'll be like Bismarck it'll be like how bismarck instituted social welfare in in late 1800s Germany to forestall the Socialists

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and say say they do that like even though this is an expression of the state it's like we're willing to what live with this just forestall losing it's gonna happen regardless 0:43:29 because it's going to be in capitalist interest to do it it's not going to be based on game a fight \*\*\*\*\* and memes and like people watching Tucker Carlson or like Josh Hawley doing like a town hall meeting it's gonna happen because capitalism is in a dire enough crisis point and it mayn't if you the thing is is the reason I think it's meaningless is that if we get to the point of that deep of a crisis I don't think capitalism is going to be interested enough in maintaining the the the need for the need for a a mask of consent to matter it'll just rule directly the whole ask we'll drop and then that's what I'm talking about I'm talking about like a direct military dictatorship or some sort of like civil some sort of like corporate like basically like a Masai legged the question is like will the US military like nationalized Amazon or does Amazon by the US military whichever way the mechanism goes the same result the result is the same profit extraction of the barrel of a gun by a corporate military 0:44:30 dictatorship and that's gonna be the trick that's going to be the abbey of abolition of politics and that means that all these like left-right distinctions mean nothing so that's why I don't think that's the thing Singapore is a good example yes Singapore is a very good example that's per Singapore's perfect example love real politics is gonna start and that's the thing to be excited about it's the thing to be scared up too because nobody knows what to do it we aren't as far along frankly as I thought we needed to be that's just the fact I thought the whole point of the Bernie thing was to get us on track to be in the best possible position for the crisis that was what 0:45:33 I really thought being in the best with the best hand with the best organization the best mobilization to bet the best control of institutions when the moment came and now the moment is here too early but I don't think it's necessarily fatally too early it's just it's it's it's just it's just a simple fact that it's not as far along as I would have liked or thought necessary that's it but I don't know I was just guessing we're all just \*\*\*\*\* guessing man none of us know nobody else \*\*\*\*\* we know \*\*\*\*\* nobody knows a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* about \*\*\*\*\* it's not I skepticism about mutual aid is that it has to scale up and I don't know how it does scaling up is the key because it's like people say well we can use mutual aid to get a critical mass of people but you're still talking 0:46:34 about uncoordinated activity by people spontaneously and hoping it accumulates to something and historically that hasn't worked in this country I don't know where it has honestly but a sure \*\*\*\*\* hasn't worked here \*\*Music playing\*\* you guys know that Lundrigan was hard to imagine that it could be a real threat to capitalism or an alternative to it if it was allowed to exist under Franco so now my good news for 0:47:41 the day is guys you don't have to worry about presidential politics anymore that's my take away so you gotta have a take away if his name feel like bad feeling owned

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hate-filled and honestly more than anything don't you feel owned don't you feel like all those globe emoji \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* frauds and and and and hacks and idiots and concerned trolls don't you hate that they're \*\*\*\*\* like gloating right now and that they're posting memes at you they're posting the gun at dancing funeral guy means that you they're doing it you know they're doing it right now we're all taking a break from having the goddamn Ghana me and God given to us by \*\*\*\*\* globe emojis and never Bernie housewife's it's happening and that sucks but at least you don't have to care from now on and you can watch the amazing amazing transcendently great i really hope we get him i the main thing that reason i want them to be an election in november is because i want them to be debates i need two dates and i want a bunch of debates and i don't want just want three debates and I want them 0:48:43 all be different I want like five or six debates and they all have to have different like obstacles like in the five obstructions like there'd be a debate where where they get all their medication taken from them and they can't take their medication for the 24 hours before then they do one where they get double the regular medication they do one \*\*\*\*\* if they do one like standing in a pool of water and of course we would be the sons debate instead of the VP debate obviously and that would be so much fun and you know what I mean I watched those debates with Bernie with my heart my chest screaming thundering I'm gonna take Chinese research chemicals and like \*\*\*\*\* I'm gonna take acid and \*\*\*\*\* MDMA and a \*\*\*\*\* I'm gonna like invent a new way to get high off of \*\*\*\*\* air conditioning freon and I'm going to watch those debates and just make my brain turn like gets peel it like a potato and just let the raw \*\*\*\*\* nerves just allow fighting versus Trump to overlay onto my sizzling 0:49:45 \*\*\*\*\* cortex oh one where they swap medications that's great see you guys they're all coming up with look we're collaborating right now guys I love it I love you guys oh yeah we will definitely be streaming those debates those I hope I honestly will break quarantine if it's we're still in quarantine and we're not dead I won't break quarantine to go with my homies and watch those debates while my brain is just being annihilated by high-level hallucinogens in large doses yeah I'll take the Hydra chlorine \*\*\*\*\* I know I 100 versus Eric and Don jr. they should be able to tag team and they'll still both get annihilated I want it because that's the perfect way to just 0:50:46 show how superior he is to that is if he's better he could be both of them with one hand tied behind his back and the other hand what would I say if Matt Iglesias was here oh boy redacted redacted parody parody redacted parody the one thing I like about Matt Iglesias and this is an honest fact is that I obviously have a deep strong powerful hatred in my heart for very many people at DC specifically the media class scumbags most specifically the media connect scumbags I grew up watching and like observing from the sidelines during the blog era like Klein Iglesias these guys this is

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these little Craven little worms who just went from supporting the Iraq war to to 0:51:47  
just becoming these just how old man is hollow stuff meant and so I abused them  
all a lot on the internet but the thing like Josh barro guys like that but the thing  
is I don't know to what degree they care like like Josh barro blopps me as I've said  
I know you see me but I don't know what his attitude is like Eli Lake of course  
obviously people make fun of him because of his way he's like oh the trolls lol oh you  
guys I love your passion oh I love your passion and you can kind of like be like oh  
I bet you really are annoyed by this but honestly I don't know if he is I don't know  
if he like actually cares he might he might honestly think it's all funny cuz he's one  
of these guys who just doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* about anything but a Glacia SRIA Lee  
really values his own sense of his intelligence and his liberal credentials and he like  
he really does believe in this \*\*\*\*\* about himself and that's why I know that that he  
has seen everything I've ever said about him and that he hates me and that makes 0:52:51  
me feel good I'm glad he hates me I'm glad I elicits that feeling for him and I know  
he can say it's not true but I'll never believe him I mean maybe that's difference  
doesn't matter that but honestly I just I like I'm a little bit and so I have about kind  
of a I have sort of a fondness for him just my version of the fact that I from hell's  
heart I stab at thee for hates sake I Spit my last breath at thee uh some guy there's  
this guy on Twitter who just started a new account and I think it's called iglesias  
takes and this guy is going around and he's finding old doc tweets that people have  
done about the Glacia Slyke jokes at his expense and stuff like that uh and so he's  
been like retweeting a bunch of my old tweets about him that I've totally forgotten 0:53:52  
about and I just wanted to read some cuz cuz they're pretty good man I do that  
not a lot of these that are that good I'm still looking for the this was what I did in  
like 2015 that I thought was just very it wasn't really a joke it's just an observation  
that it's a hundred percent true man Iglesias is haunted by the knowledge that there  
are one a hundred thousand wonkish Ivy grads with his exact voice and skill set  
and that I think is the reason that he has got a chip on his shoulder and hotend so 0:54:54  
hostile is because he is aware of the fact that he is a \*\*\*\*\* uh that he's the \*\*\*\*\*  
mediocrity and that he is 100% a case of nepotism his dad went to Harvard and then  
he went to Harvard it's that simple like that that explains 99% of his success and he  
knows it and it haunts him that he's an interchangeable that he's literally another  
just another egg \*\*\*\*\* in Washington for Christmas Matt Iglesias God has made a  
coupon book good for hundreds of dollars of savings at her favorite local restaurants  
I forgot my balance I thought I was somewhere in suburban Virginia Matt Iglesias 0:55:57  
is browbeating an Applebee's waitress into accepting an expired one time I would  
absolutely ham on him and and borrow because they were joking about how Brown  
was a lesser IV because they both went to Harvard but both of them were legacies in

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fact barrows dad was like in the Harvard economics department when he was going there like think 1,000,000% nepotism cases and these ways are chortling about how Brown is a lesser ivy and I just lost it I was like you are such sniveling scumbags you little \*\*\*\*\* manor born Habsburg John \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* if you were like nineteenth-century Spaniard she'd be hunting peasants for sport and that would be more \*\*\*\*\* honest than whatever this concern trolli like civil society \*\*\*\*\* is given how much you deeply can have content for people who you have absolutely no superiority to because of the \*\*\*\*\* if actual work was and value like was the right like your if your monetary of your job related to your competence you'd be \*\*\*\*\* folding shirts at the gap if you were \*\*\*\*\* lucky like you were interchangeable cog Merrill black me for that it has not unblocked me a sense lacy has blocked me for a little bit but then I think people made fun of him for it and like root said hey what the hell don't you like you know ideas and then like as a show of generosity he got black me which I love because it means he's seen it he's see that everything I've ever said about one of them I really like was this is based on that movie the box with Cameron Diaz 0:56:58  
have anyone seen and it's a guy oh \*\*\*\*\* I'm almost all right all right well I guess making fun of Iglesias will be the end of this but the last joke was the guy from that movie the box goes to Iglesias press this button and he will get a million dollars but someone somewhere that you don't know will duck and then he just presses a button and he goes wow that was really fast all right guys I gotta go tot it the clock is up so listen I hope you feel better about a bad day and ready to do whatever needs to be done as the conditions change and as as we realized what's happening around us and resolved to do what's necessary to liberate the human race whether it's shackles of oppression let's do it let's get that bread guys let's get that 0:57:59

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### *The Rant Zone*

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hi Kate how's Texas have they actually buttoned up in Texas are they just like thinking that they could shoot it shoot the virus has it affected the deliciousness of Texas Hill Country briskets god damn I'm hungry I'm eatin these pockets we're having at two fates nights I think that's gonna be tasty right now I'm just eating some pockys which I think it's delightful a very convenient snack well they're like little chocolate corn dogs I said we're having a to fade Mon Ami I believe we're gonna have a little ball that brulee you guys aware that the that the whole Cajun 0:1:6 thing like those people the the French Louisianans that they're there because of a massive act of ethnic cleansing after the French and Indian War there is this group of like people who were descended from the early French traders to who had essentially intermingled with local Indian tribes and created like a separate Creole ethnicity called Acadians for the Acadian Mountains in the northern by Quebec and in Maine and ever there and after the British beat the French in the Seven Years War our French and Indian War they said you guys are basically on a syllable in a syllable a table into this trade empire were creating you gotta go and so they were transported to the nearest still held French territory in North America which was French Louisiana there you go I know this person saying I've heard of that I know 0:2:9 not everyone has though not everyone knows the history of this country \*\*\*\*\* like that definitely doesn't get talked about too much population transfers tend to get under talked about I have to say victors of communism putting all Kovac deaths on the other communist I'll it's pretty good it also puts all of our mocks tests and like auxiliary militias that carried out the Holocaust they're all in the black book of communism all right I realize I can press this button and see these questions so now I can look at these spill some tsys whose tea should I be spilling silly we just 0:3:10 recorded an episode of the show with Liz and grace from Troodon it was really good and very happy about it another reason I'm feeling better as I feel like you had a good show here we go Walmart bad yeah okay so this is interesting the question of us balkanization i've been thinking about this now obviously it's very facetious when gavin newsom talks about like you know doing all the \*\*\*\*\* as a as a sovereign or 0:4:12

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whatever it's all media \*\*\*\*\* he's trying to raise himself in satyr to a president so they use a viable candidate either for VP or maybe president next year or next time or president this time there's a lot of fluidity in this situation and he could but the reality is is that the degree to which this crisis leads to long term that's worrying to say the least how do we maintain these I mean we are already largely vulcanized politically how do how do we like maintain these these social networks and this like nation system when with competing like agendas competing cultures and with no scent like if there is nobody in the middle to like pay the bills like that's the real thing there's nobody at the center paying the bills and and keeping the infrastructure tact if we really do see a collapse of a supply chain that I could see that honestly no joke being like the best-case scenario like the US breaking up is probably preferable to it staying together under any kind of like hyper it would have to be some sort of like hyper authoritarian construction or but the thing is the breakup could very easily just start into like private and more likely turning like private corporate fiefdom so like Snow Crash not good folks folks we love it we love well I just said I just spilled 0:5:13 the tea on authentic Neapolitan pizza now I think it's \*\*\*\*\* but it's not the worst type of pizza um it's probably that st. Louis garbage I like thin crust but the fact that the cheese isn't really cheese to me it's like a deal-breaker I would like actual cheese on my pizza I mean I'm a kooky I mean if you're gonna not have cheese on the pizza I have it something interesting like a tomato pie or New Haven style not this gross like string cheese processed \*\*\*\*\* get it out of here currently faux kyliel oh there you guys go I love tavern style honestly I'm debating whether I want to make one later I got one little skinny one thin frozen pizza hi bad Whataburger water 0:6:33 boogers pretty good I like New Haven wah all right new heaven I love Chicago tavern style New York slices are good but I'd say it like inferior to both of those and I like Detroit if you want a thicker crust Detroit is the way are you guys ready to have a McKinsey algorithm determined that your life is worth enough to risk going out 0:7:34 in public in order to secure like liquid assets of a certain percentage of investment income in the \*\*\*\*\* market over a will say that the blonde products are great the beyond sausage is a phenomenal beyond burgers are great I have the beyond ground beef and I'm gonna use it for like the tomato sauce or something soon and I'll see you then everyone's that hat is so good and the Carl's jr. beyond further they had is really the best fast-food non meat a product I can think oh god dammit I'm getting hungry yeah an algorithm is gonna say whether or not like because like I think the reason that they're really really brought they're really wait they're really considering 0:8:35 this whole reopen thing is it's gonna lead to a lot of deaths but they're seeing who's dying and it's people they can live without like they're seeing even in New York like high-income areas the infection rates aren't that high even at the spike and all that so

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they figure well we can you know if we can get them to keep going out and spending and keeping the economy going we can say where we are will be safe people who die will be first responders a \*\*\*\*\* groceries grocery people bartenders waiters people who can always be replaced of course it'll also affect people like doctors nurses and professionals who have irreplaceable knowledge and skills that will undermine the ability of the actual state to to function and that is of course the inevitable result of capitalism eating its own eating its fats until it's literally eating itself to death eating the muscle eating them eating the Oregon all - to sustain a profit margin that is no longer rep in in this new system with this unprecedented demand drop and with no no slack in the line to recreate a new hegemony we the way we did effort World War two so yeah they're gonna send us back and then we'll put us back after too many of us died and it gets too overwhelming go home for a few more months then go back and the people who will die will be acceptable losses life insurance that's interesting yeah because that must be blowing their actuarial models right now how the hell they're gonna if they survive in the future they're probably gonna not cover uh they're not going to cover coke coronavirus that's the way that homeowner insurance doesn't cover floods or whatever and this is the kind of thing you think would make people mad you know it kills me there right now talking in public about how many of you there one sacrifice the \*\*\*\*\* cow God Moloch they're \*\*\*\*\* their their prophet God the they're making calculations on your life in front of you and what are people willing to go out in the streets and protest about so that they could stuff their \*\*\*\*\* faces at \*\*\*\*\* Fuddruckers I can't go okay dude while my fat ass the Old Country Buffet this is tyranny that is the freedom that they're fighting flora that's the only freedom that anyone is mobilized to defend in this \*\*\*\*\* country the freedom to stuff your \*\*\*\*\* face hog people I know you're not supposed to talk like this but come on it's there no I'm not it's less me disappointed in the people who don't fight because they are the scared estándar than those who lose which is why it's hardest for them the people who are doing this are doing it because they feel invincible because they are that Boomer cohort covered in gold protected by the golden sheen of the post-war American cargo called the last vestiges of that money are just draping them like gossamer of gossamer cloaks so they can go out there and stop their feet for their \*\*\*\*\* awesome blossoms and \*\*\*\*\* unlimited steak Ruby \*\*\*\*\* Tuesday's it's like you either have been pacified by by the state it depending on like basically the accident of your birth the state the economy exists to discipline you or to indulge you the print and the degree to which it is is the degree to which you are invested within the system as opposed to a burden to the system as a post-war consumer your precious baby we swaddle you we indulge you and so you become a giant baby and you make have tensions about going back to the fun Rutgers you have tantrum

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about guns you're never gonna take that gun insurance company charges you 20 grand after your \*\*\*\*\* wife dies because of like a and and and you still have to pay that you're not gonna shoot anybody over that that guy in \*\*\*\*\* Philadelphia who bought the Hanneman hospital downtown turn into condos and then they wanted to reopen it for kovin patients and he said yeah for a million dollars you're you love 0:14:51 your \*\*\*\*\* guns and nobody shot that \*\*\*\*\* so the gun is just a big pacifier no I have my gun so I'm free the fact that I have the gun means I'm free no matter what degree of my life being totally constrained by the feckless decisions of the sons of sons of privileged dunder pates sorry I went off there going off there a little bit but that's because of course they're fighting to have the guns of course you can give those people guns they're not a threat they love the system they benefit from the system you can give all the guns they want you can mundos him you can give them all the starches and you can give all the things they want because whether they're they're invested but the people who aren't the people who you need the people you 0:15:52 need to be a reserved army of the unemployed the people you need to do the grunt work that you're not willing or able to \*\*\*\*\* motor automate yet the people you actually need but the people whose interests are not served by the arrangement the people aren't benefiting \*\*\*\*\* you can't let them have anything other than fear and terror all their every day of their lives that's all you can ever \*\*\*\*\* half can't give him any hope that anything can be different so when a time like this happens the people who are being literally fed into the maw of the jaws of a diminution of a \*\*\*\*\* cannibal monster have no ability to speak for themselves woman who died a 27 year old woman who had to go to work at a \*\*\*\*\* grocery store where she wasn't provided she's not only was she not provided a mask were gloves they didn't even have \*\*\*\*\* Purell and she died at 27 in her last check was \$20.67 it's Brett it's monstrous but like who can look up long enough to even think about a way to to stand against it 0:16:54 meanwhile these \*\*\*\*\* are willing to go up there in \*\*\*\*\* Guy Fawkes masks and stamp their feet about how they can't go they can't go to build-a-bear because civil rights exist for them of course as always death to America I'm sorry I went off on a rant there one of my classic rants I gotta say after a moment like that I realized yeah there's probably reason that people say that you know what somebody suggested a 0:17:57 song and it is so perfect to the moment so perfect to the moment that I'm gonna have to play it even if I get like that little exclamation point next to my story I don't think that mean I think that means you can still watch it so I'm not too worried about it besides I got off I already got off my good rants but this is the song that everyone hears at every part of their mind and the reason that Obama never heard Trump Bernie ah anybody have any suggestions for \*\*\*\*\* those old \*\*\*\*\* I think 0:19:4 everybody who signed that thing at the nation which I haven't read and won't all

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I need to know is that basically everybody in there has a \*\*\*\*\* tenure everyone in there is a tenured professor somewhere someone that every single person there has a \*\*\*\*\* signature and a prostate the size of a watermelon and they can \*\*\*\*\* jump up my \*\*\*\*\* especially since what were they to talk like they're saying look this failure proves you were wrong don't your entire life's record of nothing but failure do a better job I mean we have a longer record to look at and you're just huge \*\*\*\*\* losers good day sir you \*\*\*\*\* self-important little toads you guys succeeded because you like everyone else in your generation just grab that fat that was falling off the corpse of the post-war economy and just grab your little hunk of it you're a little rotted hunk 0:20:5 of real cheap real estate with a \*\*\*\*\* GI Bill parents or the \*\*\*\*\* subdivision you can the house that they bought for a nickel scumbags only in the position you are in in in in in dinosaur legacy institutions only haven't been dissolved by the ferocious ma of private equity because they have some sort of sentimental connection with this written ah I'm getting all riled it does anyone I actually have one actually this is perfect I was resisting doing this because it's got a little bit of um there's parts 0:21:7 that could be clipped and used against me I would say basically like somebody could very epic ly make a joke like Twitter meme out of it but it's also perfect especially since we were talking about the awful indulgent \*\*\*\*\* Boomer \*\*\*\*\* ex radicals who read the nation then the other fact the fact that it's like an open letter to the new left in the nation it's like it's not if you're literally directing it only to yourself only the selfs only the other self-satisfied smug tenured \*\*\*\*\* to all cost it yourself and your knowledge that you did the best thing at every point and you deserve your \*\*\*\*\* marble countertops and your \*\*\*\*\* without \$25,000 pizza stone and you deserve the house in the \*\*\*\*\* country you deserve your kids having even though your kids are \*\*\*\*\* dull-eyed \*\*\*\*\* who you know don't deserve better than like a job and a \*\*\*\*\* of like folding shirts of the gap or something they absolutely should follow you into higher education and take your \*\*\*\*\* spot because Wyatt look cuz 0:22:9 no you understand they have a this is from the paddy Chayefsky paddy chef ski was a a great screenwriter he started in 50s on the TV shows like Peyton Place and uh requiem for a heavyweight no no that was Rod Steiger anyway Rod Serling he he wrote Network he wouldn't an Oscar for network what are the greatest screenplays ever a great movie incredibly prescient and he also made a movie about the medical field he did the he did his media with network and that he did a movie called the 0:23:11 hospital to start George C Scott as a hospital administrator where someone's like doing murders like patients are being killed and they don't know who it is and any place that's beleaguered and and it's all about just like the cynicism and failure of the medical thing about a few like how it's a business how it doesn't care about health how it's like like so crushingly bureaucratic how it doesn't cure it only seeks

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to you know this it doesn't seek to cure and then he at one point after you know towards the end of the movie there's a big Rand and churchy Scott is like you know he's a classic Greatest Generation like Don Draper type he's like a Don Draper for hospital that's actually kind of a good at comparison he is like the Don Draper of hospital administration and he's got but like a little older so I Greatest Generation instead of Korean War or World War 2 instead of Korea anyway and he has that he has a young hippie son somehow the hospital George here this you're wasting your 0:24:13  
time I've been impotent for years what the hell is wrong with being impotent kids are more hung up on sex with me Victorians I got a son 23 years old I threw him out of the house just ah box all right all right sir over you're wasting your time I've been interviewed in three years what the hell is wrong with being impotent kids are more hung up on sex and the Victorians I got a son 23 years old I threw him out of the house last year pietistic little humbug he preached universal love and he despised everyone had a blanket contempt for the middle class even its decencies he detested my mother because my mother because she had a petit bourgeois pride at her son the doctor I got tell you how brutishly he ignored that rather good lady when she died he didn't even come to the funeral he felt the chapel service was a hypocrisy he 0:25:14  
told me his generation didn't live with lies I said listen everybody lives with lies I grabbed it by the pancha when I dragged him the length of our 7:00 room despicably affluent middle-class apartment and I flung him out I haven't seen him since you know what he said to me he's standing there in the landing you know on the verge of tears he shrieked me you won't think you can't even get it up anymore that was it you see that was his real revolution it wasn't racism the oppressed power of the war in Vietnam no the ultimate American social sickness wuzzlympic dingus my god if there is a more despised misunderstood minority in this country it is our poor impotent bastards well I'm in an impotent and I'm proud of it I don't mean merely limp disagreeable as it may see through a woman a man may lust for other things something a little less transient than an erection a sense of permanent worse that's what medicine was to me my reason for being you know miss Drummond when I 0:26:15  
was 34 I presented a paper before the annual convention of the Society of Clinical Investigation that pioneered a whole goddamn field of immunology a breakthrough I'm in all the textbooks I happened to be an eminent man miss Drummond you know something else miss Drummond I don't give a goddamn when I say impotent I mean I've lost even my desire to work that's a hell of a lot that's a hell of a lot more private passion than sex I've lost my reason for being my purpose the only thing I've ever truly loved well it's all rubbish isn't it I mean transplants antibodies we manufactured genes we can produce births in we could birth we could produce birth echo genetically we could practically clone people like carrots and half the kids in the

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ghetto haven't even been inoculated for polio we have established the most enormous medical entity of reconceived and people are sicker than ever we have cured nothing we heal nothing the whole goddamn wretched world is strangulating in front of our eyes there we go Oh George see Scott mad props to George see Scott he was a guy who always said he hated the Oscars he wouldn't go to the Oscars he didn't care about the Oscars he didn't think actors should do that he thought it was a craft he thought it was art and he didn't like them being brought out like show ponies to be like judged on the ha on the hoof and so when he got the Oscar for a patent he not only didn't show up he rejected it he said don't give it to me I don't want it respect the goddamn meat market man he ruled come on George see Scott bucked urges it \*\*\*\*\* dr. Strangelove phenomenal one of the great characters in Kubrick I mean I'm not saying we wouldn't get our hair mussed also of course yes the hospital is great in \*\*\*\*\* hardcore turn it off turn it off patent that he played patent as a psychopath and he became like worshipped by like like reactionaries that's so perfect that like Coppola and Scott saw patent as like a maniac and the whole movie was about how it was insane and guys like Nixon loved it Nixon used to watch it over and over again on the presidential yacht like fire himself up to bomb the V North Vietnamese because like you're like you're representing this insanity and if somebody shares that insanity it's like looking through a keyhole it's like oh my god this movie is speaks directly to me that's how you know it's a good movie honestly cuz it really does it's like actually exploring something it's not just like sterile E replicating it all right Peter Glatt Brian Dennehy a lot a legend and a pip he was good you know as a good movies an underrated movie best seller him and James Woods he plays like a Joseph Wambaugh ex-cop who writes fiction about I like fictionalized like journalism about like cops and James Woods approaches him he's an assassin and he a hitman and he wants to write his biography and then they go do crimes together alright Peter the real one Brian Dennehy best seller also FX with him and Brian Brian Brown that Australian guy which is really fun because he plays a cop and he teams up with a special effects guy a guy who does like movie special effects to like stop a drug dealer it was always drug dealer in the 80s it was always a drug dealer it was really funny it's got a lot of wacky gags and stunts yeah FX so you guys I've started to read by the big book of campaign of the century about Upton Sinclair and the 1934 race I gotta say I'm very excited the book is great it's actually a really I've never I've heard of it before it's a really well well-done piece of popular fiction I believe it won a number of like awards anyway it's like a day-by-day chronicling of the whole campaign and man like just the stuff that you could remember just reading a reading back through about about that election as nuts they really pulled out all the stops to kill that guy if I could stop that guy they really thought that he might like bring communism to

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America and the funny thing is is he was a total fruitcake Upton Sinclair was not Bernie Sanders Upton Sinclair was Marianne Williamson on God he was a Puritan uh like classic 19th century like crank he was like oh he was like a sexually repressed 0:31:35  
wasp who believed in like like fad dieting and speaking to the dead with like radios he wrote a book about talking to the dead and he almost \*\*\*\*\* he brought this movement that they had to bring out all the stops to stop events like it's very fun story and it's got a lot of resonances with the toilet this campaign but it's so funny because like Upton Sinclair is basically the man posted cringe non-stop and like the question of Upton Sinclair is how do you weigh good intentions and honestly very successful attempts at political organizing I guess yes the the muckraker he ran for governor of California for three times twice as a socialist but then he almost oh it's 0:32:37  
Richard Hoagland she's the natural law party guy I love the natural law party I have seen debates with like they're a national law party and I like what does that mean and they're like well we think that the basis for human law should be a natural law and I just has anyone know what that means I've never really found it out it just seems like sort of a magnet for stray cranks who can't fit into any other of the crank party mold I don't know like leftover crank like prank trimmings like what they make McNuggets and McRib out of that's where you get the \*\*\*\*\* natural law party guys I don't know I'm starting the book about I have the book on my computer the book about the carnation revolution oh I'll be reading it shortly I hope after I do the signal theft in Sinclair but yeah I wanna I wanna I want to talk about carnation revolution because like like I was saying that military it's more than its it's a it's an X Factor just to put at least to this flowing quickly flowing situation did you have any idea 0:33:39  
what natural wah party meant did you know what that of course marianne williamson coasted crinch come on it was adorable but it was definitely cringe I remember when she said that this was the time when America was gonna slam it and slam it hard but 0:34:41  
all of Hollywood conspired to defeat upton sinclair all the studio heads were mega reactionaries and they wanted to make sure that their precious monopolies didn't get \*\*\*\*\* with because claire actually proposed using public funds to create public studios like public art that would compete directly with the studio phillips basically declared war on the movie colony and they fought back then you really see where hegemony comes in handy oh no he farted in public dick Ranchi Oh John Hagelin I knew it would that's what I knew I was close John Hagelin I remember seeing him in a debate when I had a kid on a c-span or something and I just never knew what the \*\*\*\*\* natural law party means anyone knows shoot me a line I think they're anti-abortion I don't know yeah cuz it sounds like that like the Nazis cuz like you 0:35:44  
could describe if you like cuz that's like fascism is notoriously fluid ideologically it's like postmodern in that way but but if you had to like find forever say oh yeah if

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you can find like any kind of like justifying ideology philosophically like base it's the idea that like it's the idea that strike might versus right that's basically where it all Springs from like it's all life is competition between groups the most the the worthy estroux p- will win or that is what must happen because of the natural order and that like the race and all that stuff is all just an expression a social expression of 0:36:46 that underlying reality so that does sound like the natural like natural law party would be a good another name for the further nazis so but what the hell are they did not the Jewish studio has had no solidarity with European jewelry at all really grotesque stuff those are some of the worst guys those studio has ah are there any 0:38:2 contemporary fascist leaders okay that's interesting right that's interesting that's an interesting question I would say in a meaningful sense not in the United States I would say the closest you're gonna stop the closest I would say and there's still argument I can't even say to finit of lis I would say you could put them on the table to like look at further and I honestly don't know because I feel like it's such a fluid concept and it's like applicability to the moment is to me very fluid I don't I don't know if things are changing so fast that like the conditions that created fascism might arrive again but without the precondition of mass politics I don't know what that means I don't know if that's what you would even call fascism so it's very hard for me to get specific so what I would say is in the basket of those guys you would have a guy like Modi muffin ro and or bond I don't think Trump's in that basket 0:39:6 necessarily maybe he is leaning in that basket range is like learn like one to ask him for discussion he's in the next most like in a Bayesian thing like he's in the second most likely situation but that's it and then we'd be on that I don't know I I I was talking her I had a little rant earlier you might well when missus over you should watch it I had a little rant about those Michigan protesters and their privileges last lives and how pathetic they are and how they're they show that the the idea of like freedom because like there's human freedom right the human freedom promised by communism but human Freeman promised by transcending scarcity right the the end state of capital communism right there's that if you can't have that what you 0:40:7 can have is material comforts consumption choices like a sublimated desire for for human autonomy that's expressed through consumption and so those are them so what all you get from from America all you get from American freedom is that second thing you don't get the real freedom you don't get real freedom and I'm not saying that something like North Korea is real freedom I'm saying that it's worth striving towards that instead of force wearing it for something that at the end leaves you bitter and an empty and that eventually destroys itself that's the worst part it's not 0:41:9 even sustainable it's all gonna eat itself we're eating this like the system is eating its flesh it's eating its it's it's reserved fat it's feeding its organs it's gonna eat its bones

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it's just hollowing out like it can't respond to this happening because everything's been sold off everything's been auctioned off I keep entering the rant zone I'm sorry and nobody knows what to do because these guys never had that be asked to do anything before like they have to just say just seriously consider the reality of the state reclaiming sovereignty from capital in the face of a crisis that's what the actual job right now of a political figure should be the kirok you leonis a chat of mess up the massiveness of that undertaking is so beyond the capacity of people who were never this must be stressed never asked to do any real choices no executive no governor no Prime Minister no president in this country in this world has to actually make real decisions let the real guiding decisions are made by bound traders by the Federal Reserve buy stocks buy buy the market in all of its expressions your job is to manage the outcome of those market relationships and that's easy that's just basically what line of \*\*\*\*\* do you feed people to mask the mechanical nature of their now they have to make a real choice human lives or keeping the economy strong in the short term preventing a drop in stocks or something one of them would require like the reason they're there still one of the big reasons they're forfeiting authority to the market isn't just that they're bought for not just that they're bought it's if they don't want the authority because they don't know how to do it because they were never asked to make these decisions and they want to forfeit it they want to give the gun away they were like no go give it to me because they can't handle it because they were never asked to do that that was never the job and now having them do this they're just they will sacrifice all of us so that they don't have to intervene because we could intervene we could but it would break the compact it would destroy it would break the spell essentially of capitalism and they can't let that happen because they don't know they'll ever be able to reverse it it is an existential threat and like I said even if it causes huge breakdown to society and you end up with like little militarized fiefdom and like disconnected states but you maintain hierarchies within them then like the \*\*\*\*\* architects said the matrix there are levels of survival we're willing to accept it's not ideal but they'll take it over giving over power yeah very depressing I went on rant mode big time guys I've been ranting up this is good this is a good one I feel like some of these have been pretty good rants I might pump I might pick my rent I might actually go on Twitter and say hey check we're gonna get all the death we're gonna get all the death associated with just letting this go when we reopen haphazardly and then have to close again and all that all those people died didn't have to if we just manage the economy in a stopgap way until instead man is really slim pickings in world leaders everyone really sucks man just think of the awful but foods in charge like these like bloodless bureaucrats or absolute clouds literally bosun ro Trump these are clowns and not even in the sense of like wise clowns like

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like Lear clowns like buffoons like empty caricatures that just floated to the top of just absolutely a moral and political process like when all the power and authority of a seeped out of government it became a hollow show and of course these most entertaining puffins just pop to the top of it because that's what its values it's what it's what it shows hey and then who's the good guys who's the good guys angle a \*\*\*\*\* Merkel woman who bathes in Greek blood every night oh you got like \*\*\*\*\* guys I'm sorry but like Putin no thank you I don't think that guy's got anybody's best interests or heart running erawan \*\*\*\*\* Benjamin Netanyahu wildly criminal crooked \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* getting reelected over and over again under indictment and getting indicted running this is absurd crooked \*\*\*\*\* settler colonial state I'm sorry the Chinese dot it's like they really haven't seen to care about ideology or moving left or like liberating people they seem really more about making that making that \*\*\*\*\* chatter I mean the record please pretty clear unless they're doing some sort of elaborate rope it up where there's gonna like wait until we've like lowered our guard because we they out like capitalism must and then they like spring into action say AHA we were actually gonna do communism the whole time it looks more like they're doing what everybody's doing which is trying to grab the resources that are left while we can that's why they're in Africa that's why they're pushing out around their territorial waters to get out gasps to get to get trade routes \*\*\*\*\* mountain road salmon Russia's doing what they're doing in the Middle East or in Ukraine to maintain these areas where they can have enough when these global supply chains break down it's just a scramble by the top one percent in every country to use the it's basically you know it is the global boudoir right imagine them up here or the global pack not bushwa the global like ruling class every other every society every social formation they're up here they know the things falling apart there's a big pile of money the big pile of resources the big pile of remaining like commodities that can like power a society with us with and generate generate surpluses because if it doesn't generate surpluses then you're back to \*\*\*\*\* the stone Age's and you're back to equality honestly you're back to social equality also instead you need you need to maintain a hierarchy you need to maintain inequality and you need to maintain surpluses so that means you need those resources so they're getting those resources to like build on and then the thing between them is like state structures like countries by corporations but then through corporations nation states and formations like NATO or whatever the funders and then those \*\*\*\*\* arms coming down our graphing the \*\*\*\*\* pull it off the table like Hungry Hungry Hippos that's what we're in that's what that's the global situation we're looking at right now it's grim it's a grim situation but it's like every country every country you look at what they're doing you try to examine what like the what what frame makes sense for these at decisions the

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answer is always preserving and expanding access to resources surpluses if you want to make just as blunt as possible just abstract it as possible just so you think of it in purely economic terms that is it ideology has nothing to do with it and if some countries aren't able to stand up for themselves and they just become subsidiaries they become another passive thing they become a colony a subtle colony and then you have local comprador elites who get that join in with the other ones they get kind of picked out like that mat is a whole social class but like as individuals 0:50:31 within a social order like them like the new rich in Angola like that the world's first youngest woman billionaire the the the daughter of the former dictator of Angola because she's got a jillion dollars in oil wealth that doesn't trickle down in any way to the actual citizens they're like Nigeria which has tons of oil and has also seen Dutch Shell hire mercenary armies to shoot protesters who are trying to resist their \*\*\*\*\* habitats being poisoned by \*\*\*\*\* extraction that's the real that's the real \*\*\*\*\* we just dropped some real \*\*\*\*\* tonight I like that I feel unburdened unpacking and the thing is some social orders though have a better claim like I'm running for 0:51:32 Cuba I'm ready for Cuba I'm rooting for Maduro as Venezuela I'm I'm rooting for Nicaragua to get their share in the scramble because I know it's going to be used somewhat more equitably and justly than the other stuff that's gonna get looted so yeah I have countries I root for but it doesn't change the fact that like this is not an ideological struggle and ideology will not be what determines the outcome I was a little half-hearted I think I think that's I think people's enthusiasm for the hollow gesture there's a is waning the work someone asked me about a below and I have to 0:52:33 say the only thing I have to say about mo is to quote the old the old wildly dictator of Mexico Porfirio Diaz PD Mexico so far from God yeah I know yeah those those all those like friendly like like his there's these people who want to claim that the Chinese intervention economic development in in Africa is some sort of goodwill gesture or like or ironically they act like it's like the Peace Corps or something in reality it's like an attempt by China to essentially buy their way the critical infrastructure areas and an incredibly resource rich region that's gonna be more and more a place for 0:53:35 exploitation is gonna happen I mean live with liking there's a lot of unexplored oil and \*\*\*\*\* in Africa because they haven't had the infrastructure to exploit it and you know is it's it's it's a real \*\*\*\*\* and now of course they're feeling hey we're you're ripping us off and the resistance is kicking in I don't know who's gonna win the Chinese certainly look like they have the upper hand if they bottled up coronavirus the way they claim to have or honestly it doesn't matter I'm thinking either they bottled it up that well or they have such a control over their \*\*\*\*\* like information streams outside and inside the country that it doesn't effectively matter if they have because people don't know except for in their very specific regions affected they're

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pretty impressively ready to expand the only question is can they handle the massive drop in export demand that's gonna come that's happening now because there's still an export-based economy that's the real that's the real question I'm certainly rooting for Evo Morales and mas mas mas we've Abbas I like it Virgil is a little as real as he is in your hearts Virgil belittle exists if you believe in him if you believe in Virgil clap your hands you believe in virtual clap your hands Lazaro Cardenas was pretty good Cardenas is good I have a soft spot for Cardenas I mean I really like Zapata a lot I \*\*\*\*\* love Pancho via \*\*\*\*\* Carranza I hate that \*\*\*\*\* mr. Leon so carrenza pit Carranza ah the fact that he got shot in his ass good good riddance the hey Carranza and Maduro is such a perfect live Maduro is the perfect \*\*\*\*\* live like accommodating to the right and cutting off all connections to the popular base so that they could turn on you and destroy you it's like textbook and they keep doing oh thank you you're the man I did a couple years that I on an unfinished m.a in American history post-war as my specialty I never finished my final because I have I knew I wasn't gonna do anything with a degree cuz I know I wasn't gonna go like go to get a PhD so I was like do I really want to do I kind of like a sub cost thing of like do I want to go through the pain of writing this whole thing that I'm never gonna use for anything for a degree that's not gonna help me do anything if then so yeah I just I just did song cause I only even died did the first year and I hated it and I only did the second year because I was accepted to Duke I was accepted as a as a TA so I got instead of having to pay I got instead of having to pay I got got paid so it made sense as a job just to do it so ITA for a year but then I never really finished I never wrote my final paper because it was like what this I'm not gonna use it so I'm a lazy \*\*\*\*\* that's the thing about me no one should ever listen to anything I am a uh I'm a large I'm a large a mondo tool all right guys looks like we're counting down well this is a fun one I'm having a good time we'll see if this lasts or it's back down in the bare \*\*\*\*\* Bay of the best we'll see I do listen alright alright guys peace in the chicken grease in the Middle East keep

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uh probably not gonna stay on too long a night probably not gonna do the whole hour I would do some other stuff and I'm honestly not feeling that good today yesterday felt better today not so good isn't that the way of the worlds during the quarantine feeling all right it feels like you can take everything on you're feeling like you could take on the black of chance and then you wake up the next day and you're like oh right this is all still this situation and nothing's gonna change for the foreseeable future and you start wondering how are you gonna make it so today's that day not feeling great guys but whatever happy to take questions to avoid feeling thinking about how I feel favorite Attitude Era wrestler uh I actually watched I don't watch it anymore I'm not one of those \*\*\*\*\* people who watches wrestling from the Johnny is good tweet here's welcome to Twitter here's a copy of a communist manifesto and also a season pass to what WrestleMania I'm not one of those people but I did watch it the Attitude Era and uh yes stone cold I mean the guy knew his weight the guy if you want to give a noxious about it I'm honestly surprised that there hasn't been like a painfully cringe-inducing jacket an article about how like Steven Steve Stone Cold Steve Austin's like a model for workers because of how confrontational he was towards his boss you know like you should be willing to go into the Stone Cold Stunner your boss and that you will be able to do that under socialism or something I think that was pretty good but I liked uh mankind - and the rock was really good like if you saw him wrestle it's not very surprising that he became a huge star it was very very charismatic my all-time favorite wrestler is from what the old WWF superstars days Rowdy Roddy Piper none will defeat him in my heart doesn't hurt that he also starred in the John Carpenter classic they live also the less classic but still pretty fun hell comes to Frogtown r.i.p to but the thing is all right that's actually an interesting question the question about \*\*\*\*\* revisionism because like when does the revisionism stop because as many have pointed out like if you are a Soviet apologist like basically for the Soviet Union post the death of Stalin then you're a revisionist and honestly if you want to get really buck wild with it social is the one in one country was also revisionism from what the Bolsheviks thought when

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they actually seized power so where the hell are you supposed to go back to the find the non revisionist \*\*\*\*\* I mean you could say having a revolution in a country made up of \*\*\*\*\* peasants with a \*\*\*\*\* pen was was pretty significant revision so where the hell is this pure Marxism supposed to be that you're revising from the book itself the books the works themselves sorry that doesn't that doesn't cut it cuz that's just 0:4:34  
uh now you're literally talking like Bible \*\*\*\*\* I'm talking about like now you're you're like a fundamentalist for the for like what Capitol pretty dumb so yeah that's 0:5:41  
actually an interesting question the Steep from I understand the consensus among Paulista political scientists is that he would have won without parole because parole would have table took more from Republicans than from him and I think there's probably I don't know red pill that's another thing I don't know what that is either I don't know racists is that what red pill means misogynist only the Coen brothers don't get enough flak for how many duds they have they have basically like one dud and that's even that one you could argue about idiot well I mean obviously every 0:6:42  
term has value from like an epistemological perspective but I mean in practical terms I don't know what anyone means when they say you're revisionist oh oh okay so it's anti-semitic no no that's dumb anything that tries to claim that there's some sort of class other than capitalists running things is stupid just it's not like its Jews that run \*\*\*\*\* it's rich Jews in collection in collaboration with rich everyone else so like where do you say I know this is oh \*\*\*\*\* Culver's is doing a menu items \*\*\*\*\* like what 0:7:50  
poutine I wouldn't be surprised if they did don't think it's gonna be worn for VP just because like I obviously she did her job for the party and she helped me cap Bernie and you know she's looking for something for that but I mean I don't think they trust her just because they've had trouble with her in the past like a lot of reasons that like a lot of reasons that people who should have known better sort of gave Warren the benefit of the doubt I mean it some of it was cynical but I honestly feel someone who was earnest is because of her antagonistic position towards Obama during the bailouts and I feel like that's not gonna be forgotten not when you have options and not what you don't have to give it to her I mean what's her what's her what's her leverage right now she's already endorsed Warren she has no leverage so I'd say it's 0:8:57  
probably somebody that they have there's been like they're more confident of like warlike Harris possibly I guess maybe it comes down to how scared they are Bernie people sitting out although the idea of them trying to mollify Bernie people by giving it to \*\*\*\*\* Warren is pretty \*\*\*\*\* hilarious I'm gonna have an uber inebriated past hopefully within two weeks about Upton Sinclair 1934 I like that Whitmer is trying for it by like turning Michigan into a police state I think that's pretty funny you guys ever notice that when you if you want to see something I'm Netflix or whatever it's 0:9:59  
not there and then when you do want to see it it or what you don't want to see it it

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is shut up cold war movies well I've said that if you're doing a cold war project you should show two movies back to back to illustrate where the two countries the two main protagonists of the Cold War psychologically and were after it so you watch to show America you watch Kelly's heroes bunch of dudes going on a fun adventure in Europe where they come back with a bunch of gold and come and see where the Dirlewanger Brigade does \*\*\*\*\* genocide and the village of Belarus and some poor kid has to like I hope I'm honest least as entertaining as a stupid cat well doctor I mean obviously doctor \*\*\*\*\* Strangelove is genius film and probably my favorite of the of Kubrick's films am i okay good question how \*\*\*\*\* oh I don't \*\*\*\*\* know man Bobby Kennedy is very interesting to me because the forensics of that case are very odd and also the the history of Sirhan Sirhan is very interesting as well he literally was treated for a for a head injury that he suffered falling from a horse because he was a jockey at a hospital that was received again scale MKULTRA funding and then you look at the automatic writing in his diary which is very much different than like something from say Arthur Bremer or some other mentally ill assassin where it's like you know instead of it being disordered thinking it's not thinking at all it's just like reciting words over and over again almost like trigger words and then you have the fact that you know stippling to the back of the head and the claim that the fight shot was fired from in front Haney Jean Caesar and his 22 caliber Iver Johnson pistol that uh that he claimed he sold before the assassination and then when they finally found Doug found the guy he sold it to who had a receipt for after the assassination very interesting but anything like that I've kind of decided that knowing the doing yes or no is sort of pointless because it doesn't change anything and it doesn't even necessarily change your now there's no way to know so I just gotta do shrug emojis I do like reading about it and stuff like that and I was find it very interesting might do a Southland Tales episode I was thinking I don't know man doing something about the Whitlam government in Australia I mean it's Australia for God's sakes how seriously should anyone take anything what happens they're not a real I haven't actually found any really great books about typing I found a recent book that I read that was okay but it was like for the point of view of like American diplomat or from a diplomatic history because his beat his thesis basically was one that the Taiping rebellion failed because Western powers after arguing which one to pick sided with the king the Qing Dynasty - that they should not have done that and that the Taiping were better than the king and that's interesting but it doesn't really give you the whole thing in it definitely focus to something like this last half and it's not really for the point of view of you know the people within it so it's hard and then there's a couple others I've read that kind of focus a little bit too much on like the specifics of the theology which is kind of boring so I have not heard of anything great yeah it's a

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fascinating topic and a wildly under studied and under written about and under note about considering that it killed like thirty \*\*\*\*\* million people I mean my god the American Civil War didn't even crack a everybody knows about that \*\*\*\*\* yes well 0:15:27 thank you I asked about the natural law party and a number of people let me know that it was all about like TM like Transcendental Meditation and like westernized Hindu \*\*\*\*\* like the Vedas who you into the English Civil War and Oliver Cromwell baby who isn't who isn't into that shit's great levelers the diggers the \*\*\*\*\* grand remonstrance from Parliament \*\*\*\*\* a long Parliament the bare-bones Parliament \*\*\*\*\* Marston more the \*\*\*\*\* raising the royal standard at \*\*\*\*\* Oxford hell yeah seizure bristol digger yeah come on Jared win Stanley \*\*\*\*\* John little burn \*\*\*\*\* Prince Rupert of the Rhine what's not to love \*\*\*\*\* pike pike and uh ya ain't feelin 0:16:29 England perfect ah the tumbledown dick Cromwell come on if the southern one is Civil War the CSA would have joined the axis that very theory is postulated in the Harry Turtledove how if you remain books which partially southland Civil War the US and the the the the treaty system that went under World War one with the u.s. being part of the the triple I believe on top of a no-no Triple Alliance it's so pressuring 0:17:31 they're both its turbulent on the Triple Alliance but the triple alliance with Germany and those guys austria-hungary and the and the Confederacy joining with England and France because those are the guys who gave them their independence and so there's trench warfare in the u.s. like long Virginia it's like the Somme and the US and Germany austria-hungary and the Ottomans win in this version they impose an auto respond England and France in the US and so then a Hitler like figure emerges in interwar America socialists rise to power in the US and world war two happens with the axis with with the CSA being in the axis but in this one instead of the axis being Germany in Italy in Japan the axis is the Confederacy France and England because they were the ones who lost the theory being that that's what led to fascism was basically losing World War two we're losing World War one in Germany anyway 0:18:32 Italy it's a little more complicated anyway so yes that's a long way around to say this CSA would definitely have better the axis and subversion of the axis if shut up it's cool there's like 11 books and I read them all although not really because the thing about Turtledove is that he's very repetitious so you can kind of like skim I basically skimmed them for plot developments baseball is of course the best American sport come on I actually know in the books its president uh Eugene Debs never becomes president sadly but it's like Upton Sinclair now nuts Upton Sinclair Sinclair Lewis is 0:19:33 the first socialist president of the United States and then like one of the will Follett's and then Al Smith is the socialist president when the war starts Chomsky is an old man who what's your name who's your daddy is here is like look I did not prefer I 0:20:39 like red wine I got I accidentally bought a bottle of white wine cuz I wasn't looking

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so I'm stuck with it I would prefer a red any any port in a of course you know to speak of these of course to speak of these Instagram life deep performance of an ego transcending itself into language of course we see we see within this the the the the failed recapitulation of the self expressed through the commodity Merlot is good if it's bold and I like a big bold wine and a big sassy wine I don't understand why everyone wants me to wear a different jacket do you guys not wear the same jacket every day like you guys have 50 well winter jackets Oh someone says I look unhealthy that's not good in what way like I'm gonna die I don't have the road I don't think are there any doctors in the chat if they could like remote diagnosed me with anything and I okay am I gonna die oh god oh boy oh man that's I would really like to read something where Protestantism doesn't exist because man it's it's very easy to blame Protestantism for a lot of bad \*\*\*\*\* there's no question about that but at the same time it seems like the like you know those forces are not like the forces that create Protestantism are not are not ideological or spiritual they are material you know like the emergence of capitalism well I think would have happened in the absence of Protestant system so it would have been interesting to see how how Catholicism could have absorbed that kind of disruption to its traditional relationship to like the land and to labor it's interesting I have no idea you could argue maybe that the Protestant that the Reformation would have had to have happened maybe not then and there but with eventually maybe it happened differently maybe it would have been more peaceful or more violent but I think it would have been inevitable because if capitalism is going to come when modernity is going to come and you can't really have Western modernity without Protestantism you know it's like the it's the it's the 11th urban spice and I would really like to talk about how by the time Protestantism gets the United States it's not even Christianity anymore it is legitimately not Christianity it is a pagan like cult of like a quiz acquisitiveness it's literally a material cult it is Moloch worship I mean it is it's it's the great stone owl it's it's Mammon it's everything it's everything evil and then that's the ultimate expression of American Protestantism is of course Mormonism which at this point is essentially just a marquee market multi-level marketing scheme they have the highest participation of multi-level marketing schemes in the world Utah all they do is go to each other's giant unfinished basements and sit around with all their children who have 15 wise in their name and exchange and sell each other different MLM products like it's a part it's like a barter economy but exchanging uh like yoga pants and Tupperware and sex toys and that's not that's that's what Christianity is or that's what American Christianity is because it fuses with capital at some point and it fuses with capital at the point of diffuses with capital at the point the acquisition of the United States that is boundless it is material it is a pee really causative ability

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beyond bound as in an entire continent that could be swallowed up by anyone who will take it that is a that demands its own religion totally done Lord from the from the the bombs like the socially bonded nature of European Christianity it's just not it's like it reaches an escape velocity and pull off because it has to accommodate the speed Catholicism couldn't accommodate the speed and even European Christian Protestantism couldn't new religion needed to be created a new religion needed to be created that would be a cult of the individual and specifically the cult of the the enrichment of the individual that's why this Felix Gilman's books are so good the way they talk about like it's it's kind of steampunky but it's it sees the the development of like the West as like basically the merit of the human psyche being like turned into material reality like mature like literally the earth being brought into the mind the space created by the people who colonized alright guys I gotta get off I think so oh there yes so I'll see you guys soon buh-bye

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### *Mid Force - Omega Squadron*

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hey guys I'm sorry to interrupt that \*\*\*\*\* weird thing that's supposed to be on where everyone's singing from their bedrooms or whatever it really looks like a bunch of people just having independent nervous breakdowns kind of seems like a bummer kind of feels like the world's ending honestly watching it it's like you know all those benefit concerts after a big all those benefit concerts after a big disaster are reassuring because they're ruled you know we know oh there's a oh look there's a guy on stage look it's John Mellencamp be singing and now we've got these people like dressing up in costumes in their starkly undecorated living rooms and just singing and crying it's 0:1:1 just it's disturbing it's not good so if everybody going to protest to get back to curse or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* I talked about that the other day but I feel like I forgot to point out another thing about those protests which is that they literally are they're \*\*\*\*\* they're they're funded by like cokes and like they're made up of small business owners I mean it is an economically motivated thing like get the business back going up get get things back going so I can make money again if I get the virus anyway my 0:2:5 family gets a virus I'll probably be alright if somebody else gets sick I don't know those \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* them so it's not even like they're saying I want to die they're what they want other people to die so that people will go to their stores or the thing is until these people start dying in any kind of significant numbers they're gonna keep thinking it's fake and maybe I mean we'll find out either way right we'll find out one way or another uh hey they didn't invite me on Iran I'm doing my own thing uh uh 0:3:8 no one bad is gonna die I've said this before and i 100% believe it no one bad will die of this because god likes and human suffering God might not be evil but he loves human evil and you can even imagine like save your gob you created the universe and I especially if there is some sort of eternal afterlife for every spirit in the universe then what any human being does in life is it really doesn't matter you know you only have a few years if you're lucky you're thrown into circumstances beyond your control like you know you're probably gonna do more bad than good just you know out of out of just because of statistical likelihood so if that's the case and everyone eventually is redeemed through you know like being put through the rock tumbler of

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reincarnation or like spiritual scouring and the afterlife or whatever either way then god you're gonna have a lot of fun watching humans be evil to one another and why would you intervene to stop that why would you intervene to stop human evil from happening when it's so \*\*\*\*\* funny I mean it's way funnier than people being nice 0:4:11  
what in most movies make up our movies and entertainment and films and books are they made up of people being good no because that's boring why wouldn't it be boring to God so nobody good will die or don't be good will let me battle that it doesn't wanna but if you know about them and you know they're evil then they're doing way much the way that's like canceling a little sparks that's like canceling sweeps week that's like canceling your top show for cheap suit especially since things are gonna get real weird real fast hey Connor how you doing I think we're gonna get insanely weird very very quickly why wouldn't you want as many evil people around as possible to just get nutty with I will probably be doing at some time in the next week because I've got it on board but not yet I gotta have to wait for the weather 0:5:13  
to die so that's for sure yeah they didn't invite me on their stream they can \*\*\*\*\* off why do I care what they're doing the real heads are in here with me see this is a really interesting this is sort of like how the stories about how the stories about how like it you know at the politburo or whatever they would start clapping stalin and it would just keep going we just nobody wanted to be the first one to be seen stopping so these people are all they don't want to be the last one to stop this here the last one will stop then woody what can you not respect our first responders a Oh God people 0:6:14  
are singing now someone saw some video from Italy and now they're getting inspired much clapping their cheeks oh boy we've seen new york new york by sinatra the boy oh boy oh boy definitely getting weird that's only gonna get weirder I thought they were gonna slowly like taper down over the weeks but instead it's gotten more but the 0:7:21  
really clapping board is that there's still supply lines what they're really clapping for us if they could still turn the lights on their side they'll flip a switch in the light turns on and that's the Internet and if they flush the toilet at the ship goes away that's their clapping that they don't have to go out there and try to find their own food you know none of them would be able to I include myself in that number that thing that there's still the TV still works you know I mean and the thing is that's worth noting about because the alternative is not something you want to think about too much if you're this vulnerable if you're this far from any self-sustaining lifestyle Oh 0:8:25  
any more questions here prediction for Abidin cabinets I'd say clover cars probably the clubhouse leader to be VP uh because I really do think that they believe that \*\*\*\*\* like oh she's from the Midwest they like her that we didn't lose we lost the Midwest so we need one of them which of course ignores the fact that the Midwest is America's Balkans and all of them hate each other over very very small disagreements

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and differences most mostly around sports teams Wisconsin I hate Minnesota and have no interest in their \*\*\*\*\* their political figures and in fact if someone's from Minnesota will probably say the other thing honestly just out of spite okay people from Illinois as well Michiganders of course eight people from Ohio in place versa everyone hates Indiana everyone and for good reason there's no there's no solidarity there at the state beyond the state level so she oh she's all she's gonna do is help you win a state you already won last time with Hillary by slightly more congratulations morons how am I supposed to get to some exactly how is that supposed to work - cold - and it gets warm I'll just be back here baking my brain probably after ah which state is the worst Iowa's in Indiana is in the running Indiana's like basically has no redeeming features to it and the funny thing is is amber for example who live grew up there would agree with me there's no question about that Wisconsin I honestly feel like since since Walker got in Wisconsin might have been doomed Wisconsin might have been ruined root as I say in the dark hour series and I have to say that Minnesota as much as I hate it and have a visceral hatred for my childhood fraud and because it's I resent their hegemonic Lutheranism not spiced in with any fun party Bavarians and and Irish or pole locks but goddamn it they're doing better so I gotta have I put Minnesota above Wisconsin as much as I hate to say it but those two and then Minnesota has the Coens but Wisconsin has arson wells and who pray tell is the is the Minnesota Liberace prints I don't want the Rona man someone telling me not to get it buddy who are you talking to I've not been licking light bulbs light poles I've been trying to avoid it there's a chance I had an asymptomatic case earlier this year because we were in Venice we were in California during the height of the outbreak and we're almost positive we'll had it after the end of the tour and we were together that whole same time very hard to imagine that we didn't both get it so I could be a lucky asymptomatic guy but I'm not gonna find out like by randomly getting getting nutty with it perish the thought all right guys before I'm not just some more questions with some more questions you know I just looked in here what we got but first I'm gonna do another reading from blood meridian this I was inspired to read this by David David Brooks who told us the other day that the age of coddling is over then all of you well coddled swaddled millennial children are finally going to be have to confront reality and all of its Horrors with all of its sharp fangs and teeth and claws which of course coming from a absolutely soft-boiled egg of a man a \*\*\*\*\* vanilla souffle with a comb-over a man who has never had that work at Davis life that any meaningful job a man who has never produced a man who has never worked by the sweat of his brow for a moment a man who is wildly overcompensated to flatter the the egos of the wealthiest people in this country is essentially a court jester for concentrated wealth that's all he is someone who had died in the \*\*\*\*\* woods if they

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were left there overnight and just the thought that he is are like calm he is our judge holdin a very good wrestler so just imagine David Brooks is saying this instead of the judge in fact maybe I'll remember to say that instead they grew caught it in like under the white sons of those days and they're hollow burned out eyes were the like those of not not ambulance surprised by day knocked ambulance a \*\*\*\*\* general okay they grew gone to did lank under the white sons of those days and they're hollow burned out eyes were like those of neck ambulance surprised by day crouched under their hats they seemed fugitives on some grander scale like beings of whom this for whom the Sun hungered even David Brooks grew silence thank you he'd spoken 0:14:41 up urging oneself of those things but lay claim to a man that body receiving his remarks counted themselves well done with any claims at all they wrote on and the wind drove the fine great dust before them and they wrote an army of gray beards gray man gray horses the whole mountains to the north Leafs unwise and corrugated folds and the days were cool and the nights were cold and they sat about the fire each in his round of darkness in that round dark while the idiot watched from his cage at the edge of the light David Brooks cracked with the back of an axe the shin bone of an antelope and the hot marrow dripped smoking on the stones they watched him the subject was war the Good Book says that he lives by the sword shall perish by the sword said the black David Brooks my love his face shining with grease what right man would have it any other way he said the Good Book does indeed count war war and evil said Irving yet there's many a bloody tale of war inside it it makes 0:15:43 no difference what men think of war said David Brooks war doors as well ask men what they think of stone war was always here before man war waited for him the ultimate trade awaiting its ultimate practitioner that is the way it was and will be that way and not some other way he turned to brown from whom he'd heard some whispered slur or demurrer ah Davy he said it's your own trade we honor here why not rather take a small bow let each acknowledge each my trade certainly what is my trade war worries your trade is it not and eight yours mine too very much so what about all the notebooks and bows and stuff all other trades are contained in that of war isn't that why war indoors no your doors because young men love it and old men love it in them those that fought those that did not that's your notion David Brooks smile men are born for games nothing else every child knows that play is 0:16:46 nobler than work he knows too that the words their merit of a game is not inherent in the game itself but read the value of that which is put at hazard games of chance require our wager have any meaning at all games of sport involve the skill and the strength of the opponent's and the humiliation of defeat and the pride of victory are in themselves sufficient stake because they inherent the worth of the principle to define them but trial of chance of trial of worth all games aspire to the condition of

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war for here that which is wagered swallows up game player all suppose two minute cards with nothing to wager save their lives who has not heard such a tale a turn of the card the whole universe for such a player has labored clanking to this moment which will tell if he is to die or that man's hand or that man and his what more certain validation of a man's worth could there be this enhancements enhancement of the game to its ultimate state that means no argument concerning the notion of 0:17:48  
eight the selection of one man over another is a preference absolute and irrevocable and it is a dull man indeed who can reckon so profound a decision without agency or significance either one in such games as have for their stake the annihilation of the defeat of the decisions are quite clear this man holding this particular arrangement of cards in his hand is thereby removed from existence this is the nature of war whose stake is at once the game and the authority and the justification seem so or is the truest form of divination it is the testing of one's will and the will of another within that larger will which because it binds them is therefore forced to select more is the ultimate game because war is at last a forcing of the unity of existence Wars God Brown study the judge you're crazy Holden crazy at last yeah I have read that in a 0:18:54  
while that's pretty good McCarthy's pretty good you gotta give it so it's a bummer I'll never get the Nobel once they gave it to Dylan there was no way I was gonna go to another white male American in the next like 30 years yep there's a real powerful point there where he says work will never be as noble as play and what that really gets at is the notion of human labor and activity put to one's own end or to the ends of an employer like alienated labor and free existence like that is like one of those like end-stage Marxist concepts that you don't hear in a lot of talk about because it's very speculative metaphysical almost but there really is a notion in Marx's of 0:19:55  
that once you have removed the need to exploit labor away from one's own ends to maintain life through the socialization of the means of production and the sharing of the surplus a result of that that anything you do is not like any lot anything you've ever done it's not like anything we do because everything we do is induced induced by coercion and that induced coercion poisons every action we take and alienates is from them and slowly poisons us against them and then marks the end state of Marxism it was this one in which that does is replaced by pure action devoid of coercion purely self-expression and the closest thing we do have in life to that is play is games where we are doing it of our own free will and within the game's rules we are able to thrive and do what we want and do something to try to achieve victory like 0:20:56  
that is really the gate the goal the goal of communism is to make that the rule rather than a very very rare so there you go drop some theory on you guys boom didn't mean to do that didn't mean to drop my theory on you guys I should have said some more about that with the debate with Virgil obviously because gaming culture really

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does poison something that really should be powerful like the idea of play games is like the end state the most noble state and you can argue that a lot of these neat gamers have achieved something similar to that in that they are gaming with their time and they're not induced to do but it's a cruel parody of it because it's bound up an exploitation and it makes it impossible to gain basically this simulacra of gaining this cruel mockery of gaming gives us only a haunting wisp of what could be gaming 0:21:58 and only instead reifies exploitation and within the industry than the creation of the commodity for gaming as commodity so there you go boom theory all right let's see what questions we got these are some good ones I just say that somebody says was the funniest person who died of the virus obviously Trump the funniest answer that answer to anything of like who's the funniest is strong which is why it might happen \*\*Music playing\*\* scrawling like a HO bag here I can't find anything this is 0:23:0 an interesting one if the u.s. loses power the world with other countries step in and do the same ah that's a really interesting question because I honestly don't know if it's possible and it really doesn't make me feel like a lot of oh oh \*\*\*\*\* alright so right now we have a situation where the u.s. is like long-term strategic posture is all about defending keeping America's pre-eminent interests preeminent basically like making America's interest still interests of world institutions right like that's the long-term goal and that's what of like the containing China is for and all that 0:24:1 stuff but the US will such a unique role militarily that I don't know if anyone has the capacity to take it back like we talked about the Chinese military the Chinese military even though it might have more people than us in it it might have like a larger number of troops in terms of it's like weapons systems and \*\*\*\*\* it's \*\*\*\*\* fraction we have 11 aircraft I think China has China has - I was right we have an 0:25:2 we and we won the currency and the thing is is if China isn't in a position to be us cuz this because B being obviously there's some there's huge benefits to being like the world currency like the u.s. is but one thing that it makes the US is it makes it the consumer of last resort them you're the reserve currency at the end of the day it's up to you to consume everything like the the runoff from everyone's like bilateral interactions like trade interactions and the thing is is that what that does over time is is it undermines America's like internal chain of internal my ability is like a producer like that's why you have deindustrialization that's why the big reasons we had the because we have to be the consumer unless trade jobs for cheapness he 0:26:4 does once because you can only maintain like the story of like the story of every country that has like become a developed economy starts with protectionism right but everyone agrees with that but thou you have economists to say like well yeah maybe that's that was true then but now it isn't and so new countries don't get to do that and and countries that do do it should really stop but as soon as you get rid

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of that protectionism and here the \*\*\*\*\* buyer and last resort that's the end of your \*\*\*\*\* bill I mean that's why we're so horribly exposed now because so much stuff doesn't even come out of here stuff stuff doesn't get built here because that's not what we're here for we're here to consume it we're not here to make it and that is in the long-term bad so whatever anyway it's left us with is this massive military that still has to take a role and like I think the worst thing maybe worst is that like China basically joins in and gets to code aside this \*\*\*\*\* like instead of the US dictating China gets to like Kove dictate and maybe even lift America's like American when maintaining the figurehead position something like that but with China like a place at the table I think that's more realistic because they don't want the job that we have no they wouldn't want to have to blow that much of the GDP on \*\*\*\*\* useless trinkets like we do they like to just use ours like the Saudis do so we're still gonna have a role it's just we're going to be less less sexual to the decision making process so there you go that's why I think would happen it would be more like a unipolar thing like guys like Matt Stoller are terrified of the Chinese taking over but like I'm sorry the interests are trans their interests are the interests of their ruling elite in both countries those interests are intersecting regardless of anything you have to say about Asian states and like how we need a new Cold War or any of this \*\*\*\*\* the interest of those two groups are consonant they're coming together you see the way that like the Peter Till's of the world are uniting like Chinese style social media surveillance mechanisms bringing them to the US even though they're supposed to be a libertarians because they don't maintaining private property is going to require more and more coercive measures against the population to keep them from trying to take their \*\*\*\*\* because they're gonna have all of it now there's gonna be some point where people realize there's more of us than there are of them now that's why these libertarians need these very coercive state institutions and technologies to keep them away from it and that's that's true whether you're a high you're a bigwig in the Chinese Communist Party or you're \*\*\*\*\* one of the Koch brothers or you're Robert Mercer or you're \*\*\*\*\* Queen of England it's all the same \*\*\*\*\* interests all the same interests home boys and girls well hell yeah tonight guys let put this one out on YouTube people are watching these on YouTube let's see that I'm really my hair is looking really really \*\*\*\*\* just \*\*\*\*\* egghead absolute egghead so get this guy's I was joking about how I was starting to think about cut shaving my head just out of out of quarantine boredom and the thing is is that I didn't realize that I had had a hair home haircutting kit like you know cutting it yourself cuz it's more I just hate having to go to the hair cutter II and I it's like oh man I'm just gonna shave my head but then I realized oh no I I lost it in the move from the last place to this place damn oh I guess I want you to buy it and then while we were rearranging stuff

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in this house we found a box from somebody from like before we lived here where had been like misdelivered and this is like years later and it opened it and it was a \*\*\*\*\* home clipper that's kid that's calm and I I mean I am on the wheel of car I must often serve the beam so I think at some point I'm gonna get I'm gonna get suited and I'm going to kiss ate my head so steer ready for that very disturbing and I guarantee you unpleasant sight but I can already kind of see what it would look like and it looks like \*\*\*\*\* oh it looks bad I'm gonna have to get a hat at the same time that I do it because I'm gonna need a how're you guys living how's everybody doing it's trumped the last US president at this point I would say maybe there's a 10 to 15 percent chance that yes that's the case if I was Nate Scylla back we got some real centrifugal forces operating right now that looked like they could genuinely destabilize a lot of long-standing institutions that might be a lot more brittle than we think they are because they were never meant to see this kind of stress I see compounded crises I feel the likelihood of a military takeover being realistic and the idea of that creating fracture in opposition to it you know sort of a late medieval you know like crisis of the third century type deal I don't think it's outside the realms the question then becomes like do we have a Diocletian does Diocletian show up or does it just spin out into nothing much laughter talking about that somebody wants to know what about the argument about voting blue for the Supreme Court that's just adorable that people think those are the stakes of the moment are we gonna lose five four or six three Oh God are they gonna close the one abortion clinic still open in the below the mason-dixon line oh my god this is like these are the questions of the moment not will our \*\*\*\*\* systems be able to sustain the pressure on their that they're on the right now and whether there's any alternative we could proper to just terminal decline which is not out to have the possibility it's happened before what do you secure societies the thought they had the world by the balls from themselves very quickly disabused of that \*\*\*\*\* notion it just feels impossible because everything that's going so static our whole lives and it's like one of those movies where the kid has nightmares about like zombies or something and he keeps being keeps waking up and be like oh god I thought that was real as a dream and then finally the dream is real that's what this feels like this feels like we're bringing a ticket we brought this out upon ourselves with our own we made a collective death wish out of hitting like the cold sack of human possibility like we topped out at like Nietzsche's last man it's like we worked in escape velocity whatever version of humanity there's going to be others others on this planet others on other planets and other dimensions there will be others to get it right but we \*\*\*\*\* the dog we topped out at like Nietzsche's last man didn't get beyond that and then spiritually and destroyed oh well there you go maybe that day then we gave it our shot right we tried we tried but either way

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I don't think the so it's possible that this is the last he is the last president yet the 0:35:20  
last recognize president don't probably be presidents but they won't be it'll be like  
Pope's and anti-popes and it won't be in till way later than any of them get officially  
designated as having been official there will be no universally recognized president  
after Trump it's a real possibility because I can see them canceling the election in  
November I can see the military stepping in if that happens I could see I could see a  
disputed ballot I could see Trump dying I could see a lot of side could see Biden time  
the one thing I just want is give me a debate I want to watch it debate I want to see  
the debate I'm not going to get too cocky and say give me the sons debate because  
I'm not none of us could ever deserve that in this life that's too perfect that's too  
much of a gift I mean my god oh but just give me a regular debate couple of them  
just the old-timer is dying around on stage both of them absolutely like suited to the  
gills like Trump obviously of like a first base lines worth of adderall before going up 0:36:24  
there like he does during all debates and I don't know what we do cocktail they've  
gotta fight back some sort of like medieval poultice that they shove up his ass or like  
something like some sort of like candy flip like psychedelic thing that activated is  
like MKULTRA fruit conditioning so you could like you turned into or like a perfect  
wind-up doll I don't know either way let me see it let me see it yeah doesn't it look  
like I literally are being enlightened like don't you guys just feel the enlightenment  
vibrating and wafting off yeah they come out with both of them with the adrenalin  
needle from pulp fiction just sticking out of their chests they don't even notice it  
the whole debate but sadly there probably won't be a debate because this is a dark 0:37:25  
timeline in not necessarily the darkest but one of the darker ones one of the darker  
toast settings that's for sure oh boy definitely like on the bottom half of the Pluto  
setting dial you know you know I generally like it a little lighter than that personally  
this is a little too Carboni I'm not a fan like just click click click give you just a few  
more a hair hair little like golden brown oh boy all right here's a good one following  
up a previous question if the u.s. ever gets balkanized what Yuri did what do you  
want to live in and why okay well there are strategic and political considerations  
to go into here California looks very promising to a lot of people because it looks  
like they have effective governance that it looks like they have a guy whose thing 0:38:27  
even if you think he's a creep or Patrick Bateman wannabe he's competent they  
have like same political party in charge they have systems that generally work they  
have like they have very similar governments in power in the areas near by them  
so they don't have to worry about hostility for them in fact they could join into a  
Cascadia type deal with with Washington or Oregon but then you think things like  
well where's the water where you get the water from they're very vulnerable on that  
score especially Southern California and then you've got the fact that the people who

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are gonna want that water are gonna be the heavily armed psychos of Arizona they're gonna need that water too and they're going to be in probably a stronger defense posture than the California militia if by Kurt Schlichter reading is correct anyway that could be bad the Midwest it's gonna fall kanai's instantly because as I said it's the Balkans of America oh I could see somewhere around the Great Lakes because 0:39:28 there you got water and there are things that are not totally crazy I kind of hate to say like where I grew up the problem is is that Wisconsin would immediately develop into a race war there would be a genocide a race war unless Wisconsin that would be genuinely horrifying and I would not want to have I would not want to involve myself in I would not want to go there to kill peak black people which is what would happen in Wisconsin so that's not good I think maybe once again maybe Minnesota V Minnesota \*\*\*\*\* because they got the mid-late they got to Mississippi even if they don't have the leg and they do have a lake up top so alright Minnesota again damn it's Minnesota might just be the best country in that state and goddamn it yeah maybe they feel it's the the Imperium or if we could get Felix is like one of the tetrarch's in this new crisis of the third century I'd be happy to I would be happy to tell them the the tow the fields in his domain absolutely he would have my axe I 0:40:32 I would he would have my sword I would be his vassal hopefully I could get like a nice fiefdom out of it little fiefdom ass like maybe in the North Woods of Wisconsin which is really cool this little fiefdom when I get out somebody like you know the local peasants they bring me you know a Game Boy they bring me maybe you know just like some pizzas a certain number of like big wheels of cheese smoked hams that kind of \*\*\*\*\* old timey you know it's just like a little feudal lord guy so he do that please Felix that's I may be asked if I have to go to war we have to go to war with Wisconsin or fend off Canadians then yes we will have to join your militia of course and provide a motion of the form certainly I would never pick in the north east in any way good lord nightmare region awful just the instant die-off would be terrifying 0:41:33 oh I don't think I'm like thinking about it we love our folks we love to work at the Olive Garden and they'd give the money to the boss loved it they loved it they loved working at the Olive Garden I own will I be doing these rants live at the FEMA can I certainly hope so presumably if these guys are smart if these guys are smart they're gonna give you like a room for fake dissent so that you could be mollified which is always a like that's what the Chinese need to learn from us and they will when this cooperation happens it's gonna thin both ways like we're gonna get more 0:42:35 authoritarian but the Chinese are gonna loosen up because they're gonna see first hand as they cooperate with us oh my god this First Amendment \*\*\*\*\* like letting them talk bet on the internet and like complain about you and make up conspiracies and \*\*\*\*\* it poses no threat it's a it's a total it's a steam vent for all their anger and

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I'll gets pissed away into nothing and then they start building little totally arbitrary factions and start fighting each other then they don't even notice you're there it's the best and that's whether there have been gonna be the final resolution of that dialectic it's gonna be like soon Oh American corporatism so that's my prediction so no American corporatism brought to you by Amazon and Alibaba all right guys I thought that was pretty good I think I'm gonna get what Chris to put this one up because this was fun I feel like if you got just an interesting metaphysical questions 0:43:37 and stuff we don't always get the opportunities I feeling a few invited okay with vital I don't want to right now why don't write something but thank you guys for hanging out with me I might hang out for a little bit more the food's already having fried chicken alright guys sleep well get ready to work labor I'm for the glory of the American Republic and the Chinese Communist Party for which it stands buh-bye

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### *Game Theory - Reckoning*

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gonna start today with a reading right off the bat see if anybody how long it takes somebody to guess figure out what I'm reading here oh I might cat Matt carp I do it I'll pop on please be my guest give me back my broken knight my mirrored room 0:1:10  
my secret life it's lonely here there's no one left to torture give me absolute control over every living soul and lie beside me baby that's an order give me crackin anal sex take the only tree that's left and step it up the hole of your culture give me back the Berlin wall can be Stalin in st. Paul I've seen the future brother it is murder things are going to slide slide in all directions won't be nothing nothing you could measure anymore the blizzard the blizzard of the world has crossed the threshold and it has overturned the order of the soul when they say repent repent I wonder what they meant when they said repent repent wonder what they meant you don't know me from the wind you never will you never did I'm the little Jew who wrote the Bible I've seen the nation's rise and fall I've heard the stories heard them all but love is the only engine of survival your servant hear he has been told to say it clearer say it 0:2:12  
cold it's over it ain't going any further and now the wheels of heavens stop you feel the have devils riding-crop get ready for the there'll be the breaking of the ancient Western code your private life will suddenly explode they'll be phantoms they'll be fighters on the road and the white man dancing you'll see a woman hanging upside down her features covered by her falling down and all the lousy little poets coming around trying to sound like Charlie Manson and the white man dancing give me back the Berlin Wall give me Stalin and st. Paul give me Christ forgive me Hiroshima destroy another fetus now we don't like children anyhow I've seen the future baby it is murder things are going to slide slide in all directions won't be nothing nothing you can measure anymore the blizzard the blizzard of the world has crossed the threshold and it has overturned the order of the soul when they said repent repent I wonder what ah I'm not drunk you're drunk are you guys doing let's see if the questions are 0:3:16  
uh man I haven't seen the new Biden ad someone asked if I've seen the new Biden ad and holy mackerel holy \*\*\*\*\* it's pretty funny I mean yes racist and that is bad but uh man the thing it really indicates is that they're going to campaign by taking all of

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trumps principles and saying we're gonna take all of trumps like basic campaigning talking points and frames and say no because they can't offer an alternative they can't offer an alternative right now we're seeing this \*\*\*\*\* recovery this this this crisis economy being a giveaway exactly like it was the 2008 giveaway to the richest people in the country we've got a \*\*\*\*\* small business we got a small business a slush fund basically that's being raided by any corporate big corporation with a \*\*\*\*\* with a halfway competent attorney or a County Department people are gonna be completely left out that's so well no no unemployment no no rent uh no rent Jubilee no debt no debt Jubilee you still owe everything you'll see what you can get maybe some Cobra limb Cobra and the thing about the Cobra is you don't get it any cheaper they just get paid more and what is the alternative the alternative is Trump said that he would did a good job with the Chinese but actually no he did a bad job with the Chinese oh \*\*\*\*\* really okay so one way or another we are all in agreement that this is about child much of it is China's fault and who's gonna be a do a better job of confronting them over it that's it that's that's the solution not anything not anything that could allow people to \*\*\*\*\* survive this or have any hope of coming out of it anything other than absolute penury you \*\*\*\*\* bleaches and scumbags \*\*\*\*\* pot-bellied subs got ten million dollars it's a complete \*\*\*\*\* giveaway at every level its corporate looting like we haven't seen since so late and there's no alternative to it at least Obama pretended when he was running that he was against that \*\*\*\*\* and then he was gonna do something different of course surprise surprise he did he was lying the whole time but you could be excused I hope he can't cuz I survived on it that he was envisioning something different Biden is explicitly saying no we are on the same page with this minimal \*\*\*\*\* outlay of means-tested short-term benefits meanwhile and that is basically what falls off of the wheelbarrow that we're just delivering to the \*\*\*\*\* rapacious Moz of all the \*\*\*\*\* corporate raiders who always end up benefiting from all of this and guess what when all those small businesses that are supposed to be helped by that loan when they are never able to get back in business all those \*\*\*\*\* restaurants then we all love those little guys those are all getting bought out at least the ones that are economically viable I gotta get bought out by chains by Amazon is gonna get into the restaurant business I can't \*\*\*\*\* you to you and like the big the big the big chefs and the big like agribusiness come now I won't be surprised with Monsanto besides get vertically integrated and open their own chain of \*\*\*\*\* restaurants where like you pick like the hybrid chicken cauliflower you pull it screaming off of the off of its like mutant hybrid freak umbilical cord / root and just like cook it right in front of you itself cooking actually it has a little button on it you press it and it plumps while it stares at you so like that's gonna be the end of it like this is this whole thing is gonna

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be benefit to the ruling class if they can maintain stability if they can make it to the money so mean something that at the end of it they're gonna be in a position to just buy out the economy basically out of \*\*\*\*\* fire sale prices and that's like that's what that's why they need to get home now because you saw what happened with the \*\*\*\*\* thing collapse you see remember when the stock market went down remember biggest drop in human history well the reason that stopped and now that it's going back up it's cuz statement signals in the short term they are going to be made whole in the short term they're not gonna they're debts aren't going to be called in their profit streams are not going to dry up they still get to maintain viability as corporations and that means that they could still make and that means at the end of this if they're able to like keep suckers going out there and risking their lives for minimum wage to keep this thing going long because the the money that they're getting is supposed to have some worth because there's a because there's a government with actual like ability to function that like stands behind the debt that is implied by the note then they're gonna come out of this winners because like there was a crisis in capitalism has been since live Indies and certainly one that has anticipated our only intensified since Oh 8 and this is kind of a way out of it in a lot of ways this could be a way out of it because the only way out of the situation like that is to reduce competition which is what they've been doing but maybe not fast enough to keep them self make them so keep themselves viable now they get a chance where they could just buy out you know you know in a with the blink of the eye and nobody and they're gonna be made whole and then and everyone is they're gonna be in the reserve army of the unemployed and there's gonna be a ubi as some sort of part of this by the way that's inevitable if this system maintains itself ubi it's going to happen but it's going to most likely happen on their terms and this is going to be the thing that normalizes the ubi and it normalizes the corporate overthrow of like even the middle bushwa that's what and I say that I think about it I don't think I'm wrong I don't think I'm lost because to stop it there would be some sort there has to be some countervailing force at the table somebody to force their will and for these guys to be scared of and there just isn't Bernie has been defeated his his his his movement is in turmoil and it never wasn't it wasn't even big enough when it was at its zenith before it started going down like the whole point of the Bernie thing in my mind like long term like photos because I'm putting on my plate long term sort of Spangler ask decline of the West Doomer hat and I kind of always believed even though I was like you know strategic or like tactically I might be up on something but at the long-term I was always thinking none of this is gonna actually work in any meaningful sense all its going to do is push a process forward when so that or the inevitable crisis of capitalism comes like the the apocalypse of capitalism comes that

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the left is in the strongest possible position to vie for power in that situation that was always my hope and dream like that's what I thought Bernie was for at the end of the day like short-term you can talk yes building building socialism or building an idea of socialism in people's minds giving them an idea that company can help them providing them with things that make them feel empowered in their own workplaces so that they can organize as workers and gain class consciousness that is the road 0:11:31 but man like I didn't think it was gonna result in anything real I didn't think we were gonna get Medicare for all I don't think Bernie was gonna succeed I thought the ball was gonna keep moving so when the crisis came the left was in a position to win and now I feel like this really does feel like it could be the crisis and if it is I despair basically for where we are it doesn't feel like it's enough but I don't know I so that's me so that's me guys that's where I am right now how are you guys doing I mean it says not the crisis yet but we don't know what this is the beginning of we certainly know what we don't know if the long-term effects of the second thing aren't colliding especially colliding with climate change and like the co and the independent fact that there's a \*\*\*\*\* fossil fuel economy crisis that no one is saw coming we're 0:12:33 like the fossil fuel economy the entire carbon economy the petro dollar is collapsing how about that you put on this to shift together yes the capitalism is very durable and it certainly has institutions that are built now to do its bidding in this situation but I gotta say this is a real challenge it's a real challenge I think we could at least accept that at least I all right I'm looking for another good question have the pod jobs ever gotten no may have \*\*\*\*\* that pod towns have never acknowledged any of us other doesn't say we suck and to tell us to I don't know if you should quit your 0:13:38 hospital job I don't know what it is I don't know how supported you feel I what states are the caucuses Oh Appalachia that's easy no no yeah that's that's that's a no-brainer Midwest of the Balkans and the caucuses Dagestan Chechnya and all that \*\*\*\*\* yeah that's Appalachia for sure West Virginia and Kentucky I'll bow the way through it it was Missouri yep yeah we're the Americans the work where they each Lawrence's American spirit lives the hard desolate killer the scotch-irish border Reaver yeah those guys are the most like Chechens honorbound a warlike religiously 0:14:41 ecstatic come on it's it's very good it's it's it's it's cance I don't know about the other ones like I don't know what uh like I don't know what I know I think Ohio Pennsylvania I think uh huh that's kind of I feel like all right New England is England right right New England is just England or like the UK and Ireland the British Isles right the British Isles is New England right that seems correct and then does that make the mid-atlantic and like the East Coast like continental Europe like France or for Italy maybe just because now the devil's about to be a permanent minority party 0:15:44 ah it's interesting uh I don't know I think that there's this argument being made

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that they're like trying to become the new natural ruling party of capital they're like trying to usurp the role for the Republicans that's why there's this rightward shift is because they're making a play to be the real cook thing of capital and to like reify like social liberalism as as like the backbone of the legitimacy of the lip of life the neoliberal state you know like like locusts becomes like the Divine Right of Kings what whis becomes the reason for the legitimacy of the sovereign like the it's not it doesn't derive from God it derives from the fact that they they observe certain forms about about like cultural diversity and but the problem is is that they have this crisis and Democrats are bad in crisis when when they are forced to promise 0:16:45 things they know they're not meeting a hard-boiled egg it's really a yes hi recruiting that is really that's what Biden would feel like to me you I've eating an egg at least trying times I only brought one egg out because I thought I'm gonna have dinner soon but damn it I want another egg they're really good you know what somebody 0:17:47 asks an interesting question I said should you be rooting for Trump over Biden now a lot of people have accused us of like being closeted aunt writers or like trumpets or something trump has become so polarizing a figure on my racial and gender lines that saying that you should vote for Trump or saying like objectively that like a Trump win would be better than a Biden won it is better to adopt a Buddhist posture it is better to point out one doesn't matter who you vote for at a personal level it's Lib \*\*\*\*\* to think that that is meaningful like the indication of your worth as a person you're symbolic like people think that they think that the vote is them and that's silly it's just an act just a booze wah honestly if we look at it culturally it's a Jewish one ritual aspect ation that's what voting is so who gives a \*\*\*\*\* if you do it or 0:18:50 not or what you do when you do it let the election pass through you like gamma radiation now that burning isn't there we are the record producer in Boogie Nights this is a wipey not an MP so that's my attitude just to not get battle back because I see people like they're already getting riled up about oh I'm gonna have to fight these Biden people for the next six months it's like you've been fighting these Hillary people over the same point for the last four years do you see an end to this do you see this ever meaning anything do you see this ever resolving do you see this anything other than just permanent self-inflicted hysteria like a self-inflicted neuroses let it go let it go let's go it's my advice people got what about the Biden what about dust 0:19:51 in the wind we are shadows and dust maximus shadows and dust sands through the hourglass those are the votes of our lives who gives a \*\*\*\*\* blue schwa affectation like neckties at work that's what voting is it's a thing you watch your social betters do little curtsies court courtesies that look like legitimize them each other in their ritual performance of power well most people observe non-plus from the sidelines that's what voting is oh yes we need to cotillion with it with the Margrave of Liechtenstein 0:20:53

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that's it it's a debutante ball it can be useful because of its cultural power as an organizing tool this is what we try to do with Bernie but that part whatever future use elections have and they do have some I'm not saying \*\*\*\*\* electoral ISM I think that you need elections you need to work with those systems every Lenin did that everyone understands the necessity of that it's all neurotic \*\*\*\*\* to say no to that but I'm just saying that the your interest in this election is over so you're not going to be doing anything for it right you're not gonna be donating time or money for this \*\*\*\*\* guy that's a given you're not gonna keep giving him any of your time or attention meaningfully so what are you gonna do spend this time arguing with Biden supporters who are not operating in good faith or do you just start grilling do you get grill pilled do you just embrace the Jimmy Buffett lifestyle do you just waste away in Margaritaville search it for that lost shaker of salt let's do it that's 0:21:55 what I'm planning to do guys so let's get grilling let's get it grilling hashtag let's let's get grilling no maybe not I don't know something grilling related let's think of a grilling related hashtag grill pill I don't know whatever so that's the that's the argument that's to tell people about \*\*\*\*\* voting in this election because I can see people already just like even though this is a crucial moment in history and we really have to figure out what to do next pronto people are wasting time arguing with Biden voters about this point we need to focus this is like our response now could determine the fate of humanity I mean I'm not being hyperbolic there if we could seize this chance I mean I'm not saying it's likely but if it's possible it requires focus right now and talking to bite and supporters about this \*\*\*\*\* head on a pin \*\*\*\*\* 0:22:56 about who's actually you know that's actually privileged of you to say that you can vote well no it's actually privileged of you to say that because most people who are not privileged over the Western know Grill on that \*\*\*\*\* get to the real thing we have to figure out we have to figure out how to respond to this I mean a lot of people say things like mutual aid or \*\*\*\*\* taking the Bernie campaign and turning it into a thing for local races any of it it has to happen very quickly the structures have to be in place so if the pressure gets put on them they can take the weight they don't just disperse and then the great big power is just roll everything up into one great god so my god let's get to that business right now so I'm not hearing any more \*\*\*\*\* about the Biden campaign don't care in fact I'm gonna try to like stop myself from even tweeting about it I do love making fun of all that \*\*\*\*\* but from now on I'm not gonna talk about the race I will make fun of something Biden or Trump says but 0:23:57 not in the context of which ones you should vote for or anything all right maybe I won't even do that maybe I else totally boycott it I think maybe just like as though as a as a piece of self-discipline I should enforce on myself no you're not gonna say anything about either of them no matter how funny they are and trumpet Biden or -

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the funniest people on earth and guess what I can't say I won't watch the debates of course I will and I might have to stream them because I'm gonna be on a lot of drugs but that because it is such a perfect culmination of everything I've ever believed in I have to give myself that but other than that I'm ignoring this campaign talking about everything else oh we got a lot to talk about there's a lot stock I can't wait to talk about it but this specific campaign we're not talking about at least I am we might talk about on the show you know because it is the news of the week thing but I'm going to remind everyone during that that you don't have but something in the video the other do psyops is a future competition with China is if oh I talked yesterday about China and I'm kind of skeptical that there's gonna be any kind of apocalyptic conflict just because our economies are so interdependent and the elites are so intertwined and their interests are so interlocked it's like there's really nothing other than just sort of pathetic like nation-state shadowboxing to require this system to have this much grit in it would they make the stuff we purchase it it's symbiotic it works both ways it's like think they get to build a domestic economy through export we get to cheap goods at the expense of our agro streak or of course in the long run it's destabilizing because it's that it's you know second law of thermodynamics the system eventually starts eating itself and then it \*\*\*\*\* destabilizes but the interest at the top are the same so I really think that this is all going to end up being some sort of sin Oh American hegemony I think that's the most it's just unless unless the caste Theory really asks bhagavata ban and it could have I mean Trump being president is not something most people would have predicted even using like the most you know loose definitions of probability back before it would have been happening and this guy does have the power I mean he is a actual actor in history which is insane to think that Donald Trump is one of those guys like Napoleon you know who literally has history in his hands he is history but in the art behind a Tonka truck wheel it's breathtaking to think that and it's just an indictment of the system that it's come to this I mean this is the ultimate repudiation of every system that we live under capitalism liberalism anything oh the \*\*\*\*\* enlightenment for God's sakes the Industrial Revolution technology at all like it could turn you to and completely die for God's sakes but it's the reality we're in that's crazy and it's horrifying to think of but we got to think of something to do in this con boy whoo feeling it guys how you guys do it how you living I say something else but ooh Dark Tower Buddhism okay all right strap in guys so the long and short of it is is that I a while ago had a few rough Christian religious style revelations that pointed me in the direction of Buddhism is the closest repository on earth of like eternal truth or wisdom of any kind and as but the problem is is I I have a very hard time acting on those beliefs through things like meditation and you know rigorous abstemious this or anything

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really and part of that is that the it's like the cultural vocabulary of Buddhism is very very alien to me doesn't really resonate you know I mean and all the ideas like you know people you know like a Shinto like a trot a shrine was like the ball like sitting there like that stupid music with the flute you know I don't like that music and I know that they obviously it's not monolithic culture I'm just talking about what my precondition brain stamp relates to it you know what I mean like I have I only know Buddhism to the degree that I know anything which is through cultural context and then means I get like an association of images mostly from television like a literal stereotype so that's what I'm operating off of because I don't have a deeper cultural awareness of it because of where I grew up so that's like a barrier but then I've realized that the dark tower world of Stephen King books I have read at a young age so we're like integrated into my Mitel landscape a very early year period absolutely contain a lot of the same elements ideas of you know eternal recurrence that the idea of like evolution towards a higher plane of enlightenment through and turtle the turtle seems like the paternal who's back the earth is on oh he's like Buddhist like I don't like that guy but I like the turtle so I guess they give the I did watch the SNL zoom a party it was really terrible really really bad made me my tummy hurt a little bit it really sucked sucked a lot it really reminds you how much they're pushing that audience to get the jokes if they didn't have a live audience that show would never have made it past a year because thing is the thing obviously the real secret of SNL is that it was never good there is never a time when SNL wasn't any objective or meaningful so that's good there are just times that are remembered more fondly by people because of the placement in their lives you usually see because it's an eternal thing you see SNL when you're a little kid and that version of the show it's so formative to your like sense of humor and and like cultural context that you give it this outsized place at your heart and then you remember the best parts and forget the worst and that's true of every era of SNL no matter how much we love it now Will Ferrell era which I love of course and a lot of people of in this chat I get the best love has a lot of \*\*\*\*\* speakers now I do think as someone who's watched it my whole adult life that there isn't been a notable drop off in the last couple years I will say it's a little worse than it's ever been but the thing is it was never as good as the people who compared the bad new ones to was but you know there's no there's gonna be a couple of decent sketches in every season and but no but like it needs to feel social and needs to have everyone laughing he needs to like keep pumping everything up that way and just having them just on those zooms every one of these zoom based shows they had that fundraiser yesterday which god bless them they raised a bunch of money but watching these people in there these musicians get into their cast and dance in front of featureless walls it's

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just a bunch of people it's a bunch of people out shat ChatterBait like live streaming their mental breakdowns it was very it's like oh this is not reassuring at all this is terrifying it just reminds you how wildly isolated we are and that's the thing that's most disheartening to me about the future is that this is a moment where solidarity is more important than it's ever been and social solidarity has been rendered basically impossible unless you've got an ar-15 and own an Arby's franchise and really want to get that money going because you got boat payments you basically are not in a public context what you were either working dodging coronavirus not to keep your family alive or your home neither of those allow for any kind of solidarity any kind of like public demonstrations of anything workplaces lose our an all-time low for leverage in most businesses because of how many people are unemployed now Amazon's hiring a hundred thousand people because a lot of the people they have are sick and/or are staying home because they don't want to get sick and so there's posture being played spots are being taken by people who are more desperate who are more willing to work in those conditions because they're in a more desperate monetary position than the people who just recently had those jobs that no longer can afford in their own minds to go to work that's terrifying that's terrifying to contemplate so that's the big question and I don't that's why I think that's so hard to formulate answers to the what is to be done question because so much of it depends on obsolete it's looking like social forms you know like the public person like the Pope the public human was like our only entrepot into solidarity and empathy and all the things that build a social order now we're retreating to just a situation where we've completely abolished the social there's no social component at all and now how are we supposed to fight in this terrain that's entirely created as a superstructure of capitalism like we're fully super structural now we've completely like a huge chunk Sasa flocking detection to the actual mode of production it's wild \*\*\*\*\* people and I don't know what to say it's my party and so anyway I hope everybody be thinking of questions and I hope everybody tries to think of answers to these questions but don't spare any brainpower you don't need to ah the \*\*\*\*\* presidential election that's my only request to you for both of our sakes for all of our sakes just pay it no mind gone fishing you know the the the military coup might take us a little bit left hilariously military coup partially because of the fact that the military is actually the most diverse institution in America at its base like the people would make it up but also just out of the fact that like there will be an a political need to like distribute social goods it's such a way to maintain order that will supersede a lot of the the gunk in the system that's built up by the the reality of like a political culture like having Democrats and Republicans and creating ideologies around them and then people investing them to one degree or another with validity and then you know reifying

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them through law that creates a gunk that like breaks between it makes it hard to like fully exploit so that means that they would like have they would in an a political way just like distribute stuff so yeah it might actually be sort of a populist military coup 0:36:43  
I mean I'm not I don't not nearly as ideological or as left-wing is like the carnation revolution certainly not but honestly maybe a it might be I hate cruel it could be the thing that saves us ultimately depending on how things were to fall out it could be this thing that saved people from fascism by by by cutting off mass politics before because become fully realized and fully captured by nativism you know but that's only like in worst case scenario of course I think I don't think we have to go to that I think we could we can create social durable social orders that can take some responsibility and get some power and leverage in this coming negotiations about like the reorder that's to come so yeah American bath ISM I mean oh boy yeah yeah 0:37:45  
tragic Jameson's been on this for a long time it's it's certainly that the argument is not wrong like there is a there's like the VA is the only actual socialized medical care in the American system it is it is not single-payer it is owned by the state VA doctors worked for the US government that's like the \*\*\*\*\* NHS that's the domestic NHS that was my favorite thing for my in our interview with Josie stack as we asked him about what do you think about universal health care and he said well I think we should experiment and I feel like we should try some Medicare for all is a good idea but also and I was assuming he was setting me up to say the thing that like all those people said which is it well we'll give a well basically a way to say a public option you know wills will do competition between the private and the public sectors needs 0:38:46  
public option even if you call it Medicare for all but instead he said we should have Medicare for all and then have a in competition with the VA and expand the VA and I was like that's just direct provision you're talking about so I was like damn Joe go off I mean like I said if if Josie stack could be our horthy I think there are worse outcomes of this crisis I'll tell you that but anyway like in there's a social culture if there's an actual Spri decor there's chain of command and their social provision for everything food to medical care to housing I don't know probably not going to happen I don't think we've got me see stats in here anymore I think they're all bunch of time serving \*\*\*\*\* I think there are a bunch of just lizard people I mean honestly 0:39:48  
kind of the fact that they have a food Trump yet kind of sells me that they don't have any heart that they don't have the balls to do it or they're like they've been conditioned there I mean there's this new book by this guy there's this new book by a guy who's like a 40 year tenured professor at West Point who is doing a book that just exposes the institution says the entire time I've been there all this institution has done penetrated is is created a bunch of mediocre yes-men \*\*\*\*\* zombies who just stumble into one failing campaign after another losing to one collection of like

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shoeless insurgents after another because they all I do is replicate like the worst herd instinct idiocy of the US military culture and I think yeah that's that's now who's in charge they don't even have the \*\*\*\*\* balls or even an imagination to conceive of themselves like like I bet they even think that things like well we couldn't coup the president that would be against the Constitution but they actually think that 0:40:50 you know they believe like they actually in their hearts would think that and that would stop them from doing it that's the kind of imagine it like imagination lists just doltze guys who could not think outside of any box don't even know that there is a box just pissing in the corners of the boxes and not even staying to one pissing in all the quarters and not even like making a piss on this so it's less bad in the I don't know the name of the book I'm sorry I guess I can look it up I haven't read it I just read an interview with the author but it certainly makes sense I mean those guys have not won a war in 30 years seriously these \*\*\*\*\* are like oh and fifty right 0:41:52 now in like in since the 20th century ended what was the last war they want well that's where they want what bombing Kosovo where they buy it the way it didn't even prevent any of the atrocities the worst atrocities all were committed after the bombing started so they didn't even stop it but so they created costume oh that was the last big W for the US military fought to an absolute draw by the Taliban for 20 years if we do get out of this thing and I hope we do it'll be with the Taliban going to take over as surely as the North was gonna take over South Vietnam as soon as we left that means that's a loss that's an L Taliban was the government we replaced so that's an al that's not even you like some people could say like oh you know we technically know this is a al Iraq I mean what was the point of that I mean if you take the actual mission it was like one of those it's a brainteaser it's like did we win the war in Iraq or lose it it's like well the reason we were supposed 0:42:55 to go there doesn't exist so like the thing we were there for it isn't a real thing and now that we know that there was no justification which means there's no way to say whether it was a victory or defeat it literally nullifies it because you're not judging it by a criterion anymore cuz it's like well we stopped the weapons but there weren't no weapons it defeats the question that's how bad it was that's how bad and disastrous a war it was and now the country is much more influenced by Iran than us which wouldn't be a problem if we were smarter and decided to just flip sides in the Middle East and join up with Iran against Saudi Arabia in Israel has anyone thought of that by the way can we just do that couldn't we just do a plate a face 0:44:2 turn like in the WWF mmm a bunch of losers losers they have no imagination like the smartest one of them the guy who was like the genius of the whole generation let's \*\*\*\*\* David Petraeus who's big genius idea was hey let's just give those guys money so they stopped shooting at us and it only worked as long as they had the

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money directly in front of them and as soon as we left they just became al-qaeda or big they became Isis oops \*\*\*\*\* oh no who would have thunk it so he literally just like did a temporary cheat to get out of like a bad press it was really just to get out of a bad press era it was basically to provide the surge existed to get what Nixon and Kissinger are always looking for when they were doing the Paris peace negotiations which was a reasonable interval because they had accepted as a fan accompli that the South would fall they just wanted it to not fall like the day after we left they wanted there to be what it was called reasonable interval and that's all the the surge providers so that was his big genius innovation was to do that and then so that that 0:45:6 was it and then he went home and he gave all of this classified information to the journalists that he was having sex with and it would only found out because his real housewife from Tampa threw a \*\*\*\*\* a glass of chardonnay and someone's face because they were spending too much time with the general I mean come on that is their guy that's their suleimani that's their that's their Wallenstein give me a \*\*\*\*\* break that's their Francisco Sforza hmm bitter Lake is an Adam Curtis documentary about the Saudi Western alliance which was forged after World War one very bad idea for everyone involved oh all right I'm looking up that book look at that look 0:46:8 West Point it should be called like dis so what Wes disappointed that I never lied okay it's called the cost of loyalty dishonesty hubris and failure in the US military by Tim bakit apparently this guy kind of has a house this is kind of a crank because he had their like fight you had to go to court to get tenure because they like denied it to him or something and he was able to claim that it was unfounded and they 0:47:10 had to give him a job back so he's got a axe to grind but everything you said make sense to me I mean look at the record we suck I will go on place and listen stream if they wanted me to I don't know I don't know I don't know if I don't think their I don't think you I don't invite myself so I don't know if they are if that's if you're if you're not speaking for them I working nine to five what a way to make oh boy 0:48:14 I'm in the stable of the horses yes I'm a horseman your father's people make fun of him I think he's a nerd but like I honestly feel like he's onto something via visa via lightly cuz obviously a lot of leftists are very down on European institutions well they should they're awful international institutions they are dog \*\*\*\*\* they're awful they perpetuate capitalist re they're they're they're bad but the thing is is that like I really feel that the crises were certainly sake were certainly worth seeing and that was talking about this long before \*\*\*\*\* coronavirus mainly I believe climate change I'm an issue of climate change alone and now we have \*\*\*\*\* coronavirus where it's 0:49:16 only even more underscored that international cooperation is going to be listen so important because none of these things can be dealt with on a nation state level the \*\*\*\*\* virus can go around borders leaves and you cannot have an international

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policy on climate with the rest of the world not signed on because it's gonna happen it's gonna get going elsewhere so that has to be cooperation what it looks like is the question and I think that but so like I think you know anti-eu leftists you know I brag sukira leftist I sympathize with those ideas but I think a lot of them are focused on the idea like we got to undermine these institutions but I don't think enough question has been enough enough has been put into the question of what do you replace them with cuz I feel like if you just fall back on the nation-state it's just gonna be make it harder it's gonna make it harder to turn to do any kind of the organizing we're gonna need and I will say the devera focuses theory of like get in these institutions take them over I mean obviously ironic it would be funny for me to say I don't think 0:50:17 that's a good idea when they say oh isn't that what you were doing with Bernie it's like well fair enough I think maybe like the other question is just like the degree to which it's a viable option I mean his election results indicate it might not be very viable but I would give him credit just because he's asking the question he's like what are we gonna do about these international if we just break them up and replace them with nothing I don't think that's good what if I'm fine if somebody is got an idea for alternatives but I need to know what those would be we need to start talking about them it's trying to move towards making them possible or what are we gonna do with these ones that exist so I'm I I don't know enough about the EU to say definitively whether I think it's a good idea or whether it's a waste of energy but I can just say that I appreciate that anyone is looking to answer that question of how to do left internationalism because I agree that what has been have failed but it has to be replaced with something I think people more people need to be talking about what that is so that's god I'm gonna cave that this I might do it on stream one of 0:51:21 these nights if I go late you catch me on the right time I might do this alright on the street and it'll be the most terrifying and traumatic experience any of you will ever have it will make the art but Dwyer footage like an episode to Captain Kangaroo man I loved RC Cola it's got real sugar delicious Upton Sinclair's 34 book title well he had the first one the one he wrote to run for governor was aye-aye governor and how I ended poverty and then he wrote one called how I got licked which I loved 0:52:22 the title of yeah expect that episode sometime in the next two weeks I think I'm already about halfway through this book I read it for it and disagree it's not only is it really just a fascinating story there are so many historical residences I'm not even gonna lecture I'm going to try to be as subtle as possible with these I'm going to try to make them clear without underlining them too much but I really feel like they're gonna pop the historical residences the rhyming of history the tragedy and farce of the whole damn thing so that it should be fun I think I'm going to call it epic fail if you know anything about us and Claire I do like the mountain goats John

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Darnielle however hella Tunes me all I know my Frank Lloyd Wright is that as a 0:53:23  
Balkan Midwesterners have to have be in competition with the other states in the  
area and so Frank Lloyd Wright is with Scott tonight first and foremost which means  
what realistic guys from Wisconsin guys and women from Wisconsin who are cool  
and it had like good \*\*\*\*\* I can be like right number one in architecture what do you  
got Minnesota where's your mark Frank Lloyd Wright you don't get I hope I hope  
Senegal so this did she did she win do they have the election yet I don't think they  
had I'm rooting for her certainly I don't know if it happened or not I'm certainly  
rooting for even though she was a little too Warren Warren's curious for my liking 0:54:25  
you know hey who didn't say I wasn't magnanimous look out damn magnanimous  
I am give me a lawyer man I want bill no McConnell will never lose in Kentucky  
now is there forever brings home the bacon he brings on the bacon and the snow I  
have read DeLillo hop dare you read the Lilla I'll read eared a little help \*\*\*\*\* told  
me to read the Lillo uh-oh if you mean on the stream yes never mind that's a good  
idea I actually might oh I'm sorry I'm sorry for that now that I think about it yes 0:55:29  
little ole would be good something about the Airborne Toxic the movie for my tenor  
Twitter banner is blue nights it's the scene where Derek and Derek and Brock go  
to get the tapes that they've been recording the fire tapes of the fire sessions of the  
sizing according and the record producer will give them because they haven't paid  
their studio time now they're saying you've got to give us the tapes we're gonna sell  
them they're gonna see huge and you know they're great Reed Reed Rothschild yes  
and the guy goes that so that that's not an MP that's a YP your problem and they 0:56:30  
go these MPs white bees I don't know these industry terms please that's it so that  
is my embodiment my best self during the soul campaign we'll be saying that and  
thinking it whenever anyone is trying to get my dander up about the Biden versus  
drop contest that is why my favorite little thing to be replying to anybody whining  
about this \*\*\*\*\* to me any Democrat whining and caterwauling to me about my  
choice to vote or not vote for their candidate it will be met with the still image of  
the record producer played by Robert Downey senior director of Putney Swope and  
father of Robert Downey jr. just cross the arms just that's a YP not an MP that's it  
it's a YP baby organised elections boycotts are not see that's an interesting question 0:57:37  
I have heard several people say that it would be better if there is going to be a mass  
abstention from Biden it makes sense for it to be self conscious and try to expand  
itself so that there could be a noted and pointable cost to doing what the Democrats  
did to Bernie and I think there's something to this this I actually think I'll \*\*\*\*\* I'm  
almost out of time dammit actually you know what tomorrow I'll start by talking  
about that so tune in and I will I'll be you know what I'll spend the time cuz I  
haven't been thinking about it I don't want to go off the top of the head now that I

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think about it cuz I think this is a real big question really is the degree to which you can create a quantifiable cost for doing what the Democrats did because let's not forget what they did was they killed people and they threatened to kill more people and they intervened in every level of the process from the tallying to having voting open certain areas of closing and opening election polling sites of course the collusion with the media which if we got some WikiLeaks again the holy \*\*\*\*\* it would just blow the doors off everything I care about you all these things came together and they need to be some sort of like consequence for that and if we could say this is the number that could have been yours instead of speculating that that might mean something of course you have to know that you're gonna make a make it big enough bike to show strength and not do the opposite you don't to remind them that you're you can be ignored that would suck so I don't know I'll think about it anyway nice talking guys over I think I'll put this one on YouTube 0:58:38

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born too AM radio man I really could do this \*\*\*\*\* all day never had the chance partially because obviously my kind of politics would not be allowed on the radio because I'm too \*\*\*\*\* real but I certainly do enjoy just talking my ass off extemporaneously for a long time it's a lot of fun soothing how are you guys doing how's the guys doing out there just last time somebody asked me at the end about everyone like boycotting the election and I thought about it and as much as I liked it I don't see any way to make that work like make it a thing without it just becoming a meme and boy not really high on memes right now but I certainly don't pooh-pooh anybody who wants to do anything right now because Who am I to say it's not the right move because goddammit nothing feels right right about now everything feels very questionable so how're you guys doing out there in in the lands with the peoples how are you guys up how are you what are you guys up to jump I'm not talking about Joe Biden tonight guys remember that's a YP and it doesn't have to be your problem leave it to Neera nearest problem is getting that \*\*\*\*\* elected you don't have to do anything about it one way or the other we just have to survive and that's gonna become a more and more pointed question as \*\*\*\*\* gets worse and worse I mean we saw the collapse of the petro dollar today didn't expect to see that just month oil literally worthless you would have to pay someone to take oil off of your hands white gold Texas tea is now no better than \*\*\*\*\* over produce beanie babies so you gotta like pay the store can you think of Ken but can you believe that I don't know what nick has been saying about kovat but I'm assuming he's saying it's not real which I think the thing people really need the process is you don't know and more importantly what difference does it make you feel you was true like what if you found out tomorrow that what if what if you found out confirmation tomorrow yeah it's all made up it's all a conspiracy to get you I don't know what the hell the point of this is supposed to be why you would destroy I guess to consolidate capital or like Institute a police state that they already had already basically fixed that that's thing I don't get it's like they don't need an excuse to do to do a police state \*\*\*\*\* they do police station anyway people just to see to anything because the

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ones who are most likely to get newer ones that are most paying attention I already have guns so they feel mollified by having guns so what difference does it make they still run your \*\*\*\*\* and tell you what to do and we don't have any mechanism to stop them so how about we talk about that how will we it seems to be more vital my point right now than whether or not it's happened since there's no way to know and you're just guessing but I don't know what he's saying like I said I haven't been listening I don't know what anyone's saying all I know is oil is now free so go 0:4:8 grab all the oil you want if you've ever wanted some oil go get some I would love to get some oil if you guys just go go to town on big big old batch oil they can give us money for the oil and then we just put the oil and I don't know like maybe a big bathtub swimming pool I only put the put it in the swimming pool yeah so I don't know what this means I've never really been very knowledgeable what I like that petrol petrol economy \*\*\*\*\* like the deep structural money stuff boil stuff I certainly don't think this is what anyone wants so if it keeps some \*\*\*\*\* shale oil on the ground that's good but cheap oil does have a bad impact on renewables because it makes dirty energy the cheapest option and with the economy collapsing as it is 0:5:9 cheapest options gonna look pretty good so who knows how long this lasts the the contracts for June are decent I mean it's still very there's some sort of assumption going on in some levels of the market that things are gonna get back to normal and basically they want to like hold on the o the glut of oil through May so they could sell it later I don't know and so they're basically paying people the way you would pay yeah like somebody who had a a one of those places that a store \*\*\*\*\* storage locker but it is so funny I mean I remember being a kid and thinking about peak oil was where the apocalypse was gonna come they're like we're running out of oil and it's gonna be this bad scramble for it Syria it's running out and most what's 0:6:10 left is in the Middle East a great movie but in retrospect hilarious if you'd asked me in 2002 I was a kid and I was getting into this \*\*\*\*\* hey what do you think what do you think oil is gonna cost in 2020 I would have said 50 dollars a gallon I don't know it's like some new horrible world where like the majority of cost this is oil and everything else people are living in trailers I don't know \$20 a gallon ten it wouldn't I thought I would have assumed it was more expensive that's for \*\*\*\*\* sure I sure as \*\*\*\*\* would never assumed it was cheaper than it would have been even in real dollars at that time why did it happen another thing I thought that caught that knowledgeable about I know that Russia and Saudi Arabia have been in a pissing contest the kind of thing that OPEC is actually designed to stop but this 0:7:11 is geopolitical and these guys really want to go down on each other and Saudis are basically one of the things that cost a big drop last month is the Saudis refused to cut production even with the glut because they want to \*\*\*\*\* with Russia which is

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a huge oil exporter and which needs oil to have a certain value but the thing is Saudi Arabia it's not like they have anything else going on they need to be able to sell oil so so I would expect at this point that's gonna force the hands and there's gonna be a huge cutback in production I mean mine and they're stopped they stopped at the oil patch I hope would be that they would just you know like they're talking the \*\*\*\*\* Kenny is talking about some bailout package for Canadian oil companies and it's like yeah there's a lot of employers and there's an economy in the West the Canada that is based on oil but how about you just pay people to not \*\*\*\*\* drill it right now the way that you pay \*\*Music playing\*\* farmers not to grow certain 0:8:12 crops but not obviously for the executives they can \*\*\*\*\* off for the workers and stuff like a workers bailout and then you just take that money and you don't create in world-ending fossil fuels that now don't even make money but who knows I don't know I don't know is this the end of the petrodollar it is the man the US military really is our last thing it's like everything else is basically like the \*\*\*\*\* they sell in the front of the bodega that's really all about like dealing weed like that's just subdue ste cold cuts the real shit's behind the counter in the form of uh you know a world-spanning military empire with more more money and equipment in the next 12 countries combined the I've heard that out Kim jong-un is apparently in critical al 0:9:13 Sue's to know if that's true or not could be propaganda Big Ups to the boy one way or the other the big large boy who is a big who is a big boy that we all love people keep asking about out the 90s like paranoia episode I talked a little bit about the conspiracy theories episode I did but it might be fun to delve in it more specifically I don't know I've got a number of things I've got a number of solo shows coming up hopefully in the next month or so but I'll put that one yeah I mean like the oil dollar is the undercurrent of like that's why we get to do what we want really that's why we get to do all the deficit spending in the world is because everybody's buying the thing that keeps the lights off get our money but the thing is it's still gonna take the lights on right now no matter how much it costs yeah I was thinking of doing 0:10:25 a reading from that sink Upton Sinclair book since I'm researching the an episode about epic and the 34 campaign and he wrote the book without oil that ended up well I mean this is a good time for less - just like nationalize the entire energy sector I mean this this is really kind of frustrating man like we're in a situation where this \*\*\*\*\* could all be had for pennies on the dollar or we could just nationalize it but there's nobody in the room and making these decisions who's a human being they're all lizards they're lizards okay folks they're \*\*\*\*\* lizard people you only be one of those rooms are goblins well all they care about is maintaining profit a big butt a goblin Bobbitt touching goblins kissing goblins the bed will got one that's it that's 0:11:27 the only I don't know I'm still them yeah I love those guys protesting because like if

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people don't want to go out you can't make them you know that's just like there's always so much you could do against hegemonic media like as much as people don't trust the media they still believe in general what they get told and they think there's a virus out there they're not going to come and hang out **\*\*Music playing\*\*** we'll 0:12:41  
buy have have you heard of the mortal error theory of the Kennedy assassination in which he got shot in the head by the ar-15 of a hungover Secret Service agent in the seat behind in the car behind Kennedy which some people claim fits the the scenario fits the forensics better than any of the other ones to be there the solo shooter or the grassy knoll **\*\*\*\*\*** and you know what in combination with the Don DeLillo sort of like false flag shooting theory that kind of works doesn't it like if the whole thing was faked if it was an attempted assassination to make Kennedy like take the Cuban threat more seriously and double down on like Zr rifle and Mongoose or do another 0:13:42  
invasion by like setting up this Kenneth this Castro kid this Castro fan kid is that as the Patsy and they're they've like oh it works except one guy stood up a dumb acid leap and his finger on the trigger and **\*\*\*\*\*** put a bullet in the president's head and blew the entire **\*\*\*\*\*** situation I mean it's uh it would certainly be as someone said the Coen brothers solution and there's something to now ever wanting to rule out the most absurd outcome because I mean at the end of the day Kennedy I just don't buy him as I've often said as the danger that these guys thought would have had to have thought he was to authorize an assassination and but I do think that like there are a lot of very sinister actors intersecting there in the 1960s in such a way that it seems kind of unrealistic to think that they weren't involved so how especially considering all the weird **\*\*\*\*\*** surrounding the assassination itself so I think the way this resolved that my mind is you know no they don't think this guy's 0:14:45  
going to dismantle the Cold War and like turn you know create a era of universal brotherhood that's gonna sink defense stocks they're like this **\*\*\*\*\*** dumbass doesn't get what we're dealing with here maybe maybe show up maybe have some guy put a bullet next to your ear I don't know like I said I'm agnostic on a lot of stuff because I don't know there's no way to know so I kind of just pick whichever one is more artistically and intellectually satisfying like for example I know a lot of people who are very into the paddock conspiracy like our friends on true and on who I respect very much aren't very much they know a lot of stuff about paddock and his weird life and the odd things that happened on that day and and then the fact that yeah the matter that you have this like millionaire real estate guy in his 60s it just decides to 0:15:47  
shoot everyone on earth and there's questions are like whether he could have got all those shots off with the guns he had it you know when he killed himself and there's stuff about timeline and there's a Saudi royal family of course and there's the fact that paddock was claiming that he was being controlled and that his mind was not

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his own but the fact is any version that's the conspiracy is something that fits into some like greater scheme puzzle in a way that that is pretty cut-and-dried like oh you know it's like either a part of a the whole thing to get people to do gun control although that none of them have worked so it seems like a waste of time to do gun control false-flag since nobody is moving on any subject no matter what I'm gonna waste a time or it's something with like the Saudis and there was like a gun deal that went wrong I don't know why you'd have to shoot everybody whatever it is to my mind none of that is as interesting none of those explanations are interesting as the official story a wealthy Western boy made good who turned like a who turned life is like a middle-class driver into millions through 90s real-estate speculation in Vegas which is a common thing I mean that was the gold rush after they started rebuilding those and then he just becomes this rich totally besotted dude like this guy he's got millions of dollars and it's just boring he can get sushi comped he's got like huge he's got the girls on speed dial for any number of high-end call girls here yes he can do whatever he wants and it's just it means nothing and then just like how every one of his pursuits and all of his life it's like whittling him down to this like just raw nerve of narcissism like this one individual review and it just took and that money and especially in Vegas every other person becomes someone who is abstracted away from humanity because your only relation with them relationship with them is transactional you only have transactional relationships and pretty soon people would just turn into you know numbers on the \*\*\*\*\* slot machine just can I get the biggest number you know like hitting the jackpot like can I shoot like oh that gay Muslim guy killed 50 people could I hit more can I get the top scorer of all time could I ring get all the bells ringing in all the casinos and then can I get all the \*\*\*\*\* one-armed bandits shooting out all the \*\*\*\*\* coins and then just doing it just doing it that's like just a vulgar almost ritualistic kind of a ritualistic confirmation and like consecration of one's salep system of like the idea that what they're the oh you're the only person on earth which is what capitalism and American capitalism and an American culture teaches that you are the only consciousness that matters that you are an individual omona and the end result of that is Steven panic and I think that's what I'm more interesting than any conspiracy theory and I honestly do like I have a long-term ambition to make a movie about the panic brothers him and the child molesting guy and the coked up cokehead although I'm hearing a reports that the child molestation charges paddocks brother had been fleeing for years before the shooting he was arrested like a month after the shooting and someone said those charges have been dropped which I did not know I would need to look more into it but the panic is really more interesting to me just if it really happened the way they said so I just choose to believe it because there's no way I'm gonna know on either

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way no I don't know he look the main thing to remember about Stephen panic is 0:19:57  
that he was cool he could get sushi comped I'm sorry that not everybody works in  
a Taco Bell we're very successful I know it was a little tall but to be Giamatti but  
man I don't really think Giamatti could have done a good job of panic maybe like  
some force perspective or something to make him ah this is an interesting question  
it's Chacko spoken on the connection between the CIA and modern art in the 50s 0:20:58  
and 60s I don't think we've ever spoken about it directly on the show but it is true  
a lot of the stuff that we the critical stew that like educated Americans women in  
terms of like what is expected to be quality literature quality art like what are the  
qualities of art that we value a lot of that was created by modern art schools in  
both painting and literature were funded by the CIA with the express purpose of  
providing a aesthetic focused alternative to the social realism of the Eastern Bloc  
which was all about pointing out material conditions and you know inspiring the  
masses towards revolution and recognition of their class situation well they don't  
want people thinking about the class situation in their art no thank you better to  
think about I think you know oh the the wistful travails and pains of a like impotent 0:22:2  
ad executive in a suburban Connecticut backyard you know small domestic dramas  
that don't intersect with politics in any meaningful way and then in art abstraction  
you know don't show me degradation don't show me like a Diego Rivera \*\*\*\*\* mu-  
ral that contrasts the decadence of the rich with the penury and misery of the poor  
show me a \*\*\*\*\* bunch of us a \*\*\*\*\* on the wall it could be anything and then  
you thought you tell me what it is so that is true like the Iowa Writers Workshop  
was CIA funded partisan review a Paris review a lot of the organs of like middle  
and higher brow culture were funded by the CIA and there were funds and grants  
for artists like Pollock Jackson Pollock for the express purpose of creating a political  
vocabulary for artistic birth and the thing is we still live with that we still live with 0:23:4  
that and it really is challenging to sometimes think do I really value these elements  
of art because I think that they have that there is some objective or even even to me  
subjective morality do it or am I just bowing to essentially deep state propaganda  
created to keep me from thinking critically and keeping me from it's a very good  
question now that's why I like you can say like what people say oh you know mod-  
ern art postmodern whatever this these things were created by the CIA see that's  
different that's a different claim and it's incorrect these movements existed already  
these movements would have existed these movements were products of the of the  
reality they were products of the material conditions I mean you're talking about  
post-war America it's a land of plenty it's a land of all we honestly of a culture of is  
that all there is because we've reached the top of Maslow's hierarchy we've reached 0:24:5  
the top of the pyramid at least most of us in consumed culture in any kind of way

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in America the middle class post-war era of course we're gonna make art that's self interested in narcissistic and there's a care about politics of course we're going to make that kind of art it's just as the CIA encouraged intentionally and raised up the profile two places maybe it wouldn't have gotten so they reached a level of hegemonic understanding as rightness in the Academy it might not have got otherwise so it helped her over the line but it didn't create it of course I'm the same same time the CIA was doing that the CIA was also doing operation Mockingbird which was gaining a literal influence over America's America's newspapers America's media direct provision like through blackmail and through bribery and some more nation 0:25:7 to turn reporters into agents of the state putting out CIA propoganda for domestic consumption like literal manufacturing consent like not even through a propoganda model there through just literally writing checks and presumably doing blackmail like a lot of the top political consultants and stuff back then and guys were black highly black available there was a guy I think his name was Drew Pearson who was like the Dean of the DC press corps who was also gay and was heavily rumored to have been photographed either by the KGB or the CIA or both in flagrante delicto and as a result you know he was basically captured by intelligence same thing happened with other guys and also others they paid and then at the same time is that they were doing MKULTRA which is so you've got these pursuits meant to create a mol- 0:26:11 lified public perception like a massage and controlled perception for the public both aesthetic in the in the in the Pollux in the in the in the modernism stuff like factual like like epistemological with the news media and now literally psychologically with MKULTRA like they want to control it was really a full-spectrum attempt in the heady post-war days to control the human mind in every respect control what it the the world had encountered conceptually and controlled the actual chemical processes going on within it and the degree to which they were successful is honestly one that we'll never know because think of it this way alright so we have a narrative that yeah all this stuff happened but we found out about it the 70s the Church Committee and all that and then you know there was some flare-ups in the year since like iran-contra 0:27:13 and stuff but for the most part the CIA is like power is diminished they're sort of like the Mafia which is very similar very fitting since they do the same function of somavia and they cooperate with the Mafia a lot of stuff but like they're on a decline their influence is waning like now there's just a bunch of Schmucks who can't stop 9/11 and or predict that the Berlin Wall is gonna fall but isn't that what we would think of it if all those things have been successful if all those experiments have been successful and they really were able to create some sort of a broad spectrum propa- ganda model that combines airwaves and literal chemical brain conditioning to to essentially massage the human mind besides the will of the people towards tractable

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ends keep guardrails basically wouldn't we remember that as being like oh yeah and 0:28:14  
then then they just went away instead of oh yeah they took over everything no we  
wouldn't know that that would defeat the whole purpose if they needed to do that  
if they if they didn't have to do this stuff to our brain then they would live in a  
world where they could just be out and say hey we control you but they can't do  
that so they have to do what would they would do is they would make us think  
that they went away well actually controlling everything I'm not saying that's true  
in fact I think it probably isn't but the disturbing thing for me is it seems like the  
world we live in and the degree of manipulation that it's just carried out in full view  
of everyone never changing anything makes me feel like there is some mechanisms  
that actually worked some combination of persuasion and and perception massage  
massaging and and chemical rearrangement I don't know this stream I'm gonna put 0:29:18  
this one on YouTube I'm not gonna put all these on YouTube I'm only gonna put  
the ones I think they're decent but yeah this is definitely feeling very 4:20 I'm feeling  
I mean the everything is true like the writ like the post Epstein moment when I was  
like yeah give me every conspiracy I believe it on just because someone like we live  
in a world where it's essentially a quantum realm if something could be imagined  
it happened so if there's a conspiracy then there it's real yeah yeah man this wild  
\*\*\*\*\* it's a wild life we got here that's a WoW and of course I say this is someone  
who has been accused multiple times of being a CIA operative either knowing or  
unknowing I had been accused of taking money I'm being handled by the CIA it's 0:30:20  
part of an a propaganda operation and the funny thing is is that there's evidence  
to that at least not about me is about my co-workers that would be acceptable in  
certain circumstances if you really are already motivated to believe it so it's like how  
many things do I believe that are just as wrong as other people thinking that I'm  
in the CIA is so that makes me think maybe none of it's true maybe all of us are  
projecting onto it because that's the danger of conspiracy thinking is that you have  
to project into the holes and if you do that how much of it is you and how much of it  
is real yeah it's very hard to tell and like quantify that so I don't know man I don't  
know anything everything will be true nothing is true or more likely a mixture but I  
don't know the percentage like it's like is it like a is that like ground beef like it's like  
ninety ten I don't know is it well-marbled is the well and don't know guys I do not 0:31:26  
know how do you know I'm not CIA exactly you don't I know I'm not like I'm deep  
unless unless that MKULTRA \*\*\*\*\* works even better than they say and like there's  
hours of the day that are blacked out and I'm actually doing their bidding when I  
hear my trigger word unless that's the case I'm no I'm not but nobody else can say  
that with since it means everyone dies while I was that's the other thing brace is  
a guy his biography raises eyebrows so I see why people have a real belief that he

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is but I know he's not but that doesn't go farther than me that doesn't convince anybody who's not my life so how are we supposed to make sense of this knowing that knowing that there are people who have perfectly decent reasons to suspect my CIA connections I am NOT but that doesn't change the fact that people have to make sense of the world and they have to choose what to believe and the fact is I really don't know where the hook you can put the hooks I don't know where you can like what is load-bearing in this I like to think that maderia dialectical materialism is I really do think that I mean like I believe that the dialectic I think I really think that that is the wheel of history like I think that's how it works you know in a deep level like that is the thing I'm confident of but how how much am I understanding the actual world like to what degree am I held captive to the Demiurge you know the the Demiurge of like the techno society where I'm only getting this like these these these crafted bits of information sent to me in in the overwhelming geyser that I could never be able to sift through for a moment how are we supposed I mean regimes of the past it was difficult to resist them because people didn't run able to get enough information even know it was going on now there's too much information to make sense of any of it you need a heuristic and every eristic is tainted every years tick is tainted because it where does it come from it comes from rationality but there has to be an empirical basis there has to be an empirical basis and how can we trust any of our empirical inputs how could we trust any of our Imperial inputs I know yes people say pin Shawn yeah Spencer would be perfect but like that is uh you know what give me a minute I know what I'm gonna read I'll be right back \*\*Music playing\*\* hi guys hello so what I'm gonna read is Thomas Pynchon's against the day which the early modern the birth of like the modern America basically and there's a thing here that is one of the most skillful beautiful here it is it's a description of the Chicago stockyards and it's from the point of view of a crew of like sort of Jules Verne II adventurers on a hot on a hot-air balloon going to the World's Fair Columbian Exposition in Chicago as they came in low over the stockyards the smell found them the smell and the uproar flesh learning its mortality like the dark conjugate of some day lit fiction that they had flown here as appeared increasingly likely to help promote somewhere down there was the White City promised in the Columbian Exposition brochures somewhere among the tall smokestacks unceasingly vomiting black grease smoke the effluvia of Boucherie unremitting into which the buildings of the league's of City lying downwind retreated like children into sleep which brightest not reprieve from the day with bringeth not reprieve from the day in the stockyards workers coming off shift overwhelmingly of the Roman faith able to detach from earth and blood for a few precious seconds looked up at the airship and wonder imagining a detachment of not necessarily helpful angels beneath the rubbernecking chums of

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chance wheeled streets and alleyways in a Cartesian grid seppia mile on mile the great bovine city of the world breed lindsay in wanzer indeed the backs of cattle far outnumber the tops of human hats from this height it was as if the chums who as who out on adventures past had often witnessed the vast herds of cattle adrift in ever-changing cloud like patterns across the western plains here saw that unshaped freedom being rationalized into movement only in straight lines and at right angles and a progressive reduction of choices until the final terms of the final gate that led to the killing floor hello is that's how I stuck with me doo doo doo doo doo Wow 0:38:11 somebody really wants me to do a what's your fav Twitter moment I mean I don't think I have different ones than most people who didn't love the wife email one of the best wifey I was so funny angel and strawberry was really funny there was also a day when we did a bunch of Simpsons memes about a tweet from someone where they said sucking dick well my man's plays 2k oh you thought I said my man's dick faux and we did a bunch of Simpsons things about that that was really funny ted 0:39:13 cruz porn was good the take the faves you could put your hat into water and fill up with fee just anything you reference any reference just blew up people were nuts and you could take any old meme and slap that in there and you'd give you just a \*\*\*\*\* limitless mo to just John wick through the \*\*\*\*\* Twitter beautiful beautiful ah talk to me of cabbages and kings and all that \*\*\*\*\* yeah so well do we is our minds our own a question that has been asked often and I don't think has ever been answered our minds our own I don't know I mean they aren't in any real sense but are they I guess is there some connective tissue between the self and that social understanding 0:40:16 or is it severed and replaced by the ideology that is now dominated our brains there's no way of knowing it's got to throw your hands up in the air and go like the guy the shrugging gentleman from our we love emojis don't we folks ah does anyone have a movie recommendation for tonight I don't know if Kim Oh Sheldon is dead I don't have his phone number I can't get him down the beeper I don't know why you think I would have that information but that's flattering I guess to think that you believe me to have connections in the North Korean inner circles I do not I am in your 0:41:18 fellow-traveller with the Juche AI deal honestly I feel like everybody should get on the good side of Josh a because I kind of feel like it might be the dominant ideology in the human history that like when if humans existed like propagating through the galaxy and become like a dune dune like Empire of systems and systems and trillions and trillions of people it'll be under an underlying Juche a ideology because as far as I could see and this was true before the before the \*\*\*\*\* virus came that North Korea was well situated to survive more well intact than other social-political polities in the occasion of a genuine crisis caused by global warming I guess it's up there it's in the North you know it's not gonna get too hot all of a sudden it's gonna be able to 0:42:20

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sustain a local ecology and they're also gonna have more social cohesion than most of the surrounding places so what if there have relatively defensible borders what if they hold out and great and become like the only coherent body politic in like the post collapse world and everything else is you know reverted to reverted to you know the \*\*\*\*\* Peloponnese before the rise of the city-states you know prehistory jiuji-ang will have an advantage and the flag of GA will ride over the world and recently refound civilization along juicy ideals and then it is jus che that harness is the atom to its full power and the carpets the galaxies in a in a human panspermia Oh with the idea that the Kim's RA fine like God Emperor type thing like when it was by the time I guess the space it would essentially be like doing or Warhammer where 0:43:21 the god Emperor would be the Kim's like the lizard the the \*\*\*\*\* sensed the sand snake or the sand worm headed God Emperor is is the Kim like passed down through all like the same the consciousness passed from every generation starting with Kim Jong or kim il-song so that'd be cool what if that happens that'd be funny so get on the right side of Juche a folks it might end up being the winner in the history books dune isn't really very good as a book I finally I only read it recently I rate it as a kid the way that well and Felix had but it's brutally put badly written the guy is a bad writer and it's all the only thing that people like about it is it's truly interesting 0:44:23 world building I mean people talk about the the actual \*\*\*\*\* I do but that's really kind of just a ripoff of like Lawrence of Arabia it's just classic Orientalism with some space voodoo thrown on there the interesting thing is like the idea of a human of a space human society which thousands of years ago have seen an ideological rejection of like computers and so you have space travel and \*\*\*\*\* but it's all due to the human brain being essentially harnessed for like unnatural uses that's cool but Larry and jihad that's cool the spice melange it must flow the spice must flow what Nightcrawler with Jake Gyllenhaal also very poorly paced too like the end of that 0:45:29 book has Paul Atreides army nuking the \*\*\*\*\* paddy shower empire or whatever and then it just it all happens on like three paragraphs like oh and then they did the nukes and then they I guess you're trying to convey like it's inevitable at that point but man it's very it doesn't feel very entertaining and I'm sure that the fill-in wave movie will be very fun to watch and I will see it I will see it because I didn't see Blade Runner because I don't give a \*\*\*\*\* about Blade Runner and all I don't like the war I don't care about the world I don't care about the movie I don't care about the replicants they can all suck me so I didn't care I am interested because having read dune and thinking it's a cool concept I do have interest in seeing it depicted by villain laughs but I have a feeling it's gonna be kind of stick up its ass and boring 0:46:33 society violence plagues us as a society oh man Boogie Nights that's a good movie yeah right it's the Shakespearean way of ending a battle but that's like in a \*\*\*\*\*

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play when you have a stage and a bunch of flea-bitten guys with leprosy and that's all you can put together when you have \*\*\*\*\* the boundless imagination \*\*Music playing\*\* I am Jaffa now or will be I'm always a good one I'm a good boy I'm a good boy yes ubi is inevitable now oh can you hear me I'm not doing it anymore I hate ubi can you hear guys can you hear me now all right can you hear me okay ubi yes inevitable we're gonna get inevitable EB I saw that the other day it's just it's gonna be on the terms of the bosses and it's just gonna be a way to keep you from like totally dying in the streets this is it's just a just to maintain minimal social cohesion to allow for markets to continue their magic how's everybody doing 420 blaze of I am a Minnesota hot dish I'm in Wisconsin hot dish I never really had hot dish thank God we weren't we didn't we weren't Scandinavians so I didn't have to endure the hot dish because that looked like real \*\*\*\*\* and I'm glad we didn't have it very often is there a Oh should Quebec secede sure why not everyone should secede I know I was saying the other day that we need international institutions but in the absence of that break all of them into such small units that they're not economically viable and maybe that will like slow down the world economy enough to give us some time to deal with climate change so sure let's just break up all the \*\*\*\*\* countries into the smallest possible units let's get micro national with it and then we can rebuild like the \*\*\*\*\* t1000 after it gets shot when it's covered in liquid nitrogen in t2 how about that I don't know if we're gonna polka dies we'll see I don't know if we're gonna balkanize or if we're gonna vulcanize I hope we do vulcanize honestly the US could do city-states considering how radical the cultural and economic schisms are between suburban and urban air and I'm sorry rural and I didn't have to all asleep shut up I just was I was more morphing my body yes let's do megacities I think that all of these micronations it's like none of them are gonna be good it's all gonna be it's all going to be state of emergency \*\*\*\*\* it's all going to be command economy and like a maintenance of hierarchies you know like if California succeeds the \*\*\*\*\* the Silicon Valley Dracula's and the the movie moguls and \*\*\*\*\* they're still in charge did you see that \*\*\*\*\* remember very early on in this when they were first prep first started banning things they first started banning like large groups and \*\*\*\*\* like that Newsom said we're banning all places where people with more than 10 people concrete or whatever except Disneyland Disneyland is exempt because \*\*\*\*\* Odysseus the largest corporation on one of those one of the largest corporations in the world and and it's headquartered in California and it was honestly they'd the same day we're like actually now it's fine we'll close like they didn't even need it they didn't even just they were so instinctively deferential to them so it's like they'd still be a charge you need a place where you don't have like entrenched powerful elites and that's really it's hard to think of places like maybe in the big square areas I don't

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know maybe in the deep south where they're very little in the way of like functional 0:52:47  
infrastructure anyway who knows maybe you could get actual cooperative farming  
or something all I know is I hope that I will be allowed to be the court jester for  
some warlord somewhere just please I don't know if I'll be very useful as a warrior  
or even as a honestly as a peasant I've got a I've got a legitimate disability I don't  
know if I have the spoons to to labor and your vineyards so if you could just keep 0:53:48  
me on as a jester who could maybe like make fun of and perhaps gently roast some  
in your entourage as a form of amusement or rile up your troops to send them off to  
fight and claim the lands of another warlord something like that just you know keep  
just please just yeah I could be Bob Hope I could do like I could do performances  
for the troops before they go on like a hunter-killer raid of the nearby territories you  
guys go you guys bring back some ear necklaces folks were bringing back the kids 0:54:58  
we're gonna get it back oh I went to our bar that place was good I'm bar India in  
Cincinnati delicious Indian food but I've been to the number Enver Airport but I  
haven't noticed any of the good \*\*\*\*\* I need to spend some time there and absorb  
all their weird a cult \*\*\*\*\* stop it I'm just trying to breathe people why do you keep  
talking about how hard I'm breathing leave me alone what think it might be Italian 0:56:0  
I think that's what my heart says yeah I could definitely go for a plate of some sort  
of pasta right now although Chinese has a good claim to Szechuan anyway mmm  
Wow all right you guys got me all hungry goddamn but I had pizza rolls for dinner  
and now I'm hungry again curse you all curse you you curse the little gremlins all  
right guys I'm going I'll talk to you guys on the flippity-flop peace

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### *Operation Realness*

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the strong shall devour the week's reward and the strong shall devour the week's reward and the strong shall drop out of the reef reward and the strong shall devour the week's reward and the strong shall devour the weak sword and the strong shall devour the week's reward and the strong shall devour the week's reward and the strong shall devour the Meeks reward and the strong shall devour the Meeks reward hi guys you know what I've decided that opinions are really pointless to have 0:1:2  
I mean what does it matter you know if you believed what they happened versus another if you have some version of reality you know like what difference does it make what difference does it make it was a great American once said it's all just you know personality traits like who you think killed Kennedy doesn't say anything about who killed Kennedy it says everything about you it says everything about the person you are the type of books you've read or haven't read your attitude towards power blah blah blah that's all all these opinions were spouting do they just give purpose and shape to your personality so we're all trapped like rats during this thing either with a gun to her head to work or cooped up at the order of just 0:2:5  
mad incompetent God's just the worst people the most people any society has ever produced in charge and complete and unchallenged control and that's just the fact of it and that's not something that people can really handle I can't handle it and so we cultivate personalities and oppose in opposition to our the dread fate that we fear politics is a big part of that and that's a big reason that young people don't vote and poorer people don't vote this is voting and politics this is higher up on that Maslow's hierarchy it's the \*\*\*\*\* that you can worry about once your Maslow needs have been taken care of which really suggests that it's not a vital field for you know 0:3:9  
human destiny but rather an entertainment I mean and I'm not just talking about not just talking with voting I'm talking about politics as a thing to care about as a thing to have opinions about so I mean that means including everybody who has never voted and that would never vote but who has spent hours and hours and hours and hours determining exactly what flavor of like non revisionist Marxist Leninist

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they are it's like dying I don't know I mean I don't want to call myself a ho gist but at the same time I really appreciate OSHA's understanding of the need for autarky like \*\*\*\*\* you that's as much of a \*\*\*\*\* a bobble as somebody who's decided that they're gonna like single-handedly get Biden elected or so opinions man they're like 0:4:10 \*\*\*\*\* everyone's got them but I just want a grill ah man yeah it would be funny if the hunks left the Oscars because nothing else gets released of 2000 2020 because there's a rule that there has to be a limited amount of theatrical release for any movie to count like so that's why Netflix bought these theaters these things like one screen theaters that are basically gone and they're keeping them alive to show like for a weekend they're offering so they technically count as award fare well unless they change those bylaws there's gonna be like six movies to choose from to win Best Picture and I certainly got my fingers crossed for trolls world tour I saw the birds in Texas I saw the birds yeah the vibe wasn't great seeing all those psychotic 0:5:12 animals freak out and they say it's electromagnetics that's why that happens they say that the navigation is bait so they get interfered with by electromagnets maybe it's 5g what if there's no what if the danger of 5 G's that it kills all the birds and then because it kills all the birds it destroys the cycle for like pollination and stuff and so we have a huge drop in the production so there you go 5g don't we love it 0:6:14 folks you can see the people who really react poorly to questions about 5g well I just want to say like oh you're a \*\*\*\*\* Luddite euro a ridiculous person you might as well be queuing up is that they're really \*\*\*\*\* addicted to the Internet man through I mean at the end of the day we all are but like they are in the thrall of their disease they're there in the full thrall of their sickness because they're like no keep get me a bigger get me a bigger spike to put my vein give me more of it and my right folks that's why they call dumb phones in my opinion that's why I call them we love the 5g tell me folks we have enough 5g it's the most cheese they'd ever have 3G pathetic pathetic get it out of here orgy ah this might not even have a phone but 0:7:18 IG oh we love it don't we and the whirlwind is in the thorn tree the Virgin's are trimming their wicks the Virgin's are all trimming their wicks on 4chan am I right folks the Virgin's are all stripping their drop the \*\*\*\*\* mic you just got roasted in a way that you guys will never all right so people are saying I did it Adam Alex Jones impression yesterday I'm kind of worried I don't remember doing it about Alex Jones impersonations was I just like on one to such a degree that I just sounded like him or did I actually but him be lighter still let him be filthy still oh I did do an 0:8:24 out shows the pressure no good I'll have to go watch it back okay folks here we go we're talking about five T it's gonna be the end of straight Birds folks every bird will be gay the birds are gonna start \*\*\*\*\* and sucking each other all the eggs will go on hatched okay folks every bird will be gay summer born because I remember

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last night I also talked about how like it's possible that the CIA perfected public mind control and also individual mind control in the 60s and we're all living in like a because I feel like that could technically you know qualify as something similar to what Alex doe could say because I gotta say that does sound I honestly check out the subreddit basically exclusively just to check out the the episode descriptions and it is because I want to know how we did and I want to know how people thought about it I like I actually care about what people thought of the show and I want to make it better I don't want to necessarily pandered anybody but I want to know like what are consistent issues and the thing is is that it is a bad group of \*\*\*\*\* posters I mean I don't know who they are as people but man their posts are bad their point of view is \*\*\*\*\* they're actual attempts that memes and \*\*\*\*\* that make up the rest of that subreddit are so that's why I check it out but like I can't read any of the other stuff it's like god damn I get it there's like a fairy it's just like a warehouse at this point for every like left-winger on reddit and i understand why that's why there's a need for community there but man it's just I wish they were less so maybe less like I guess they were less insecure and their identity I guess I would say but like they're young people so that's impossible so I guess that's but no that's why I don't want to interact with it and I don't go on there sometimes I'm tempted to respond to really annoying stuff but I realized that there that way lies madness I don't hate the fans honestly most of the people who post on our subreddit don't like the show and they they're proud of it and they like brag about I don't like the show and like they won't even \*\*\*\*\* like the reason I go to that stupid website is to check out the the thread for the episode and half the time it's not pinned because they like have no interest in the actual show which is like damn I know we were early adopters so that's why we're kind of an umbrella thing Mohammed \*\*\*\*\* just a little bit of mods on the \*\*\*\*\* thing who hate us mods hate us and the show so it's a it's a disaster if I could have my way I would do it Dave Anthony style Stalin asked iron-fisted control know you say anything I don't like your and immediately I think that would honestly have make it more interesting a lot of people are fighting an ideological battle against our show in the \*\*\*\*\* subreddit like we're trying to push some version of politics onto us or like make us disobey and I'm not interested in any of that so I just ignore it and I just try to find out what people think of the show people who what are my thoughts on Hunter Thompson I was a huge hunter Thompson head as a kid I loved Hunter Thompson okay this is a good question the best type of Protestant there are a few decent Protestant varietals I would say that no one is relatively culturally stultifying that you can't really argue with the social output that was accommodated by Scandinavian Lutheranism so Scandinavia skandos get a pass even though it's a little austere for me but of course the Society of Friends

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absolutely the \*\*\*\*\* Quakers are a fantastic tradition and I would say that any of the like religious you know cloistered communities that still exist like Mennonites and Amish I respect the hell out of them too but everything else can go to hell and as I have said before American Protestantism isn't even the same thing and remember the Quakers started in England so they don't technically count American Protestantism it's just not not Christianity it's its that's a good one who doesn't love the calf hours folks don't we love the the most beautiful American States hard to be California annoyingly enough I have to say I'm sorry it's hard for me to keep a split lip on a lit spliff I'm distracted by this whole rigmarole yeah oh God Captain America Catholicism is just kept it's just it's just prostitute it's been consumed it's been I mean there's there's a remnant there and Catholicism because it's not it didn't like Holi we towards itself on the new land the way that Protestantism did so there's still some like uh socially useful tradition since Catholicism which is why I would say I pick it over Protestantism and even in America it's not quite as bad or at least doesn't have that I mean at least for one thing they read you know like that's one thing that I guess I'm a bit of a snob about because I do look down on American Protestantism it's just like proud anti intellectual tradition just like absolutely like hayseeds or like proud of it and it's just infuriating and you can see that in the fact that there are no Protestants on the Supreme Court it's all Catholics and Jews because the only reactionary Americans like like social and economic reactionary Americans who have read done any of the reading from the Bible and then like going through to college and like attending institutions of like Jesuit learning actually have any kind of ability to speak in the terms of like the Supreme Court you know so like you get a Catholic like intelligentsia leading this this \*\*\*\*\* potato sack of Protestant rubes so that's why I got to respect the Catholics you know even though them being the brains makes them even more dangerous there's just I can at least respect that they do the reading so there you go I don't think I've read a book in five years I can't read anymore the internet has destroyed my brain swear to mercy no I mean I'm reading now you know it's just I don't feel like I read as much as I used to it's disappointing the internet really does Sun is out storms earlier but sadly there was a tornado warning in New York City yeah like it's not already feeling apocalyptic you got the goddamn birds falling out of the sky we've got rivers and seas boiling 30 years of blood earthquakes tornadoes the dead rising from the grave human sacrifice dogs and cats living together mass hysteria yeah I know my worldview is pieced together mostly from sugar packets I think Biden waving will be very funny and I honestly think it might be the funniest outcome and that's why I'm worried it's gonna happen because I really don't know if I think that's the right thing to happen but what my opinion in doesn't matter remember we talked about this but our opinions of mouth

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too are meaningless our actions are determined right now you know and we'll either act on our beliefs or we won't and if we don't then they weren't real just on the real if we don't act on them now then we didn't really have them there weren't really beliefs there were boy but yeah because Biden is so visibly decaying in a way the Trump amazingly isn't like Trump seems pretty on the ball I mean he had a big decline like his first year in office and then he kind of plateaued and so now he is obviously still prone to ranting and interrupting himself and trailing off and doing wild insane tangents he still has a basic function he can still like say words in a row Brighton cannot do it he's as tias of idling my Model T he is I know they say it's the stutter 0:19:51 but it means that he can't like that thing of him on Anderson Cooper where he could not get out of sentence he was trying to talk about the wartime like production or or something and all I could do is go and you know there was a fact there was a time it was Roosevelt you know during you know during the war during World War Two there was a thing and it was oh god this is not this is way it cannot communicate swing it cannot communicate that's wild \*\*\*\*\* this is wild \*\*\*\*\* and like that's unprecedented you know like Reagan tennis was a manage decline that happened after he kept office but for the most part this is ah this is like late term Reagan like like the last year after he'd already been president for seven years that's what he's starting at on Inauguration Day who had lured the comic potential is amazing it's like when Lloyd it's like with Lloyd Bridges was the president in hotshots part two he 0:20:52 was tug Benson he was like the goofy Admiral and he became president and he was like falling off \*\*\*\*\* or like at Leslie Nielsen was the president in a scary movie for whatever cuz Trump we already kind of know we're getting this is a whole new level like a guy who has to talk every day has to communicate to the people every day has to be seen places every day just slowly melting in front of our eyes unprecedented and as like a stand-in for America's like is a very very heavy-handed metaphor for the American Republic that we're in and the Empire that it's the center it's like god who is writing the season it's way too hacky but this is on the nose \*\*\*\*\* this is there's no subtlety here because like to have that guy be the figurehead during a massive catastrophe collapse economic social health oh really the petro dollar collapse guys that's why we don't have a plate that's why America like that's why MNT is true 0:21:53 in America is because of \*\*\*\*\* oil because oil is priced in dollars and that's what allows us to push off inflation and that's it that's why we have our absurdly huge oversized share of the GDP of the world that's why we have more consumption per capita than anybody in the world that's why all of our horrible messy hypermarket eyes institutions are built in was so much built in graft because of the need for profit that there's no functionality underneath them to get any but anyway yeah so so like the ride might be over in terms of America even being able to sustain its position

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as like consumer of last resort as you know a world monetary power because like what is a world where fossil fuels are still needed everywhere but there is no way to get use the cash incentive to get people to move them there I don't know how that kind of a radical disjunction gets solved besides the mass nationalization of these goddamn oil companies which is what we should do but sadly there is no one within sniffing distance of power who would ever come anywhere close to having the vision to do that and to have the popular support to back up that kind of move just doesn't exist so we're left with this attempt to \*\*\*\*\* prop this thing up but anyway to put a visibly senile man in charge of that and then watch him just fail everyday to live up to who he was the day before that's an artistic level yeah that's like art doesn't exist anymore at that point I think like Artie yeah art Winx yeah there's somewhere art arts gone but I like our shows gone all art is gone because art is reality because yeah hmm damn they should think who but man the one thing I'm hoping to get out of it is the debates guys is the debates it's really those two old ships in the night these these decrepit hulks bobbing next to each other in the harbor just to sundowning and Meg lemonade maniacs clanging against there they're like the words totally or \*\*\*\*\* all trumped absolutely roasting Ivan for being senile Biden getting feisty and like challenging him to physical violence let's do it and of course it sounds debate which I love that would be even be better I think and more emblematic because as Felix has said we've we are living in the reign of the sons you know the horrible inevitable result of a meritocratic social order where the merit somehow is becomes inherited genetically all you're doing is inculcating the worst habits of the dullest people on earth put these numbskulls in charge with a mandate to never change anything in a substantial way it's like hey you have to deal with this unprecedented social and economic crisis but you can't do it in such a way that the thing you do makes a permanent change to any status quo or condition that's an impossible ask that cannot happen so something's gonna have to break here there's either gonna have to be some sort of like internal coup or the the political faction of capital actually like takes over either through military means or something or the state essentially collapses and we have like privatized chieftains that's it those yeah that's all I can see waking up is possible and that would be part of that second option oh I'm gonna be on every drug I have for that to be I'm going to be candy flipping at least for that debate that's gonna be one of the high points of my life and then I hope I don't have to be here for it I hope I get to be with my friends oh oh oh just let the oh I understand it's gonna be rolling situation is gonna be remit and relax or am it over the next two years little Jesus but just let us be out in October so they can have the debates and they can go and hang out with my fellow guys and stream watching the debates well blitzed out of my goddamn mind just give me that

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and then the oceans can claim us we could be the last Atlantean generation that's fine we weren't doing that great we were down in the count if you really think about it even before this with \*\*\*\*\* global warming we were down in the count we were like in there it's like that honestly it's like 1 ; 2 it's a bad count so it's like if you gotta get hit by a pitch that's fine that's a better result than keeping swinging well anyway there's me getting all glue lean again I'm sorry guys I just it's like I feel like I'm conducting electricity like builds up over the course of the day like one of those one of those like electric generators and then I fill up with like electrostatic power 0:28:4 and then Zork I have to shoot it out and that's what these are those are me just morphing about and I'm sorry if you have to hear them but you know at this point I think you know you're getting into so I think you know you can be understood that this is like hashtag real talk this is like me getting down and gritty this might be the end of the house of saud which obviously that would be I mean too much to hope for it probably does you gotta figure that they're gonna have to wrap up the Yemen work pretty soon like they're just that's not a luxury they can afford any more \*\*\*\*\* around in the oven with the the Houthis who they just cannot beat all they do is get sudanese child soldiers worked that's all they're doing my welcome to by the way I don't know what come towns take out Protestantism is but I do think it's funny that on that show guess what there is not one of a \*\*\*\*\* Protestant Catholic Jew \*\*\*\*\* Eastern Orthodox some books do you how to have some books you \*\*\*\*\* unlettered cretins you hillbillies you gotta have some \*\*\*\*\* books so I don't know what episode do they talk about Protestantism because I'm a few behind I've been listening religiously but I've been backed up since the quarantine so I want to hear 0:30:14 what their specific take is because it is like that pet hobby of mine is like thinking about the cultural like the shape of American Protestantism and how it you kind of like you know how you get a blood clot in like your lung and it creates a situation where you get a scab in the shape of your lung like the brac Ally like you know all the tendrils and stuff that like your the airwaves are that get filled with blood and then hardens and it coughs up and it's the shape of the inside of the law right you're like that's what Protestantism is in America like it is the super structural thing that accumulates all the \*\*\*\*\* all the garbage all the worst cultural runoff of a settler colonial slave Empire so it's fascinating the subject to study and I do have an idea to do a new braided past about American Protestantism I want to do a little more 0:31:16 reading before I started though because it is a lot of my stuff is very off-the-cuff and I don't want to go way too out on the limb I want to have a little bit more odd or scholarly graph backing before I go off but I do want to go off that spams fascinating religious tradition well there's lb on seed which is a good book about the specific religious and cultural traditions of the people who came to America from England

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and the another book about like intergenerational traditions of violence is all God's children all they get some more it's getting chilly out here is rain today Supreme Court God people really do care about the Supreme Court I think it's just because it's something stark and understandable and it's like points on a scoreboard and so people can get it get their head around it in a way that like policy stuff is more abstract I don't saw these questions I wanted to put I can't find ya the Supreme Court it's like come on you know that nothing that's gonna save or doom humanity is gonna be decided in a court of law certainly not by nine not dumb \*\*\*\*\* in the Supreme Court if you go through those channels it just won't happen it's just gonna be bye-bye bye-bye whole thing's gonna shatter just doesn't it's like any any regime that doesn't have enough give in it I mean that's what defines a regimes long term longevity we are incredibly brittle we've created a situation where we've hollowed out all of our institutions from within in a way that I don't think they were meant to withstand this kind what do I think of acceleration ISM I'll tell you what I think of acceleration ISM we all better \*\*\*\*\* hope that are right that's it what whether it's morally correct posture whether it's accurate I don't know but given the situation we're in right now you better \*\*\*\*\* hope that the acceleration estar right because this is if this is an accelerated then I don't think I want to see accelerating I think if you're accelerated to that speed it's where like your skin starts pulling off your face and you just get peeled like a banana so don't thank you I would rather not sign up for that sir good day I said good day so yeah we better \*\*\*\*\* hope it's correct no we're not it's not a gamble it's not that we aren't every choice of the matter we're accelerated we have to acknowledge the reality we don't get to make reality fit our theory of it we don't credit that it's like well in my theory that we're not accelerating and I don't think we should accelerate so no it's not accelerate okay it doesn't matter what you think it's happening we're accelerated the theory about like the point where crisis conditions come to the and and people are forced to make a choice and certain delusions are exposed that's now that's now oh boy oh boy yeah so yeah I have no idea everything is everything is \*\*\*\*\* up I think I can say that with more confidence than I can say most anything else shit's \*\*\*\*\* up I don't think we've only beginning to see the beginning it's gonna get I think it might go way beyond what a lot of us think is possible maybe we thought of it theoretically but we sort of dismissed it it's just not being commensurate with the reality as we understood it and the thing is it wouldn't be it would be a tectonic shift it would be the kind of change that really doesn't happen the kind of over the night instant overnight instance phase shift like that doesn't really happen in history and we're oh boy yeah shit's \*\*\*\*\* up that's the Warren Zevon song that he wrote after he got diagnosed with terminal lung cancer with yeah everything's very exciting they say we live in interesting times

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and I think we can all say even though right now that's pretty \*\*\*\*\* boring for a lot of us it's still interesting I certainly would not want to get owned by Corona right now and die that would be really annoying that's see what happens not seeing what happens after having like this this idea like not specifically this but like something in the shape or posing just out of view in my mind like a \*\*\*\*\* like a rake like Banco at the wedding or Banco de at the feast at the just the shadow haunting me and now it's here and then I'm not gonna just get old right away and I want to be the guy at the beginning in the zombie movie he just gets bit what are you like hey what's going on out here I want to at least get home to turn the TV on and see like the eyepatch guy going we need to nuke the let's we'll see something what it is I I'd do that no sir \*\*Music playing\*\* I don't think it matters who's gonna be President next I don't know if these institutions have the elasticity there's we follow the grated powered power \*\*Music playing\*\* we might be teetering on the brink of it abyss that none of us have ever even come close to imagining but damn it we've cookies I have not been drinking today sir I am a teetotaler this is a spindrift sparkling water sir I'm just high on life \*\*Music playing\*\* yeah that that Avenue by the last episode of that Avenue five show I was just like Oh what I have not dropped acid yet I'm gonna do it soon though I want to get nice and liddy waiting for a I mean I'm like that's the thing like if I cut my hair am I ever gonna have anything as interesting as what has happening right now because as this thing is like my front for true birds here is sort of like dying it's giving me these really honestly poignant little architectural wonders feel like a damn whoo the thing is the one thing that would make me shave the whole thing I'm God because if this went away and I ended up with the \*\*\*\*\* sides and because as much as I love Lex G and I love the idea of sides there are sides gods who I respect it is a look that gets me nauseous even thinking about being on my head where it's just the couch you know like the Mao or whatever or more than George Costanza that's not that's not happening if it ever gets that bad it's all gone because that's or I'll like just rub some stem cells on it like that's hopefully by then there'll be some sort of Oryx and Crake style genetic stem cell based lubricant cream that like fuses with your DNA and gives you back luscious locks I would love to get Lex G on the pod I would love to get Lex on the pod I would I would do I would do what's wanna feeding him and me I would want to rap but I don't think he would do it sadly also I don't know if it would I don't know if the audience would like it that's for sure man's eye he's got hotcakes he does not sugar p-goon yes exactly oh wow ISM hell yeah peasants let's go let's go get some of those Hakka peasants lying around you know where we got any of those any of those like generationally landless transients peasant farmers that lived in over cramped conditions as tenants in southern land holdings where they were sort of second-class citizens had powered

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Chinese revolutions for generations before that we got any of oh boy oh boy people are Bella they're hooting and hollering now in addition to clapping see this thing it's too bit up I was saying about how to have to keep clapping so they really care like show that their penance Wow clapping enough you gotta work it out they're gonna be doing the wolf howls and like Cucaracha dances that's gonna go off there's gonna be fireworks eventually this thing goes long enough they're gonna be like shooting a cave in the air like it's Saddam's wedding that'd be so funny everybody's got like a \*\*\*\*\* something they've got it like a like a Sicario gilded a que that they got I like Etsy sometimes I wonder what would happen if the Taiping rebellion had been successful that's a real I think an under I think an under pondered counterfactual of history as if the Taiping rebellion had been successful in China because it really came very very close the Ching were on a real knife's edge there for a while and it was the Western intervention that really pushed him over they could have very well fallen the other way and a lot of the Western powers were initially sympathetic to the Taiping because they profess to be Christians it's just that the guy was such a weirdo that eventually they were like oh ok you're on some other \*\*\*\*\* never mind \*\*Music playing\*\* yes yes you deserve to have another seamless delivery you earned it you've earned not having to be ruined for people with masks trying to save lives or deliver food or do anything useful I'm okay that I know now we're all \*\*\*\*\* absolute parasites well it's pretty clear the parasitic nature of this whole economic arrangement like the people with the least social standing the least control over their jobs and the lowest pay are the people who actually need to be working like how has that not how is that revelation not just destroy the foundations of everything we think about politics or \*\*\*\*\* I'd love to go to Colorado where would I and that's why I fear that like they're gonna open up again and they're going to slowly but surely normalize these deaths and normalize this threat that having these jobs is like well that's part of the job it becomes like hey you signed up for it and even if then maybe they'll be a little better paid like to incentivize but considering how many people are out of work if they're not gonna have to give much they're gonna have huge incentive to get people to do it to risk their life and then it's gonna get normalized none of the people and then we'll slowly just sort of accept a certain number of casualties and a certain degree of care or certain triaging of care that allows us to function while still having these numbers overwhelm what should be the yes I don't really see an alternative if we're not giving up the markets we're not giving up capitalist we're not giving up the profits then we are giving we have to we have to change our definition of acceptable human losses then we just have to factor a new thing in another thing is it's not the first time like look what happened with cars showed up cars showed up in cars started killing people immediately people who got splattered

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all over the road people have no idea what they were doing they were murdering children they were destroying whole neighborhoods and what do we do we invented the crime of jaywalking actually no you're wrong for stepping into the street that you can always have stepped in from time immemorial since the beginning of time no this newfangled device should come and be able to mow you over and it's your fault and we normalized with the deaths around traffic traffic fatality still tens of thousands of people here it's a monstrously dangerous thing to do to just let that happen and we accept that because of what what how crucial automobiles we can to the economy and like the way that they interacted with our settler you know geography of a free but so they'll just factor this in the way that was and it's just going to be a process 0:50:57 there'll be a couple of these like go out come back in but eventually we're gonna be out less time as we just except like create more bumpers for accepting deaths just like I don't really because like there isn't hurting anything like if these new studies have show that like upwards of like that their estimates of how many cases are there are down by like factors of 10 the in places that have officially maybe 15,000 cases made in factual ality have something like two or three hundred thousand cases like and that's what there was a Stanford survey that suggested that I don't know they said that that was like falsified or something but there is another report from the UCLA or USC that says the same thing about Southern California which is that there's vastly more people who have this then we thought which means that the fatality rate is much lower now because it's so much more communicable that's still killing 0:51:58 a ton of people and it's not acceptable but you could argue hey there's some herd immunity possible there and the thing is you can go forward with that that is your argument and even if it isn't true I don't know if it's true you know oh well it didn't work but then you just keep going because we have to keep the \*\*\*\*\* economy going we will do anything to keep it going there is no level they won't go to to maintain these systems that keep them at the top of the \*\*\*\*\* Hiroki and will feed us all into the grinder the thing is like these are these numbers of deaths are not absolutely these are these aren't black death numbers these aren't you know even these aren't a bowler numbers in terms of fatality rate or anything this is a number of people who we've lost before el Spanish flu killed more people even if it kills many people's the Spanish flu it wouldn't be a big deal if we just normalized it and honestly you know if you create some slack the economy and now if you buy out some industries 0:53:0 we can consolidate further which is going to be a nice bonus of this it's a none of these small businesses are gonna be able to come back up afterwards people who had money beforehand they're gonna have hoarded it and they're gonna be able to buy up everybody's stuff for pennies on the dollar so it's gonna be like \*\*\*\*\* demolition man all restaurants will be Taco Bell though the Amazon presents I don't know what

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these people are what if 9/11 ever happened Wow that's a real one isn't it because that is such a contingent act a lot of times that could have been stopped I don't know I've long I've always been a skeptic of the truth ISM but you know since I've seen I've kind of widen my credulity my turn I still have a fundamental problem with a whole idea of an inside job 9/11 and that is a government apparatus that had that degree of control over an operation that size I don't think would have to do it to get a war in the Middle East but maybe they did all that maybe the RAND Corporation did a bunch of regressions and they realize no the only is the only guaranteed way to get this to happen is with this nothing else will work was like anything more than a anything less than like a 25 percent failure rate who knows I don't know what the main thing is if it happened one way or the other doesn't matter same people are in charge say that the way to dislodge them is the same it's just really their capacity to control things that's different and honestly I don't know how you can embrace the real like hard truth or theory I mean stuff about like them knowing beforehand that's a whole different question and I think that's really significant like there's all this weird stuff about insider trading happening right before 9/11 like stock the shorting of airline stocks a guy's got arrested for like doing insider trading off 9/11 information so the idea that this um it was known about at some level and was allowed to happen I could buy that but like controlled demolition and all that \*\*\*\*\* it just seems like you're working backward but I'd say either way well they're still in charge same people if they have the same motives and the way to beat them is sadly the same organizing and goddamn it that's the hard part because all the other theorizing is a lot more fun talking about like who killed who blew up the \*\*\*\*\* towers is way more fun trying to push the goddamn wheel of pain up the see the finally thing about tower seven I never got was why would you need to blow it up and the only answer anyone's ever given me is like it had the files or something it's like they knew what they were like they had the whole like months leading up to it to plan everything which means they could have planned to remove the stuff from the place before they did it unless they forgot and they had like fire missile at it to just knock it down I don't understand yeah and I obviously another thing about the Pentagon this is like that seems like such a bad target you know since its I mean you go to the trouble of knocking now the Twin Towers for their propaganda value why just crashing into the thickest building on earth that's gonna barely show any scars it's like wow because the part that got blown up is like the accounting department that's like isn't there another way to get they presumably they know where this stuff is and they can get it and like get it out of there if they could plan that I don't know that's all like I said I am agnostic on all this stuff having an opinion is nice but at the end of the day it doesn't prove anything and there's no way to know so

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who gives a \*\*\*\*\* I'm just gonna be grilling back here and my little grill spot catch me grilling boys and girls I'm all about that grill life you feel me I know you could all right guys I'm going I'll see you guys tomorrow having fun these have been fun lately and putting them all on YouTube so uh let anyone know if they missed this and they don't wanna go on Instagram it should be on YouTube

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\*\*\*\* damn I got knocked off that's too bad then make it \*\*\*\* I might not be able to post that one later because I don't know if it's gonna get saved it just kicked me off I don't know what happened damn it I gotta remember that somebody remember that somebody watch that the first one please remember that cuz now I'm gonna forget \*\*\*\* god dammit I was gonna watch that again I thought I had something \*\*\*\* now you're gonna twitch I gotta \*\*\*\* we gotta figure out how to get on Twitch that makes so much more sense than this \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* I think I lost that whole recording 0:1:2 \*\*\*\* \*\*\*\* dammit just kick me off 37 minutes in like less than that oh god damn it oh that's a bummer I'm very bummed now I'm just sad hopefully I'll remember that again to talk about the future but I thought I had something they're talking about a the futures before us the eliminationism or or I guess I was trying to think about the singularity yeah that's right singularity and how that happens how like you turn humans into just like feedback like little plug and play devices like pure appetite and an satiation like pure a be like stripped them of all of all identifying traits like the kind of things that you get from having a life that is yours a life that is the dream of communism instead like pure mechanistic life that replicates the market structure and the market transaction that works and that turns you just into a feeding machine 0:2:4 feeding a producing machine and then like if you're needed to feed you feed if you need to work you work at the the hessed of this algorithm this totally alienated algorithm I mean it might have people who serve it and are better off than you like there's so hierarchy and that's what keeps people in line but they're still like serving this thing that's alienated from humanity that's a that's what the singularity is the singularity is when they're brought together and they're and humans become part of the machine like they become part of the the binary code like human interactions are just part of the code it's part of the \*\*\*\* computer doing it it's computations it literally becomes the hardware it literally becomes the hardware it's like the matrix that's it and that's where we're gonna go if we let them do this to us or I mean I guess it's more likely it's just one more step down the road because you get this you've got climate apocalypse coming up there's gonna it's gonna be a thing about 0:3:5

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winnowing down populations and keeping the people populations we do have require fully a God what's what's the Fuko term disciplined fully surveil I don't know like fully dominated like just fully at every level surveilled and it's and and your actions curtail so that's what they're trying to get us to have that's what they're hoping to get us with they're hoping to get us in to become the \*\*\*\*\* network they can become the \*\*\*\*\* wetware of the algorithm that is capital of capitalism biopower isn't that one cuoco talks about maybe he wasn't totally full of \*\*\*\*\* just mostly Oh what 0:4:8  
what epoch because this arrow remind me most of this is a good question well well one thing I would have to have is a crisis of leadership I mean and I know that sounds idealistic and non-marxist but I got to tell you man there is something that is very end stage just like as an identifying marker not necessarily cause there's nothing that indicates an end stage power structure then it's control my actual incompetence that is where the flaws in this in that it like the flaws that are sort of written into the code of something like monarchism or democracy democracy or capitalism capitalist 0:5:10  
democracy or whatever or or soviet communism for example or Chinese communism or whatever like the end stages of them all have that in common that the leadership is genuinely decrepit it has been rendered so by either literal inbreeding like the old Monarchs of Europe or in our case they've a false meritocracy replicating itself where you have these you have this meritocratic class who engineer things so that just by coincidence their next generation of Merida crafts are what's this they're kids what's the code what a coincidence so they replicate essentially a arista a literal blood aristocracy but through this market mechanism and this like this this justification this is like justification that replaces like the divine right of the old aristocracy cuz nobody believes in God anymore so you can't say it's mine by right but God they 0:6:13  
say it's mine by right of Justice because we've been inculcated like Razi and justice is a social norm even though what they mean by justice because they have these things are technically obey Allah and some people do rise up but they replicate their own privilege and their kids are like the children of the most elite powerful everywhere almost universally shitty scummy pieces of \*\*\*\*\* scum \*\*\*\*\* who don't understand anything about the world who are psychotically self-obsessed who are basically sociopaths rendered so by their class position and like their their absolute distance from anything resembling like real human life and suffering and then they they take over and it's like it's a medicine run by product of capitalism specifically capitalism's Democratic loss how does how does capitalism deal with the fact that in order to maintain its legitimacy culturally it has to have a democratic race but also if democracy was real people could literally just vote themselves to communism which was the theory of revisionist Marxism and the like Bernstein and Kowski and it 0:7:18  
looked like it was working and then a bunch of things were invented by the very very

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capable and improvisational ISM one being fascism of course a way to replicate mass politics on the right and also about circumscribing politics and one way to subscribe politics is to make it elite and you make an elite by putting barriers up that are related to social standing that is hypothetically neutral but in reality replicates a class privilege it's just it's it's a secular sanitation of aristocracy that's what the meritocracy is and so these people are just as much a clueless dollars as the court of Louis Couture or ah yes indeed so anyway that makes me think what's one of them it's got to be about a declining Empire that's the first and most important like fundamental feature it has to be an actual Empire now not a regular state has to be a Empire either formal or informal that is collapsing that doesn't mean that the state will necessarily collapse after all the British Empire a hundred years ago it was the most powerful force on earth to control something like a third of the world's population or and a huge chunk of its territory that's where the Sun literally never set on it because there was part of it everywhere in the world their empire is gone but their state still exists they've latched on to us as little barnacles will we latch on to somebody else could we latch on to China and get a deal but like yeah we lower the standard of living but not all at once and an in contention with you know getting the ability to come to you come over there I don't know or like piggyback down your ship I don't know so that you could do more formal you can do more you can lay off some of the like we would lay off some of that military might like all that defense spending we'd lay some off on China in exchange for gearing able to do more domestic spending which is what like the declining European powers did with us after what works out so anyway so that's another thing so it doesn't necessarily mean the stable class but the Empire is at a terminal point the economic collapse that's usually a part of the line of Empires the \*\*\*\*\* plague is what's kept Gillett tripping me up because like we literally have a plague that is a hell of a wild card obviously the the capitalism was very shaky right they're going up and they like this Corona thing kind of gave him an alibi for her collapse it was going to come but I don't think even even the most line go down hardcore believer will do agree that this is going to be worse than it would have been maybe you don't agree with that but I really do think that this is going to make it much worse that it would have benefited then a sort of natural outgrowth of a cyclical downturn and not only got to plead off pleat it off on \*\*\*\*\* Dorota what's maybe were Britain maybe were Britain in the interwar period and this is World War two we may be we are Britain in the interwar period I always talk about then in the war and the war like 9/11 in the war on terror is like the interwar period and the win World War two and then this is a clap this is like the climax this is the blow up and then they never came back from it but they also didn't go into you know turmoil they didn't become big and

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got shattered I honestly wonder if the thing that will save us is our complacency and laziness as a people like will be just movie at the end of the day find it too much work to come to blows in the Civil War is that what will happen like at the end of the day it'll just be like oh man really getting the get my militia together like go into the state line and like doing expeditions to the nearby towns really it sounds like a lot of work well you won't if you do it that'd be cool I support you I'll put the \*\*\*\*\* thing on my bumper of my car but man that sounds like a \*\*\*\*\* pain in my ass there were more than a hundred thousand truckers we're gonna block every part every road going in and out of DC until bumbler crumb bow was deposed and executed on the White House lawn how many people showed up I think it was BJ in the Bear get that reference guys EJ and the bear BJ in the pear folks the other thing I was saying on the other stream that I hope I don't forget was about the possibility we have to do real automation of plant like planning a lot economic planning the idea that we could plan economic transactions with with computing power to replace the price mechanism of capitals I really think we have the ability I think that their the strike the the the the strides forward we've seen from what the Soviets did in the 50s read plenty by by Francis Beaufort is a great book about that I recommend anyone very fun to and very well read in addition to be very interesting and and enter and educational ah and to Chile and I end a I'm how he tried to go against America's economic war that preceded the coup by creating a system for planning the economy which was destroyed by the \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* army when they did the coup so that was the 70s man and now we've got computers that has been pointed out a million times we have the computing power at pockets to go to the moon I guarantee you that we have more \*\*\*\*\* pager probably has more computing power than all those banks of terminals that got machine gun by Pinochet's goons in 1973 what can we do with that and what are we already doing in terms of planning economies Amazon which is this a state within a state within a state which has all the appearances of a state in terms of inputs and outputs and capital physical plants and that its internal decisions are not made by the market and price points it's made by central planning and it works so if we could just strip the bark of capitalism off the \*\*\*\*\* thing it could be an actual mechanism for fulfilling \*\*\*\*\* human needs in a time of crisis can you imagine that it's a thing no you can't imagine it because if we did it then at the end of this they would never we would never let them take it away that would be a red line for every human on earth that would be a thing that would never so yeah I'm thinking I'm back hi guys how's everyone doing there's anyone drinking cheap Lambrusco and looking at the giancarlo hills overlooking rome oh yeah that'll be funny if this is on TV example of me going mad uh what was that questions what is the end game I mean it's I hate to be cliché but it is socialism or

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barbarism isn't it it is it is a cut it is a Commonwealth of mankind it is that is that provides a stable basis for human flourishing that will not eventually destroy itself as all other systems will inevitably do or we will do what classes have done since time immemorial mark says it in the manifesto the hitter to the history of man is the history of class conflict and that conflict is between either slaves masters of peasants 0:16:33 a few feudal lords or whatever and that when the read that the conflict is one by one which advances humanity or both are destroyed common ruin of the contending classes and that will be the outcome the crisis of profit the inability to provide for human needs will create a savage return to barbarism maybe a techni barbarism but one that is never allows human life to flourish again unless it fuses with the it fuses with technology unless the singularity happens that's the alternative that's the real like if you really want to really put on your NIC land like pineal gland Hat the choice really is yes a steady-state human flourishing of capitalism something that ends up like with the the Kim Stanley Robinson series like that kind of world or bored or the matrix basically or we become one with the algorithm of capitalism we 0:17:36 become the biological mechanisms of it that's that's our options so we will be man or machine are people are asking like what's gonna happen in terms of will there be food shortages will there be crud riots will there be fights those things require a knowledge of like the macro situation that I cannot I cannot claim I'm sorry it's 0:18:37 it's beyond my my skill set or pay grade to be able to divide at the micro level the transactions that are occurring at like this the biological and the ecological and the economic and the social to tell you so yeah I don't all I know is what what what what the long-term the wrongdoing will mean and I know where the crisis points will come but I don't know which way the wind is headed yet like there's a sick part of me that thinks the most likely outcome is that everything's kind of the same but \*\*\*\*\* Ian's like after this huge is this massive shift that like everything feels like the rails are crawling off everything is unprecedented we're in a nightmare tunnel we're live a literal nightmare tunnel and we come out of the other end of it and it's like oh yeah that's basically the same kind of shittier you know more people don't have jobs uh you know standards of living are going down a little bit more people have lived 0:19:38 with more debt but things are basically the same only worse which is what Felix is been talking about for the entire show's history and I feel like he was right about Biden we were all zipping and zapping and going up and down on the roller coaster with Bernie and Felix was we kind of almost tried to talk him out of it but uh he was right the whole time and he's also been saying the same thing about this well even I mean maybe he would say differently now that we're in the middle of this but I gotta say if something feels right something feels darkly awfully right about it'll be the same except slightly shittier because that big collapse the destruction it's like

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even if you die in it it will still feel like judgement it will still feel like climax it will still feel like something meant something like you you witnessed something you were part of something you are part of the end of something and you'll know that even as you die the worse is now I don't know I'm not part of the end of anything I'm the part of the middle of sub-goal \*\*\*\*\* that will go continuing on beyond my death into just this awful grace Eddy state of steady decline into inhumanity that's a bummer that's a bummer so honestly yeah like the more dramatic more Doomer scenarios are the ones that are actually more in a narrative sense happy endings more satisfying you know I mean cuz if you're gonna go down either way whether in 30 years or look maybe you're gonna be the one trou knee and your own \*\*\*\*\* fluids because you had to work at Kroger shift so they wouldn't repossess your Kia you're still gonna be out would you rather be out in a blaze of idiot glory like to live in a Bosch painting to live in a to see judgment to hear a voice the depths of uncaring space a single voice a single voice of judgment to render meaning and shape to what has until now been a pointless futile painful confusing existence instead of just knowing that one of these days it's gonna be like this and one of these days is just not gonna wake up which would you rather have and I gotta say and that's what makes me think the reality is gonna be we get off the ride and it's Oh everything's just kind of shitty here I have less money I live in a worse place I have worse health more of my friends are dying of coronavirus until you're one of them so you get claim to but slowly through entropy through just the examination of the spirit into complete enemy and ennui or go down with the bucket ship you go down with the \*\*\*\*\* ship you get to go down into the depths of the ocean lash to the back of the great white whale himself to the last I grapple with thee from hell's heart I stab thee for a hates sake I Spit my last breath at thee you get to have that you get that little bit you know you all know that that was the happiest moment in Ahab's life right that's I think that unassuming am i right if anyone else is i it's been a while since I've read Moby Dick if there's any other like English majors here who could contradict me that's the happiest moment in Ahab's life right this is the moment before he is sucked into the bottom of the ocean because he's there because he's on the whale as opposed to just dying of scurvy well \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* around in the middle of the Spanish mane oh boy no thank you No thank you mister yeah I think someone said that one of the reasons that everyone likes dr. Strangelove so much is that how could you not love a movie with such a happy ending because that's the genius of Strangelove is to render apocalypse ironically like the the nukes at the end are orgasms the beginning of the movie is this is the intimus the beginning of the intercourse there's the first shots of the movie are our footage of in of midair refueling of like the of the of the Missile Command like b-52s that like flew up perimeters of Russians all in nukes so

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it starts with the set like literally the impregnation then it ends with no we meet again everyone going in at once I've talked about this before in the show and I'll play the song again I'll play the time layer song which is some other thing you want and it's the beauty of that of the nuke one is it was it promises basically painless death like Oh will die but it'll be you know you're gonna be a \*\*\*\*\* shadow on a wall probably or you'll be dead within a few months it's not gonna be that bad but you'll know everyone else has gone too so you know you're the F you've you've rendered youyou life has been rendered meaningful even with a slower decline like if 0:25:50  
we come out of this in a real crisis like the u.s. breaks up I'm sorry to know that you were that you were there for the reign of the last president that you know that whatever comes back is not going to be what was your the last American you were it's like being somebody it's like it's like think about thinking about people like think about somebody who is there for the SAP of Rome you know or like when the \*\*\*\*\* Crusaders took Jerusalem I mean these are epochal moments so yes that's why I think like for your short term if you especially if you have young people in your life if you have kids or you have vulnerable people in your life good the short-term good but also I think that's why it's most likely because it's the most most depressing the most spiritually deadening possibility so that's why I think it's most likely to be true 0:26:52  
so good news good but yeah it's like I could say that now he would be as horrible as anything I okay the fall of Constantinople that how about that oh yeah one of those people who smashed the Berlin Wall with the \*\*\*\*\* sledgehammer I mean there's a reason people still have those rocks hanging around but of course that was one that didn't kill everybody thank you for saying you died for me I'm gonna need a few of you too because otherwise I'm absolutely gonna get out 100% I mean and I Pro 0:28:5  
read our technology well I think I could tell you that if I know that we're either the matrix or if we're uh communist if we're communism cool we technology got us there if it's the matrix that I gotta have to say Monday Morning Quarterback comes out so I guess I'd have to say since right now I would argue in my gut I feel like oh right isn't it Anzac Day this is the guy you guys how come is it is it just like Australia's personality like inferiority complex vs IV Britain is that why they celebrate getting their asses kicked because I was talking am i doing it right about this and mighty points out that it's not like you can't really point to any other Australian successes 0:29:6  
that could try up so that you could remember I mean yeah they didn't have a great record in World War two while still getting captured by the Japanese and going into Vietnam with us and going in Afghanistan with us those were big bundles I mean what would you you know they're all bad but like at the end of the world of the world war wide it was Australians that helped punch through the final German lines and end the war you know instead they want to commemorate getting like zipped up

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by a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* Ottoman teenagers what just got a fresh lead greased Maxim done because because they get to like make the British feel guilty I guess like hey remember that insect right yeah this was bloody Churchill just say this into the \*\*\*\*\* this would cheer just see the city the blimey Bunga shoot and it's the bloody Bunga shoot Mike it's a it's a black eye if you send us into the blade and bang Bashir 0:30:9 might right yes at Churchill he put us in the bloody Bubba sheep you put us in the body boom boom boom badoo boom yeah they also lost the all right that's a good question actually if we are going to be serfs in a Neos neo feudal order who should we feel swear our fealty to which of the great Lords which is the Great Houses would you want to work with I mean like if you think about Game of Thrones you know they're definitely worried it was all futile ISM you were being exploited but there are definitely places you'd rather have been like you definitely if you were you know even 0:31:10 a mere stable boy or or a or a groom or a milkmaid you'd much rather swear fealty to House Stark then house Bolton that's not a contest I mean you sure as hell would rather than a serf to like I don't know like Elizabeth then we're now one of the one of the relatively confident English kings I don't know then like Elizabeth bathra I was just gonna say so yeah who do you want these Oh seems like a absolute monster everything I've heard about him about his weight runs his company his company's practices he seems to be a self-consciously evil person she is a guy who I think even in his own mind is the bad guy and he relishes that fact he's sick he's twisted he's Joe defied so I would definitely not want to pledge fealty to a house house Bezos who 0:32:11 else man Zuckerberg I would say I'm surface how Zuckerberg seems like it would be better but how Zuckerberg feels kind of like a blue burg situation where it's like hey this is all fine and dandy but you know don't open this door because that's where you know you have 500,000 like permanently traumatized people getting paid pennies an hour and like the Philippines to watch snuff videos and like gang rapes and the people that they have to filter off of Facebook that's like the \*\*\*\*\* room full of wipes heads so thank you for Facebook so now thank you mr. Zuckerberg house Zuckerberg how skates the guy is a foreskin heating ghoul he's an Epstein guy you want a Sears clearly Epstein people's waffle I know that's hard there are a lot of non Epstein powers I guess but I don't Disney obviously guy ah I'm an entertainer 0:33:12 right I could do so I face ok had the new viral movies out ah I've seen all those pieces yet I'm like compelled to watch them uh so yes I'll look I'll do it unboxing youtube series where I unbox \*\*\*\*\* pops about \*\*\*\*\* up Doctor Strange 3 which is on well house mask is like it's like a guy who like making his like a Egyptian pharaoh burying his servants with him he's taking you to Mars to like live in the foundation of his giant necropolis no thank you I don't think I get I get seems like 0:34:13 a like a kind of a laid back dude I can do from a soy face I'm gonna write pretend

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that this is a this is a pretend this is a Martian Manhunter or now ain't it that's DC dammit what's a really stupid Marvel superhero there's a uh-oh no I ant-man Blue Knight is good well that's good yes all right pretender this is like a moon night action figure from like guardians of the galaxy six how's I've been to Brazil I asked 0:35:46 if I've been in the Latin America I've been in Brazil once that's about it it's pretty cool this is before Boston arrow this is till the end near the end of Dilma's rule every middle middle class person we met was wildly hated Dilma and they were they were really like American tea cots like a guy told us about how yeah they had free health care in Brazil but it was bad because people were like getting AIDS on purpose or something so that they could go to the doctor or like because they didn't care about care of the doctor or something because they'd get it for free but yeah one of our guys we knew was a he was he owned he was raising money with his boyfriend to start off CrossFit studio so I guarantee was they all loved balsam marrow but it's 0:36:48 beautiful it's beautiful we shouldn't people shouldn't live there probably we should leave those wart rainforest alone I have not been to Palestine I forget Asajj I don't know what I'm I don't know if I do I don't know what McConnell is comment gonna let the states go bankrupt I think it depends on what it that means I mean out at all I don't know if the conditions are gonna be I mean I think he would do whatever it took to stave off a complete collapse of the system to the point of like states no longer contributing to one another's you know infrastructure therefore breaking ties literal satirical force pushing America apart I think he would want that to avoid 0:37:51 that I know he wants to preside over the the dissolution of the United States but I don't know what the minimum action whatever the minimum action to prevent that will be is what he will do how about that I don't know if that's gonna be it might be that they bail out the states it might be that they figure out a way around doing that the way they like keeps creditors whole I know it if you want to be I watched formal it's very good it's very good because it reminds you of the possibility of limited hangouts the idea that that people can like organizations like the CIA can 0:38:54 admit to things that look very bad for them and that that that in the long term are things that they can handle running out that don't like destroy their foundation and that you serve the benefit to them of making them look forthright it looked like you know what's going on there and so like it was supposed to be a scandal for years that the CIA dosed Frank Wilson without his knowledge and that he dreamt out that window so they were willing to admit that they dosed their own guide to see what happened because it's like well that's \*\*\*\*\* up but happening a number of years ago most of those guys are dead you know it seems like kind of like a party prank gone wrong awesome which disguises the massive massive size of MKULTRA the number of \*\*\*\*\* prisons and colleges that got in couch' funding the number of places where

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the number of people hundreds and hundreds of students and prisoners like whitey bulger - Ted Kaczynski being exposed to massive amounts of LSD on a daily basis 0:39:56  
without their consent or knowledge what they were what was happening but they turn it into like basically an animal house fly the real thing is they murdered him cuz he was gonna spill the beans about and the u.s. using \*\*\*\*\* of biological weapons during the Korean War that's a spicy meatball that's closer to the bone and if you if you say the first thing you don't have to say the second thing cuz people stop looking I think we have to think a lot about that in terms of what we think we know and how much stuff is limited in its in its hangout but you can't go too far that way because that's I kind of gave up a better call Saul I found the hole as soon as they made it about Gus and M hey this is how Hector does a stroke as I give a \*\*\*\*\* I know how all this ends and I know if it was this interesting it's all like let it be in 0:40:58  
your head you don't need to know everything and the fact that it's been four seasons and he's still not \*\*\*\*\* Salma Saul Goodman give me a \*\*\*\*\* break this is prestige \*\*\*\*\* I mean honestly as good as better call Saul has been the talent in front of the high the camera better utilize that they just said we're not doing prestige we're gonna do an old-fashioned TV show we're gonna do like the Rockford Files with a sleazy lawyer with the with with \*\*\*\*\* Odenkirk and those guys imagine that show Rockford Files with a crooked lawyer instead it's like it's Breaking Bad jr. where you can't move it forward not any of those stories because it happens before so you're left with this these dead-end things that aren't going to lead anywhere they get drawn out anyway mini Breaking Bad Oh the only parts of breaking a bit of a better call Saul I like black and white parts the very beginning when he is a Cinnabon manager 0:42:0  
you know because I don't know it's gonna happen because it still has some frisian there's still some tension was when he was waiting to get them to put his social security number in the Machine correctly you know what's gonna have \*\*\*\*\* it pop better call Saul there I guess because it's it's it's creative missteps are the result of following a template of prestige television that I've hated for years and we literally have seen a perfectly good project destroyed by it I said it actually right I think I'm gonna type up that hot take after this and see everyone get mad at me but I'm gonna be no this is a crap shake sir so this is a correct take Matt rules that is also a correct tape I hope I rule Breaking Bad there's an example of the tragic lameness of 0:43:3  
prestige elevator thank you good take 100% thank you adopt a cap to fellow cows or Oh I'm in a shed are you in some sort of hole it's not hole it's a space underneath a deck it's my backyard area so this humble little postage stamp of land that gives me a little bit of air and I like to smoke out here and and it's later so I put my light on so I don't have any other appear lights but I'm gonna get a grill it's gonna be nice gonna get a grill I'm gonna get nicer chairs I have pretty bad chairs out here chill

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out chill gonna get a shades with all of you guys then I can actually practice what I've been preaching about grill pillow I haven't been able to grill yet after since I said I want to drill out and been able drill thrush ready I'm gonna start grilling guys hand to God on god I'll start grilling I least evil US president is obviously Lincoln there's no Comcast because if you look at evil and good as I look like a good play style point system Lincoln got all the bad points off that all American presidents of the 19th century got mostly related to Native American dispossession and genocide he did preside over the largest mass execution in American history of Sioux Indians in Minnesota after an uprising there in the middle of the Civil War he also instituted the Homestead Act which was just a giant pet settler free for all just to come to get come to get it buffet on a Native American land so but every other president in the 19th century had all those same points bought Lincoln has ending slavery so that means even if he's still in the red even if he doesn't go to heaven he is still relatively way higher up in the rankings of just like pure numbers I peer negative or positive numbers of you know sin points as any American president could ever come close to second I would say John Quincy Adams but he is a yeah that's it those are the three least evil I like I said I don't even know if they have positive or negative point numbers but they have way fewer of negative points grant was cool John Quincy Adams while he was there yeah I mean he was a one-termer so they had less time to do bad stuff he was a guy who promoted he did want a non-confrontational Indian policy I mean compared to a guy like Jackson or even Van Buren he was a \*\*\*\* pieced economic question he presided over a slave state country but he was against slavery and he fought against it afterwards as a congressman I mean he famously defended the Amistad Africans before the souls before the Supreme Court as depicted in the Dee Steven Spielberg film Amistad so ya know I would say oh and he uh you know he is well the visionaries of non-interventionist American foreign policy there's a reason that those does like that coke funded think a foreign policy think-tank that just don't know just call the John Quincy Adams Institute because he's like the guiding light of those kind of guys like the guy who warned against even in but it was still it's very early stages what American imperialism expansion is it would mean in terms of morale he was a clarion call like he knew it was gonna happen he knew what expanding westward was gonna do he was gonna just destroy the spirit in like the morality of any kind of project that was being done in America I was gonna just fundamentally rupture the social fabric and destroy the legitimacy of the state from a moral perspective so I give him a lot of credit on that and then grant you know presided over Indian massacres and stuff but also also did not want to do that I mean he did want to pursue a more more a less violent Indian policy but those around him were not interested doing it and he couldn't really ever assert control

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it that way but he also effectively pursued reconstruction \*\*\*\*\* broke up the clan  
from in its first iteration and and as soon as he laughed the whole thing fell \*\*\*\*\* 0:48:20  
part but like he flipped the food put his foot on the gas there and I give him respect  
for that so those are my top three of what your Wilson was a \*\*\*\*\* maniac our  
only PhD president our only nerd president I mean yeah they're all nerds but this  
guy is a literal college professor he was the President of Princeton he has a PhD  
in political sucking theory or political science whatever they called it like that he  
wrote his thesis on like how Congress works actual nerd ass \*\*\*\*\* well yeah it was  
racist he was he wasn't he was a wildly hypocritical anti-imperialist who loved using  
American intervention domestically and honestly his decision to go to war if you  
believe some of the more provocative thesis is about World War one that the US 0:49:22  
was essentially brought into the war by by JP Morgan but due to the amount of  
money he'd lent the Allies and his fear that it would go unrepaid if they lost theirs  
there's it's not it's not a totally boundless deep thesis there's something to it I think  
so yeah and of course you know being hella racist pursuing segregation of federal  
office buildings you know invading Haiti invading Mexico I think invading Nicaragua  
and then of course they're awful absolutely being useless as a \*\*\*\*\* tits on a bull at  
Versailles being a total oath who couldn't even get the u.s. to sign on with lean of  
Nations and then had a \*\*\*\*\* stroke it had his \*\*\*\*\* wife and his doctor running  
the country for the last year while they the upton sinclair book you mean the book 0:50:26  
about the campaign that i've been reading it's called the campaign of the century  
i'll talk about it I'll definitely shout it out of the show because I'm getting a lot of  
really good details from it he it's fascinating because he does it's not a conventional  
history of the campaign it's a day-by-day recounting of everything that happened  
from the day Sinclair got the nomination in September of 1934 to November election  
just everyday and then filling in everything within the back as he's talking so yeah  
I've seen the attack as this the stuff that they put together against Sinclair is wild it 0:51:28  
was like the entire media a riot a raid in one way and like even in the world even in  
the midst of the \*\*\*\*\* Great Depression even with the New Deal like stalling people  
still saw that that that the entire array of capitalism song against the sky and instead  
of saying look what they're trying to do look look look what they're scared of look  
what we could do like why are they doing this why would they do this if they weren't  
scared it could work because if it doesn't work you just take over in fact and then  
here they've been disqualified forever and then they're out of power you never have  
to worry but yeah it's gonna be a good episode I'm gonna record it for next week  
I'll you know they basically invented negative campaigning against sick Claire they 0:52:29  
invented it basically every concept that wasn't really done before yeah but not like  
I mean like independent expenditures you know Pat I basically have let it's super

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PACs super PACs Stav would be a great president president Stavros let's do it make it alright guys I'm gonna head off feeling uh feeling my energy levels dropping I feel 0:53:39 like I've uploaded my Oregon energy on to all of you so if you don't want to suck some of that up all over through the interwebs and be recharged and reborn I will see you on the flippity-flop I don't know if it'll be back here in the in like in the bunker

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good evening mr. and mrs. America and today instead of coming from the bunker I come from the beautiful gorgeous apparently it's the only nice day we're gonna have tomorrow it's gonna be rainy again so want to get out here well the Sun was still out enjoy some of this beautiful nature look at all this stuff happening around trees and billowing bushes and such there's dainty toe in the white house there's a good idea sheet over the White House there's a worldwide pandemic economic collapse in a way that like the post like the post-keynesian economy world economy has never had to deal with kim de jong hoon might be dad and there's a goddamn cheeto in the white house how the hell are you supposed to make sense of it hi hi makes sense of a dead top Dan beyond everyday it's got a mound everything that Tom isn't the one thing not the one thing the evening redness of someone says \*\*\*\*\* me for streaming right now why would I want to stream any other time look at this the Sun is literally in my face for dad's sake I don't know I hate edibles because you can never guarantee what you're gonna get or like how long it's gonna last I hate all that animals are for like when you go to a movie or something and unique and you you have to you know you're gonna be out of the house like edibles I don't understand the point of edibles in quarantine I guess like to get surprised by yourself like oh \*\*\*\*\* I'm way higher than I thought it was I guess I don't know I've only been smoking but I'm Austin also have other things other than that other than acid or I'm sorry other than others leave that might be contributing I'm trying to like trying to crossfade I guess you thought I gotta say like drinking a lot less I used to like alcohol so you know if someone's my I don't know if my chrono sings the word how you guys doing man how you guys living in this year of the cheeto add new MMO cheeto nay would that be it had no cheat on a AC the year of the cheeto the year of the frito-lay cheeto product like we're in a goddamn David Foster Wallace book and the thing is that you make fun of Wallace all you want but he got it he knew it was coming more than anyone he knew was coming you saw it here the subsidized time I mean there's no figure in like creat like especially right around the turn of the millennium there's no figure in science fiction or literary fiction that heralded Trump more than Johnny gentle

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famous crooner the the nonpartisan president of the onin Confederation that would rule near the thing about like people hating David Foster Wallace basically happened because like guys a guy's involved there's there's mom I hate the sound to read bill here but this is just the back is that like you know there are certain strategies were attracting women that certain men adopt and ones who aren't usually else we use 0:5:12 use their wiring their wits of ahem you there \*\*\*\*\* basically I'm saying is that you you you you goof on the the jocks with like the art girls but eventually the jobs aren't there anymore it's just you and the art girls in Brooklyn so now what are you doing like you know none of you know how to play football none of you none of you could change a tire so who's the who's the jock who's the scary masculine guy that you can convince the more anxious of your female friends that you're not like well Hugh Pete's David Foster Wallace skiff gets pretty sad like then really that's like like when they're going out there making it being bro like to read a book that fifteen hundred page book then those those those terms don't mean anything if reading a 0:6:15 fifteen hundred page book makes you a \*\*\*\*\* a bro then there isn't the bro doesn't mean anything it's a totally relative term that's just used as a way to distinguish yourself anyway infant jest he got what was coming he got what the speak out like the psychological interior aura t that late capitalism produced better than anybody in my opinion and you might say well that's cuz you're a white male and so yeah probably because he wants to and that's part of the reality of it like the part of the end part of that like maddening generalizable but then also so like neurotically and mmm and specifically individuated so that like I can think it's Martin totally my own and also feel exhale Universal because that's the way that that's that's relate that reflects the same facets of capitalism it's instant in math malleability and 0:7:16 customizability so that state of mind I think he gets that better than anyone but of course it's filtered through the mind of a white male dude bro so white male Duke bros read it and they get that I think more readily because they have fewer they don't have to translate it it's it's straight it's like reading something in its original language as opposed to a translation or having to do the translation to yourself from the second I think that is it oh yeah so uh DFW stamps are dudes \*\*\*\*\* limit he wasn't genius about everything I like the fact that he wrote like that mathematics book and like all mathematics say no he was a \*\*\*\*\* he had no idea what he's like but because it's mathematics and like that's the kind of thing that because that's the thing that made him a genius too because like the thing about people like me is the end of the day I think this is almost universally true gun to the head people 0:8:18 like me who like maybe know a little bit about history maybe have a little bit of a those ability to like synthesize concepts maybe they can recall ideas maybe they can you know be maybe they can bring a bit of insight into a text that maybe you

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couldn't if you were reading it we all think and if there's anybody who is who thinks that they're like me and this disagrees you can \*\*\*\*\* take it up with me because I won't I mean I don't know if I'll ever believe you I think you're lying who doesn't think that like hard science intelligence people with that are like smarter than they are and so the fact that he was this you know consonant indoor theater kid but also kind of a jock a little bit and then also a scientist a real smart person come on that's literally like creating himself as like the the the ideal version of the like late American male that synthesizes everything that came before like the dialectical embodiment of the late American white male like that's what he was and that math Matt but the thing is what I'm saying but the joke of that is that he wasn't actually very good at mathematics according to actual mathematicians and I have no way of judging what they say the people who are smart in math say no his math math was terrible and then like all of his books on hard math are riddled with errors of like that are very basic and I just like that's another thing like the panic shooting I don't know if that's true and I never will because I don't know how to count I can't count on my think you need my fingers to count not kidding like I literally got officer no I won't say that but I'm basically can't do math like beyond what's asked of my fingers so I have no idea if you know what he was talking about the people who know what they're talking about say he does didn't know what he was like but anyway that's why he was like he was the he was the full spectrum he was the embodied man you know he was the man in full hilariously like it's kind of funny that uh that Tom Wolfe wrote a book in that exact same time period that spouts the same phenomenon that he called a man in full but because of course he was writing it from the perspective of the \*\*\*\*\* boomers it didn't capture it because you know he couldn't translate the moment but you could have called him that like a biography of him could have been combat incentive whatever the hell the name of that biography of him in it have become like a ghost story is a love story or people were talking smack about me and the Tom Pynchon subreddit what what because I read it because I read against the day I only said good things about pension I don't understand why they do that' me and i have not claimed a knowledge about pension that does above my station which is i'm sure what they really get mad about does anybody reference a pension doesn't understand that the level they do which of course you know that's up for them to decide I would never make that claim but I don't know so I never said anything bad about pension and I was and I read a part of against the day which is like an under read pension book I kind of think that I think is really good and like just a good piece of writing well what well that's what did I how did I offend the pension people or if someone would ask me I'm just curious they don't really care they're sucking the same you know it's basically like why is that why are the MLS mantenere where

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the \*\*\*\*\* why are the anarcho-communism at me it's like it's all the same thing it's like being in the pension somebody just tell just book clubs they don't like me well \*\*\*\*\* them suck my dick that's my answer you can read you can read pension and you can watch this \*\*\*\*\* livestream which one are you doing which one of you \*\*\*\*\* is reading gravity's rainbow right now instead of watching me and that's true even though there's a goddamn cheeto in the white house they don't like how I get twisted well I mean some people can't handle the twist of us I think John Collins my friend John Collins is a person I trust most to tell me what picture me and see seems like he lives it and incorporate on Twitter of course into those are my and Flores and uh yeah those guys are my constantly areas on kitchen oh no not the not the fash not the pipeline guys yeah why haven't you talked enough about the the chapo to the chapo to Pynchon pipeline because that's got to be a thing right at least one person has felt like they were required I know I know I literally being on the show the only reason I've ever read June I know dune is not as good as they think by pinching by a million years but it's almost as hard to read as pinching is because of how like just clunky and poorly put together it is his prose but I've read the \*\*\*\*\* thing because I was sick of not getting the references that him and will were making Felix the world will keep just talking about shouldn't shut the \*\*\*\*\* up about like do can't rabies in the sleeper being awakened I'm like alright this is what the \*\*\*\*\* going on like I only knew from that awful \*\*\*\*\* David Lynch movie that didn't even make sense so I read the whole \*\*\*\*\* book don't like the first one I'm not gonna read the rest I'll just go to Wikipedia summaries from that one throws so sloggy but what I'm saying is literally just being on the show made me read that awful book so I got I believe at least one person is read pension because they've listened to the show which means that there is a if someone would say that if I could get one person to say yeah I I wanted to get a reference or something or some mid recommendation so I rent a pension book if someone says that and they could like even if you just have like a screenshot of a pension book that would be more of a real real pipeline than the chapo to fash pipeline which these people imagine exists and have never existed shown example I don't want I don't know dig this back up again because I mean obviously this was not a close contest this is a destruction that no need to be ungentlemanly about it but it is funny that if I had to I would it would have an eat I would have an easier time making an empirical argument for the existence of a chap there's certainly a chapel to Doon pipeline but that's sort of obvious and easy because like I said go back in time and kill any one person who would they be I mean you can't just say who obviously because you have to say when I mean we just talked about assassin 33 for that very reason killing Hitler or killing baby Jesus is way different than killing Jesus on the cross it's way different than killing

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Jesus in the garden so the question is when and who it's hard to imagine any one person affecting anything enough to be landfill so it has to matter to you like not in the lingerie right because the fact is it's like if you go by the lingerie nobody is individual preference for anyone out come over and others should be privileged to test how could it stack up in the weight of time it has to be privileged by its present situation by the acuteness of it as a sensation right like that's it you know that's an that's a that's a utilitarian observation that can't be denied I mean I understand that you could have like a religious disinclination to believe that you know if you believe them ancestor worship or whatever but the reality is is that present feelings emotions are more real to us than both abstracted away from us so I don't know I can't talk about so it would have to be well basically this is my way of saying would have to be somebody in my very near timeline because I'm the launch could you really ask in the long stretch if you really pull to act pullback and exactly this moment in history the way that we most of us who aren't like very specific historians of specific moments the way we regard history but the same sweep the way that we view like say something the way what we freight with lists the words the Ottoman Empire where the Roman Empire for that matter how much time that word that that that phrase in our head what that means the amount of time in space the amount of human lives that that encompasses and then in that mental nugget imagine we're in that same nugget for someone else thinking about like you know who stopped Hitler from taking power or didn't stop Hitler or Battle of Tours or only Hitler has been killed wherever the \*\*\*\*\* like any of it would matter in the long scheme no because those things are determined by forces the longer a periods are in our mind you create pyramids out of chaos longer a is the only reality or the only thing close it's the white whale it's it's its recognition of the other that's it that's the only reality that's the only real thing that's the thing that haunts all of our moments on earth and that's what's represented by Pacific Ocean by Moby Dick by Judge it's the only real thing everything else is just intellectualizing around that this building sediment around it oh boy how you guys doing see what's going on I don't know if I'm being very oh man these questions are so interesting because they go from such a \*\*\*\*\* gamut from like very specific small-bore political questions to \*\*\*\*\* like you know questions of essential nature and like like questions that ask you deeply to the record with who you are and then \*\*\*\*\* like oh do you think fight was gonna follow through on his Medicare pledge or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* oh boy there's a goddamn cheeto in the White House how are you supposed to deal with that why there were so many serial killers why would their serial killers from the 1980 or the 1890s why are there serial code is a victorian-era hinge points where the that's where the the hinges start moving things start rubbing against each other it's things to pop it see

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people assuming trump's gonna win hilarious to me he could absolutely loose in fact this Mike I would put money on they're losing I mean I wouldn't put a lot of money on it and I probably wouldn't get very good ads but I put money on they're losing I don't know maybe I get good on spending on how convinced people are that because of how obviously terrible Biden is the Trump must get reelected it's like I mean if this hadn't happened and we were still cruising and like you know the Fed was still weekend Bernie using the American economy across the finish line which you would want to do you know it's it's like having Trump as president it doesn't really see any why change horses in midstream for the point of view of capital that means that all the like the right level ders have been held and like you don't have to worry that they're gonna pull the rug out from every year the way that the Fed did against poor Richard Nixon in 1960 well the I mean you could say like the proximate reason Nixon lost in 60 is because the Fed refused to do short term interest rate \*\*\*\*\* to stop the 1958 of 50 58 59 recession and he always like that was one of the other one of the Eastern establishments that conspired against him it was with their boy with a pretty boy JFK and that's why he was so free when he was in office to do whatever it took to \*\*\*\*\* cook the books and was willing to go off the \*\*\*\*\* gold standard for once at all and and the Bretton Woods system and float the currency but anyway what I'm saying is that those same Fed forces that that that has been keeping things going may be fine with Trump being president and so you know the Joe Biden we have sex predator a senile monster mama living mummy corrupt Dracula he would lose but this is an unprecedented situation and if people blame this \*\*\*\*\* for what's happened and with him going out in public and telling people to inject \*\*\*\*\* bleach into their bodies it's like you can say whatever you want about what he actually said you can say whatever you want about the media and how they are out to get him which is true but I'm sorry you watch the video of that and that is what's his indictment and I think that's one of the reasons and this actually punched I don't agree with Paul Krugman that this is the moment people turn our shop he's an idiot but what I think because what his followers think of him is I think beyond the can of anybody in New York and like presuming to say anything is fraudulent but what they could say I think because they're there they're easy they can understand Trump like a lot of these East Coast people I think the reason that they \*\*\*\*\* up and talking about Trump and understanding Trump is because they second-guess themselves because they get Trump because they he's one of them but then the fact that he has all these regular Americans who they don't understand and are scared of but on his side it makes them second-guess themselves and then they start like both I don't know I don't know is he really what do you think no he is it's just because of this \*\*\*\*\* idiot literal idiot box we put in front of people for \*\*\*\*\* 20 hours a

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day the brains have been turned into \*\*\*\*\* Velveeta you know it's if that's it you don't have to like try to send guess yourself but anyway what that means is that is that you could see in his face when he goes out there and says yeah put inject the chlorine put the bleach under your skin and then has to come out and say no I was kidding now he's now they're saying he's gonna not do the he was loving those things every day getting the bebop and scat that's his whole milieu that's the only 0:24:56 thing he likes about being president if the cameras on him and riffing everything else sucks he hates being meetings and signing hates but having the cameras on and him talking in front of especially the crowd groups lick lapping it all up he loves that and in the room he can't do that anymore he can't get like he can't get the crowds to give him back his mana so it's just this roomful of East Coast you know rootless Cosmopolitan's just giving him the old giving him the same Shaun decide they would have given him a you know across the table across the world across the floor at Sardis or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* or like it at the Vanity Fair party they would give him the same like this because he's got those guys with him it's like I don't know it's like the \*\*\*\*\* Hells Angel showed up but anyway this is all a way to say people might start blaming him for this if it's only response is drink bleach then people 0:25:59 are gonna be like even the mum raw man even the \*\*\*\*\* the mummy man the rape mummy man at least he's got a party behind him that maybe will have more of an idea of what to do than the people who just let this \*\*\*\*\* go on TV for four hours a day and say maybe drink bleach so that's why I say anybody says Trump's gonna win I think they're they've kind of allowed him to signa ties them a little bit but I mean it doesn't mean they're gonna lose either the people who out obviously that we assume I'm saying going the other way is also incorrect how can you say this election is gonna happen if it's gonna happen it's beyond my confidence I'm not gonna give money on whether the election happens let alone I will ready or reiterate somebody 0:27:3 asking about Jesse Ventura I'm gonna reiterate a little bit on the Misti Ventura and then I'll talk about the Kinze Jesse Ventura presidential election doesn't matter he is methadone I said this on the AC eighty the assassin 33 episode but I think we cut it so I want to say it here then and maybe I'll say it on the next episode of mine because I really want to get this across it's like yeah I was saying sure you know vote for Jesse Ventura people freaked out they're like well he's not a socialist and if you're gonna go through party well how Hallie Hawkins is a real trade unionist Florio relieved as part of a party you know so socialism liberation connected to you know real Marxist lenders it's like stop it that is the boot that's the nonsense talk of and crank idiocy that's the that's the organ grinders we monkey wheel of electoral politics it gets all of the that's all the most earnest minded cranks to get along with it if you've got ignore that sound like you have to be willing to not dance when the

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tune is played then clout on people that's hard because you want to move your hips  
so you want to get down there the Bernie was a possibility everyone was in the pit 0:28:5  
they were going nuts because there's \*\*\*\*\* walls but when he's out of there I'm  
sorry it's not worth dancing you should just do something else you honestly should  
do anything else including think about what the \*\*\*\*\* we're gonna do about this  
because these elections aren't gonna have anything to do with it it's all gonna be us  
so maybe don't give a \*\*\*\*\* about this at all this is literally the stretch so if you are  
going to have to like take some of that manna you were putting into the presidential  
election you can't just turn it off that's that's blue balls they have to be able to  
manage that declension you have to be able to manage the osmosis trance to just the  
trance to pure energy level transfer of that and if you want to do that a vessel to hold  
your excess or go and energy there could be Jesse Ventura because he's cool he's a  
pimp he was actually a kind of effective governor of the state of Minnesota he got a  
light rail through the Twin Cities which is way more than a gym Doyle could say in 0:29:9  
Wisconsin that guy was the \*\*\*\*\* he was a two-term Democratic governor before a  
walker uh and he didn't \*\*\*\*\* get what light rail through in two terms he and what I  
think matters most is that like one of the reasons Bernie was a vehicle was because it  
was he was here with some media identity and you need to get people through their  
understanding of themselves in the world and I'm sorry it's the media we don't want  
that to be the case but it is the case we have to acknowledge the reality of media  
and so that means we have this phenomenon that we can deal with it's like that's  
why off third party \*\*\*\*\* like well glory reliever Howard Hawkins like no these pick  
this is just for you this is not this is for you this is not for them it has to be for them  
and Bernie was for them and Jesse Ventura hypothetically not in this world but in  
another world tastes a little different Jesse Ventura could be absolutely justly power  
Schwarzenegger could have been if the \*\*\*\*\* stupid Constitution had been written 0:30:11  
differently don't you think Donald Trump beat Schwarzenegger he maybe beats him  
in a primary but seriously Schwarzenegger could have run as a Democrat in 2016 and  
I'm elated Trump you would have won nomination and he would have destroyed does  
anyone want to doubt any of that anyone I mean I know counterfactuals are stupid  
but come on if Schwartz Schwarzenegger changes legislation changes to Democrat  
runs against Hillary runs in the general destroys it and what I'm saying it's like  
that didn't happen and there's a lot of reasons that it not just the Constitution  
that that didn't happen and but things a little differently back adapt things a little  
differently Jessica tree could happen acting like any of this it's outside of reality is  
silly at this point but like I said this is just a fun brain thing to do to give yourself  
something to do that used to be concentrating on the presidential election it's not  
like you were trying to \*\*\*\*\* to make a baby there like a little loool I don't know 0:31:13

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whatever you wanted to call it we haven't found the name for yet maybe a little social so social democracy baby but other people are like actually no foolish sock tab in the inside this social democracy baby you think you're incubating is actually a workers were a working class baby who's going to from the inners of insufficient social democracy well first forth this new class mobilization baby and that will create communist whatever you thought you weren't gonna create something out of that this is sterile this is nothing into a sock and that's fine sometimes you gotta nun to a sock but that's it you're jacking off and that's what we should recognize all electoral posts Bernie politics paths and specifically whether or not you want to say for mean purposes and there's a blow off of steam that Jesse Ventura's epic and root for him because one those things are not in not non significant factors politics I think you 0:32:15  
can't acknowledge not you could not deny now that those things have real power whatever material reality is generating them and determines them they have at like the the point at the at the point of like determining narrow outcomes they absolutely evangelist so like as a weight and and as a way to think about power as a way to think about the media and its relationship to politics the way it relates to yeah like the difference between a performer and a politician like understanding that difference and like utilizing different facets of celebrity for different political ends all of those things can be interrogated through the veg Steven sure for president concept which is why as a place for your excess enthusiasm as I guess they used to say in the 19th century have a little fun with Jesse I will be I have to do more than most because this is literally my job as absurd and ridiculous and short-lived as before anyone thinks 0:33:17  
that means oh you're saying the chapo is going way it's like I mean who knows what's not going away it's not about the show it's about how like it only exists in a certain economic context that might not exist in the near future but either way that could be good like what if it is more war communism you know what if we do get like a \*\*\*\*\* carnation revolution I would be happy to do that I would absolutely give this stupid life up go up to the \*\*\*\*\* yep I mean I literally I'm disabled that's funny like I never pulled the card and it's not on my bio and I hate that politics of it but I literally I'm disabled if anyone has met me they know that I'm not physically able so I'm not gonna be able to you know hose many uh has many acres of potatoes as maybe somebody else but whatever you need me to do I would do and I'd be happy to do it if anyone had me it wanted to do anything that a so tonight physical ability I would do it I do not demand to be anime appraiser I swear to God and not the 0:34:19  
man be anime appraiser I will do some actual physical labor but I think I absolutely answered this question about my favorite Ottoman Ottoman Sultan before but I'll do it again Celine the Grimm I feel like he gets widely underrated considering he doubled the size of this he doubled the size the Ottoman Empire in an eight-year

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period that's I mean come on that's amazing and it was consolidated - it's not like with Trajan like yeah Trajan took the Roman Empire to its final ascent but they started trimming that immediately I mean Hadrian's Wall was put up after Trajan conquered Caledonia to be like all right yeah but we know realistically where our rip though same thing with the Middle East that didn't happen he held it he held North Africa until the mama loose rebelled like centuries later he held he helped the Caucasus for a while so yeah I gotta give it to Selene the Grimm even though not a lot of fun parties didn't last very long this is an interesting question somebody says was Charles Bronson the last the best actor to get pigeonholed in reactionary action of one it's a good question because I'm trying to think of other people who fit that description who else is like a reactionary movie star Charles Bronson definitely John Wayne yeah who else are there any other like Clint Eastwood I think yeah not like more thoughtfully obviously like he is uh like like Eastwood is clearly like a more progressive configure than Johnny Johnny Johnny John Wayne was well in every sense like I mean John Wayne was a it was a very hypocritical decency monger and Eastwood was much more of a like California guy like a swinging sixties dude ask Sondra Locke she'll tell you where she couldn't before she died but anyway but he was the same is the same values we just modified given like the dissolution of the social mores that had held under Wayne like recognizing the difference in culture but who else who else and then Bronson is sort of like the like the caveman version family Bronson is the unreconstructed chunk like if Eastwood is the alright this is interesting because they emerged on the same time as like stars seventies eighties death wish and Dirty Harry and Dirty Harry is the civilized Eastwood it's er I mean Wayne it's John Wayne's Americans civilized and a sin that that John Wayne's America Americans synthesizing modernity like that's what that's what that's what Eastwood was that's what Dirty Harry was Bronson Kersey was the was that slug was the reactionary slug the XS that had to get jettisoned to create Eastwood so that's what the Deathwish movies were and and then and and of course I mean then that follows too because Dirty Harry is a natural police officer and he never actually does anything in the movies it's illegal he's tough and of course like liberals and like tourney's and the elite types might say what he's doing is wrong but he doesn't break the law unless he very actually has to it always in the service of greater good Bronson is explicitly a vigilante who is not a cop does not abide by laws murders people with impunity like a guy who would a guy who was the villain in a Dirty Harry movie the bad guys in I believe it's Magnum force are cops Tim Matheson a young Tim Matheson buzz' ringleader who are killing bad guys secretly they murdered evil pimp and a pornographers and some oh and Dirty Harry kills them all he's like he's putting it back in the container you know it's like these are

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these are the restraints that we need for a for a stable masculinity that can still persist at the top of the economic like that's totally accepted because we're not challenging that this is all about a cultural reconfiguration power will still be distributed as it always has money will still be distributed as always have excess surplus but in the most blunt terms surplus will be distributed as it always has so that's all taken care of the question is where do we fit on the on the stagecoach like where are we on the stagecoach and you know John Wayne he's got to be he's got to be in shotgun \*\*\*\*\* you that's the only spot for him women women and like drunk Indians in the cap in in the actual stagecoach I'm up here with Chaka East looks like maybe on the back maybe give the girl a gun that's funny she's in bloomers and she's got a double-barrel lie got made well corncob pipe so it's not about like where you can like feel comfortable on the cart as it continues you know exploiting and export rating it and hyper exploiting and creating surpluses that are turned into these cultural curios and artifacts that you can value more or less based on your individual tastes which are of course all determined by the culture that produces them blah blah and so the synthesis that's like the the police state harbinger bye-bye Dirty Harry comes into being the the kharsa real-estate means we know as now the tough-on-crime war on war on drugs american police state and cars real estate to go along with it because you're arresting these people what could I be doing to you like that's the real thing it's like yes we're still keeping the lines of property and we're still enforcing them arbitrarily to the benefit of accumulated just heredity basically dressed up with different words but heredity total just something that is clearly wrong that cries out for for redress in the heart of any like a human being so it has to be command which is what culture is there to help do so yeah so that creates Harry Callahan and we civilize masculine dominance but that leaves the excess and that's Bernie Goetz and that's John he is the castoffs lug unreconstructed neanderthal white male masculinity that must be discarded if one is to create a synthesis now the problem is there's so much other \*\*\*\*\* mcdeere's that that deal didn't work out as smoothly as anybody on any part of it thought it would and that means that all of the debt Judas does throw off the run off the stuff that's you know endemic to any kind of mechanism I mean it's you know grafting \*\*\*\*\* builds up in the the pipes of a car engine saying what carbon and things so yeah Bronson he is really the he's the last like right-wing action star because I feel like for the most part like mainstream culture it agree that you're gonna get the benefit of a budget that's gonna get you talked about as in our understanding high of what like constitutes like a mass culture like at the level of a Seagal or something I think politics has been suppressed I think like we're seeing like Trump kind of represents this excess just like cultural caught the these tensions owns that are unresolved that are supposed to be resolved by by the market honestly

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they're supposed to get paid off for it's must have bribed them into being those brides aren't happening anymore because there's not enough money to make the payoffs because the system isn't producing them this all started in the 70s with the state flashin crisis the energy crisis the the the profitability crisis of capitalism has been 0:43:37 in since that's the only way to understand the last 40 years of politics of 8-1 crisis that has been in persistence since then and in America and the short-term domestic politics sense the way that's been resolved the crisis of centers officer short-term bubbling inflation's defense industry in the 80s tech in the 90s but when that gets disrupted there's no more you know the money's got to come from somewhere and it came from working it came from the money that had to come from somewhere because the money in this case meaning profit it's like either reducing profit or we're getting it else from somewhere else me first obvious answer was from labor and so that's what they started doing and from labor in the cultural terms means the people who are supposed to be signing off on all these cultural arrangements and the thing that makes those those trade offs acceptable is that they are comedy they come with material races and circumstances that make those kind of cultural things matter less 0:44:40 because you're comfortable \*\*\*\*\* like that matters more than agree to which and you know you're in general pain your life is generally constrained and and defined by lack and by fear and like all negative emotions like if you didn't read what your life is like determined by those is a very which like things like that matter because it's literally all you get it's like everything is in front of you and it's the only thing that matters you can feel more magnanimously the less the degree to which things more comfortable and so as those as that lubricant as the material lubricants went away it's like that process of them happening like all these like oh look at every single person who like doesn't mean where they shall look at how cool guys back then were they were on masculine and alpha she went back then older bad we're saying look at \*\*\*\*\* look at these \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* these guys you know literally do ancient Rome and 0:45:44 see that because it's an inherit process it's a civilizational process it is a partisan it's a dialect for \*\*\*\*\* it's dialectical just if it was if you understand it is that it get Rob's a whole lot of it gets robbed a lot of the emotional stuff that makes it so hard honestly like that to sound I don't want to be like hey man get over it but like get dialectical and a lot of this stuff doesn't really I don't need I just how do you even care of course like yes this is all based on the back of hyper exploitation elsewhere it's just it was distributed among the top level more accurately and there's nothing virtuous about those things and this is the thing that needs to get understood and that people because the thing is this is all this all this all we're talking about all this language and our understanding of third world exploitation all those things are only consumed and metabolize by liberal subjects like people at the top of this \*\*\*\*\*

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food chain so they have to they have to rationalize it so that's why if you think of 0:46:45  
it dialectically man it's hard to get to why wrapped up in any of this \*\*\*\*\* but  
then that's because you're comfortable but why I'm saying anyway this is all about  
how what I mean by that is that I give the people who are on the bottom if they  
were on the top they wouldn't be good by virtue of the fact that they used to be on  
the bottom it would still suck they'd be a baby's bad because they'd be exploiting  
the fact that they were suffering would not make them exploiting good and that is  
a fundamental misunderstanding that undergirds like 90% of of like a surface level  
understanding of things like identity politics and privilege theory it's all based on  
the idea that it would be better if someone who's was oppressed does an oppression  
I think that's wrong and I don't agree with that and I feel like if you don't accept  
that as the beginning principle it can undermine your entire approach to politics but  
anyway all this is just a mean is that the reason that these these things are thrown off 0:47:47  
your Elliot Rogers is and your peppe's and your your little little creepy an anti donek  
little toad lit a class it's because you can't buy him off anymore because it's not you  
can't give like it's not because we change culturally it's because it's no longer invite  
you literally can't have a one family household you're gonna have two parents three  
kids I mean forget that forget all that you even forget like the mid-century you know  
consumer aspect of it even if you said no I know I don't even need a lawn I don't  
need all that \*\*\*\*\* that was really all Madison Madison Avenue's brainwashing it  
was not actually part of any traditional life if you throw that away it's a I just want  
to be able to raise a family on an income you can do it it's impossible so it creates  
new things about that and one of them is is that actually women it's good it's not 0:48:48  
only is it good to work or and I mean not only know you don't have to work actually  
it's great that you should work and it's empowering and it's the act not only is it  
empowering only place to get genuine work congratulations for the song because there  
was no more because they had to got it from labor because they couldn't get it from  
from the market anymore because things like the energy change the initially anyway  
so it was a defense of the night that Reagan and then there was the first bomb  
possible it happened before 9/11 which then coincidentally very happily for some  
people created a new sort of Keynesian military budget justification to do like an 80s  
defense build-up again on top of which you did a another speculative housing bubble  
and a speculative tech bubble both of course of course embedded in the spending  
created and then the network of companies and budgets and the created by the war 0:49:51  
on terror and that yeah there you go whoo Wow I mean thing is none of this is  
really brained mind blowing or anything this is but it's also hard to put together  
man because they really don't want you to think of it all together they want you  
to think about all those discreet little questions and then you can do have discrete

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good guys and bad guys and then you can have discreet personal investments and emotional attachments that can accrue to one or the other and then over time you can confuse your sympathy in a situation with some objective world stance or more importantly an objective like material insistence not same thing Bronson was a good actor I mean come on this is the last he was the last but anyway yeah so like a guy 0:50:54 like Bronson now couldn't be a movie star the guy like Bronson now would have to be you would have to be like YouTube guy or more realistic I mean realistically he wouldn't be as actor at all he'd be a \*\*\*\*\* steel worker or he'd be an out-of-work still worker he'd be like he'd have he'd have like two kids with fentanyl addictions and he would you know be a part-time Walmart greeter with a \*\*\*\*\* you know who's end-stage alcoholic that would be the reality of the mr. majestic Charles Bronson if he would like the version of him now there was a cultural version of it now it would be just like as an echo of him as like a crude puppet created by his met like his slightly better off suburban failed nephews and stuff like holding up these like literally like dead like day of the dead giant puppets like that's the that's their that's 0:51:55 that's the real you know like they're all there's their grandparents shirts filling up with what at the end of the day is just pure fantasy if something regurgitate that they are only building out of like it's it's a thing they're literally making a effort they're making an effigy of like their father's out of like the bonemeal spit out by the machine but they are whatever that would be whatever disgusting bonemeal and spit mummy would come out of that process it would be a YouTube guy or it would be a school shooter or I don't know it would be it would it would not be it would not have in for sure that's what that's what basically it would have to be unspoken uh I would have to be the subaltern and then would have to be destroyed but the thing is is that it's gonna keep conflict is never gonna end because source of the conflict is the increased friction you're not gonna unless you put unless you're gonna 0:52:58 grease up you gotta grease it up and there's no grease Spit on your hand there's nothing and so it's just gonna keep spraying unless you under you get you literally change the fundamental like Network problem is the way you get to do that is by organizing people who were all cast off shumphlett smade by this \*\*\*\*\* machine in the first place it's tough hmmm-hmmm it's all stuff that makes you go honestly I love that Felix is doing and these I if you'd sold me when this all started all right what is quarantine Felix gonna get into because I I know he would do relatively well you know like you could like you can tell who you know who's doing better or worse and quarantine is largely the degree to which they were doing better or worse beforehand and the worst they were doing the better they're probably doing a quarantine and vice-versa and since you know Felix was always sort of in a crisis 0:54:0 stage just like kind of an ionic and the needing like short-term fixations to sort of

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stimulate enough interest in him to keep like thinking life is like going through he's talked about this on the show yeah the dance between meaning and novelty and so it's always that's gonna spin on something you know I was like barstool sports or or twelve-year-old YouTube kids or whatever landing on NBC primetime shows didn't see that one coming but daddy's glad he hasn't know that he's having a good time like for me doing these to spend my thing and it's been very helpful because I was a couple weeks in I was starting to feel the flywheels coming off it this is like help because like I don't think I've done I literally lost track when I think of like how long I've been doing any one thing it just feels like I've been in a tunnel this entire time 0:55:2 it just feels like I'm it in a gigantic tunnel just like standing here this entire time is I am \*\*\*\*\* like tiny places but I don't think I've stopped I missed one of these in I mean I might not have put them on YouTube but I don't think I'm just doing one for at least like half an hour at least half an hour for weeks and I hoping to do it for the rest of the quarantine time and maybe turn into something after that I don't know but short term what I want to do is put it on Twitch which I need a little bit more help with the computer ship to do but once we've got to figure it out this will be coming to twitch which will be great more interaction and stuff and it look like be easier to put on the youtubes because apparently it's kind of annoying that for Chris to get these off of here and put on YouTube I know I could be doing that but you yell at me I'm an old man I don't understand such things you get my ear you talk about the button and I can't download things I don't know people like I was taught complaining about how your computer hears you say you want to see a movie or it sees you type hey look hey you seen that in a while and then it goes in 0:56:3 to your streaming services and it removes them from from the queue so you'd have to purchase them or rent them 100 percent believe that's true and I've had enough people like say some things like that happen to them MacAlister yeah no they're doing it you're doing that to us the thing is there's no waste there's no escape that's like oh no don't go on Twitch like yeah but here I am on Instagram it's all just one giant sorry helping tunnel that we're all being fed into here is this that's always hello Lou let's see you alright guys see you tomorrow stay safe stay safe

*Better Call Saul More Like Worse Write, Paul*

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if there's a spot I can make a desk or something here oh well I guess I'm gonna have to hold it I could put it in here maybe I don't know they got away hello hello everybody oh hello friends trying to get this a so yesterday I don't know if anybody watched the stream I did last night uh I was kind of tripping balls and at the end of it I had at the after I finished recording I sat in my little back area a little fenced in area and I looked up at the sky for a while and when you know it I ended up having one of those 0:1:1 legitimate like full-blown Satori moments actual enlightenment actual transcendence like one second one with the universe wherever you want to call it ego death bah bah bah I was there and then oh \*\*\*\*\* just can't hear me can you guys hear me so so there's no sound okay I guess there's sound I don't know why people are trying to trying to guess like pork crush and trying to talk to you guys please so anyway I had a moment of complete identification oneness with the universe and then of course the second it was over I came back into my body it became reincarnated rebodied as me and of course I started falling away from that moment you know as the role the rock started rolling back down the hill and I was Sisyphus and I got to walk down it and 0:2:2 the thing about Sisyphus is Camus says you must imagine Sisyphus happy that's one of those things that just sounds like a Zen koan or something I understand it now because happy Sisyphus is one of gifts the top of the hill as often as possible because being on the top of the hill is fun and walking down the hill it's not as fun as being on the top of the hill but it's a lot more fun than pushing the goddamn rock up the hill so you just got to increase the the circuits you can't keep pushing the hill the Bull Boulder up one long gradient which is what most people do and what's recurse to do because of our material realities that constrain us and and and chain us so as I was coming back to my body and I was going down the hill and falling away the first word that came into my mind after because obviously in that time in space there's no words because language is obliterator that's not needed because you are one you 0:3:4 don't need to translate as soon as I come back to my body the first word it was it was a image in the sky of a crashing wave and the word yes and I realized that a lot of the like stuff I've been trying to get my head around in terms of like spirituality

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and theology and questions of light body and mind and all these things that have been kind of I've been working on my head I feel like I'm making progress but I've been struggling with cut through the word yes cut through a lot of it and it created a symbolic order that allowed me to make sense of everything I've been trying to get my head around and so since of since my specific orientation as age race gender class background language culture all that stuff when I heard yes the first thing I 0:4:5 thought was the end of Ulysses and I got and all of a sudden I had one moment I'm thinking oh that's what it's like to have read Ulysses and then I was like oh wait a minute and then I thought oh great now I don't have to read Ulysses but then I realized I have to read Ulysses now even if it's bad even if it's a slow good even if it's whatever because it will remind me of that moment and doing it everyday will remind me of that moment and kick me living in a way that gets me there or gets me closer to it and it will inform my actions and it will inform my behavior towards the people around me and it will make them turn towards that sound so I'm gonna start reading Ulysses and I'm thinking I might do it maybe chapter by chapter on here like I said it doesn't matter if it's good or not but doesn't matter if it's worth it what matters is reading it see look this is what I'm thinking and this is the reason 0:5:6 that I'm thinking in these terms is I did a tweet that got a lot of people mad about better call Saul because I said better call Saul in my opinion suffers for trying to be a prestige show given the ingredients it has you've got you've got Saul Goodman here played by Bob Odenkirk a great character we all love and we've got these great people behind the cast the great cinematography and they but and they meant and it ended up being the show it is with its you know basically copying the rhythms of Breaking Bad and becoming a Breaking Bad of six Blissett prequel filling in all these gaps of well where'd Hector get his bail and things like that that's inevitable as soon as it had to fit the format of a prestige show and the thing is is that as a prestige show it probably is great I've watched enough of it yes it fits all of the terms that we discuss when we talk about prestige television yes it is as good you want to argue I 0:6:11 will say it's as good as Mad Men it's as good as break it's as good as Breaking Bad or even better it's as good as Sopranos whatever you want to say fine it's good but it's good in the context of a television show and the fact is and I've written about prestige TV and I've talked a lot about it and I just keep trying to act ikkyu late something that I've never actually been able to explicitly say in a way that felt to me like it even got what Mike I felt like I was even saying when I met let alone if other people understood it and what I realized after with this you know mental Ginsu now to chop everything up that I encounter is my problem a better call Saul is that it is a product of the Demiurge better call Saul like all prestige TV is a product of the Demiurge art is an attempt to reach the etheric plane art is always an attempt to

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strike at the heart of the universe is to strike God and become God every piece of 0:7:12  
every attempt at art is that in some small way the way that the person making it can  
do or try to do its the urge to do it but then there's the reality the embodied reality  
of being a person being in a body that has needs and if there's no material needs  
that shape the world and limit us that's what the Gnostics talked about that's what  
uh that's what the Demiurge the evil God who creates this material world that's  
illusion below the the the spiritual realm like in this case if we're talking about  
art specifically in the context of art you know in an objective sense television is a  
more degraded form of art than literature by the very simple fact that it is more  
commercial and you might say well you know Stephen King makes a lot of money 0:8:13  
and blah blah know what I mean by that is a book a the writing of a book and the  
publication of a book are relatively capital on intensive making a television show  
is kept much more by like attic by by exponential numbers more capital-intensive  
than a book which means that whatever art is in it has been constrained by being a  
product of a commercial enterprise and so that means that television will be it can  
be good every show could be fun every show you should enjoy every program you  
watch either stop watching it if you can't find yourself enjoying it or find something  
about it that speaks to you everything should be enjoyable artistically and if it isn't  
then you just don't you shouldn't find something that will something that you can  
work with it's because some things aren't gonna work because the the talent of the  
people involved the amount of resources put to it the amount of commercialism left 0:9:14  
and within it that it's gonna hit you and it's gonna make it hard that is why I see I  
see better call Saul and I go look because it just reminds me that we're all praying  
to this like degraded version of art and the reason we are is because we have been  
immiseration like culturally thought capitalism has done that to us that's not a con  
it's not something you can argue like our tastes are more broad and people popped  
up it's like to say oh you're being a snob but I'm recognizing a goddamn reality here  
which is that there's a structural difference between art depending on how much  
there they are required to make money the degree to which a piece of art needs to  
make money to be worth the endeavor levin's its artistic per its individual artistic  
expression because it has to be translatable to the largest possible group and the art  
in translation gets lost and so that's fine you could find the sparks you can find the 0:10:17  
things you like in anything including Breaking Bad but what happened is is because  
we have been we've lost free time we've lost energy we've what we've we've we've  
lost the ability to take a small moment and treasure something and really dig into  
it that we need our entertainments to be go down easier they have to be absorbable  
because we don't have the energy the mental or spiritual energy to sit with anything  
because of where we are because of how degraded our conditions are because of our

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bodies essentially all these institutions capitalism feudalism before it was a slave labor every every class order created was created to to manage the issue of getting bodies keeping bodies alive basically and that creates our structures it creates our economic structures it creates our art its art creates our culture it creates our personalities it creates our religions it creates our ideologies it requires creates everything it creates this computer it creates this phone it creates this shirt and it creates the systems that create the exploitation a hyper exploitation that go into making this shirts and the-the-the-the gunpoint slave coltan mining that makes this this foam and those things are all necessary to the degree to which they allow for the body's human bodies to be restored but then there's the temptation to seek pleasure and pleasure always comes at the expense of someone else and pleasure also always comes at the expense of us always all pleasure is at the expense of others and at the expense of ourself karma and so these institutions get warped the Crowder The Crooked Timber of humanity no straight thing was ever made what that means is the crookedness is the fact that we have bodies and that's not a sin it's not bad you need to get the Christian the Christian thing is another a mother mistranslation from the initial uh from the initial true divining of like reality the material world gets in the way and it gets baffled and so Christianity gets muddled up with all this stuff and so when you say the but that like the body creates this world that's like well that's bad no it's not bad it's a national bullets and its inherent we have to deal with it we have to create a society that minimizes a suffering by spreading pleasure out as broadly as possible not concentrating on any individual because that doing so creates a situation where you cause misery to all the people whose exploitation goes into the pleasure of that one person and then that person's pleasure guess what it's fleeting it's going away they're gonna face the flames of judgement which is the coming of death there's no stopping it and so no one has gotten any kind of benefit out of that arrangement we've we have to have some suffering and pleasure just to keep the bodies going but it should be spread out that's where the dialect comes in and that is why like somebody said go back to Marxism I'm sorry but this moment made me realize that like these are nesting series of thoughts and ideologies and like structures and guess what nesting in here is dialectical materialism because that is how these this truth is like certain just like maybe Gnosticism or Buddhism or something or the Dark Tower or \*\*\*\*\* I was talking about infant Jess the other day and maybe Ulysses those things help structure like your thoughts and make it make it easier for you to behave in a way that that reduces suffering but then you need structures within other people amongst people in the social realm of economic production political economy that need to serve those ends as well a dialectal materialism is the drive towards that it is the drive towards a world where everyone is free of the bodily a needs bodily

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temptations and distractions is the word to reach full enlightenment and like when people talk about fully actually fully automated luxury space communism there's a lot wrong with that notion but the true thing it's reading with is that the only way for a universal human enlightenment which if enlightenment is the individual goal as it well should be then presumably it is the universal goal for all humans then you need some sort of taming and an instrumentalizing of technology toward the goal of human enlightenment as opposed to the dark singularity we're moving toward where the machine takes over and totally annihilates human spirituality completely and turns us into machines and so we don't want that and so how do we stop one or the other how do we get to this and now how do we push how do we push that yeah but you require zal a kit so you get to the top and you don't get there and stay there it's a process you go back you go back and you come back and you go back and you come back it's pushing the \*\*\*\*\* boulder up the hill that's why it's compatible goddamn gotta get never mind but um so if we want that version where all Universal enlightenment then it requires in my view and I might be and the thing is I am wrong at some point in time in the future I am wrong I think I'm right now and I think I am right now I have enough history around me and I think I'm smart enough and compassionate enough together to figure out like broadly what's right more specifically as it gets drilled down I don't have the information or the intelligence to specifically answer questions of Technol technological like technological questions social questions whatever but broadly I think I'm right but I'm not right forever at some point my what I am at some point the future at some point space-time what everything I think is going to be wrong every single thing and that's true of you to every human being every single thing you have ever thought every decision you have ever made has been wrong and we are all in fact that the the the the sum total of our wrong choices so this is all the way of saying that you can enjoy better call Saul to enjoy better call Saul of course it makes doesn't make sense to watch it if you're not going to enjoy watching it to get mad at it you're getting pleasure somewhere else and at the end of the day the pleasures another's expense because what are you gonna do you're gonna go online like I have a million times and like kick people in the dick and say hi \*\*\*\*\* you this shows stupid and you're dumb for liking it that's the pleasure I get out of it and that's it someone else's expense it's all pleasure is see what makes a decision right or wrong buddy exactly it's not defined until afterwards it's only retrospectively known because all time has already happened everything has already happened everything has already happened and when I say everything I mean not just in your life I mean the lives of all beings to exist or ever will exist but so you can enjoy better call Saul but you see the way people are defensive about the show and to see the way they get mad about it and

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the way they write and even if they're not mad the way they insist on its greatness it's because they have decided that instead of acknowledging that lack at the heart of prestige TV is a concept instead of saying oh this is sad that now we have to get our real like artistic nourishment from something this just bond all eyes it's banal eyes it has to be because it's commercial it has to be banal eyes and I'm and I'm this is I have to squeeze I have to try so hard to squeeze meaning out of it not up for this not for my enjoyment show but to convince other people and myself that and that's 0:19:46 where that's why that's the sad that's why your love of if your say yeah bring bet it's like it's not necessarily bad it's not it's not going to doom you to like it in that way but it it implies a attachment to something that is degraded without acknowledging and recognizing the degradation and without the ability to recognize the degradation you cannot act in a way in your life to move away from degradation both in your interpersonal relationships in your preferences what you do with your time and what you think politics should be and how you should activate act on political beliefs if prestige TV is good enough then what out by do you need to change anything see here we go somebody says so the goodness of a every individuals relationship to a piece of art is completely individualized and it's in it's a result of translations because all artists translation all existence is translation your brain literally translating to 0:20:49 you through language what is happening to it first and symbols first and senses then in symbols then in words words to yourself and then words to others at every level the translation breaks down there is loss between every level of translation and by the time you're trying to express an idea through art you're way down here you're so degraded but there's still if you're talented enough and enough people see it and if you're collaborating with others and you make something together which because collaboration is that's what like that's depending on the art form helps in the project it helps signal boost like and in bring together a you know individual insights and individual talents and it creates something so there's something to it there's a spark to all art it's just either the talent was not there to to express it fully or or it was 0:21:51 a piece of cynical \*\*\*\*\* but even the diss cynical talk \*\*\*\*\* will have things in it that might be enjoyable you could watch piece of cynical \*\*\*\*\* with the right frame of mind and enjoy it the danger is when you mistake the shadows for the figures and that is what prestige television does if we just accepted ya TV it's it's the idiot box the shows could be the same have the same stuff and and it would be fine but a a culture that requires television to be good is one that has not acknowledged its barriers exactly ya see like this is all this stuff like the Plato stuff I never really got 0:22:53 now I get it Gnosticism I never really got I feel like I get it and of course I get it less now than I did yesterday and I will get it less tomorrow than I do today my task is to get back is to remember that moment remember what I knew then and try to find it

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again and the way to do that is by daily acts by the Eightfold Path by the path of the beam what that really means is not just I'm gonna say epic pact of the beam when I see like a \*\*\*\*\* Stephen King reference it means doing my relationships with other people at my every action informed by the knowledge of what is there the imminence Beyond behind reality the real the real universe beyond the Demiurge achill one and then trying to get there and so that means I've got a that means these reading projects it's not about learning something it's about relearning something because you don't know anything you only have echoing clanging notions in your head a lot of them contradict each other and the only way to thread them together in a way to make them useful is to sit with them and that is not something that anything we do encourages not something anything in our culture encourages is sitting with these questions yes existential materialism whatever you want to call it Gnosticism well we're gonna put these if you've missed anything you can go back these these now update to my they don't go to the stories anymore I guess ask Instagram why but now they go to the time the grid I guess they're called so if you miss anything you can check that and all this while the cheeto in the right house what are the health because like Gnosticism says we this is a degraded Shadow Realm it is it's a greater chatter realm of material reality but we have to work with it how do we work with it how do we put how do we thread it how do we push it in a direction that leads towards the chance for Moore's as many people as possible to achieve transcendence and direct it back to themselves in the future and to everyone else who can hear them in their lives and people's around them it's by by the dialect it's by earth it's by by resolving contradiction because contradiction is at the heart of existence no and yes the universe the universe is yes and it's always there and it is outside of space and time the world is now and it is and we are all every person every being in the universe every memory photon every chain of chemicals every every anything those things are all knows those are different levels of rejecting and the thing is there aren't that many of them but there doesn't need to be because yes it exists outside of space and time it is the accumulation of knows over this endless pants they are accumulated in actual reality that in this world and you got to get back to yes and the thing is I say that and you hear it it's like what does that mean and for me these words getting back to yes they're freight 'add with my memory of this experience you are only hearing my words retell it which is fraudulence this nietzsche points out all language is a lie all I can do is use my talents that's such as existed they to such extent that they exist and and my will my morality to i intellect to to try to push in the direction of the good so that's better call Saul like I said I'm sure half of this is totally incoherent it makes sense to me but that's because I experienced it and my hope is is that by like trying to take this seriously as a practice of mind I will stay

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close enough to this that I can occasionally get back there and when I come back hopefully I'll have an even better vocabulary because I've had these moments before they're all drug related because I'm a cheater because I'm a lazy \*\*\*\*\* because I have bad morality I have I mean now bad morality see once again the judgmental I my my bad and good traits all my bad and good traits intellectually and morally whatever were fixed in time by the mistakes of others it is still my duty then to live with them and and proceed with them and try to use what I have that's good minimize what I have what's bad that is my task that is why both we are both totally determined all activities all all actions are fully determined physically absolutely and 0:28:18 yet you still have free will ya know I'm hoping to meditate more the sublime exactly that's what we're talking about and like people come at that from different ways like and different things contribute to your ability to get there and like my specific combination of abilities and and my character traits was positive and negative that had been fixed but by others got me a spot to see a couple these moments and every time I came back with a little more of it that made sense and then it would go away and the fact that I was only able to articulate it somewhat is part of what made it go away because I couldn't convince myself to keep trying because I couldn't even I couldn't even keep translating it to myself because I kept forgetting it because I was not in that present moment of mind and now that I have an even more like 0:29:24 coherent vocabulary for it that actually makes sense I'm hoping that I can express that everyday I can already feel it like right now it feels different but like I said it goes away with time and that's the thing remember nobody really believes all beliefs are acted upon and if you don't act on your beliefs you don't really believe them and like the thing is that doesn't just mean big lofty out like ideological blows like literally down to you know true/false like objective same as fact if you don't believe something you don't act on it and I need to believe this in order to act on it which means I have to keep in that mind space because in that mind space I know with full certainty that I am correct and the thing is it doesn't matter if I'm not because there is no there's no one to check it's my body it's my consciousness it's gonna end at some point I want it to end I want to be able to greet death with a smile by having at 0:30:28 least come close enough to the ineffable that maybe I can grab for the ring you know what I mean or get there whenever I want I mean obviously that's the Buddhist like end state which is very difficult to achieve why because you have to actually have \*\*\*\*\* material conditions met like you have relationships with people you are meshed in a social network that has to be nourished so that means that it doesn't matter if I there is no right or wrong there is no there's no one's gonna check the score after I die no one is gonna look at my test results it's all about what happens in the interim between those two cosmic does mistakes my life my birth which is the

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result of the accumulated mistakes of everyone leading up to that moment and my death which will be caused by the accumulated mistakes of everyone else and myself but of course those mistakes were caused by other people's mistakes because as I said all acts are fully determined see this person saying oh you can do things without 0:31:32 thinking about your actions exactly exactly you're not thinking about your actions so you are carrying out a belief that's the actual belief the thing you think you don't really think you think you think it but you don't really think it if you really did you'd act that way it's not it's like I really believe it no you don't and it's like if it gets up at there like if you guys are talking about political stuff like Marxism or like socialism or something those are so huge and amorphous that like it's impossible to tie them to enough direct actions to say one way or the other but they trickle down into specific premises and if you do not really believe the premise you will not act on it it's unconscious but and the thing is is that people are so \*\*\*\*\* afraid of being wrong and I think I realize is that you must always know how that you are wrong 0:32:33 you're wrong something deeply something that you believe in the soul is wrong it might not be wrong now you might live your entire life and that thing you believe is true but at some point it won't be true anymore every fact statement ever was true at some point there's a famous Bertrand Russell philosophical like proposition where he he's talking about like he's talking about language as like order how like a sentence that's that's correct without being correct in his presence and his example was the sentence the present King of France is bald right that was his that was his hip pocket example and of course that is the the words in that sentence makes sense they're in the right order and it gives you meaning but there is no present King of France so his hair were its non-existence is but the thing is there was a preppin bald 0:33:35 King of France the one of the Carolinians was \*\*\*\*\* Charles the bald and every and and if you think outside of your life if you think outside of this world and think of the nested nested nested tests or acting expanding multiple versions of you multiple versions of Earth that exists then it's happened somewhere all that all of them have happened somewhere so every statement every belief is true at some point and it's your job in life to to in good faith seek truth knowing that you will fail knowing that you will fail knowing that the vast majority of us will 99.999% of us die in fear 0:34:37 and horror and and knowing that all you can do is try and see it like somebody said unfalsifiable how could you falsify anything you can't falsify I don't know man I build this pretty sure he said that yeah Bertrand Russell the present King of France why do you people gasp like me or are you like trying to make up I don't know I shouldn't care see this is the thing I need to remember it doesn't matter if it's correct or not doesn't matter if I'm right or not I just need to try to communicate to people and if I'm good enough at doing it and I try long enough and hard enough it's a real

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important thing then hopefully somebody will get something out of it and it will help them and will help me exactly many don't try because they don't know how to and that's why this has to be divorced from judgment you do you have to divorce this from judgment like the person who is unable to choose due to like a child soldier in Liberia there they are fixed by others mistakes and others weaknesses a \*\*\*\*\* Donald Trump jr. is fixed by the in Donald Trump himself the Hitler all fixed they still had a responsibility to to to seek truth and they failed but they failed because of specific limitations imposed on them from outside and so all we could do is try to live in accordance with beliefs as close to enlightenment as possible so that we can speak them and live them to others so that they can live them to others it's like a \*\*\*\*\* multi-level marketing scheme it's it's a Ponzi scheme that ends with the world being universally enlightened and the universe winking out of existence because the Demiurge spoiler alert the evil god who created this material fake world guess what it's me spoiler alert it's also you every one of us is God and every one of us is the Demiurge and the Demiurge in material form is the accumulated bad decisions of every human being and then within us the damage is that which accepts that reality of face value so and see like I was thinking about this the other night like well I was thinking about I thought about Jordan Peterson and Jordan Peterson \*\*\*\*\* about about like dragons of chaos like he is getting at real things real dialectical dialectical engagements real binaries but his premise is elsewhere are wrong so he reached his bad conclusions from an essentially based correct and then you get people who and the thing is like the most of people who get mad at Peterson have not gotten as deep as him they are treading in shallow water they are more trapped by the material restraints than him but they're there right there more right than him in other ways they have a understand like the implications and reality of like social structures and politics and economics better than him maybe so they are he is wrong and they are right even though he is right and they are wrong just at different times in two different places and it's about twisting all of these into an arrangement where all of the \*\*\*\*\* Duncan and uh and blocks are gone and the light can shine through it's like imagine like your consciousness the universe it's like the Dark Tower it's like a spindle it's like a \*\*\*\*\* finger trapper like one of those what the hell is that codex and there's all these different arrays these binaries these interlacing binaries and you have to get all the yeses on one side and all the nose on the but figuring that out is the work of life and it's a collaborative work and as you might be right down here in one part of the puzzle and you're wrong up here and guess what your \*\*\*\*\* you're just as \*\*\*\*\* to somebody who's wrong up here and right down there which is what you see with these awful just dispiriting battles between ID Paul people and and the outright Nazis or whatever and like TRADD cats versus you know sex workers

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it's like they have all gotten something correct but there are things that they are accepting certain thesis that are wrong that are set expecting certain fundamental thesis they're accepting features of this superstructure of culture and expectation and value that are generated by capitalism at face value it's just different now the reason you behave morally is because if you ain't morally it other people respond to it that's why and if you maintain morality even if they don't you acknowledge and recognize why they aren't it's collaborative yes it's being mostly right but not just on a like there's that less wrong subreddit where they all want to \*\*\*\*\* like put a USB cord in their dick or whatever they're thinking in terms entirely of intellect like we're going to split time and I'm gonna live forever and a robot body no you're not now you live for another \*\*\*\*\* robot body and even if you did guess what there is not fine it there's a finite amount of energy in the universe so after what you get to be a floating robot body for what five million years how is your brain how is your buddy what is your life like what is your what is how is your heaven its hell its eternal hell until death congratulations but it's less wrong on the axis of intellect and rationality and insight but also in feeling and empathy and social coordination and because the end is coming either way the end of your life the end of the universe the end of lurve life on earth the end of everything it will come to an end and then it will start again it will start over again and you'll get it wrong again everyone will get it running in but slightly differently and then eventually somewhere and it's already happened to get it right which is why we even have consciousness was why this world even exists because at some point we closed I'm actually not on any drugs right now I'm not I haven't even smoked weed today having to add in the alcohol I gotta say I don't know I mean I'm probably the still gonna smoke weed once in a while as you know as as my weakness overwhelms me and as I fail as I will but right now I don't need it I'll need it in the future but the thing is and this is one thing that defeats so many people's attempts to seek enlightenment is that if they fail once in like I guess I didn't get it I guess I didn't do it but it's not you're never fixed you're you're you're you aren't you don't you aren't anything you aren't a Marxist you are an American you aren't a Christian you aren't any of that you are you are in a quantum state at all times until you act until your brain thinks a thought and then you act on it you're not anything and that is the mark of mistakes on the world how do you close the loop as I described universal consciousness and on a long enough timeline and with enough universes that will happen as all things will yes I do therefore I am because I remember reading at derekjjensen and he's like Ann Ann creme whatever but he made a good point about that at the time I thought was stupid he was talking about like the the awful list of Cartesian dualism and saying like to see Descartes say I think therefore I am and he wrote I want to go to Descartes say Rene do you not

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also feel and I was like a 19 year old like I thought I was read it didn't exist but I would have been on it going like that's stupid but now I understand what that means you need both they are literally the same thing they are they are both they are both conditions of consciousness that operate independently and also between each other 0:44:6  
it's not an action is flawed read about your delay shut up it doesn't matter if it's right or not it doesn't matter it cuz like of course I don't know the specifics I haven't done the reading I don't know how to do math complex math I can't even count on my \*\*\*\*\* fingers does it matter what matters is whether it makes me act right and the reading gets you to act right you don't learn anything you don't become something by reading it the act of reading it and thinking it in flex your behavior right because no is the yeah I don't see how that contradicts what I said that yes 0:45:7  
your but your your autonomic system acts before you but that's that's physiological and that's just the same translation system and there's a delay because of that but you still then something that comes into your mind and it's determined by what you've interacted with like what I'm saying is this is all determined it's but the thing is you you know you always recognize the other even if you say you don't you are of whether it's to to try to embrace or to destroy it's a recognition of the other no matter what like the other is not just like a minority or another claim the other is your \*\*\*\*\* mom you know the other is literally every other conscious being that you encounter whose will reminds you of your subjectivity or your objectivity rather 0:46:8  
because being an object and a subject is essentially contradiction and it freaks out your brain and we've been trying to like get back to to harmony it and it's very difficult because of the conditions that alright well it looks like everyone's mad at me I'm sorry they're just trying to work some stuff out I'm not gonna try to argue with anybody especially over the thing but especially like I said I'm probably describing a lot of this incorrectly because I'm not a genius I just know what I felt and I know what is the closest human words to what it felt like because I know it was right and it's like if I act on it and it results in people getting mad at me and every like a like as 0:47:10  
Raylan Givens said you run into an \*\*\*\*\* in the morning you ran into an \*\*\*\*\* you run into an \*\*\*\*\* all day you're the \*\*\*\*\* and that's the thing it's totally subjective but it also confronts reality because you have to practice it and then what does it get you that's the question what does it get you and it's like oh yeah you could be a piece of \*\*\*\*\* and acquire all this money and wealth oh yeah okay but you're still at base miserable you pleasures are fleeting and very few people can even and you're hoarding of pleasure means that others can't even are other people are denied basic pleasures like the ones that all humans require not not that baroque disgusting ones that our machinery of exploitation offer up to us in lieu of freedom the cat is being locked in here with me because she's causing too much shenanigans in the other room 0:48:11

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there's nothing I can do there's I'm sorry all right I'm gonna try to get the cat over here so you should stop being so sad yeah see I wanted to be I wanted to pet the cat but the thing is I have I have I've taught the cat to treat me poorly by scorning him by by not being there in a moment and like acknowledging his needs and now he doesn't trust me and nor should he that's Karma that's literally what karma is good or bad so now he won't come over here maybe over time if I behave differently now he will come over to me but I have to earn it and he has to respond to my attempts to earn it and some people are compatible that way and some people aren't and there's no judging it you just have to acknowledge and understand that's what it is it's all understanding that is the task of all humans and I don't mean it's what you can't understand like not like like these these enlightenment says Oh understand your reason it's like that is insufficient we've seen what just a just tempering your blade of Reason gets you it gets you a planet that is dying it gets you a population that is miserable and eviscerated and sick and and and unfree everywhere no clue absolutely howling in the \*\*\*\*\* cages like a bike like experimental rhesus monkeys that's what that's what pure but it's like you can't not have it because that's how you bill old capacity to allow material satiation of needs by industry by by technology by the application of human reason to the material world but by itself it gives you an isle ation it gives you the Holocaust exactly it gives you it gives you nuclear war it gives you climate change it needs it needs to be tempered and it's tempered by cooperation like like when I say morality and I say a moral sense when I say my virtues those are all produced by my relationship with other people they're entirely are not within me none of them are they're entirely outside intellect is interior you get information from outside you and then your intellect is basically the sum total of your experience of other people's information but but your morality is entirely the product of your interaction with other people and it's entirely since in—this of other people's treatment of you and your response to that and I don't gonna try to be nice through the cat the other night she was yowling and instead of getting mad at her I just said well what do you need usually she hasn't food water should I scoop the box and say oh yeah I scoop the box she went in there and now she's not meowing right now she wants to go in the other room sadly so and that's what Ralston Saul talks about with Voltaire's bastards is pure rationality instrumentalized as humans to the degree that human civilization is no longer viable because we're not people anymore were instruments and that's what we're headed towards doesn't have to be and we're all working on what way and some of us are right and some of us are wrong none of us no I'm sorry some of us are less wrong than others and if enough of the less wrong are able to cooperate they can make in the world the proof of their correctness in the world until it becomes it overtakes the structures that are all right so that felt nice I

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don't hope I don't sound completely insane because I don't want to because you know like this kind of as I said like I said I said I know it's right to me and it doesn't matter if it's not right to you well it does matter if it's not right to you if what I experience makes me go out and like you know take my dick out on the subway and stab people randomly or you know hit my neighbor or something then then that's that's dissociative then there's a break in me there is a physical emotional break caused by biology and by the behavior of others in my response to it that of course we're living in a simulation but it doesn't of course we're living a simulation the simulation is reality the simulation is our collective material attempt to reconstruct a world as individuals out of the undifferentiated universal consciousness we emerge from so like it doesn't need like that's that's that's that's another point of quite like the mechanistic de it's like the demo years talked about spirit well we killed God so it's not about there's no Demiurge because you can't convince anyone of that because we killed God so now oh it's machine that's the same thing is the same purpose it's it's recognizing the same fallen state of consciousness that was required to just live related to what we could be but now we give it a mechanical name rather than a spiritual one because we've killed the spirit and replaced it with Pure Reason which is what which is what decadence comes from that's where decadence comes from that's where all this like the trad casts the trad people aren't right in the sense that the things were using to fill the gap are alienating and poisoning as are all and pursuits of pleasure but they're not they're not inherently evil they are they are mechanisms of coping and which we can we can disconnect the machine the problem is is that we have this machinery that turns all of our worst all the worst elements of society Marx talked about this about like on the Jewish Question like capitalism creates all these dehumanizing conditions between people and then creates a structure that says actually those those those like broken relationships are good actually it's that's supposed that's supposed to be the way it is and in fact here here are X Y ; Z things you can buy or do or or jobs to take or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* places you can be slotted in the honeycomb hierarchy of Industry to to I don't know specifically I don't know that I don't know enough about like neuroscience to say where thoughts come from but I just think the thing that generates thoughts and the thing that generated the universe is a fundamental contradiction and the contradiction is to be a feeling being that perceives itself as feeling that's where our thoughts come from and that's what separates humanity from all other being of course all other beings have they're all on the same they're all on levels of the tower they're all in different areas they're all different spokes of the wheel we consider ours higher but that is judgment that's just a judgment that is that is a Demiurge achill spook but it's different it's just different and that means we have we then that person that that

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blessing gives us the ability to shape this material world in a way that animals that don't have that ability can't and so we have to try to do it that is our mission and we fail that task that a degree to which we put our our our work or our bodies our 0:57:24  
minds towards the towards satisfying physical indulgence and that doesn't just mean like eating a quarter-pounder or anything it means sqlite it's just it could mean us it means simply accumulating surplus value from surplus calories because to have surplus calories means someone is working more than someone else that's the that's where you get the division of labor that's where you get the Apple in the garden someone has to work more than someone else because if they don't there's no there's no surplus to allow and that is the task of society civilization and the hungry ghosts says no will I will make it I will turn the world and I will become God and I will I will be the only thing in the universe and the thing is if you are the only thing in the 0:58:26  
universe then you are damned you are you are Satan you're at you're actually you're actually Lucifer Morningstar owned but if we collectively seek to better each other spread material suffering as thinly as possible increase everyone's capacity for play and and and present this and thought and and kindness and and all of those things then then we can restructure we can make this world differently I mean obviously that's not there's it's not like yeah and in your lifetime everyone's gonna try and send to the etheric plane of course not absurd I'm saying in some distant galaxy to thumb thousands of billions of whatever that might be happening here we're gonna 0:59:27  
fail we will fail we will we will fall short of that it is without question how far short was the only difference between one version of reality and one life and another is how far short we fall and all we can do is push because there's nothing else to do there's nowhere else to go there is nowhere else to go you can the wicked flail or no none pursue earth there's nowhere else to go but inside the only

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hi everybody the hooting and hollering just started the seven o'clock Putin holler everybody putting on everyone else everybody being thankful that the lights still works everybody being thankful that they can still order ground home under the gather the garbage is still getting taken out and that the internet hasn't stopped working hey everybody thank you guys that's nice today as it was the other day sadly it's been raining the last couple of days but it's good enough to question 0:1:2 already Wow can I suggest a film for Chapel to watch I mean like as a thing to talk about well there's a couple that we have a store and a couple ideas I've had I think we should probably do what about Southland Tales at some point we've talked about it a lot might as well and I wanna do an episode was will about Richard Jewell soon cuz I feel like that movie uh that apparently some stuff I said last night was part of Orthodox Sunni thought of course it is I mean it's a cliché to say this and it's like it sounds like a coexist bumper stickers but like oh all religious traditions start from a fundamental understanding of the same reality they are just translated differently 0:2:5 based on the cultural context in which they emerge don't groping towards the same thing we're all grabbing the same elephant and so it makes sense all this stuff for fraks through every other secular and religious belief system like I said like Marxist Marx was binding on these same frequencies the same way that Buddha Buddhist star and Sufis and \*\*\*\*\* you know whatever whatever even some props do that not that many of course certainly very few in the United States because they think heaven is real like it's a city I gotta say I don't really know you can like communicate realistically to somebody who is convinced in the way that I am convinced of what I think is real that heaven is like a place like there's a street there's something with those 72 virgins like really that's your idea of eternity you know what eternity is it's 0:3:6 like yeah it's basically like South Padre Island come on shape up religions let's get out of here I'd address this but why say a preferred Abstract Expressionists isn't because it did not have a political valence because you look at a piece of abstract art and you're going to have an individual response to it it's not going to refer to material circumstance that other people can all that other people who see it can

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all agree - it's totally individualized the response to it is entirely individualized and that's great then you guys could argue about what it means and none of you will be right and none of you will draw political implications from it because you are making totally subjective emotional reaction social realist ours that we can that is inextricably linked to the conditions that produce it and points towards those conditions that's a common vocabulary of a kind of set of problems that emerge from the work the people who all who see it all who expose themselves to it they can 0:4:8  
all have that are all going to have the same vocabulary discussing it it's not going to be an individualized point of view and that is dangerous hypothetically I mean presumably a lot of those feelings will just get read pitch elated and reabsorbed as it always are but you know if there's too much excess if there's too much that can't be absorbed then you really have a problem Picasso was not an abstract expressionist of course cubism how will they underreport death counts with bodies keep piling up well for one thing they're already keeping death counts down by not testing people who have died of it who suspected to have died of it but died before they were tested and by calling things like heart attacks and strokes and yeah they were opportunities 0:5:15  
I'm sorry I got I don't and that people value like the number of people who are dying of COPD and uh pneumonia are already shooting up and those aren't being counted as kovat deaths so we're already under coming to begin with and it's not even at that point gonna necessarily be any question under counting as a question of normalizing to the degree and now you might say well you know you could overwhelm the health care system not if we read not if we if we reorient like it'll be like oh you have it there just isn't any place for you or it's full or it'll be triage by like wait time or or ability to pay and if you can't get the care and time that will be as sad for you and for your 0:6:16  
family but it will also be how things are now the same way that thousands of people getting shot by guns thousands and thousands and thousands of people being killed by cars tens of thousands of people dying hundreds of thousands of people dying for lack of health care people dying from surgical mistakes people buying from every element of capitalist corner-cutting and and and copper theft at a copper wire thing thievery that has made up the the morbidity Latino opiates look at how many people are dying of opiate addiction tens pet what is it my 80,000 people a year or something like that that's a stunningly high number compared to what it used to be even a few years ago and it's just a sad bummer it's a thing that happens yeah you normalizing the structural violence then you do that in every level like if you accept that like this stuff is a mixture of natural circumstance and and structural inevitabilities and yes it's violence and obesity to obesity to like yeah we're gonna keep everybody we're 0:7:19  
gonna replace real food with corn paste we're gonna put pesticides and everything that we have no idea what they do to people and when we find out what they do to

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people we're gonna throw them away we're gonna \*\*\*\*\* dump that information so you never even know yeah people have we have so much roundup in a piss that we could like write our names in the grass and it would stick there because it would kill all the \*\*\*\*\* blaze and it kills people it's like gives you cancer but that's just the brakes and it's like there has to be a moment of absorbing and recapitulating and like rationalizing the phenomenon as it emerges which has happened with all the things I'm describing which means that this is just going to be like a more open and more dramatic and probably more contested I \*\*\*\*\* hope more contested process and the degree to which that's going to be true or not is the degree to which they're going 0:8:21 to get away with it is a degree to which we left them I mean in broad sense like in descriptive sense not in it not in a judgemental sense like if we let them it's not that word makes it seem like it's our fault it's not because we don't have the tools and the question is whether we can build them and there's no certainty we will be able to they might be able to we might not but it will be our fault but it will be because we didn't stop them in like but that's what they're gonna try to do now that might not happen like one of the big reasons is they're gonna open up again state states are saying they're gonna open up right now what if I mean people people have to work but people don't have to be consumers they really don't they don't have to go to Chili's now a lot of the you know these yokels who show up with the shotguns and the ar-15s in front of state capitals to shoot someone I don't even know you know that's interesting that guns that those are really more interesting than the guns that 0:9:23 like the the rallies where they're trying to like because the guns have the the culture war rallies that have been before this and these guys are all copying the guns are they're presumably to protect them from the Anti Fog right I keep up empty spot but now when they were protesting this uh these coded closing there's only a key pop the any \*\*\*\*\* kids they're all cuts their home they're actually Florentine so the only people there are the medical staff who once again aren't ordering people to do anything they're just trying to protect they're trying to save lives who are that are being lost by the actual existence of the virus and the police officers who are actually enforcing the law so once again what is the law for I mean what is the gun for what is the why do you have a gun dude why do you have a gun and the clinic I don't even know if they would answer because I think it's just because I'm doing a protest like 0:10:25 it's like you wouldn't ask somebody to protest while you're holding a sign you know I think that's it it's like they're expressing their they're expressing their latent their political power and their latent unspoken willingness to go beyond the ballot as a world but of course it's for most of them a bluff and yes it's a pacifier it's a binky like you they don't even know what they're what they're carrying it for because it's that people ingrained as a totem of strength that they don't actually possess but yeah

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and technology is gonna be part of it they're gonna track the track and trace stuff that's like literally tracing people and then because I mean realistically these guys 0:11:27 are gonna I mean if the technology exists and it looks like it probably does if you can do like water scale testing and tracing which of course Trump resisted Trump resisted testing because he wanted to keep the numbers down because he doesn't he has a child's understanding of everything which means you know like he he understands at one level at one axis level he understands they like you and I like Trump and and any other president or any other person what understands a large number of people with the disease is bad to have we all understand this most people because that information is connected to a foundation of presumptions that lead to it and have been worked through know then that if the number high number of 10 of people with this is bad then the way to prevent the number from going up is to intervene some way to stop the spread Trump he understands the the mere idea that a guy 0:12:30 number is bad but because he has not done any thinking to get there and couldn't if he wanted I mean maybe if he really thought if you really concentrated you could get there but it would take him weeks to get to even one like banal statement of truth that's how unnn unnn reflected his life is that's how unnn unnn how little work he has done into examining any of the structures of thought that he under so he sees numbers bad and he thinks well don't okay well if you test people they're gonna come up with more numbers so don't test them and then the number won't go up so they told people don't text and that is it's like it's that's the difference between an idiot responding to a situation and somebody actually thought through what the situation means even though they could agree on like that that's why I'm so annoyed by the by they're getting annoyed with the binary way we discuss rightness and wrongness 0:13:31 about ideas because it leaves us to argue on the wrong term the wrong planes in the wrong terms like big number is bad is something that both Trump and you know say jay Inslee or you know somebody who's considered a confident response to they all know big number bad so they're both right about that it's just that they're the truck is wrong and how he got there his presumptions are wrong and so and so you have to pick like the level where the wrongness is to to get at where the mistake has been made the original branching off into into just premises that will lead you inevitably to the wrong thing but anyway I forgot what I was saying about that but yeah Trump wants the number to go down and that's why it resisted testing but now it's inevitable or you're good and you test it cuz that's the only way you could 0:14:32 possibly reopen things and the best way you could reopen things solve two problems you have solve two problems by reopening and they're only solving one right now and we'll see how much the effect there is that you can you can say things are open and your businesses can open and if you work at those businesses you got to go to work

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because you had a \$1,200 stimulus jacket nothing \*\*\*\*\* all else web you probably lost your health care insurance health insurance and you so you so you will go to work but you can't make people go and patronize the businesses you can't make people go to the restaurants and go to the bars and go out if they think the thing is real and most people do they're gonna be worried about that and even if they go out it's going to be for the last time fewer they're going to spend less money it's like you have to make them feel comfortable about getting out too so I think what they're gonna find is the only way that they can square the circle like I've said the real way to fix this is to war communism the economy and create direct provision and like essentially suspend capitalism and and and you could you could do that don't ask me how but I guarantee you if I got enough people in a room we could figure it out since that's not gonna happen because it would undermine capitalism I gotta remind the markets we have to get back and Americans of consumer service industry economy we can't it's not like you can go oh we could leave her factories is the thing if these are factories then it would be no problem like if we had an industrial economy you could make them go back to the factories and then you're done you're producing the thing and you can send it out and they'll be sold somewhere but but this still doesn't follow the service industry not even where the service industry is a huge huge chunk of our economy maybe the demand any kind of significant demand shortfall will result in sustained and suppression and contraction and they don't have any intervention for that or they want one so they have to prevent it and if you have this deadly virus out there and then you're finding out oh yeah by the way you can be like totally healthy and it just can suddenly start curdling your blood and then you get a \*\*\*\*\* stroke at like 35 I mean if that keeps happening and there's no reason to leave alone as the death toll rises of the number of people who get it rise people are gonna want to \*\*\*\*\* do that I'm just saying if you work on it is in the economy you don't have a service industry you get rid of the \*\*\*\*\* you're not doing it anymore you're getting rid of you're just it's it's it's supply chains replacing a the so to fix both ends of that equation to get the back of the work and to get people out of their houses to patronize the businesses they're gonna have to be they're going to have to who like they're going to have to take the suppression like all these basically if you if you if you stripped down to it and you ask all those people protesting at those state capitals if you were to like make them break down their belief system on what this is and you got to exclude the ones who think that it's not a real virus because that's that's an incommensurability beyond your ability to breach but if they believe the virus is real and it is as deadly as a disincentive so you got to start with those people and that is gonna be a subsection but if you've got them down and they admitted that then what they're basically arguing for is

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this is slavery that we have to be kept in our homes freedom would be if people who are sick had to stay in their homes and I got to go out and that is a perfect capsule description of the American conception of freedom since the founding of the country that is what Liberty is it's a X amount of work has to be done X amount of surveillance must be maintained X amount of discipline must be enforced X amount of misery must be inflicted essentially to maintain this social structure it is unfair to me Liberty is being a puppet of being infringed freedom is being undermined the degree to which I must feel it and then the reason for that is because there are people who deserve to feel it and not more than me or in a binary sense they do and I doubt and of course that's where slavery you know the southern colonial mindset of like the justification is the difference between me and you that is what and it's in my head but it's what justifies the imposition of the social costs the externalities the external miseries created by building a social order and maintaining it on to you and that is freedom because I because I'm here don't deserve to have these things infringed imposed on me they did and that's where you know that's that's that's the basis for the \*\*\*\* anti-immigrant xenophobia stuff and so the next like group that's gonna enter into the pantheon of others who deserve to have this stuff happen to them will be people who are sick with porn with korben korben date-date bill Corbett know people who have it because if you can if you have robust testing which we could do we really put the \*\*\*\* pedal to the metal then you could get a better map of where it is and then innit when it did emerge you could get it quickly and then button it up and then if that went with tracing where those people are and enforcing through full legal means quarantined on them that would be freedom to the people doing the protesting that would be that would be Liberty now people talk about how authors know anybody's blah blah blah whatever not talked about we don't know any about that stuff and honestly it wouldn't matter because this is all about Corbin Bernsen this is all what what they have to do and like I say if even after then because of lack of antibodies there's still a higher mortality it will be incorporated it has to be I'm just talking about the general contours and so even though the the imposition of on the person like here we got a thing where there's a light load on everybody it's not that hard there's a light load on anybody I guess I would say this there's a light load on everyone who is under quarantine there's a heavy there's a light load at everyone reporting because we placed a heavier load on the people who still have to work in essential industries so we have like X amount of like general Liberty now we have less and it's been just that's been displaced on to essential workers but even that thin amount of liberty imposition on quarantine people with \*\*\*\* jobs but but a basement full of ar-15s is too much because it's a me basically and so their solution would be take this small amount that I have to feel and place it on to this larger

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category of people suffering from kovat and they will have their freedoms restricted even more than the \*\*\*\*\* essential workers had or certainly we all had collectively under quarantine now you are tracked and traced and can be arrested and I guarantee you in a situation like that the penalties would gets tougher would get more severe because the need to maintain order to maintain the system of individuals to say to him because these aren't just people under quarantine these are people who are positive they will amount to humanism look at John Cornyn saying like you know 50% of Kovach deaths there are bad underlying conditions like obesity and heart disease and it's like dude that's all of your constituents and everyone and it's like they all know they don't think of it that way because they're not gonna get it so like you see that you're like well how would a fat person who lives in Texas and it's not like their heart and he in likes cornyn how's it gonna read that he doesn't read that and say your life is matters less because you were overweight no because that \*\*\*\*\* loser had core koban and I don't know it won't so yeah like that's what American liberty has always meant it isn't the extent to which I am free of the burdens required to perpetuate the circumstances and that's why and that's where these that's like it it is it like I think that out very little things are actually hypocritical I don't think autocracy is real honestly I feel like either one like hypocrisy of like I'm like believing in the thing in acting a different way I don't think that's hypocritical because as I said believing a thing doesn't mean anything it's you're acting out if the thing that you believe which means that like for example if you're a Christian fundamentalist who has an affair checks off that doesn't mean that's the none of that negates you being a Christian and being a Christian doesn't negate you having checked off or cheated so like the hypocrisy I don't I don't think that the idea there the underlying idea is that well if you are this you'll never do that and I don't think that that's realistic because the doing that is is everyday the thinking that is only afterwards and it's incorporated either way and in things like this like these kind of ideas like these ideological contradictions like oh you know you got a gun but you see black police lives matter it's like that's not hypocrisy because their definition of Liberty is such that Liberty is other people who deserve it bearing a burden of policing and authoritarianism and exploitation that I because they have it coming and some fun that went away if they've brought it about and so that's I mean you want to talk about Protestantism being like a key piece of software or a key piece right now one of the most important lines of code that went into the development of America is that is that really one of the only ways to make sense of that is if you believe that that you could know who deserves anything in this world and of course it's like racism is an easy way to do it visually because it just it carries a lot of \*\*\*\*\* with it but before you even get to racism you get to fortune you get to who's happy who's losing

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successful who is where they are if God controls all that those who are pleased those  
who sit in the positions of respect and and prosperity why why would God let them 0:25:54  
be there if you didn't want them there that's if they were believers of ours and it's  
like you can argue about how that's not really what was in Calvinism and it wasn't  
but like you know their Buddhism like how many forms of Buddhism have like gods  
and like demigods I mean it's it's all syncretic own religion is syncretic so so like  
whatever pure strain theory that nerd Calvin was talking about with predestination  
and stuff whatever the hell that is the the the American settler was not operating on  
anything that refined they were operating on you shall know him by so that means if  
you've got kovat and I didn't that was I mean somebody made that happen if you're 0:26:56  
black and I'm white somebody choose to put the Mark of Cain on you or the mark of  
ham on you so period if you live in to Guatemala and I live in the United States and  
you're the one that gets the death I did not get a haircut I might I might shave my  
head I don't know might do it why not people want to know if ALC sucks now once  
again I feel like these are the terms that we should not think yeah if somebody does  
something you don't like like ALC did a \*\*\*\*\* periscope with hip warned today and  
it's like oh god the idea is like if you don't like that and that is it's like there's an  
amount you cannot like that that will like guarantee okay I have now brought this 0:27:58  
person as bad this person's in the bad bin and that doesn't really help you in any  
way because they're still around and you still have to deal with them the question is  
always is aoc useful and that and that is an independent question of whether she's  
good or not she might be a celebrity liberal I think she probably is but I can't know  
we're all divining chicken bottles we're all looking at entrails and trying to figure out  
if we know these people we never can we can't even know ourselves how the \*\*\*\*\* are  
we gonna know all these other people ah this person's actually a celebrity sir craving  
liberal this person is actually a real true believer you will never know you will never  
know you know them by their actions their clamor their collection of actions and that  
shouldn't make you have an idea of what they're what's inside of them it should give  
you an idea of what to expect from them and those are different things because what  
to expect from them imposes the idea that it's going to be contextualized that every  
given moment is going to have a context that will determine what the right thing 0:29:0  
to do is that is different than saying bad what that means that no matter what's  
happening there's no situation where this person should ever be engaged with and  
that I think is I mean I'm not talking about it morally being wrong I think that  
it's just a long way to think about things I think it's a way it's too brittle it's tool  
two-dimensional I would say that I don't trust AOC because of her past actions I will  
continue to not trust her but I will acknowledge your reality of existence and deal  
with it and what that means doesn't mean a thinking she's a girl boss or saying that

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she's never done anything wrong or that she's always gonna do everything wrong right nothing it doesn't imply anything other than that I'm going to have a certain like expectation I'm gonna consult when I'm like processing a given specific situation this Felix Enya didn't see that Felix was in here yeah what what up though 0:30:7  
hey buddy somebody not bad what's going on just rapping why let me let me put in let me get my earbuds so I can have better audio for this I'm just I'm done with all my tasks for today I did them all how did you talk to that put these I own like three things and I \*\*\*\*\* lose them all the time oh no no no I don't lose that I don't lose my baby anymore cause it's like yeah it was like bright orange like \*\*\*\*\* look at this 0:31:9  
\*\*\*\*\* well that was the problem with the jewel and that's like one of the reasons I don't use it anymore yeah got them like dude I went to I went to Duane Reade cuz I needed new headphones and there there was this woman in front of me in line who is like \*\*\*\*\* basically screaming at the cashier for not having a mask and he was like tried to be nice and he was like yeah I told them we need masks and they don't like have clean ones for me and she was like she was like you what I could do you understand either that thing that people do is service employees were they're like oh you understand I don't think you understand and I was like in a bad mood because I was resetting my sleep cycle like it was the only reason I was in a \*\*\*\*\* CVS it's 0:32:10  
Duane rated it a.m. and I just like flipped out I was like he already \*\*\*\*\* answered you like why are why are you \*\*\*\*\* are you like Hector in this poor guy and she was like she's like scream my friends have Kovac and I just lied and I was like yeah Mike you I just \*\*\*\*\* lied that's like the worst thing you can do is like just be awful to some \*\*\*\*\* minimum-wage guy and be like oh it's cuz my friends have Co bid like \*\*\*\*\* you she deserved for me to live to her yeah yeah yeah no they just like okay I found them I found them they were accent a coffee table a good place to put 0:33:12  
them no yep I mean this is like no I'm not like anti locked out or anything but it is like I think like people are gonna read that it is alarming how quickly people could just use this like turn on other people or like just rat like lock into their pre-existing thing of screaming in service workers and normal people or whatever they're able to produce and get enough great thing going that they're going to just like are the next like people we hate are gonna be people with Tova's yes we're gonna get rid of the quarantine on everybody out and people with it are gonna get like you know gun to your head can't leave your house \*\*\*\*\* and then it's gonna be yeah \*\*\*\*\* that yeah \*\*\*\*\* you it's like yeah it's I mean for a while there I mean like stupidly 0:34:13  
optimist about some things and for like the first week or two weeks I was like yeah I mean like more people that I haven't talked to in a while or contact you mean like people seem to be talking to their families more and that's nice and like maybe this will make like a lot of people less awful insane and people are still doing that but I

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didn't realize how quickly we just become another awful thing another thing that you slide preexisting awful behaviors into yeah changing situations don't really change people you just apply your pre-existing shittiness to the situation yeah yeah yeah we always we assign like mystical qualities to both time and situation as if there were no there no like overriding characteristics prior to that we think that time is time and both trauma are forces that work for us for however we want them yeah that's 0:35:23 what that that's like so like if I've identified like one message of the Biden campaign it's like a minute when America comes together can accomplish anything and it's like I couldn't realize I didn't realize like quite why like that hit me on such like a \*\*\*\*\* it grossed me out and she's for your table I think it was you remember that story from like a few weeks back about that like poor \*\*\*\*\* woman who she just signed up to work at a grocery store she was young and she wanted to just like help people drink ovid and her she just died and her last paycheck was for like nine dollars \*\*\*\*\* insulting and I realize why it like it hereit ated me so much it was because it's like well people are coming together and like a lot of people a lot of people who are like in very precarious economic spots or whatever like they're they're like yeah no I won't go out I won't \*\*\*\*\* do any of this I will like risk homelessness I will or in the most extreme example like this one like I will literally risk death and I will 0:36:24 die to help people during this and it's like now people are doing that they just don't get \*\*\*\*\* for it like that he doesn't incentivize her rewarded in the slightest without yeah you like you don't have to tell like \*\*\*\*\* late working class people like ego you have to come together like they are but he's literally just literally just it's I figured out what he he means he means that like his suburban voters can be friends with their troubling uncle together yeah yeah everybody shakes hands over there over there barbecue with each other yeah yeah gets the stock fighting about Trump after all yeah it's such a \*\*\*\*\* unbelievable cynical but but it's like I think that's like if 0:37:25 anything can only turn suburban people out it's that that's what they actually care about ya know that's the thing it's like people talk about things getting worse making people more possible of organizing it's like no people things are miserable but but the flip side is is yes things are getting worse but people are like by definition having to come closer together just survive because of how much worse thing forgetting and if there's anything good happens it's gonna be because of that yeah yeah absolutely I like yeah I don't know what changed it you know I have no idea yeah well we're hoping discover the value of you know less money and less ability to do anything and like he is gonna depend more on people helping you in ways that aren't \*\*\*\*\* putting your hand in each other's pockets you're gonna actually have to like cooperate yeah 0:38:29 and I do want to sit like I don't want to just be pessimistic I've seen a lot of those seem like I don't know I've seen a lot of people like go out of their way including the

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people I've never known to really do that but is I don't know it just it sucks that like the main political message of this year will be like let's stop fighting over Trump let's come on Jack it's all it \*\*\*\*\* sucks and now even like even though even the phony meets you feminists have now realized they can't ignore the preponderance of evidence and so now they're like yeah I guess is a rapist but yeah what what can I do oh wow that's just you've like you've it sucks it \*\*\*\*\* sucks and now even like even though even the phony Michu feminists have now realized they can't ignore 0:39:30 the preponderance of evidence and so now they're like yeah I guess is a rapist but damn what what can I do oh wow that's just you've like you've admitted that your entire like the thing you claim to be fighting for this whole time means nothing and now you're supposed to get people to actually engage with this process well that is I think that's like a silver lining of the Biden presidency and like if I was gonna try to sell it to someone that's it like that is gonna be the end of that type of media because like like no one reads it and like by didn't like you the body people don't have any \*\*\*\*\* use for that like you're gonna tell like Biden's not gonna talk about bodies and spaces no yeah and it's like also the retreat of liberals from like any type of like cultural or political struggle because that that's just gonna like give people at least like 10 million people the permission to stop giving a \*\*\*\*\* about any of 0:40:32 this no totally no I honestly could foresee I mean I mean first you have the reality of the virus but beyond that I could see just a jaw-dropping participation like we could bro we could go under 50% easily turn out easily and then like look when I see like Teen Vogue post \*\*\*\*\* about okay I I mean that's the logical endpoint of all this that everything gets subsumed to go opted when I see Teen Vogue be like y'all we're doing it's like yeah that's they're gonna go back to what they were like three like two years from now if Biden wins because it's like you can't keep this up there won't be a market for that anymore people will go back to just posting about a \*\*\*\*\* CW shows yeah yeah yep I mean I do think a Biden presidency would be hilarious like 0:41:33 I'm excited for it in that aspect it's gonna be really \*\*\*\*\* funny oh honey it'd be so funny just and like what what's what's hunter gonna do oh god what if hunter smokes crack in us that would be amazing I would love that I would absolutely love that I mean like yeah he yes yes he's going to man that's gonna be hilarious that's also gonna be we're just never seeing the president will come here yeah I mean when that is so when I when I thought I was gonna lose and I got really into the idea of him and I got that idea for like goodbye a novel I did think of him as this like awful 0:42:34 person but tragic figure but and now like then it's like he became clear to be the nominee it was like how did that doesn't work anymore but I actually think it does now because like if he becomes president he will preside over the fall of the American and it would make sense and like yeah like your version of him makes most sense

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and it's like the the gravedigger of empire yeah it's like they finally give him the job for seniority like sorry show's over this guy portrayed betrayed any good thing Indians get this and he finally got it at a point when his brain didn't work anymore and like that's that's \*\*\*\*\* perfect like Twilight Zone ironic ending it's perfect it's 0:43:38 absolutely perfect exactly how so it's exactly how these things go yeah movies are gonna be good again though I think probably not kasa because I feel like there's both like the Trump obviously has massive economic crisis but if people blame it on China it won't matter you know yeah yeah like always been true that the economy's bad the president loser and that is the fact but no president ever had something that they could totally fix externalize the blame onto like the Great Depression the \*\*\*\*\* crashing away there was no wait explanation of it that ex kept you out of it as like the party now yeah and it's it's like it's one of those rules that I don't think you have 0:44:39 to follow super close because it's like well nate silver loves these he's like a candidate South Carolina by X margin he's never lost the presidency but a little bit and it's like those you your sample size for that is like just the 20th century really and so like yeah what yeah what you just said about how like every previous example there are no externalities they could blame it on and also like hmm it's no it's not really comparable in scale but there was there was like a bit of downturn in 1970 or 1980 7 in 1988 and George HW Bush still \*\*\*\*\* won yeah but yeah I mean I'd you so I think it's awesome to I I could see the ways in which Biden loses very clearly it's a little bit harder to see how he would win but just my non-scientific evaluation of it 0:45:41 where it's like it's the most funny and like sort of tragic and shitty outcome in some ways outcome and that has generally been the truest outcomes so far yeah I think it's a good it's a better rubric than anything else because the sample size is about it's the same yeah yeah oh I was just thinking so I the Biden's \*\*\*\*\* it was good never mind my brain stop my brain is nothing that but yeah it's the sample size is so \*\*\*\*\* small that you might as well just say the funniest thing should happen which would be but winning funniest thing happened with like Briggs it and Trump those from both like oh what if they actually like one was you're supposed to be 0:46:46 a referendum and David Cameron yeah fine whatever and that country is awesome because they are just like going down the \*\*\*\*\* tubes and they're they just love it they love it they're so happy to it is like the board like love Boris about it sucked like their country sucks and it's like like he's a big sticky oh who like hates all Pete all poor people and they're like oh that adorable Rose it's because they have been bred to worship the most disgusting amongst them like that's what like that is in their blood yes yes I think I mean we're we're kind of I mean we got I think that's where we're liberals right now like I don't think that they there's yet position to openly 0:47:47 love Biden but I think in like a generation or even like 10 years like they're they're

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working themselves up to it the worship of the Obama family is like has always been Donald Trump Joe Biden running for presidents all right the way he could win is if the suburbs have really turned on trumps away yes so far have appeared to because between the primary and 2018 the suburbs did a real hard swing and if that if that's sustained then it doesn't matter that the that I do believe that you will see a drop in voter turnout but it will be made up for for the Democrats by a big swing in them in this suburbs butts up oh I can't hear you I can't hear him okay sorry no I was saying I could definitely I could definitely see that like that's that's a great example how could how it could happen and like all their messaging and all their models seem to be geared towards that yeah because like they at the end of the day make you dislike that Trump is rude they do not like the stuff including fans like like yes they find it embarrassing they watch liberal media they are they are they are in the zoo of custom so much that they do find him embarrassing as president and then that makes them not trust him and that makes them think that he's doing a bad job it makes them more likely to believe that he's dumb you i its it is like the board like he loved no yeah yeah and like people the the praise of Biden from concert' like you know like Jennifer Rubin conservatives I mean I don't even know what the \*\*\*\*\* to now \*\*\*\*\* Boris Johnson Joe Biden Donald Trump drove I'm running for president all right the way he could win is if the suburbs have really turned on trumps away yes so far have appeared to because between the primary and 2018 the suburbs did a real hard swing and if that if that's sustained then it doesn't matter that the that I do believe that you will see a drop in voter turnout but it will be made up for for the Democrats by a big swing in them in this suburbs butts up oh I can't hear you I can't hear okay oh sorry no I was saying I could definitely I could definitely see that like that's that's a great example how could how it could happen and like all their messaging and all their models seem to be geared towards that yeah because like they at the end of the day they do dislike that Trump is rude they do not like including fans like like yes they find it embarrassing they watch liberal media they are they are they are in the stew of custom so much that they do find him embarrassing as president and then that makes them not trust him and that makes them think that he's doing a bad job it makes it more likely to believe that he's dumb and then he did something out of incompetence and so they are like this guy and and like Biden is obviously senile but he is not he's still he's still a politician in a way they recognize his politicians and now they realized after four years that they actually do care about that no yes Oh like deeper than I thought I actually care about this no yeah yeah and like people the the praise of Biden from concert' like you know a Jennifer Rubin conservatives I mean I don't even know what the \*\*\*\*\* - I mean she is a good servant but you know what you would just call that believe he's sold

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monarchist but yeah it is like there's this mass whenever Joe Biden does something that's like it's basically a form where he like wishes condolences or something they're like what if we had a president like this and it's like oh that's what all this is about yeah literally what this is about I mean talk about like you know yeah when I hate to relate the related Vista games but Metal Gear Solid 5 the phantom pain yes it's about a group of people who experience a incredibly convoluted plot they believe was engineered to betray them and they go so insane with a desire for revenge that they mere the actions of their opposing group but they just do to like cultural shift us and you know arbitrary reasons that people use they're like no it's good when we do it like in Chobani it's amazing how much he Mears Donald Trump way more than family self dealing in crookedness sex crimes now just pompous like not that smart trips over his own words senile and like huge history of racing in the 70s and it's like no yeah literally yeah no no none of this mattered none of the stuff that they try to hit Trump and the left with let's be honest in 2017 with they never believed in they just cared about the the few signifiers where they can tell themselves are not doing Trump \*\*\*\*\* but it is like all things is Joe Biden even the victory is a tragedy yeah the end of things coming is because like this does feel like it could be the last president whoever it is is that both Trump invite in one of the ways one of the many ways they are very very similar is that they both perfectly embodied they the the content and history coming up to now of their propel political parties yes from is the history of the modern Republican Party you trace a straight line from Goldwater to Nixon - Reagan you thread it through George W Bush so you hook in for some Schwarzenegger you add some Sarah Palin and boom you're at Trump like like the movement like the creation of like white suburban base that is totally mediated and creates like a fight like a spectacle culture around itself that turns into you know by Fox News and Limbaugh and turns into a pure moment of you know agreement which has to be a body by a literal performer and famous person meanwhile Biden is the lead that he emerges in the moment that the Democratic Party starts turning away from the New Deal in the 70s he emerges is like the embodiment of the neoliberal term so he is the entire last 40 years of democratic party as neoliberalism has been says SAS everything of energy and vitality and slowly desiccated and turned into this flailing wheezing decrepit old man and he comes from a perfect place Delaware a land without really any characteristics or anything distinct literally just it's a tax haven it's American Switzerland he comes from the perfect eye I said this in the show we did today but it bears repeating you know those like awful breathless articles in 2016 by by a liberal media that were like Trump is the mirror of America he's the he's vein and race and it's like so is Biden he's a guy who sucks at everything his only made bad choices probably yeah probably it's a \*\*\*\*\* sex creep and he just

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gets the job because he showed up the most the right people liked him that guy who is sort of like the mirror Trump just in that he is the guy who manipulated the media enough to like skip the line but now he's been totally processed into that thing now like Obama's now as much of that established it as any of them and they're all like just carbon copies of each other different like skin like they've been reskin like Obama has like the Kaepernick skin that like pisses off white suburban ID and then 0:57:44 Biden has like this fake patty Irish skin that like makes them kind of like her more yes that's it and I always say I think it's very telling like I was thinking about how Warren liberals talked about Obama and they're like she way he inspired me to get into politics but I just I wish he I wish she you know he was stronger and it's like no he's stronger than anyone in that party but it's not for his beliefs it's for himself okay yeah he is he is a cutthroat \*\*\*\*\* but for himself and they member the Warren people will never \*\*\*\*\* get that even though like Warren fought that a minute like the the good thing she did were fighting that administration they still don't \*\*\*\*\* get it yeah he's refusing to death he's he's like no if I'm president that's like grabbing Excalibur because no one forgets the president no as long as he wins and dies at 0:58:45 office he will have achieved immortality that could be the last thing he thinks is his \*\*\*\*\* brain shuts down Obama like yeah it really sucks how well Obama's gonna make out of it because like if the Empire collapses people's memory will be like that was the last great present he will be he'll be the cult figure he'll be an icon they'll be like cults around him and it's like our fallen martyr it'll be very depressing even though he's the guy who's more responsible for it than anyone yeah the guy who saw this company coming and was like let's get Larry Summers on the case like just a complete operator a complete \*\*\*\*\* selfish prick yeah and no yeah he gets I mean this is probably more than he even he even ever dreamed of that he gets to he gets to be a historical that's what people think 200 years from now the last great president 0:59:47 he could have saved the Empire yeah god that sucks it really \*\*\*\*\* saw died Bernie will be like you know it'll be people some people think of him like a Deb's figure probably not you know bill but he'll never get the things he did to fight Obama that kept Obama from executing his worst acts of austerity and cynicism that won't be recorded they'll just be like he got a lot of Debs or like Upton Sinclair governor California and 1934 on basically like that a plan to abolish capitalism to fix the Great Depression yeah I'm doing I'm gonna record a solo on it this week oh that sounds 1:1:0 good no yeah that's it's unfortunate I mean none of it no one I mean this is a weird kind of think about because I don't think anyone's really gonna remember anything from this done I feel like we're this is a period it's probably the most well recorded 15 year stretch of history ever and yet know everything no one will remember really anyone for this time they'll remember very little art I'm almost because we haven't

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written anything down yes that's a good point in history when the people are trying to figure out what happened in retrospect there will be huge huge gaps because it will all have been destroyed yes yeah I do want to say someone in chat said what is this based on who can predict the future obviously no one yeah I'm just saying if things continue on this trend line that's what I feel will happen but I know I mean I we have no way of knowing and I'm a very big philip k dick guy and philip k dick his thing about the future was it is actually sort of futile to predict it because the things that will there's so much there's you won't even understand what the factors are gonna be no it's it's sort of futile to predict the future we do it anyway because it's fun even though like we say when we start thinking that it has any kind of real power no actions like we should not be acting anything will happen we have to act like in the moment we can't like assume Trump is gonna lose or by yes you've got to operate for much earlier assumptions than that because you can't know that yeah no I mean that I if I could make if I was a head of the Department of Education the two things I would make every child read the golden Man which is the best short story of original and Ecclesiastes golden man being about how you you cannot understand you

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'my father can you hear me you guys see me my out here god i feel older than I actually am which I didn't think was possible oh boy oh wait this looks like it's me hi guys sorry about that I'm here welcome everyone welcome we've struck a blow against the forces of Zuckerberg today because we have stolen the goose the mighty goose of content eyeball drawing that I've been doing for his His Dark Lord at Instagram which of course is on my facebook now I'm taking my talents to be zoast ohm I'm in the bezel stone which means that when the apocalypse comes I will be one of his court jesters on his floating garbage scow island that he will be living on sort of like Jabba's pleasure skiff but the size of Rhode Island and I will be on there I will be dancing and catering for his delight I see that it is not working I 0:1:2 guess the thing is we have like affiliates on and if we don't make sure they're knocked off we can't knock them off you got to get in the settings it's about getting in the settings and I don't know anything about settings I'm just a simple country boy I'm just a simple country Oregon Trail millennial who encountered him computers as a child in the form of a \*\*\*\*\* cube shaped Mac Apple 2 and a floppy disk was a like those were things they were floppy they flopped when he held them so I don't understand this sit it controls my life and my destiny and it's fused to me in a psychic level like I'm spiritually fused to the machine in a way that will never be removed I mean like that is the basis of the arts acceleration ax stin site is that we are in a situation where we are fusing with technology capitalism is basically an algorithm rewriting us towards becoming robots I talked about this with Liz and brace for 0:2:4 true Anna and if we keep being pulled in that direction we will become machines we will be stripped of all sent species being and flattened to be mere reproducers or receivers and distributors of stimuli neural pathways basically for the great machine of capitalism that is its goal but the thing is and this is where dialectics come in your amp rims would say well that's why you got to cut off the machine you got to cut off the the tube connecting you but know at this point we are Siamese twins we are conjoined that there is a vital exchange happening there it is part of us in a way that is lethal we cannot sever it without losing all of the progressed like

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upward progressive civilizational moves we've done as a species we can't cut off the computer we've got to though control it we've got to dominate it and that's how you get your fully automated luxury space from Ashville ISM which the reason I don't like that is because it isn't it is metaphysically dire it is as metaphysically nihilistic as the eternal expansionist fantasy of fashion of capitalism that leads to like the idea that you are the one consciousness persisting eternally in the form of a technological singularity that you imagine yourself to be in commando like when those guys imagine the singularity they do not imagine becoming in the some Borg they imagine being maintain their consciousness and separateness and identity as themselves but to do that you have to eventually you will be the only thing left in the universe thanks to their of our dynamics and the and the eventual dispersal of all energies you will eventually just be one voice in an eternity it won't be an eternity though it'll be it'll only feel like it'll be like the jaunt basically that's Stephen King story at the end of which when you're jabbering a screaming mad beast then you will die horribly in in fear as the last energy cycle ends and it starts back up again with the next big bang that comes immediately after that last one of course and then guess what you get to go through that all over again and over all over again and you are doomed to the eternal recurrence that Nietzsche and Alan Moore talked about congratulations you get to relive that you get to relive seven Millennia's millennia millennia as a was just like pea rattling around in a can the can being whatever like techno fantasy you imagine you're gonna be persisting in that's nihilistic but so is fully all ugh sharee it because that's hell that's an imagined hell where you think you're going to heaven but twist it's actually how but the other one fully automated luxury space communism that leads to a similar nihilistic sterility it leads to an idea that you could ever find pleasure meaningful sustained I mean I'm sorry meaning you could ever find the meaning to continue the meaning to find worth in yourself to continue living in mere physical pleasure that could be extended indefinitely that would become hell also you need to have as your goal transcendence there must be a transcendent and that is why those people say we live you need to have religion and in politics is correct because you need to have a transcendent and insight but the thing is that doesn't have to be religious it literally can you can believe in transcendence with every single belief system that you already have you do not need to rewire yourself to believe in it you don't need to negotiate through like the violence that happens in pluralistic religious societies or when one like modern cultural religious societies you know like where there's where other religions are illegal and stomped out it would be because the thing that matters is just the goal and the goal is everyone reducing their attachment to this material world to the degree that they can find communion with the eternal which exists outside the material world all right we're

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getting we're getting esoteric again I was hoping not to do that I was gonna talk about Joe Biden and then we got all esoteric on you guys so let's see what guys are talking about now see what you guys are looking at hey guys yeah we're stuck in eminence until we escape it and we can and once one of us does we all will that's the beauty of it we all will but one of us has to do it and the beauty beauty part is one of us did because that's why we know that's why we're here because it goes backwards and forwards causality does not go in one direction causality goes in every direction simultaneously oh man I'm worrying now I think I've gone a little over the I'm worried you guys are gonna it's like you can't take together everyone who has had an insight into this greater reality they have had a peek past the veil basically or come close to the veil or glimpse down to the side of their eye past the veil you can get them together and because of their different cultural limitations and intellectual limitations and spiritual limitations which are all the same thing because they're all bound up in what others have done to you and your life because we're all our acts are totally determined and you end up seeing some of the veil it's gonna be different than everybody else's and then because you're gonna be translating it with a specific personal life personal experience that no one else can replicate and you have to find a translation and that translation loses as all transit transitions do as all energy transfers do it loses power as it is translated and so if it goes as it goes from the brain to the tongue in two words into the ear of someone else who has a totally different life and experiences it has already been degraded to a degree that you're only getting a bit of it and so everyone's getting different bits and collaboration and cooperation if they're the cornerstone of your social engine or if they're if there's like the the social engine of your society is cooperation that you will bring those things together to get a greater truth than any one of them would have been able to get or any group of people all revolving around one concept would have that's why materialism that's why materialism that's why the dialectical materialism that's why Marxism is part of that cuz Marx saw a part of it Sidharth of Gautama saw a part of it \*\*\*\*\* marks Eugene V Debs Martin Luther King saw a big chunk and it's binding them together into a into a consciousness that it can encompass the human experience and what is that but God what is that but eternity all right I'm gonna chill out now we're gonna get more normal I'm going to kind of translate those thoughts down to the level of like more practical considerations that other people can relate to better because of their similar language and experiences so what are you guys talking about what's going on Joe Patton fell asleep today during his thing where Hillary talked to it he fell asleep and it made me realize how amazingly just tragically powerful it is that Joe Biden is a man who spent his entire life I mean remember this is a man who was elected to the Senate at age 29 before he could legally take the office he turned

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30 between the election day and his swearing-in that is an ambition that is like a stellar fire so this is a man who clearly I guarantee you when he was taking that oath of office as much as he might have been feeling about his dead wife and dead children who had just been in that car accident he was also thinking that one day he would be president one day he would be president and that day would come pretty quickly I mean come on the youngest-ever senator that senate that's like one of the closest rungs to the presidency there is up there was governor those two really so he had every reason to believe he'd be the youngest president ever and even though he waited a little too long for that to be the case he did Ron in 1988 oh wait a minute no he would have been no yeah he would've been over 40 that's or he would have been older than JFK so he already but he was still different very young he had way less hair back then than he does now somehow I don't know how that happened and he had a disastrous a terrible presidential debate race where he was humiliated and his brain blew up he had two two strokes two brain hemorrhages rather that almost killed him that he went back and the whole time he's doing this he is operating from the absolute through from from a self motivation that is completely personal ambition like the only thing motivating Joseph Biden's political choices was personal ambition his a man be sure to be present in the United States and that meant that he saw the powers arrayed in the country and chose policies and causes that would make them like him give him shine enough to be talked about at their councils of State and their underground bunkers and it worked I mean a guy for a Delaware Senator making a plausible run for president that's impressive and then he became you know it was foreign foreign services chairman so he had a huge role in our foreign policy all of it bad he was in favor of because the thing is all of his actions from becoming a truck warrior to his hawkish this Isle of these were determined by what Capitol wanted in the aftermath of the 70s crisis what Capitol wanted was neoliberalism and what that meant in specifics was things like bankruptcy reform things like tough drug sentences things like high military budgets that is what they wanted and that's what he delivered them and so but and then he ran for president again and this time even though he had put in all the work and he had the resume yeah snuck up under by somebody who the parties social wing had basically pulled into existence and made him obsolete in a way but then he was rescued from from perinari by this very man because he had done that he hadn't done the work he had done the work to be president and then social situation had changed that he was no longer a viable president but he still retained cachet within the party within the media that he held a role that needed to be that could be he became he was still useful to them and so they put him in the VP spot and they rescued him from what would it be he'd be Chris Dodd right now if it hadn't been for that and then he he honestly blew it

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by that running in 2016 but that's because Biden told Obama told him not to and 0:14:35  
he was suckered into thinking that Obama was his buddy and his son had just died  
and he was off his game I bet I mean he was already kind of losing some of the plot  
but then he sees her lose in 2016 knows he would have won anyone if that's not I  
don't anyone wants to argue the Joe Biden wouldn't beat Trump they're wrong you  
could talk about how Trump is the accumulation of all these realities and how he  
was inevitable and all that's true but still in this specific situation of 2016 Biden  
would it be Trump handily and he knows and now he's just consumed as his brain is  
dying in his last moments he is consumed with the thought that he could have had  
it and so even though he is clearly the energy is draining for the moment he reaches  
out to grab it because it's his last chance and even as he's falling he's picked back  
up by the accumulated decisions of a party that had created these aggregations of  
voters who responded to x y ;z mostly the media who had x y ;z a social or personal 0:15:37  
connections to the plug the Democratic Party as an institution and that saved him  
thus the party saved him again and of course but now if it happens and he becomes  
president he's made his the thing he wanted his whole life he will not know it he  
won't know he won't really know he will only have a dim suspicion of what being the  
president is and it will be in it will be to him indistinguishable from a nightmare can  
you just think about what a Twilight Zone episode that is and this is four years after  
Hillary Clinton who spent her entire life was the same merciless pursuit of power as  
Biden had was thwarted by a guy who didn't who wasn't trying to win it's the irony  
it's just the ironies are just stacking their pancakes which is what makes me think  
that Biden might win as much as he might look like he can't and that's why I give  
my eyebrow my peoples eyebrow to anybody who says that they say confidently that 0:16:39  
Biden's gonna lose I'm sorry man I have no idea this shit's in the air it's in the air  
folks to sue the air that's exciting it's gonna be crazy so yeah there's gonna be a  
man in the White House who doesn't know he what he's there but once but once  
he wants to be he's because like I'll he'll have left is that it's like the the shadow  
of his personality and that will be wanting to be President but he'll be President  
but he won't be able to register that because all of his near-term memory will be  
gone so he will be wandering the White House still wishing he'd been president still  
regretting never getting there still imagining and torturing himself with thoughts of  
being president that worked thoughts of warrant fantasies it's actually him in the  
White House just think about that he's being he's in the White House but in his  
mind it's just a tormenting fantasy of what he never accomplished oh Jesus whoa 0:17:41  
that's heavy he is literally he literally would have made a hell of heaven because of  
his sinful and wicked decision to forsake meaning and justice and any greater and  
any greater virtue than personal ambition and guess what it destroys you you were

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destroyed by your ambition even as your half corpse is hoisted to actual power your spirit has been dissolved in acid and is no longer there and now I'm thinking it's like a Tales from the Crypt episode greetings our next Tara to you there is a tamp cheeto in the White House which is let's talk demon night great movie Bill Sadler Billy Zane Jada Pinkett before she was Smith I think Dick Miller Thomas Haden Church like I said somebody asked about Jessie picture as the greens I like it I like the idea of it it'll be fun like I said do not devote all your spiritual energy to it it should be a fun blow off while you're doing real work whatever that means to you I cannot judge it because everybody's situation is different the situation is fluid I am NOT making arguments work act from your heart is all I ask people what to do is up to you then it's not me that it's not me I swear to god that is not me sobbing it off on to someone else it's me being responsible because I don't trust anybody can have enough confidence in the moment to make big predictions I think the smaller the situation the more likely it is that your understanding of it right now it's correct and so what you think is the right thing to do is what you should do well you should follow that you should follow your heart you should follow you're just like trying to push against your fear by following your heart that's all I ask that's what I'm trying to do but like I'm saying as you're doing that if you want to blow off some steam and we're all gonna have to blow off scene anniversary of getting off Twitter or none of us are getting off watching our shows I'm not sure you're not stopping owning people it's how you get through the rest of it if you didn't do that you if you want to make that up anyone make it Jesse Ventura make it Jesse because land you get a decent chunk you could get three you think he couldn't get three Nader never got three I think he could get three didn't Gary Johnson get three Gary Johnson got three didn't mean yes he did yep I bet that's even sure I could get three at least in fact that should be the over-under no that's a little high I wouldn't get I wouldn't take money on that over-under is 2 and a half I would go to take the over I'll say that do you mean over-under Jesse Ventura at two and a half percent of the vote I will take you over and if it's anything lower than that then that's easy money if it's anything lower if there if anything lower the two and a half that's easy money at three is when we wonder maybe a little more maybe a little less but if it's anything less than three you take that bet he could get five I honestly think he could get five which the greens have never done I mean it see here's ago somebody says and this is why you need to treat it right this is why you need perspective they said it doesn't mean anything unless it's five it doesn't mean anything no matter what because if there is going to be some political formation that emerges electoral to defeat or to supplant the Democrats from the left that's not going to matter the Jesse Ventura getting five or six percent of the vote it's not going to be make that happen one way or the other it

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won't make it happen and it will prevent it from happening other forces are going to be determinative that that is a specific moment for a specific thing to have oh man 0:22:50  
bernie is the vp bernie is VP to a chess even share a ticket ooh now you've got me now you've got me you got me on the hook a little bit you're tempting me this is ooh this is naughty of you because right okay I need to know the specifics of this because one of the big reasons that Bernie could not run third party if you wanted to in this thing is the sore loser laws I don't know if you guys knows what those are but the vast majority of states have laws on the books that say if you run for either party's a primary and you don't win you cannot run in the in the general and you might say that's weird and the answer for that why that happens is because on issues of ballot access the Democratic Party and the Republican Party have identical interests which is maintaining a two-party system maintaining a cartel essentially system like they are essentially a cartel representing capitalist interests now they don't want to let anybody else into that space representing other interests and that's why they make it very hard to get off balance and so that's one of the ways that they make it hard to do to like try to attack try to take over a party and then try to supplant it if you fail they basically make it impossible either way we've saw how they made it impossible for Bernie to take it from inside and ballot access laws make it impossible for him to take him from outside it's very frustrating that's why the best the left electoral II has ever been able to do has been to pressure as a democratic party like the populist like the Prairie populist and Brian did in the 1890s like the progressives did in the 20s like the Communists kind of like the Socialists did you know that kind of thing at best that's what you're gonna get so but I don't know if it's on the law that you can't run as a vice president because she didn't run Bernie didn't run as vice president you know does the law do look sore loser laws pertain to the vice president because if they don't that Bernie should be Jesse Ventura's vice president because \*\*\*\*\* that they could win \*\*\*\*\* that I'll say it right now isn't that the perfect synthesis that we've been talking about somebody with Bernie's track record of being right about everything and it's obvious earnestness and his honest obvious compassion and care for every human being and then the smack-talking don't give a \*\*\*\*\* trumpian in a good way as in a winning media strategy in an age of spectacle way famous ass governor \*\*\*\*\* Jesse Ventura if you're talking those two versus a trump who let everyone what a hundred thousand people died because he didn't want the number to go down and it's like support though every day I think Trump is getting more and more of the blame which means he will be more and more \*\*\*\*\* by the end of this but if it's between him and mum Ravi ever living the guy who fell asleep during his own Town Hall today the guy who cannot string a sentence together people make fun of Trump yes he told people to inject he said and there's the thing we could put 0:23:51 0:24:53 0:25:55

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it out to the skin maybe and see it's like yeah that was pretty stupid what would Biden's version of that been it would have been the bleach you know there's you put it on and it's thing if you've got it the back end you know Rehoboth there's I go the Keith kitchen and there'd be the kitchen and and we come back with hotdogs and bleach that would have been his version of that of that inject bleached under your skin gaff there's just turn off turnout would collapse and the people who would vote would be the most glassy-eyed partisans of either side which would make it a toss-up that could lead to a literal like crisis of legitimacy as inevitably I could send electoral vote tie or there are multiple states that have like imagine if there's still if this is still around and we haven't figured out mail-in voting by no remember there are going to be states that are going to be as \*\*\*\*\* up in there in there there a general election voting is like la Earth like Illinois and Wisconsin ordering the primary which means there will be no legitimacy to this election whatsoever no one will believe any of the numbers that could legitimately happen just holy \*\*\*\*\* no see I disagree that that was a bad Biden impression felix's Biden impression is Biden from a month ago it's already a different guy now he is he is completely incoherent like it's not even it's like those senses Chomsky said were impossible because you know that were possible to construct because of our inborn grammar structures he's it's it's glossolalia a glossolalia so keep that in mind thank you so those two against each other yeah you could actually see a breakdown of legitimacy you could see you could like people talk about the United States splitting up that is the situation what because like the reason it won't is is because of the strength of our institutions like they are incredibly durable because of the amount of cultural Buy and they have like we really have propagandized Americans to an incredible extent to the extent that these things carry real meaning like the Constitution like we've joked I've talked about how it's insane that the Joint Chiefs is not basically cooed Trump it's it's just blows my mind it's like you guys know that this is dangerous and horrible and that we could this guy could get us all killed instead they listen to him and when he said don't test people they didn't test people like when he says you know don't give New York masks they don't do it and that undermines literally the health and security of the nation like all the stuff that those idiots think that they're supposed to uphold and they probably even if you probably get him to admit that they do think this is \*\*\*\*\* up but if you said hey shouldn't you stop him they'd be like no he's the president it's like they'd have the guardrails are so hard that they haven't even thought that that's about the thing that could break that is that the thing the big mass ritual that legitimizes this entire thing that reifies every four years this entire thing is the massive extra-long blood and thunder carnival of the US presidential elections in fact you could argue that the reason that presidential election seasons are getting

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longer and longer is because they have to occupy more and more emotional energy of the population so that they can justify more and more immiseration like things are getting worse and worse and democratic and the elections are getting less and less legitimate just because one party is fiddling with the knobs in such a way to depress the the reflection between voting intention and results so we've already seen two presidential elections where the loser became president because of an archaic and institution that no one can defend legibly everyone who makes every justification for the the electoral college is preposterous on its face it has reason backwards it is it is and and it is so wildly reason backwards that it's not even worth engaging with so that's already a little legitimacy many of gerrymandering and and interventions and the destruction of the Voting Rights Act we already have crisis and then on the other side that's how that's how Democrats get alienated from these democratic institutions Republicans get alienated from these democratic institutions because when they lose they don't have that excuse because there is no reason other than there weren't as popular and they don't want to accept that so oh no it was illegal immigrants cheating it was X Y ; Z it was it was dead people like in Chicago and we like point to real historical voting theft and it's like well I guess you're right about that but like it's all fantasy but they are just as just as invested in election emotionally in these things being rigged elections now that undermines their colluded intimacy but we need the legitimacy because only by the idea that like these things are coming from an institution that we built and that we rebuild every year and every day by caring about politics and then voting those guys are not there for any reason related to my well-being and then it whole thing breaks then it snaps in half and and I think that honestly could it could do it it's it's scary to think about but I really don't know how else you can see something like that happening if you have a kovat infected electorate or different states have different standards some states close almost all of their polling places some states do vote by mail some states do partial vote by mail or whatever a hodgepodge you could see all of that invested emotional energy that went into propping up these things break all of the degree to which you care about who the president is all the degree to which you care about owning the libs with manga if you're a conservative or how much you care about making the damn cheeto in chief get owned by watching The Daily Show for the Democrats all that emotional energy all that or goats just just evaporating like no longer propping up the system because you don't believe in the outcome you don't believe the investment has been an earnest it's not legitimate that's why as I was saying things get worse and worse every years we get continually immiseration and our votes don't change anything so the vote the election year has to get longer longer so that your emotional investment in the spectacle becomes more so that your

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is because because the degree of your emotional investment in the spectacle of the presidential election is exactly the degree of emotional investment you have in the institutions that it creates like the presidency like the US government like the United States of America so it happened so that's a lot if you're if things are good that level of investment is very high because things are good and because you know that you can make them better by voting if that is gone and everything's bad you have to fill that gap and you fill the gap with spectacle and with the emotional ritual associated with investing the sim of politics with a hollow cultural meaning so that's why that head-to-head race is terrified but if you throw \*\*\*\*\* if you throw Jesse and Bernie out there you know and like make everybody clear that like Bernie's is the brain of the operation that like whatever he's said in the past that like the last thirty years have shown Jesse that the answer to a lot of the questions he's always been asking is in socialism like think about the power of that because Jesse Ventura is a classic kind of dumb guy who means well like Joe Rogan and the thing about dumb guys that meanwhile the United States is because there's so little coherent leftist explanatory art that anyone can access but certainly a guy like that would want to access their left trying to big sense the world with right-wing agitprop and with frankly a left-wing online culture that is implicitly hostile to a guy who doesn't already come free equipped with the smart guy aka college education collection of social opinions that make you a decent and worthy human being according to bougie well social values as the blues wild liberal values and so there's the sense you're not getting anything from them and getting to yell that by them and the only thing you're seeing is the right you're like okay but light and in that things and you see the way that they bob and weave and you see that the way that like over time Trump becoming that and the enemy of these same tut-tutting liberal and leftists who scream at them having the same reaction to Trump makes them think well they a man maybe Trump's on to something imagine if you had a figure like that like vencie Ventura who tapped that same energy to become a much better than Trump is president governor of Minnesota and he said I've spent my whole life trying to make America better and and trying to make our lives of greater and I've seen you know I've expected the documents I've seen you know I've seen horrible things happen like 9/11 and and I've wondered like who is behind all this awfulness like what kind of evil hand is the puppeteer making this happen and people have accused me being anti-semitic or for or for being a racist or something or or for being whatever but I have found over the years that that puppet string or the puppet master has a name and it's capitalism I now see especially during this Covent crisis this is being monopolized and monetized and privatized I see capitalism is the hand behind everything that I have fought against and Bernie has been fighting against it the whole time come on you don't

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think that could win a three-way race I think it good of course that doesn't solve any problems because a Ventura Sanders White House is still doomed to succeed at doing anything it would want to because there's no way they would get any kind of electoral legislative majority they wouldn't get people in Congress supporting them they would have to deal with Republicans and Democrats who could unite against them the way that they united against Jesse when he was governor of Minnesota the question is whether that conflict can be productively used as a mobilization tool which was always the dream of a Bernie Sanders presidency even when he was running within the party can you use the conflict between a powerful but still constrained executive against a powerful but constrained Congress that does not represent your interests who do you support I mean that's how the Roman Empire fell that's that's basic I'm describing essentially the the conflict between the optimist and the popularise from the and the quick but the question is can it's not does this the does the office of the Senate or of the presidency do that it is does the conflict itself generate a mobilized working class that can take the advantages that it can through the powers that the presidency does possess and leverage them to greater and greater success elsewhere so what happens if the internet stops working oh boy wow that's a real scary question because what will we do man I mean I don't think anybody on any side of the spectrum has any plan B for not just communicating but just processing the world without the internet how the hell would you even begin to process the world without the internet right now like this is what I mean when I say you can't cut off the technology and survive the way that like the Kaczynski people want because at this point the internet has been fused socially to us in such a way that to have it immediately disrupted like that would be socially fatal which I mean if you want to go Fight Club about it you say sure that's great but if you think that would be a setback for Humanity in the long run and undiluted oh or at least doesn't help the dialect move at a speed that might be better for the people you know and love let's say like maybe it'd be better to grab this technology now and direct it well instead of having to wait another couple of cycles to get there but clearly it is terrifyingly incorporated into our see that's the thing it's like technology doesn't make people happy at this point technology just makes keeps people alive like that's what that's the ideal that's the ideal transaction capitalism it's not you want this thing and I give it to you it's you need this thing and I give it to you like what is fine and it want you after you start after you get rid of all the one level of needs that's when you have to start creating wants and wants are great but the ideal want turns into a need that's why the products that are the bestsellers are the ones that turn into needs like your pornography like your cigarettes and alcohol and the Internet is it okay to be a virgin of course I'm drinking a spindrift yes I'd have to

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say that one thing that I like about twitch now that I've moved from Instagram is it the Instagram videos are limited to an hour so sometimes I'll be getting like my win back and I have to stop I'm still gonna go keep them around an hour that's gonna be what I'm gonna shoot for unless I get kind of carried away with something but so just to let everybody know you'll still keep the length similar but I might add some at the end what is my opinion on twitch culture it's baffling and terrifying like all youth culture is the theme time I make no bones about the Zoomers frightening me feeling like they are further down the road towards dehumanization that technology is I am like the bearded guy you know what that is a huge compliment thank you 0:42:30 that's one of my foundational texts I've never seen they live that I was like seven of a PHP or something and they have these this guy that's all beer to do with glasses reading into TV about how they like the aliens are here they're trying to raise the temperature so that we can make the place more s pitiable to their race that's uh that's that's and I remember thinking that's a cool guy to be ok this guy's a Pam Peep all you guys got any questions I told you guys somebody said what happens to North Korea long term long term the joushi ideal becomes the pervading ideology 0:43:32 of the galaxy and then that it becomes the basis many many years later after many breakdowns and reformations becomes the basis for your fully auxiliaries and luxury space communism which then after many more breakdowns and collapses and then rebuild ease becomes the basis for the transcendence I can't really I don't really understand you Shay it's it's the special sauce kind of it's basically somebody took Stalinism that they inherited from the Russians who put them in power after World 0:44:36 War two ended the Kim's and they threw in some like dynastic and national like racial \*\*\*\*\* basically they adapted Stalinist Marxist Leninist state that pervaded in a lot of places after the cold war from Ethiopia to Albania and they then added to it add mixtures over the years as it persisted and after it was you know tested by the massive trauma of World War of the Korean War which is like you want to talk about why North Korea is messed up a good answer is the trauma it endured when it was a baby basically like we kicked that we punted the \*\*\*\*\* out of that infant we stopped the \*\*\*\*\* mud hole in it and that and its status as a pariah state and it's very close-knit monarchical like leadership structure like maintaining stability by 0:45:37 just instituting monarchy which you know if you have a stable enough political class monarchy is the way to go like if your political classes stabilize monarchy is ideal because it provides sort of a neutral arbiter because it kind of draws from everyone equally it's only when you have a situation where monarchs are perceived to favor of factions that monarchy is undermined and that's why monarchy does so well in those like hegemonic social democracies in Scandinavia and also does well in really a really powerful totalitarian state so anyway so then they put those things together and gee

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Shay is like it's basically aunt Arkell Marxist Leninist which I think raises like the status of soldiers to like worker like or like I think something to do with make like sort of raising soldiers like a category like up of working-class or something like that I'm not a hundred percent certain I'm not an expert but yeah it's it's it's a gumbo 0:46:38 it's an ideological stew made up of the post-war experience of North Korea which is true of all ideologies where is just like Maxwell I would love to know that lady is amazing how I thought she was dead but they keep coming up with statements of armor and I always thought that those were false flags and then I find out that she's suing the Jeffrey Epstein estate for the money she says she's old like it's \*\*\*\*\* the Judge Joe Brown how could that possibly be that blows my mind that like that's a you know all right so the UFOs so these the new video I thought the new videos 0:47:42 aren't these videos that can already came out a couple of years ago they just like Declassified them and officially acknowledged that they were real isn't that what happened because I remember when they came out because of Tom DeLonge so I guess the I will say that the one in this one I watched it and it appeared to be much more disc shaped and I remember I remember I remember back when in 2018 thinking that it looked kind of like a tic-tac but this one like it kept the way it moved it looked like a \*\*\*\*\* saucer does that Tripp did it did it did it look like a saucer to you guys what could it be guys what do you guys think is realistic what is you guys what's your money on what do you guys take it bets out here could it be a human tech 0:48:49 could it be human tech is the entire thing a PSYOP is this a PSYOP guys I wouldn't be surprised honestly if it was like that episode of The Simpsons where they find the angel and it's just because if you look at the guys who were involved in this stuff like Robert Bigelow the guy who owns skinwalker ranch and was friends with Harry Reid and is one of the big reasons that Harry Reid did although D classifications and works with Tom DeLonge and those guys I mean maybe the whole thing is a \*\*\*\*\* gimmick you know maybe they're gonna open a theme park or they're gonna 0:49:54 fake alien invasion and then use it as an excuse to give us all like the mark of the beast in the emergency situation to follow I haven't started Ulysses yet I was kind of wondering if I was gonna try to do it on like a stream but everybody seems to be reading \*\*\*\*\* not allowed and I can seems maybe a little indulgent but I know I have to read it out loud I know I'm not gonna read it if I read it in my head I need 0:50:56 to have I need to hear the words so I'm probably gonna have to like maybe a devote an hour in the evening late at night when it's just me other than living room I just read like a chapter or something it's work it's Soulcraft let's call it Soulcraft I have to remember my place the universe I have to remember I have to remember my path I have to remember how to continue walking the path that I can see that I could hear to hear the yes to hear the voice to hear the echo I have to hear I have to get

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back to the yes that's at the end of that book so I got to read I'm a gamer now I 0:51:58  
hope to be we're gonna set up the guy we're trying to set up a office gaming rig and  
I would go there and I would play there if I could plug and play I would go there the  
thing is people have said I they would like to see me play those like old the strategy  
games and the thing is I would like to do that in the abstract but I'm very bad at  
them I feel like I wouldn't get a lot of value and you guys wouldn't get a value a lot  
of value out of my poor performance of the game and it would probably just be more  
confusing and irritating for everyone involved because I would be getting frustrated  
or trying to not be frustrated but still struggling with it and you guys would all be  
knowing what I was doing wrong it's like you'd be trying to watch me you know like  
what a puzzle together and you're like no no no no not that or what are you doing  
oh god oh Jesus so I don't think that would be fun so I need to think of something  
that is on the steep streets team or something as a PC game and that is very fun 0:53:1  
and light and low stakes and easy to do somebody recommended Katamari Damacy  
which sounded like a fun one where you've got to roll up the ball but for what I  
understand that's only on a console and we're not gonna have one so disco Elysium  
is a cool game but it's not the kind of thing I would want to play it's uh I guess  
Katamari Damacy is on PC now if it's not stream if it's on Steam I okay I think I'll  
do that then I might I will never play for tonight I do not like it at all I played it once 0:54:13  
in Maine when we were on tour at least streamed it and I just ran around and got  
bored and then I got shot it sucked thumbs down to that game No thank you real  
bummer and Crum crummy experience don't like shooting games in general not ones  
where that requires a lot of a lot of accuracy I guess because I'm not good I never  
had a good eye coordination hand-eye coordination that's why I never played games  
when after I was out of schools cuz I wasn't really good at him so it was always more  
frustrating and I will late I was a lazy little turd so I just sort of it was too hard I  
quit that was generally my experience I was I was a weak willed little snot I quit I  
quit a lot of things I create a karate class I quit playing with saxophone I I was in 0:55:14  
Cub Scouts and I got the arrow of light and I was a wee below but then I quit Boy  
Scouts and I claimed it was because I was too busy but in reality it was they started  
making you do like calisthenics like they started making you do jumping jacks cry  
at climb ropes and I said \*\*\*\*\* this I thought we were gonna just make caramel and  
use make orange and eat it with apple slices this sucks well it's getting dark out here  
alright it's getting dark and it's been an hour so I think I'll get off pretty soon so  
I think the guys are gonna start streaming at 9:00 so you guys come back come on  
come on back wait I took me longer than this to get on so I'll stay a little longer 0:56:20  
and I remember now I I stayed on I stayed on less time because I had took me a  
while to get off but I'm kind of running out of steam too honestly this has been a

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lot this is this took a little bit more out of me than the last couple of them have and also I didn't bring a anyway to like this out here so it's hard for me to I don't want to go in and bother so yeah so I'm gonna come off what's my opinion on the chapo to fight line once again I think it's great all right love it I'm glad it's a it's a real thing that isn't made up by frauds and professional anxiety cases I certainly not at all Donald views is one of the great posters we still have there aren't many left 0:57:26 but he's one of them and we should we should respect him for it and I think people should always respect on and if you have a problem with him you've got a problem with me sir he's one of the few remaining true artists of the web Tracht Rowling has basically a dead art except for him he's like somebody who speaks Aramaic Wow people are getting heated in the chat yelling at one another come on boys it's all love it's all love come on boys and girls let's krump and you guys like to krump you guys like krumping at all does anyone remember krumping or is that before your time are you children you never crumped there was a movie about krumping they 0:58:27 made a documentary about crumpet they used to dress like clowns and they did it it was called clown krumping I kind of liked it I liked it a lot it was a sort of I thought it was sort of an American version of the haka sort of a faster sort of latinas haka but then we stopped doing it I wish we'd go back can we get back to krumping in my administration I I swear that I shall put forth a new Donald krump oh man 0:59:33 can you imagine can [Laughter] if his name was Donald krump he's a Cheeto folks there's a damn cheeto on the White House there is a literal cheeto in this White House there is a cancer upon the presidency and there's a Cheeto she do in the white 1:0:37 house that I ratted out I cheat over the white house to do do cheedo in the white house cheeto in the white house guys I want to leave you guys with something from Pynchon I know that apparently the pension subreddit is mad at me somehow but I just wanted to read another thing from against the day from later in the book it's two characters who are basically roustabouts and hired guns who are now working in a among the many superstitions inside this mountain was a belief that the tunnel was neutral ground exempt not only from political jurisdictions but from time itself the 1:1:40 anarchists and socialists on the shift had their own mixed feelings about history they suffered from it and it was also to be their Liberator if they could somehow survive to see the day in the shower battles at the end of the shift the suffering could be read on each body as document written in insults to flesh and blood scars crookedness missing parts they knew each other as comfortable men in the steam rooms of hydro hydro Pathak's for instance would not a mature bullet removals and bone settings cauterization x' and brandings some souvenirs were public and could be compared others were private and less likely to be talked about one day reef happened to notice on floovio what looked like a rain railroad map executed in scar tissue what was that

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from you walk in between a couple of bobcats \*\*\*\*\* an encounter with a Tetzal worm said floovio tyrannic and a new one on me said reef it's a snake with pause at gearheart four legs and three toes on each paw and a big mouth full of very sharp teeth hibernates here in inside the mountain tries to but anybody who wakes it up god help them men have been known to quite quit work here claiming the potential worm was becoming enraged by all the drilling and explosions refigured it was some kind of routine they put the newcomers through this being the first tunnel job he'd run into it on some of Alpine Tommyknockers he figured till he began to notice long flowing shapes in unexpected places Tumblr's brought pistols into work and it took shots whenever they thought they saw Tetzal worm somewhat dynamite sticks and through them the creature only became bolder or maybe more indifferent to their his fate ain't exactly mine rats here in Europe speculated Philippe the mountains are much older than America whatever lives in them had more time to evolve toward or lethal perhaps less amiable sort of creature it's also a good argument for Hell added gearheart for some primordial plasma of hate and punishment at the center of the earth which takes out different forms the closer it can projected to the surface here under the Alps it happens to become visible as the Tetzal world it is comforting to imagine this as an outward and visible manifestation of something else chuckled one of the Austrians puffing on a cigar stub but sometimes the Tetzal worm is only a Tetzal worm the really disturbing thing Fabio would whisper is when you see one and it looks up and sees that you are watching it sometimes it will run but if it doesn't then prepare to be attacked it helps if you don't look at its face for long before the dark you will know where it is because it will be screaming a high whirling scream that's like the winter wood winter cold will creep in to occupy your bones what you have the cut encounter Gerhard agreed it is with you forever this is why I believe they are sent to us to some of us in particular for a purpose what's that reef said to tell us that we shouldn't be doing this tunneling putting railroads but we're not reef pointed out the people who are paying us are do they ever see the Tetzal worm it visits them in their dreams and it looks like us added floovio if that was a little still to this because it's too \*\*\*\*\* dark back here I shouldn't have started that I'm sorry alright guys I'm going out I'll see you guys tomorrow I'll probably try to keep them around the same time maybe a little earlier so that I can get in here while it's still light out or get a goddamn light anyway

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Oh all right guys oh and all your nap here here boy it's been a very interesting day for me I haven't even left my apartment I've been really taking a lot a lot of stuff I feel I'm hoping to share some things to the user day that I'm really excited about but I'm also a little worried about I have my graph paper I'm gonna have to explain some stuff so first things first is that I don't know if you guys have noticed if you guys have been any of you have been watching my Instagram streams I used to do before switching to twitch here the last week or so I've had a bit of a a bit of a Satori moment a bit of a just sort of a bit of an all around mental reorganization egodeath to put it very bluntly and the result of it is that I've been gifted really with a and it's not out of the blue it's building on other insights that I've been struggling with my entire adult life but now they're finally crystallized into a truth and reality that I've honestly found to be basically if you ask me to put it bluntly if you ask me like what's the meaning of life I have an answer that it satisfies me that's all I can do I cannot satisfy anyone else because I can't translate the feeling to them so I have the meaning of life and of course you might say sure a lot of people say that and I bet most of them are telling the truth the problem is I have to try to communicate it to you guys and I will not succeed I will only get part of it out and the question is I'm trying to balance frankly guys I'm trying to balance getting this out in a way that inspires enough people to see something to it to talk to me about and maybe because the thing is I'm only gonna keep thinking this and only gonna know this truth if I keep acting it every day there's no such thing as unactive upon beliefs so if I gonna believe that this is true I have to act that way which means I efter not interact with the world that way and that means that if I interact with other people that way they will see the truth of it just through my actions and then they will reflect those to me and it will make it easier for me to live this because I will be making reality around me in the image of this knowledge because it's guiding my actions so that's that's the long and short of that I have to try to get this across to people that's the only way I'm going to keep it it's only we're gonna keep the fire but only when I'm keeping the fire in it's if I keep putting it out there and trying to explain it because

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I'm explaining it to myself too because I'm using poor instruments words symbols to try to get it something that's beyond those but anyway I have to try to get it to enough people that people can like get it believe in it and we can all talk about it and it can redefine it or people think I'm a cult leading psychopath and stop paying attention to me and then I become someone on the street corner with a newspaper diaper trying to get people you know to accept that I am the Living God getting tased by the cops and put on YouTube I do not want that so that means that I have to be very very careful about how I try to communicate these ideas and so I'm not going to start at this level because it's just you can't get there the way to get there is by starting back here with the material here and now this space-time and that's where we are so we need to talk about concrete examples that people could get their head around so anyway this is all along steps way of saying that when I woke up this morning I had a realization about Twitter which is that it cannot be a a place 0:4:9 where fruitful conversations happen or at least not fruitful enough to be worth the effort of doing them now I always kind of believed that but one of the things that this whole revelation has given me is the knowledge that I didn't really know why I believed a lot of the things I believed and now that I have interrogated them I found that some of them I only thought I believed and don't really believe but some of them I did believe but just not for the full reason I wasn't all the way to the ground of why and I realize now the foundational fundamental reason the Twitter cannot be used as a constructive place for argumentation or persuasion or the pursuit of truth is that it is a undef of anti dialectical space that trying to pursue specifically socialism on Twitter is inherently impossible because it is because socialism like all intellectual traditions and all all political movements eventually starts as a dialectical 0:5:10 process and Twitter conversation defeats dialectical reasoning because even though everybody on the terrain of Twitter might have the the shared hope for creating socialism like give everybody benefit of good faith they actually do want socialism but they have to communicate that sense of wanting socialism on a space where their individual material incentives to act are not towards the sort of collaboration with other intelligences that would lead to an answer and a practice out of that answer praxis it leads you to competing with one another to try to be different than other people so that people will notice you because your ego is guiding the process which is what capititation seeks whereas cooperation is dissolving the ego to some degree to cooperate to us a facilitate cooperation so that means that we're all out there when we're taking on Twitter our goal is to be noticed and that notice can take 0:6:14 the form of everything from a like to a follow to becoming a podcaster to getting notice to having people take you seriously and the only way you can do that is if you stand if you point out your difference from somebody else this is also known

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as leftist infighting now the thing is is that there are real conflicts these conflicts are not made up but the problem is they cannot be resolved now because to resolve them is to ruin your position in the hierarchy you've established you have no interest now in actually resolving the problem because then you're just part of the mass and you're not special anymore that is a genuine problem that the sets anyone trying to get any socialist idea across on Twitter and it doesn't mean we can't get to some truth we do it's just very very inefficient use of time it's like it's like trying to it's like cutting down a \*\*\*\*\* Sequoia with like a hand axe you could do it with enough 0:7:17 time and enough people you could chop down a Sequoia with hand hand axes but no one would because it's be a wildly inefficient use of resources time energy and material and it's the same way you could get there on Twitter but my god it's about the least efficient way you can so don't so don't not be on Twitter because honestly what Twitter is it's not for politics it's for friendships as much as that is goofy to say and so much as you think no I go on Twitter to own people yeah but you own people so your friends notice and they like you more it's about friendship and politics is just one of the ways that we create the friendship and then that craftsmanship in the market turns into monetization and pair of social relationships and all that stuff but at the end of the day you are stuck in this relationship where you can't get to your incentives your direct material incentives which are gonna inform your actions 0:8:19 more than your theoretical belief of socialism because it's closer to your material reality and conditions means that you will socialism will lose every time in the battle between the ego and socialism it will lose because that's where your actions are that's where your beliefs are they're not at they're not your your practice is not at the level of socialism it's at the level of competing within this this friend network so go online to have friends and go online to listen to people who you think have something interesting to say and they will often point out what they have interesting to say by pressing it up against wrong things and you can make fun of the people who are wrong but know that it can only be that it can never give you any kind of real insight it's just about increasing social bonds the work the intellectual work is done with them within or off of Twitter and mostly through encounter with the real world in the form of doing things activism outside of the house out of the cyber realm the place where the rubber literally hits the road where friction accumulates 0:9:21 where the dialectical is manifested in in the material world it literally becomes the spirit of the machine okay wait a minute don't want to go off too far here don't want to get you guys thinking I'm insane again don't want to get it I don't get 5150 \*\*\*\*\* all right so anyway this is all to say that the Twitter cannot do what you want it to do and that you to do what you want to do which is live as a socialist and feeling living in accordance with your with your beliefs which is closer to being a

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fully actualized person than being the muhammed on who does you know like when they talk about a small sold bug men that isn't not that's talked about a real thing like instead of having instead of feeling real validation like you are because you feel like your actual izing yourself through the pursuit of socialism in your life you get to do a pseudo world where you watch netflix and you jack off and you eat compressed 0:10:23 soy and corn products and then you find those meet those transient joys you put fake meaning in them instead but that's not because of the peppe's aren't right of why that is that's because you're you're you're captured in a matrix of capitalism and you have a material need to solve your closest pain and so that's always gonna put you a conflict with the greater need to like push against it which is why you have to always be thinking about what you're why you're thinking what you're thinking putting yourself in place in time at all points being mindful to use a hippie term for it because then you can actually get motivated to do it because you know why you're doing it you need to know why you're doing anything like I Riley realized because I I finally realized I had noticed talking about Jordan Peterson I had noticed that Jordan Peterson got kids to pick up on a room when their parents telling them 0:11:24 couldn't and I used to think it was because they recognized Jordan Peterson from like the matrix of online and online was like their new parents and so they listened there more that was incorrect I was wrong about that now I understand the reason that they picked up the room and thought it was incredible to hear it from Sweden Peterson from compared to their parents is because Jordan Peterson told them why they should pick up their rooms he told them that it would make their lives better and it would give them more control over their lives and sense of destiny it would make them it would put him on a better path of action and in parents just tell you to do it you say why and it's cuz they're tired because they have other things they don't have the bandwidth they say because I said so and then it's just I'm doing something that is in the short-term unpleasant for no reason just for as a favor to my mom you have to be self motivated to do anything consistently and so that and so all we have are these petty self motivations of like you know pleasure which lead to hedonism and destruction but we can't cultivate anything deeper because we don't 0:12:28 have beliefs to motivate it we don't have beliefs to motivate behavior and and and Peterson gives beliefs to motivate the behavior of cleaning a room the way that your parents didn't and that's what I mean by levels of of like reality because like I was right at the level that you know there was a difference between I would I didn't know why people that worked before now I do like I'm now I know I'm writer than I used to be because I know different things because different things have happened to me oh boy all right I'm trying to reel this back in I feel like I keep floating off and I gotta like get the \*\*\*\*\* Coast Guard to bring me back alright but yes someone says

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it's socially motivated the sum total of our our self the sum total of free will is the interaction with other people that Oliver we're told so never mind so I address that just not now because it's gonna get me off on a thing and I don't really have the language for it but trust me I know what you're talking about and I understand what that objection is and it I could explain why oh my god I gotta get back to what I was gonna say I'm gonna get killed they're gonna \*\*\*\*\* throw me off of twitch now and you guys are all gonna stop watching oh god ah I'm gonna worry here all right was I saying Twitter not good not a place to find any kind of meaningful conversation that's going to resolve towards truth you're only going to see people motivated to reify a the conflict and the way you know that by the way is that the the way that the mechanism of that is this like say you've got to our sides of an argument on any given issue like what is to the left of this or or this course of action or this this position be it like the ID paul superbowl any million arguments you can imagine if any person on one of the two sides is the first to acknowledge the premise the correct premise that the other person is acting on that arise from true observations of reality if the purse person to do that will then be pointed out as a heretic to maintain the other person's position because you need to always be in contrasting your left 'no switch somebody else's insufficient left Ness so the movement the dialectical movement that is needed to resolve these things is made impossible by the social nature of it because the incentives are towards individualizing and building a brand like we did like everyone online is trying to do consciously or subconsciously so that's why you can't do it on Twitter and so I pop on Twitter cuz I'm not gonna stop being on Twitter I have OPM's where I have a lot of friends I like to talk to I like to do jokes sometimes and have jokes with my friends that's what I try to do with Twitter that's what I've tried to do before and I'm just resolving to do it more now and then sure enough though the first thing I see is a \*\*\*\*\* clip of Nathan Robinson saying it's not only saying that Karl Marx should never have been born and that things like class conflict and historical materialism are are not really convincing or like oh no oh God because it's not like I necessarily even and getting mad at him because part of this this new approach to reality is to accept everyone's historically contingent nature and that Nathan Robinson is not the way he is for any personal reason that goes beyond the accumulation of behaviors of activities and and and and situations that have led to him being like I just a product of mechanical unfolding of the universe I mean and he still asked that I just I have to treat him that way if they're sure or not I have to treat him that way in order for me to deal with him rationally and not just through anger so I tried not to be angry at him but I was still like I don't want I resolved not to argue on Twitter anymore in fact I deleted a tweet I was gonna do or I was gonna argue something with somebody and then I saw that I said this is so dangerously

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wrong this attitude is so like up and now especially feeling what I feel I feel like this is so dangerously wrongheaded that someone needs to say something and so I went on Twitter and then as soon as I tried to compose this tweet all of the bad incentives that make Twitter a bad place for communications start kicking in the main one being is that every tweet is powered by some sort of insecurity a desire to perform something for others so that they will reintroduce that quality to you that you will you will feel that they feel your the way you want them to think you are and that's why you tweet and so I can't just say this is a dialect you know like these are foundational elements of like any kind of social movement that has any hope of conquering capitalism but that's just scolding and that's not fun and that's not you know that's not chapo brand so I say no I can't do that so I say if anybody wants to replace Marx with Robinson because the under the undercurrent of my critique is who do you think you are basically and so I say look at his peacock outfit because there's pictures of him in like a Mardi Gras outfit where he looks kind of goofy just honestly and of course he's known for his weird bizarre affected dress and accent and stuff it's like he's a self kind just character it's fine isn't he's Truman Capote of the American left whatever and so I just wanted a shortcut I didn't want to argue through it because that's not fun so I just wanted a semantic shortcut to check out this goofball he's a 30 year old weirdo why would he know more than Marx and of course that gets at a truth which is that I'm sorry Marx knows more than Raven Robinson because not Marx Marx's understanding of the dialect goes deeper than his does his understanding of material reality observed from empirical observation and his intellect and his empathy combining have rendered him more an accurate viewer of how the world is and so if people listen to Dathan Robinson instead of Karl Marx they're gonna it's gonna be harder for them to get the right conclusions because they're gonna start from the wrong premises and so I felt like I had to say something but I just said it in a snarky way and I'm sorry - Nathan honestly for insulting him it's like I'm not gonna do that anymore because it doesn't do anything because all it did was it told everybody who likes Nathan Robinson and like Haven invested liking Nathan Robinson as part of what makes them a good person and a good leftist a good leftist and therefore a good person and so to attack that is to attack their central their sense of being of course they're gonna fight back and it's never gonna be about the actual katraine of the argument they're defending a key component of their identity how is that ever gonna be able to be talked about rationally especially when you're talking about an online space where we neither one of us can guarantee the good faith of the other and it just exploded and I realized oh this was see I have made things worse the him just saying that would have been X about of unhelpful but me pointing it out has actually reified this anti dialect and

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made things worse in the long run like I've actually affected the world for the worse I lost good place points if anyone seen that show and I'm like damn I can't do that anymore \*\*\*\*\* so I've been trying since then before now to answer people who've responded to me in some of the comments with as open a heart as possible to try to get it what I was trying to say and just you know if I feel like I can answer a question confidently if I feel like I can I have enough of an understanding of like how this fits into my overall view of the world then I can say I'll answer and I happen and it's been it's been a good exercise it's making me like feel more confident myself and the thing is you're in the more confident you are your beliefs the less emotional you are about them the better you are about arguing at them so much of like the deep platforming mania that's on both sides of politics is essentially people reifying their insecurities in their beliefs like the they cannot comprehend the idea of debating or engaging with another idea is anathema because their belief is brittle enough and they fear that there is someone who understands things more than them and could make them not believe what they believe anymore but those beliefs are so deeply tied to their sense of identity that that that is terrifying and threatening but if they but the thing is what a group is right and one group is wrong you don't have to just say both sides know one sides right the other side is wrong but the side that's right in this case might not be right enough to recognize how right they are and therefore doesn't have the confidence and emotional endurance to really think so anyway so I said what I said and I've kind of boiled it down to a little drawing I want to put here so this is this is me trying to divorce my critique of Nathan Robinson's dismissal of Marx without any personal invective and without any any slant towards towards ad the wretched ad hominem or anything else this is purely trying to contextualize the dispute and I'm gonna use a piece of paper here to try to get it across because I will not like I said I really don't want to look like a crazy person and I know grant putting on a graph doesn't necessarily help you relieve your mind on that case but I'm just this is broad and these categories suppress other categories that are more complicated but they're not necessary you guys could see this all right so there's here's the world as it is this is the world we live in it sucks we hate it we recognize that it's bad because we're alienated from our time and our labor that makes things shitty that makes us wanna die but also afraid of dying got up here socialism let's say broadly construed because we're trying to do big tent we're gonna take good on good faith everybody's claimed that they are socialists when they say they are so Nathan Robinson I believe he's a socialist okay because he wants this I believe because why I can't how will I ever prove he isn't to anyone's satisfaction it'd be impossible you're asking me to like dissect his soul all we can say is does he act as though that he wants socialism and it seems as though he does but he lives down here

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we all live down here and we all have to build a bridge first or thought then through action praxis that is then collectively endeavored towards the goal if you get enough people pushing in the same direction you can get here but they all have to be doing it together that's cooperation that's socialism that's communist and that's everything okay so that's what so the thing is how do you get it what's the engine what's the thought engine that drives this from is to should be okay I would say that Marx because he emerged at the moment that capitalism emerged that's not a coincidence he was historically contingent Marx emerged when he did because he was seeing the beginning of capitalism he grasped all of its contours and so that is why his analysis of capitalism is the single most important one it doesn't mean he was right about everything it doesn't even mean he was right on unbalance in some way every most things it means he was right on the most basic things that you build from because you can say well Marx didn't anticipate ecology and Marx didn't anticipate feminism or Marx didn't anticipate racism Marx didn't anticipate technological advancement Marx didn't anticipate like how far imperialism would extend capitalism's ability to expand market and an increase in puts yeah because he died in 1881 he could only observe he could create models and then observe them and play out reality only in front of them we have to add on but we add starting with the Marx and what Mason Robinson is saying essentially is replace Marx with me because if it's not Marx then who is it well it's got it the guy a guy tells you to discard Marx and here starting from scratch and trying to figure out how to get from here to here you have no roadmap who are you gonna trust more than the guy that just told you to give away the foundational guy of the whole thing the foundational set of ideas and I'm saying that because Nathan Robinson exists so far away from the big bang of capitalism that he is such a liberal subject as we all are he is so suffused with the liberalism that is redounded through the cultural superstructure over the last 200 years that his insights will not go as deep as Marx's were because he was there at the temporal beginning he wasn't captured by the ideology of capitalism yet cuz he hadn't grown up under it Nathan Robinson is captured as I am as everyone reading this is by the ideology of capitalism so we all have to come together and take everything that came before us and everything that we see around us to build enough to counteract that ideology and you start with something like Marx you cannot start with nothing because then you are in thin air you are a late capitalist subject trying to bootstrap yourself into a third put into a into an observational point of view of capitalism that you cannot have because you're inside of it it's Heisenberg's uncertainty principle you are in capitalism you're embedded in it you cannot be outside of it to see where you are but Marx could because he didn't grow up under it and that's why he is so disastrously wrong to say that we shouldn't have had Marx because that means

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that those things still would have come up those insights would still be there people would still articulate them but they would have articulated them later which would have meant they would have articulated them with less specificity and it would have been harder to build on them it would be literally retarding progress because it retards the dialectic because Marxism emerges to come into conflict with the reality of capitalism and create new realities that's the dialectic history and it's like I didn't get it for a long time I assumed it was right because I assumed I agreed with other parts of Marx I was like I agree with all this stuff about Marx about like class struggle I see it's clearly true I'm not so sure about the dialectic so I will just say I agree with that part problem is that means I don't really believe in Marxism that much because I can't justify it beyond that level and that leaves me vulnerable that leaves me feeling insecure about it and when you reach that point there are two things to do you can either say well Marx is wrong or you can say I am going to try to figure it out why do I believe this why what principles does class struggle come from and that's where you get to the basic stuff like historical materialism and then on top of that dialectical materialism like first the observation the observation of the material conditions and then the notion that they are driven by conflict between ideas which is then turned at the higher level into class struggle there's class struggle they're all built on top of one another now we're stuck here because intervening tech not this is where Marx dies basically Marx dies here now we've got this time here we have intervening time we have new technology we have Empire we have the world wars we have all this stuff but we stop to get there and Marx can't help us anymore so now what do we do we build on top of this with other stuff stuff about ecology stuff about race stuff about gender stuff about Technology stuff about computers all that stuff you add it on top you add it on top of the base here now what Nathan Robinson is doing by rejecting this stuff because he didn't understand it and didn't either have the patience or brains to study it until he did rejects it and says it must not be true because I don't understand it no you don't understand it and to you therefore it isn't true if you understood it you could reject it and say no this entire premise is wrong but it flows to every other principle you're talking about it flows the dialectic flows all the way up from diet from the historical materialism to the dialectal materialism to the class struggle it all flows up towards a state of actual existing socialism for all humankind the actual end point of teleological Marxism if you say no to that what you're basing it on like you're basically basing it on liberal concepts of morality now if you're up here if you're Nathan Robinson you're going off and you know where this is you know what that or arrow is up there that arrow is liberal personal individualism because that's what that's what like anarchism is as Chomsky has admitted anarchist traditions and things of that

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nature exist to try to get the socialism try to get the socialism without a basis of materialism and what they do instead is they say well we are morally required to create a just society because we all are individual beings with individual rights but that creates the only way that adjudicate the idea of us all being monads like that is through market transactions which necessitates capitalism so it creates liberal subjects and now liberal subjects if they're given enough time and resources might get to socialism but given the constraints of resources on a planet over time that will likely lead to destruction before it gets to socialism and guess what it'll eventually pass to the stage of COSO of understanding it'll eventually resolve to a point where it incorporates Marxism but it'll be way just started raining no I don't mean I don't mean markets I mean market transactions are the only transactions you can have if the basis for your understanding of material reality is along individual individual moral lines the idea that we're all individuals with individual morality like those things have endowed meaning that leads either to religious fundamentalism which has to be overcome which is another obstacle or it leads to total atomization which only reinforces capitalism at every level all right god damn it it's raining through the slats here I'm getting rained on I'm getting dapped on guys \*\*\*\*\* I might have to go inside alright guys we're gonna be Oscar Mike here in a second watch watch your perimeter please don't all right guys thank you for bearing with me during the check there I'm still on it's raining out are you guys doing now now I can now all right so that was what I was trying to say I wanted to get that off my chest the Nathan Robinson thing so so anyway so the thing to say that about him is it means he's wrong but then people say well does like immediately when if you criticize him I saw people saying totally understandably you want to throw them out of the discourse you think he's a fraud you want to supplant him with your own identity it's like you were totally reasonable to worry about that because that's what you should have come to expect from other people on this platform because that's what behavior is rewarded so totally understand that I'm just saying so that's there's no way for me to like responsibly uh and successfully critique him on that platform without people taking it the wrong way because that's the only way that they've been trained to take things there so I am done this is a long way of saying that I am done dunking on anyone on Twitter other than evil like you know goblins I will not be I will not be talking on anyone's ideological disinclination or or like ideological failings I'll stick clearly to material goof-ups like people telling you about who to vote for and \*\*\*\*\* like that because that is much more concrete that you can argue is bad around and it doesn't cause such deep semantic confusion as mucking around an important \*\*\*\*\* feel that theoretical \*\*\*\*\* and just turning it all into mush just turning it all into a bunch of mush so that nobody understands but everybody thinks they have to to

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maintain the ideologies and the identities that they have value now like instead of creating their own identities they've grabbed one off the rack in the form of socialism or whatever I'll write anything any kind of political identity online is a substitute for the identity that we can't create through like true use of our time because it's alienated so I'm done with all that I will be I'll be using the internet be trying to rededicate to myself to only using Twitter for funsies just having fun ah uh you guys 0:36:26  
got any questions anybody got any questions man I gotta say it's kind of funny to imagine this many people listening to this I'm a little worried that I'm that I'm rendering myself a laughingstock of the of the new web intelligentsia with this I'm a little worried anything that Marc's got wrong he got wrong at a higher degree of abstraction from reality than everything else he got wrong the way that all good thinkers get wrong in one direction you you're building on a base all thought all belief all everything is built on a base it's and that's the engine and so the things he got wrong were at the edges like a question like the declining rate of profit that 0:37:28  
really is something that he couldn't totally predict because a lot of it has to do with exigencies that he wouldn't have been able to conceive of because he didn't realize what technology was gonna do like he could and he couldn't have because he was he was fixed in the space time of the late 1700s so that's the thing that he might be wrong up now a lot of people crisis theory say no he's a hundred percent right of the creative laugh at all the the declining rate of profit the thing is I think that he is right in the broad sense that that will happen just due to the reality of I mean I don't understand how anyone can deny that the how do you deny the declining the the pendency of the rate of profit to decline over time and the second law of thermodynamics how can you believe how can you not believe both of those they're expressions of the same reality they're expressions of the same underlying function of matter over time which is to lose energy lose lose lose in translation and loose over 0:38:31  
transmission so it's Banali true that so when people say he was wrong what they mean less it didn't happen on a time scale that he predicted well no \*\*\*\*\* he was \*\*\*\*\* guessing on what was going to happen he didn't realize the extent to which colonialism would extend the lifetime of the super profits of capitalism like s and then Lenin Lenin had to point that out because \*\*\*\*\* Marx was dead he wasn't going to understand what technology was gonna do in terms of like destroying a lot of presumptions about like Malthusian limits those are all mistakes but they're just mistakes of not having enough information his basic methodological approach to reality was correct but now we have to refine it because things have happened since then and we were responding to a different reality a fundamental different reality than the one he was describing it's a different world and we don't think of it that way because we don't think of our place of ourselves as fixed in place in time in 0:39:38

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relationship to other things all labor theory of value is another one of those that once we're declining rate of profit we're it's like that's so true it's Banali true it's it's it's implicit in existence labor is value they're they're the same thing labor and labor is value the same way the time is space they occupy the same they occupy the same space-time quadrant at any given moment well you cannot have one without the other in equal measure so what the \*\*\*\*\* are you even talking about well that marginal every ship is at a higher level of abstraction that's gone off kilter because now you're trying to reinforce capitalism instead of move towards transcendence which is what we should be doing yeah see people are like God diamonds in the water dude rope 0:40:39 no no higher level of abstraction and a higher level of abstraction yeah you can't find value in things that aren't directly tied to labor but that's because they've been a strat abstracted away from the fundamental relationship Chomsky got lesson is a liberal and he says he is which is why I don't understand anarchists who get mad when you point that out anarchism is liberalism it is a higher stage of liberalism anarchism is like the highest stage you can get of liberalism towards justice before it breaks down due to its internal contradictions so it is more advanced than liberalism it is a form of liberalism that's the thing is that these categories are all gradients of one another they are not binary categories they are but then that then that dissolves over time so like through the accumulation of practice anarchism is a superior and 0:41:41 more progressive form of liberalism but it comes from liberalism and because of liberalism is now just a slur and a slander that you throw on people you don't like on Twitter to show that you're to the left like why this is everyone call everybody liberal because then they're not part of the left and that means you are and people should pay attention to you because you're not a liberal because everyone understands that a liberal is out of the club so instead of wrecks because like anarchists could that accept like oh Amaya liberal and maybe they'll find you know I actually have a liberal and then they're good I am a liberal anarchist but they insist on saying no I am I'm a \*\*\*\*\* socialist and it just confuses everything because they have to be on the left they have to be liberal of socialists to be good because the reason all these political opinions matter so much to us is because of how little we use them because how much they are just in our hands if we live them every day we would they would be secure and we wouldn't have to reify them by having them reinforced 0:42:42 by going on Twitter and having people tell us that we're good socialists if we lived as good socialists we wouldn't need to be told so we wouldn't have to go online and be socialists and then we wouldn't have to be so touchy about who gets to call them that and we could actually examine the \*\*\*\*\* questions on their merits instead of failing to understand because you need all of these people like people say oh you're saying you're not socialist that doesn't mean you're bad necessarily it means that

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you're carrying out your role everyone is not going to just change these just alright I honestly think that the big fundamental problem here is that people who put their internet the underlying theory of activism that underlies you going online right and saying your opinions if you strip it of everything else and all self-dealing and all like 0:43:44 all the stuff about you know wanting to make friends or whatever or influence people and you just strip it to the actual original because there was at one point before it got muddled that there was a real desire to do good when you're seeing the shitty world and if you could strip it down to that what would it be it would be I want to go online to tell people what to do the idea is I will say this is what you should believe and I'm making people believe it then they're gonna do it but look what happens we say that and then what does it convince other people to do it convinces other people to do what we did which is just say what we are if you were out doing it and I'm saying I'm including myself in this oh my god do not think that I don't understand that i am more implicated by this than any single person on earth that i am more an example of this rotten failed system the more curse of the Demiurge 0:44:45 i understand that I absolutely do I don't know if I can do enough penance for it to gain credibility that I actually do believe that but trust me anyway anybody got any questions anybody these things move so fast it's hard for me to say yeah I kind of 0:45:49 I mean that's what I'm working towards it's like a unified field theory once again I don't want to sound insane but I'm gonna try to lay out here the basic principle this is like the thing that I would put on I would put on like a belt buckle or welcome mat or like have embroidered on a sampler just the thing to remember every day to help me like think better and you guys can tell me I'm crazy or not it's that the degree to which a being has consciousness because consciousness comes in degrees the degree to which beings have consciousness is the degree to which they can perceive time all right so that's all I'm gonna say about that now I'm gonna try to talk more about this stuff in the future yeah if I feel if you feel like I've gone around the bend please 0:46:51 let me know because I'm gonna just like kind of take the only way I can know how I'm doing is this in terms of getting it across I know I'm right but I don't know if I'm getting it across is if people come back and tell me dude you're doing good or dude you sound insane because then I need to know that I need to spend more time on refining mic translations so that they don't sound crazy okay someone says I a lot of people are so he got a lot of you got can we get it you sound insane in the in the in the Chad can you get a little you sound insane yeah that's the thing is I don't want to be the time cube guy cuz the time cube guy I don't think he was very happy I don't think he felt like he was getting it across maybe he was maybe the time cube guy was ultimately happy because he thought he had done enough 0:47:52 of a job and maybe it is because maybe that means that there's one person in the

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world who will read time cube and become instantly enlightened at the end of it that could happen and if he did it to one person he succeeded so that means time cube guy was right so tip of the half the time the implications of my theory are ABS absolutely universal but I can't predict what they are because they will only appear in the actual moment of use because that is when the dialect kicks in because that is because like that's what really hit me about the dialectic is that dialectical reasoning is the literal engine of all existence it's how the brain comes into consciousness and 0:48:55 how the literally the universe comes into consciousness of itself if this is asked of communism I mean I took acid before I thought it up and it still it's making me a much more much better more confident more nuanced communist I say yes I'll call it ask the Communist as well because I feel like I am finally for the first time confident that I could even call myself something like that before I assume Able's because I didn't even know what I believed I only know when I kind of thought was true and I never pursued it deeply enough and I have been because I didn't have a way to do so because you are not taught to think you are taught to react and those aren't the same things and because you're only taught to react and if you only react you will be an animal you will be a miserable creature too conscious of time to enjoy life in 0:49:57 like blissful unawareness of your own mortality but without any ability to enjoy it to enjoy yeah like I mean the reason I was on all about better call saw last week is that I remember trying to write a think piece about about prestige TV for a while it was like one of my opinions you know I'm like one of those little hip pocket things that was contrarian enough to gain notice and make you worth listening to because hey I'm saying something slightly different than what everyone else is saying this is on just like a cultural level rather than a political one but the same thing happens in politics and then I had to like back fill it in with and with what I had observed about prestige TV which was that it was like this weird set of genre expectations and I was 0:50:59 able to only get to like this thing about how well you know we like it because we're too tired to read books anymore but I couldn't like get to like why that is tactic that actually is tragic and now I actually get a standard it's not that the format it's not that the it's not that oh these shows aren't as good as The Sopranos it's that even The Sopranos was a degraded version of art that should not have been that universally beloved because it was on television because it was the product of a capitalist enterprise it was as tainted as the attempt to build socialism on Twitter is the artistic impulse the impulse towards morality those impulses are tainted by their association with the markets and I couldn't get to that root of it so I ended up being more a very superficial and the thing I wrote for current affairs hilariously when I wrote about prestige TV now I feel like I didn't really get across what I was trying to say because I didn't really know why I was saying it and now I get it because I 0:52:0

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see here's the thing I can't do math so I can't do any of the math stuff I have to try to enrich my understanding of this in the symbolic languages that I am adept at which are words and then symbols related to words I have one of the most bifurcated minds on in human history like the way I see it math is the symbolic language of the material world the intellect and words are the symbolic representation of the spiritual the emotional the empathic and I'm very good at those but I'm very very bad with math and you can prove things in both ways but I can only be persuaded by ones that I can understand and I cannot understand math based proofs so I have to try to like find other words symbolic regimens semiotics to build my confidence in this one because I'm only gonna keep believing this and having this informed my behavior for the better if I keep believing it and that's only gonna happen if other people reflect it back to me otherwise known as Karma this is also basically Buddhism by the way the salat just like I'm trying to speak of Buddhism in a materialistic sense but yeah like you step one Mac and this is Buddhism so spoiler alert and the thing is you know it's also mystic Christianity you know whatever it all ends up with a communion with the Godhead which is time which is conception of time it's just different vocabularies different levels of of cultural historical space-time fixedness yes everything is caused by everything else there is total determinism of our acts in the universe but we all you know in the moment are fully free to do anything and the funny thing is is like a lot of this stuff people say like I assure or whatever or Schopenhauer these are all things that I have never read I'll admit it because honestly the main reason I never read any of the really like heavy Theory stuff is that the level of dialogue I would have with my friends and with people online was never deep enough to require it so there was never a motivation on my part to actually deep deep dig into it because there was no suggestion that there was anything deeper and now I feel like I understand the use and I understand like where these things fit and I feel like for first that makes me think oh no now I never have to read them so what it really means is now I have to read them all because reading them reinforces them both in my mind and then in my actions which then reverberate out to everybody else and then they bring them back to me I don't know anything about math that's yeah and the first book that came along that made me think of that was Ulysses I felt like oh I feel like Ulysses as a part of that as an attempt to build a consciousness out of words to use symbol the symbols of language so finally that you have rendered a mind so yeah let's try that I'll try girdle Allen watt apparently I would love to read some love to read some Christian mysticism now now that I feel like I could totally grapple with all religious traditions and of course Buddhism yeah because bags essentialism is like part of this like this is an edifice of different things driven through different periods of time that reflect that reflects certain truths that we can

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then build up and I think existentialism points towards that Judaism points towards it Gnosticism before them they all got at different points of the root of the of the change just like all we're trying to do here is trying to figure out how to convince ourselves to do things we know are right that's what practice is it's the furnace of the south because doing things right is putting off pleasure for yourself for other people why would you ever do that it doesn't make rational sense you have to put it off one of the things UNS help you put it off is empathy for others because that gives you an investment in their their happiness because it makes you happy but the other is knowledge that it will do good for you too then it's not just altruism like that's why I like libertarianism like an Rand is half of it but the thing is if you follow eine Rand you die in the desert because there's nobody else and nobody you don't even have a language to understand yourself as you die because it denies the social but it understands that there is an individual will that has an individual desire but it must be tied to a collective will that leads towards a collective happiness because if you have intellect and empathy in equal measures or in unequal measures depending on your person what your personal like admixture so that means that you have so you have an individual will and you need to may have a reason to want to do things not just for other people because that will get exhausting eventually you'll get sick of it you have to want to do it because it's good for you too if you just do things that are good for you you become a loan and then miserable but the way to square that is to you need to be doing things that make both things true make things good for others and good for yourself and that means you have to both see things be done good to others and also know that you're making yourself better so you have to believe it you have to it has to be convincing so that is why you have to every day believe things and that is perceiving time that will make you do things that make you do it more and that will make you do it more and it will allow you to get to the top of Sisyphus mountain which is ego death which is a oneness with the universe which is also if we do it right going to heaven when you die as opposed to going to hell when you die which is the fear and terror as darkness descends on you because you don't recognize any all right so what do you guys think what is I don't I realize as I said do I sound crazy then once again I'm screwing up a symbolic order if I want to get good at feedback I can't ask binary questions these are all on gradients so if you guys could give me a percentage sort of like you know you can go to the you go to the grocery store and you get the 90/10 of a lean to fat ground beef and then you can get like if it's a little richer you get like the 85/15 and you can get the right the really little lean like the 90/10 what percentage of non insane am i sounding like how how marbled with alright I'm getting a lot of numbers here some very low ones a couple of pretty good ones see the thing is I don't know which ones of you is joking I

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don't know which ones are you are giving me the business so I can't really take these  
as true I gotta say very surprised that help you said 69 there it is nice nice all right  
that's okay well like I said I'm gonna try to live it every day and have it come back to 1:1:15  
me in the form of a greater understanding of it that I can make it easier to articulate  
but like I said if it stops making sense you know I'm gonna have to confront that and  
I'm gonna have to confront where I went wrong because I went wrong somewhere  
maybe not yet but I will in the future it's inevitable I will go wrong somewhere if I  
haven't already and if I have I gotta find it it's my duty to myself and everyone else  
because it's the same there's no conflict I have more viewers than Sasha Grey that's  
very funny what is she doing whose gaming thank you for the subscription hey so  
you guys so I don't really do a lot twitch thing a lot this is what I'm new to it this is  
only my second one on the on here what is that so you guys when you buy it when 1:2:16  
you subscribe that gives you the ability to do some cool what do you call it emotes  
right so well how many guys I guess this is just an indulgence for me since I haven't  
asked before I haven't been down here before what how many remotes are there for  
me how many a Moute how many cushion boats are there okay I got a sleepy guy  
with my hat on when when I got really drunk it looks like there's just one they don't  
have a joker one that's too bad are there any erotic emotes got any horny well alright  
oh yeah it's about it's been about an hour and I'm trying to keep it around there  
because I don't know when the boys want to start streaming again so but I'll take it  
probably a few questions before I hang am I still Joker fide I have now transcended 1:3:17  
chakra fication Joker vacation was a stage I have transcended the Joker stage I have  
emerged from my Joker pupa first I was Riddler fide I might be penguin fide right  
now I suspect on penguin five can I get a penguin five in the chat Terry Eagleton  
I have read he's very good I think I really wish we had more nuclear energy really  
really wish the furture noble it hadn't happened we really went off that we really 1:4:20  
\*\*\*\*\* up by not doing more nuclear energy I don't know if it's too late or not though  
to do it at this because like it's so labor intensive and it's so capital intensive to make  
nuclear plants now it's like even though it is a green technology and it's definitely  
worth it is it gonna be worth the opportunity cost up to four resources you could  
have used elsewhere I'm not sure what the balance is I just know it would be a lot  
easier if we had a lot more working nuclear plants right now I was out on the North  
Fork of Long Island last a couple years ago and I drove by what looked like a 60s  
style nuclear reactor and I went over and I like I took a picture of it and I found  
it online and yeah there's a snoo clear reactor that was put that was built on the  
North Fork of Long Island in the 80s and it was gonna power that area and then 1:5:24  
\*\*\*\*\* Three Mile Island happened while they were still trying to put it together and  
the local officials in all the towns got together and said that they weren't gonna sign

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off on a necessary disaster plan to deal with the potential for a problem and so he never put it online they think lost billions of dollars and it's just sitting there and it's just god damn it's such a little missed opportunity mainly because the people who needed know how direly dangerous carbon emissions were gonna be more aware yet you know it's not so most the people who knew we're \*\*\*\*\* employed by the goddamn oil companies all right I gotta go guys this has been a lot of fun we'll do it tomorrow once again let me know how I'm doing I need to keep I need to stay above 50 50 I know that that's my goal 55 and above that'll be my slogan 55 it

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### *Hangin' With Mr. Christman*

#### 4.30.20

ah hello hello Webber dots bonfire welcome to another journey on the SS Kush into the depths of consciousness no I'm kidding uh so just so everyone knows I have not 0:1:1  
obviously I'm still vibrating at a very high frequency I have been for a while now and I plan on just pursuing this as far as it'll go I'm very excited I honestly feel at peace in a way I never have felt in my life I genuinely do feel centered goodness that has escaped me my entire existence and I'm going to try to keep moving towards it moving towards this light but I'm also going to try to keep you guys from writing me off as a lunatic so I'm going to try to keep I'm going to kind of reduce my volume my complexity of metaphor a little bit to talk more like I was on subjects I was talking about before my little incidents but in a way that will hopefully be clearer because it will be informed by this greater understanding but before I do that I kind of want 0:2:2  
to make one last gasp of explaining a concept that is a little more abstract but that I think could really help people if I could get it across and it's related to something I said on the last stream the stream I made about Nathan Robinson and about the reality about about Marxism and things like that and about like you know the value of things like historical materialism and dialectic materialism and I also spoke about how Twitter cannot allow real dialog and I I think I made a good I think I made a decent case for that but I wanted to do one concrete example of this dynamic because I think I have it closed I think I have it sketched out clearly enough that it can make sense I think to anybody so I'm gonna see if I can make this make sense 0:3:6  
no I messed it up already damn never mind let me see what you guys are talking about I might not be able to make this make sense why you guys keep I'm guess I'm just curious how do you know I haven't been I'm just curious how you know it's not clean I mean I haven't been washing it but part mostly that's because we haven't had a good washing machine situation here which will be changing now so I will wash it I'm just curious why you assume it hasn't been washed the Michigan State House has been seized by gunmen is that true or is that just someone being very hysterical about like a reopen Michigan rally where some Hillbillies showed up 0:4:8  
with machine guns it's protestors okay see people need to be more specific in their

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language or else their people don't know how to it sounds like a bunch of people are very mad that they can't go to the sizzler anymore I understand because they have defined freedom in such a tawdry way because they have accepted their unfreedom everywhere else they have accepted at a site a huge psychic cost how unfree they are and compensated for that unfreedom by indulgence indulgence in things like guns indulgences and things like the bloomin onion at Outback Steakhouse and if they can't indulge that all they have is that sense of unfreedom which drives them to basically have a tantrum because they can't resolve their feelings because they haven't confronted just how unfree they are and what they could really do about it because they have they have they are happy for their chains because they think that the economic exploitation that under guards their life and that makes them unhappy is actually necessary so poor guys they're never gonna be happy doing what they're doing they're just gonna keep grabbing that gun until their fingers turn their knuckles turn \*\*\*\*\* white whiter than their pasty faces and then they're gonna have a rage stroke on the toilet or something and they're gonna die and their last thoughts will be tormented thoughts about all of the things they so yeah I'm trying to draw a little chart here because at some point I honestly want to in to get the help of some sort of animation specialist because I feel like the best way that I understand what I think is in symbols it's in models but there are 3d models and then I try to turn those models into speech and it's okay but it's already a translation and it's losing things in translation it would be closer if it was a if it was a 3d model but I don't know how to do that kind of thing I don't know how to do code so I'm kind of stuck I'm gonna need like when anything I'm gonna need to reach out to other people people who have those skills and hopefully if I apply myself to explaining things to them long enough they'll get what I'm saying and be able to express it visually so I'm not going to be repeating myself with any other stuff I've said on the show because I feel like that's only gonna make me more confused I definitely make everyone else more confused I feel what I'm gonna keep doing is I'm just going to keep applying applying the reasoning to specific questions and then it will be revealed in pieces and then that's the only way we ever understand anything claymation would be cool I like claymation I have not played disco Elysium I feel like now I could now I could do anything I could play ball and cup I could play disco Elysium I could play Katamari Damacy I could even play a violent strategy game or a confusing map game because I wouldn't get frustrated because I would not feel the need to be anywhere else but right there playing the game so I honestly feel like I could play any game now it's only a question of set of us setting up the the gaming computer at our office which I cannot replicate here because I do not have gaming equipment and I think that the technical obstacle of me trying to learn how to figure out that stuff would overwhelm

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any value added by convenience it basically it would take too long for me to get it we're pretty close right now felix is working on it and if we could get it going I'm gonna play any game anyone wants now I could play any game I could even trudge around playing playing what's it called fortnight until I get shot 50 times that's fine there's a parable in that but it could certainly be interesting to ruminate on and I can even play a really big complicated board game the question is whether it would be too boring to watch me play it you might not want to watch me play and have a hard time getting the hang of some of these games because I do have intellectual in problems that make it harder for me to game like I have limitations as a gamer that will make it harder for me to really play in a way that you're gonna want to watch so 0:9:18 that's just a warning \*\*\*\*\* I would love to be a pawn champ Universal Universalis seems interesting but once again I would need a wait find a way to do all those very micro decisions quickly and I don't know if that would be fun to watch I uh humor Sark's was able to understand capital because of his own historical perspective how 0:10:19 do we build on what Marx was doing while existing within capital how do we know when we're making the right moves that's a very good question the answer is we have to have an accurate reflection of what are basically we have to remove from our thinking all clouded clouding elements all prejudices and our reflexive thinking that make it harder for us to actually figure out what is happening around us to perceive things more clearly and this is me this is what mindfulness means in the actual praxis concept if you are observing a reality with clear enough of a head you can figure out what is the closest thing to the right action in any given moment but you have to have clarity of mind to perceive it and so that means you act on a certain thing like we have we have Marxism as a guide it only guides us so far because Marx died at before he could know certain things we're acting and so in a sense we're all 0:11:20 experimenting well when we act things happen as a result of the action if we are perceiving that response correctly we know if we did the right thing or not and we know how we should adjust it we can respond to the stimuli positively or negatively if we perceive it accurately if we're not clouded by prejudice if we're not clouded by instantaneous emotional response and the only way to do that is to rigorously apply that logic to your actions and then to the way you process reactions it's the only way that you could do it and then you wheat your ideas against the stone of reality your spirit is is is is honed by exposure to reality to the material world and the material world is then shaped by your mind it's a perfect symmetrical relationship so that means you have to operate off of your best good faith understanding of your own 0:12:21 urges if you really want socialism and you feel at your deepest level aligned with that goal then whatever you want to do is the right decision and if it isn't to the extent the thing is I should amend that anything you want to do that aligns and a deepest

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level with your understanding with your will and then you do that it will be correct to the extent that it isn't essentially at some point it's wrong and you have to figure out where that is and so you have to do it to find out how far the rightness goes because at some point it will be wrong and it will throw off a new thing that's the dialect and then you keep moving forward that through pressing those relationships and that dynamic once again we're getting too abstract I feel worried on losing people but that's the answer to that question is that you X you if you really pleased 0:13:23 that you are operating in good faith then you're going to be making to some degree the right decision and then it's your job to see the result of that decision and then boy I'm sorry I don't want to freak everybody out I don't know I'm trying to keep this concrete so people don't tune out so I'm gonna try to not read like high three questions I'm trying to get more grounded I don't want people with okay this is an entry question after a corona is brought under control will people's awareness of essential work last well I mean that's that the answer to that will be to degree to which we resolve these are core the degree to which our coping mechanisms can hold right so there's psychic coping mechanisms so there's we brought if we cut people 0:14:26 broadly the two groups of people there's essential workers and non-essential workers right the essential workers are out there actively work threat risking their lives to keep society functioning the non-essential workers her home cooped up and doing their part by denying themselves pleasures so both of them are unhappy in some ways with this situation some of them are having to do too much some of them can't do enough and of course there's a wild asymmetry in their material compensation people doing as such a work some of them are compensated very well like doctors some are less like nurses and that people like delivery people and factory of meat processing workers and grocery workers are wildly under compensated and over exploited some combination of exploited in terms of force to do things and under compensated with money and and so their experience of being of like doing their job is made more miserable by that reality their lives are miserable because they are being forced to 0:15:27 do what they don't want what they don't think is safe for not enough compensation but but that's a material condition that's the way we were raid to give them that's the way we have decided to do this we're not drafting people to be essential workers and make and paying them in scrip which we could do we could do something like that or work with a universal basic income with like a work requirement or like a new WPA we could do all of that but we choose because we have dominant light we have the dominant paradigm of capitalism we choose to use let the market induce and not us collectively will ourselves to make a decision and what the market is going to do is it's going to exploit and undervalue the labor that is most necessary because it has to maintain power over labor if that labor gains can understanding of its influence

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guess what that's a class working on its own before itself and that's a class able to act in its own self-interest and that's the exact antithesis of what capitalism wants so it'll never be allowed to happen so those workers will remain exploited and underpaid but they still have to work if they want to continue having a society which they do as much as it pains them so what do they get instead they get our to get our hair weave they get our thanks they get our claps at seven o'clock that's what they get they get the sense of people giving them credit this is just a new reversion of what we gave to another generation of people who have had the same situation happened which is our troops in the field after seeing what happened in Vietnam with the mass mass movement or with with draft and with everyone facing potential violence and with like the accompanying disgust with the military because we know the military is us and so we feel disgust for our actions and so we have discuss for the military we created as a separate caste so we don't feel those things and so we can't we have no way of judging and so we instead worship but it's all because we have offloaded our pain on to them and then we give them our thanks for their service to make up for the gap so to the degree to which they can put up with that to the degree to which the thanks for the service is enough to make up is the degree to which they'll put up with it simultaneously you have the people buttoned up inside if they have a different ache it's not about threat being threatened with coronavirus and it's not about being underpaid or something and we're being forced to do work that although they don't think is safe it's about not having any purpose in this literally being honest enchilada the process of keeping society going being a parasite and there's no way to act to change that in the current system because they can't be drafted into the workforce because we're not doing that because since they don't need you can't go volunteer at Kroger you know you could go to a food bank in something that people do that but there cannot be like a social room you can't no one is replacing their alienated social work time at you know whatever fake job they have at home with like a drafted shifted Kroger so they're not part of the cup they're not part of that collective effort to keep things going so what they have is a lack of meaning and the way they fill that gap because they have material comfort and they have things like that is by doing things like clapping the clapping serves two purposes the clapping fills the gap in esteem Social Credit basically for the workers and the clapping fills the material gap of feeling like you've contributed to society's continuation for the people who are doing the clapping the China thing is a very interesting question the China question is very interesting one I've talked to pain about how intertwined the Chinese and American economies are but that does not guarantee I'm now I now realize I was wrong it does not guarantee that they won't come into conflict because if they come into a conflict in a different level of material specificity they're

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deeper ties won't matter but I would say that there is no long-term goal with most of this I feel like the only people who really want to rearrange our relationship with China in the highest echelons of government are people around Trump and they do it because he wants it and he only wants it for fuzzy reasons he doesn't really understand and even that not really that hard there's a few Krank there are a few cranks around here the core of American capital wants good relationship with China but in this short-term right now the continued persistence of the bipartisan political class not just Democrats but Democrats depends on China being a scapegoat to some extent because the thing is the Democrats say Oh Trump is is down play is under 0:20:35 playing is putting too much on China he's scapegoating China it's like yes Trump is scapegoating China but only a little bit more than Democrats are scapegoating China because Democrats at a certain point at a certain point they blend China then at a certain point past that they blame Trump at no point do they blame the system that produced the outcomes of trumping president and presiding over a destroyed and obliterated \*\*\*\*\* health sector that is not able to respond to the crisis so they will offload onto Trump and offload scapegoat on to China to the extent necessary to protect that understanding Trump has an interest a short-term political interest that's a little more to the surface and so he needs to blame Trump he needs to scapegoat China more and take no blame on himself because it's an essential question for his rule for the Democrats it's a different question and they need to offload it all onto Trump but it's the same dynamic they're both protecting at different levels the the foundational capitalist relationships that created a system that has given us 0:21:38 more Cova deaths than the rest of the world what well by huge numbers and and and and no hope of being able to sustain the economic crisis this has created like this was all capitalism is doing Trump is the Democrats are escape coating onto Trump to the extent that they can't State go on to China without blaming Trump not enough like look at their first ad their first ad was about our Trump is too light on China because it's an edifice of distraction from the real cause of capitalism and once you confront that you've undermined the entire \*\*\*\*\* structure of the argument these guys are having and you realize how insufficient it is and you don't care that there's a Cheeto in the White House or the Joe Biden has hair plugs or whatever else weird culture war signifier you've cobbled together to replace meaning and where you don't have understanding so the thing is is that even though there's deeper bonds 0:22:40 between China and the in the United States our leadership could get so bound up in offloading the anger and and and and rage of the population that's gonna accrue because of all the misery unnecessary misery the codes gonna cause if they get to a point where it becomes either they offload they stop offloading on to China or this country changes fundamentally they will go to war with China they will they

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will risk war with China to keep that balance I just don't know where we are on that level I don't think we're at that level yet but I think it's a process that can be interrupted at any time but right now it's a process that unless it's interrupted with is going to lead towards a greater intensification of misery caused by kovin and a greater need by the political class of both parties to offload responsibility on China which creates a feedback loop that leads to short-term conflicts that can there is 0:23:51  
a dang cheeto a Spectre there's a cheeto haunting the White House the cheeto of Trump or no there's a specter haunting the White House the specter of a cheeto can any of this be solved through electoral ISM of course to some extent the question is to what extent that's why electoral ISM like all of these is not a binary question it's how much electoral ISM do you do with it which boils down to which elections do you do these things for and those are questions that have to be answered by the specific material conditions of the moment that they're posed they are not eternal answers they can only be specific so now that oralism will solve it too it agreed to be determined by our engagement with it and the world not in our mind right now 0:24:52  
not by me arguing with you on the frictionless of the internet I'm trying to find my I would love to be if Jesse runs and he needs a press secretary I would god I honestly feel now like honestly real kapparino now I'm gonna be now that I'm in the new mode and I feel like a lot of my a lot of my burdens are off of me I will tell the real reason that I did not pursue running for president when we joked about it earlier this year there were things I've clung to like it would probably if they probably would have changed the rules to not allow me which is true but my basic reason is I was afraid to go up there and look and look like an idiot I was afraid to go up there and somehow look bad it was too high of stakes from my degree of confidence in what I 0:25:54  
believed and my ability to express what I believe now I would absolutely have done that and if I if I could have gotten even close I would have loved it so if I could get back in the ring now in a position like Secretary of Ventura's press guy where I can get out there just a chance to be heard by a yeah I think we're seeing the degree with with what the what's happening with me too and the what the Democrats are willing to do with it I think we're seeing that we're willing to go down on the bite and ship regardless of what it means electoral II they don't they don't have enough confidence in the process to do a switcheroo in a way that would guarantee them continued control so they're just gonna ride this out even if it means they have no 0:26:56  
chance of winning I think that's where I am now I think we're stuck with Biden which means hey fingers crossed we get those debates and they will bring him out well uh anybody old enough remembers in 2004 there was this conspiracy theory among libs that George Bush had some sort of wire during his debate with John Kerry that fed him answers so he didn't sound like the idiot we all knew he was and it was all based

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on weird ripples on the backpack and stuff uh like this weird device that they claimed was it was a was a recording instrument or a wireless mic I swear to god Joe Biden would come out there with a big lumpy suit and it would be because they'd have a car battery strapped to him and every time he got asked the question may be hitting the frickin red thread just have him jumping but yeah I don't think the Democrats it's so it was such a close call to get byte and over Bernie and Biden isn't what they 0:27:57 wanted at all they wanted somebody who was more credible with different demos he was the last ditch effort he was the one that they reluctantly had to go around so they're not comfortable enough I think and nothing has changed in the intervening time on Biden's part to make them confident enough in their control of the process to pull off a switcheroo that would leave them in charge so they're gonna stick this out that's my claim this is my claim I claim of course that yes we will find indeed that they will see that he will be black he will be back it will be bi unless he dies unless he actually dies and they can't weekend Bernie sim or do CGI he will be the nominee which is just amazing amazing the stock market continues to rise because all it's responding to is is the signal from the government that it will continue to 0:28:58 intervene on its behalf that's it they're like oh good we're gonna keep they're gonna keep pumping money in because we know that the money goes in the top and that means it's gonna catch pretty much all of it and that means it doesn't matter if the rest of us get soaked because they have gotten all of the all the cash others perish and that means that they could liquify it and turn it into if we do really do like snap the rigging here of our civilization which is not an impossibility that they will be in a position to grasp enough liquid capital that will have value for a very short period of time to position themselves to survive the coming collapse in New Zealand in an underground bunker on the hi guys all right I have here I have a piece I have a piece 0:30:17 of paper I'm trying to work out another graph tomato maybe explain something art is dead man yeah I guess art is dead to the extent that you are frozen in time and can't like just break out of that I think I mean art is dead to the degree there's a crisis of self-confidence among artists the degree to which you can break through your self-awareness you have to break through self-awareness and you know what I think it is okay here's where it is we say art is dead I think what's actually happening is that more and more people thanks to the illusionary nature of the Internet like we think of ourselves as artists a lot of us do a lot more people than maybe ever in history think of themselves as artists right now crafts people posters think they're 0:31:18 artists at some level everybody who is caught on a like Twitter or twitch has some as a commentator as a commenter as a reply guy as a podcaster as anything you believe yourself to be an artist but the conditions of producing art are incredibly poor all we have is the the the awareness that we want to be and that paralyzes us

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so people still do art it's just way more people are aware that they get can do art and just our frozen and can't do it because they can't conceive of it or their art is poisoned by Commerce because they're trying to do it in the in the capitalism or or it's so the same so the same spirits are being called by art the same attempts to hear 0:32:20 the voice of you know eternity are being done by art it's just more people are trying more people are aware and so there's more agony associated with war there's more ox there's more a sense of failure more people consider themselves failed artists and so the whole concept is tainted the whole concept is poison to even want to consume and I think if people either to made the choice to stop considering themselves artist and release their need for that to be part of their identity to like oh it doesn't matter if I'm an artist or not just the same way it doesn't matter if I could play tennis well or not it's just an irrelevant quality in my life you can either do that or if you think it's relevant to your life really work at it so that's the challenge everyone should ask themselves is it worth it to you and you really like settle in and like like ask deeply 0:33:22 to just and do you really care about this idea or can you find meaning somewhere else or no this is a key component of my identity I need to work on it one or the other but you should ask yourself the question again as clear ahead as possible try to feel as much as possible and try to answer that question oh man I feel like I could do a Southland Tales episode now that would be fantastic Adham Friedland is a very good painter I have to say the fact that it's also like a self-conscious copying it's he basically treats george w bush as if george w bush were a like founder of a artistic school and he paints in the style of him like like he was he's Picasso and 0:34:23 like he was a cubist and he's doing in cuba speices he's doing pieces in the style of art of george w alright guys I'm gonna try to explain one thing it might take a half an hour here I'm very worried about this I'm very worried about looking bad so you guys need to like alright I got an idea we need to agree upon basically a safe word here for you guys a emoticon cuz I know you guys got these emoticons right the ones of yours who are who are subscribed when I get to a point when I'm saying something and it sounds like it's not really legible or it's hard to get or that I'm losing specificity of meaning let me know and then I can pull back and either stop 0:35:26 for a minute or figure out a more effective way of communicating so what would be a good like bright clear sign to see in the chat that I should I should whatever I'm doing isn't working what is that green one parody pizza maybe pizza because Pizza reminds me of course of the vile pizza gates and its associated crackpot conspiracy that is mostly true alright good so if you guys put the pizza and load up it means that I am off the rails so if I see a lot of Pizza I will know that I should stop alright so last time when we were talking about Nathan Robinson and I talked about how Twitter makes don't start already Twitter may come on guys give me a give me 0:36:27

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a business does do me the business how inner makes it impossible to communicate because it's anti dialectical it reifies two distinct arguments instead of bringing them together which is how you get truth and then action and I wanted to give you guys a concrete example of that that will make it even clearer and hopefully will help you in your engagement with the world both real and the world around you and also virtual in your head so we've got here you can see this like yesterday we have the the space-time area we're trying to traverse his people right this is the world as it is ie the shitty capitalist world this is the world we embody this is where our bodies and our minds are up here is where we're trying to get that's the my place of spirit that's 0:37:31 the place of minimal physical pain we're trying to get to the point where we are able to live frictionlessly we can live without any intervening friction from material reality that's when we are one with God that's the same thing as heaven it's the same thing as Nirvana it's space-time communion it's the oneness of the universe it's every cliché there is four four the end state of the human spirit okay whatever that is is defined by your culture that's what this is and we are we're trapped in this material realm and we're trying to get to this we have to traverse through space-time to get there now the other day I I poo poed full automated luxury communism I did not mean that I was wrong and how I put that out fully oxygenated communism is an inevitable and necessary step to collective enlightenment because you cannot get it to 0:38:33 a point where people could focus their minds to achieve oneness without a frictionless physical state which means putting off all human related misery and interaction with materials onto computers ie the full subjugation of machines to human spirit that's this and you need that before you can get there but so there will be a period though that's still working its way towards that point even after you get fully luxury luxury space communism I am saying fully luxury automated space automated communism is a stage it's a stage to spit to oneness okay does this make some sense and so that means we're trying to traverse levels here and this is where we have the different relationships you got down here master slave from then you've got feudalism now where we are is capitalism right here is capitalism the big seed this guy he's bad he 0:39:39 does bad things and he but he pokey peasant an energy that pulls you away from moving he getting here on the lid on the level on the on the material level see down here you've got like feudalism and the slave societies and we've moved through them we're moving through them over time so here we are work subjects who are stuck here and now we're interacting with communism or with the reality of capitalism it's making our live shitty in specific ways and then they form relationships of opposition to shittiness that are restrained in those certain ways so stay right here we have a conglomeration of people who collectively share the same point of identification with 0:40:43 their misery okay and we can define this grouping whatever it is as let's call this

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at the level of abstraction we will call this identity politics so there's the dynamic politics well dialectically that is going to create something else that's gonna butt off of it and now in the more specific milieu of the internet now you've got another thing stupid paul oops we've just generated a new thesis is generated an antithesis so they have to resolve themselves right dialectically this ID Paul and stupid Paul have to 0:41:46  
resolve themselves now they would resolve themselves at the level of action in the real world over time through a dialectical process it's not a problem it's done by virtue of the of the friction created by applying the dialect to reality here this is all online it's frictionless basically so there's no force with any of the argument it's purely intellectual it's purely spiritual and so that means that instead of interrogating the material realities that let these things into being you end up interrogating the worst faith version of the other thing so that is why I D Paul people think that the stupid Paul folks are all Nazis who are secretly want to make everyone racist no some of them are and they are referring to those people most of them are just people responding 0:42:47  
to the material conditions of being a white male on the Internet X Y Z the same way that the identity politics people emerge from being of different ethnicities different gender combinations on the Internet at the same time they're all contextualized by a material reality that you have to address and instead of addressing the material reality you can dress these versions on either side you address these versions so for the I D Paul person the their subject their imagined stupid Paul person is a Nazi and like I said some are but not all and the ones who aren't need to be addressed at the level of their material conditions same thing on stupid-stupid Paul people look at the ID Paul people and see these people are liberal climbers who either because they're ideologically confused or because they have their hands out are deforming 0:43:48  
this socialist movement towards liberalism and they are but not all of them and the ones who art need to have their material conditions addressed and that process of recognizing each other's material conditions moves you towards synthesis but online because there's no movement forward no actual material engagement to make you do that it's pure spiritual argument that you can Europe and in that case you are disciplined by everyone else on your side who has a neoliberal interest in standing out as more on that side than anyone else so people will pay attention to that alright I didn't see that many pizzas so I hope that made sense did that make any sense all right I gotta say I was really worried that once I started drawing a \*\*\*\*\* that I 0:44:49  
was gonna get a lot more pizzas but I didn't get that many pizzas yeah alright that felt like walking on a tightrope I'm not telling you this is very \*\*\*\*\* I'm honestly a little more worried doing these than I am like when we do when we would go on tour because I feel like I could fall from a great height at any moment and it's not like I will feel like I'm wrong at that point I will just feel like maybe I will have lost your I

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will have lost your faith and that would have made me sad because I like interacting with you guys and it makes me feel like I'm doing better at living my values by talking to you so that's why I would be sad because I would miss you because III hope you I just I just hope I still have some buy-in with you guys and you don't you don't think I don't completely I'm not completely out to lunch that's all I want because I want I want company in this journey because it'll make it easier for all of us and I am NOT going to start a cult I'm not Jordin Peterson I am NOT oh god I'm not stefan molyneux but for the love of criminy yeah thank you I'm happy to hear that any of this makes sense to anybody so if you guys honestly if you guys so I like I said someone asked if I could repeat something I'm not going to try to repeat specific points but I think what you can do is if there's something you don't understand about anything I've said if you could grasp the specific thing that you didn't understand and like re capitulated to me ask it to me in a different way so that it's not like asking me to repeat the same symbolic logic step-by-step I I will probably be able to answer it I mean I will answer to the best of my but like otherwise yeah if in the moment you don't get it maybe go back and read it they're not all this is gonna go on YouTube what do I think of musk calling California shutdowns fascist well I mean it's the same thing as always he it is in his close interest his close term interest to see business big business done and he is one person he can only die once it's highly likely unlikely he will be the one to die of this it's good odds to him to see business open because it will keep his short-term physical all right see this is where I have to some people like a lot of people are asking me lately about books and here's why I have to make another admission I am not terribly well-read I like many people have investigated ideas to the extent that I am asked to like think about them and since that extent isn't very deep in most web culture I have not done a lot of the reading that a lot of people assume I have but I definitely feel like I could read any of the you know great books of illiterate and have reading them be useful because I will be able to engage with it and produce from the engagement which is really all you need like when people say can I read a book will it be too boring it's really a question of will you find it worthwhile to express the energy necessary to understand it because that's the thing it all is understandable with sufficient energy and concentration placed on the act of understanding it some things it's not worth it it's the thing you have to make choices and uh I think I would find worth in a lot of things so honestly at this point I'm asking for book wrecks things that people want to throw at me that I could maybe use to hone because I feel like I don't have enough experience with a lot of these books I feel like I have an intuitive understanding now of their premises but I would need to read them to really get it and so I wouldn't want to recommend books I would want like the first one I'm gonna try to read

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Ulysses because that a book that I about was the first book I thought of that was the first symbol that occurred to me like the first artistic symbol that occurred to me after I had my experience so I'm still committed to reading that first and I had to finish some research for a project I was doing I'm doing in inebriated past about Upton Sinclair in the 1934 California Senate race so once that's done though I'm getting into Ulysses and after that we'll see that's why I'll be taking suggestions all right guys I'm not okay I'm gonna be on for about five more minutes this has been pretty good I feel like I actually got something across and then I didn't hear Napoleon of the xvi they're coming to take me away fill the fill the air around me so that's good I feel like I still have buy-in for most of you so I'll feel good about that maybe paying a the really I realize that the key to understanding any piece of literature or history or philosophy is I think we all approach any discrete object seeking our belief intellectually as we have it to make it it has to convince us like we have to look at a book we have to look at an idea we have to look at a movie or whatever any an expression of culture but in the end then and then an ideology that's coming from that we look at those things and we look at them to convince us from a state of not believing them to believing them and I think it's easier if you imagine the fact the reality just acknowledge the reality that all things are true and false every proposition every concept is true or false and false at some time in place and if you say if you think that way what it means is when you approach a book or an idea or a concept you assume that it's right and then you try to convince yourself it's not so you meet it at the beginning and you and eventually you will fail or you will succeed but you should start from yeah I just feel this sense like I feel vibrant right now I feel like I'm really touching more of the elephant than I ever have before it really just feel like a different everything feels different nothing I'm not scared anymore I realized what fear as any jardine is very humorous at this point I I find bad people funny that's the only way to do it you've got because if you can't carry resentment so you have to transfer even evil into a good to you so it's got to be funny but it's you still work against it but she is very she is wacky that lady man it is amazing I am very interested to see how how feminism responds to the destruction of me to like the absolute death of me too this is a thing that I don't think anyone can recognize can say no to like I think a lot of the reason that a lot of the high-level media feminists felt of course after Bernie dropped out not before that they could say this sucks this is awful it's because they realized that there they've lost a powerful tool they've lost the rhetorical cudgel they've lost a disciplining device it was more than that to other people but to them that's what it was and they've lost it now and then and they had to give it up to for the greater good for the in their mind of stopping Sanders but it was the trade-off and they have to accept that just like

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the party apparatus who would love to be in this in a cabinet or you know the chief of staff are gonna have to realize that they're probably gonna lose and they're not gonna get that but that's the price they pay - they get they they have to pay the price of not getting those jobs but it's - what they're willing to give up rather than roll the dice like a lot of those people think about this everybody it resisted Sanders could have just taken him in they could have just dropped their swords and said 0:55:5 Bernie we love you what would he have done how would he have fought them and then that they gave him the nomination by acclamation they could have done that it would have been a little hard they would have had to work against the propaganda they didn't call cated into their own their own voters but they could have done it the reason they didn't do that is because they were didn't have the confidence that they would have been able to hold on to power in that arrangement so Bernie had to be defeated with Bernie defeated they have complete control of the organization so that means that it doesn't matter if they win or lose and if you're part if you're invested if you're a feminist who's invested enough in the Democratic Party if you're welded to it at a deep enough root point then you have to go along with that there's nowhere else to go you have been you've been lashed to the whale I'm sorry I didn't law of institutions exactly of course I've been to the Wisconsin Dells Tommie Bartlet's thrill 0:56:6 zone and explored robot world in Exploratorium Wisconsin at the the will there be an armed conflict in the next 20 years I would say there could be obviously with any possibility that's all there's always a percentage likelihood it could happen I would say that there is a larger than larger than you would I would say more than I'd say 25% chance and that chance could go up or down depending on what happens in the future and I don't know yet there's still too many fracture points coming a big one's gonna be whether Trump or Bernie went up Biden wins because I gotta say 0:57:7 man I've been thinking about I'm gonna say this on the stream about I gotta go I gotta go in a minute but I'm gonna say this I'm gonna I'm gonna elaborate on this a little bit of my Upton Sinclair thing but I've sort of refined my understanding of the diet of the dynamic that led the Republican Party to become reactionary and racist and the Democratic Department Democratic Party to be anti-racist and the question of whether or not the Republican Party can become like a a racist social democracy party or whether the forces are behind it will allow that I think I know the answer and so something like who's gonna win the election is gonna determine that so I don't know we'll see we'll see it's worth thinking about though all right guys I see a peace and

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\*Music playing\*\* hey guys this work it's a flip I guess not I guess I'm stuck with this so I'm I'm out here doing Instagram live one more time because it's the one day strike at Amazon and other places and I know that there is no ethical consumption under capitalism which is such a banal and true fact I don't hi Lana hi John I do not let anybody by the way if you know me and you want to come on cuz pop on give me a request and I'll say hi if you don't know I mean I need a little bit more I think I 0:1:2  
need a little bit more degree of comfort with you before I make that move at least one trying to formalize this stuff anyway so there's no let's look at suffering capitalism it's fine to do whatever you think you need to do but for me given my degree of I do not have any need to be on to be streaming on Twitter and resign right now so I'm not going to I feel like if that's the attitude you should take like every time there's a strike especially for companies like this that are about convenience there's someone who gets really mad and says well what if you need what and they create these these imaginary situations where someone would need to use the service and it's like well then they should use it but you're not in that situation you're usually need to know what your own situation is how much do you depend on this thing how much would it cost you not to utilize it when other people who are of good faith are 0:2:4  
doing something that you agree with and so if they tell me that I'm gonna just do it you don't have to no one else has to do but to me that is how I align my greater belief in the rightness of the strikers cause with my life I would feel if I was on I could be doing this on Instagram I could be doing this on twitch right now and I would feel nothing but a very little bit of job of guilt but it would still be a little bit of guilt that I would have to deal with instead of trying to figure out the world by instead of applying my mind to what's in front of me the way I've been doing now for the last almost week part of my mind would be distracted by the Magon guilt that I was on twitch now I can stream to you guys directly don't feel guilty and also by thinking about that and thinking about my relationship to twitch and my relationship to boycotts in general I understand my own motivations even better than I did so the whole thing for me good and hopefully it'll have an impact that I am less 0:3:6

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certain of but I certainly \*\*\*\*\* hope that we can get together some degree of social coordination to counteract the terrifying or collapse accumulated capital of guys like these O's it's like yikes it's very scary stuff and anyone who wants to fight them and I know we're on twitch and that is that's an even smaller hypocrisy that I deal with that one I think I can justify just out of its it's a good way to get out to people an idea that they might find useful and then I can justify but considering that there are other options available and people specifically said don't access this site on this day I'm just gonna do it like I said if you make a different conclusion it's because you have different material circumstances to deal with and so I'm not going to claim to know you that is why you can be totally judgmental of other people's actions but not 0:4:7 judge them for them if you're aware that they were all brought about by conditions outside of every individuals control but that when you're in that superposition of being aware of that then you have to choose so how are you guys doing unless I got a really tasty well see how do we counteract businesses like warm are shutting down stores to avoid unionizing draft see that is where that's what suggests that in a retail service economy like the one we have we actually have to bring together the boycott and the strike to bring together the power of the consumer and the worker because in a way that wasn't the case under large-scale and isn't the case under large-scale manufacturing the customer truly is the consumer I mean the the the worker truly is the consumer in the retail in the retail context so like as a consumer you 0:5:11 have a relationship to Walmart that is more akin to a worker than that's something manager and so the key to effective action against mega corporations like Amazon and Walmart is not consumer boycott and it's not individual I mean it could start with but it can't be sufficient to do individual strikes with an individual area is because as you see they could just shut them down you need a coordination inside and outside between customers and employees a revoking labor in the form of a strike and then revoking patronage in the form of a boycott they may go together that's the only way to actually it punish them that's the only way to stop them from closing a Walmart is if it will have repercussions outside of that Walmart and that's 0:6:12 only if people respond with their role as in their role as a consumer they have a they have a role as a consumer if to the degree to which it's coordinated with work of the of the of the labor of the workers like boycotts get rightfully poo-pooed by a lot of people because they are imagined to happen isolation and in isolation boycotts don't work I just said that as you typed it boycotts don't work in isolation but as we are seeing in a post-industrial landscape strikes they work better than boycotts but they aren't 100% effective and that a strike would be made could be made more effective if it was in conjunction with a boycott in the context of retail like big-box stores and stuff like that but once again it's not an on/off switch it's not a works

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good enough to fix it or it doesn't work at all and as a failure it will work to a degree 0:7:14  
and then other things happen and then you gather up the reactions to those new  
material conditions and you move from there and it's maybe it's no longer a boycott  
and strike maybe it's something else but you move on depending on your recognition  
of the changed material circumstances having made a by the way I'm sure most of  
you know the story of the of the Haymarket bombing the Haymarket martyrs Albert  
Parsons August B's those brave martyrs the bomb thrown at the Haymarket rally  
the dead cops cops shooting in the crowd the frenzied Red Scare the crackdown on  
the city of Chicago ever since the ginnet up trial which led to the unjust executions  
of what I believe it's seven and Haymarket martyrs one of them no the yeah I'm 0:8:16  
already off uh one of them Lois Lane the German bomb maker he was scheduled to  
be executed but he had I wonder I wonder I want to look this up so I have the correct  
quote it's an amazing quote he had he was able he had smuggled into his cell by one  
of his visitors a blasting cap in his mouth and he bit down on it and essentially blew  
his face off pretty gruesome botched execution similar to Wolfe Tone the famous Irish  
Republican revolutionary who similarly botched cutting his own neck also rope spear  
box shooting himself blasted his job anyway Louis Lange as he lay dying on the floor 0:9:19  
of his cell wrote in his own blood while his face was blown up he wrote hurray for  
anarchy in his own blood on the floor of a cell after blowing his face off that's pretty  
hurray for don't get used to the IG if the strikers if that if the strike is off tomorrow  
I'll be back on twitch but as long as their employees are calling a strike I'll be not on  
twitch so yeah though the Haymarket martyrs who's led to the creation of Mayday  
they weren't all anarchists and they were all part they were all believers in one degree  
or another to the to the notion of the propaganda of the deed and to the industrial 0:10:21  
syndicalism which were the chief practices of anarchism basically assassinating people  
and trying to organize workers into revolutionary unions not ones interested in things  
like well or conditions of the pension but that was the incident that led to Mayday  
becoming the international labor day that was not to be it was it was it was the  
inciting incident for making it into a International Day to honor labour and it was  
used as a way to agitate towards socialist ads of course that's why we created Labor  
Day as a deep politicized Americanized day where we can study labor not as a process  
of exploitation or we could celebrate labor not in the context of it being you know an  
unjust exploitation of someone's species being which is what it was under Mayday 0:11:23  
now hey you got a job it's a way to celebrate oh they changed made a to law day  
during the Red Scare but guess what it's still there you could still call it Mayday you  
can still I'm sure the anarchists in Seattle who like to go crazy around this time are  
not happy with their inability to do it maybe they're gonna like kick out their own  
front windows I don't know they're under warranty but this is actually a good segue

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to something I wanted to talk about referring or earlier and that is that we're talking about Chomsky and we're talking about anarchism libertarianism and I said that champs Chomsky is a liberal and people got justifiably defensive about that people who respect Chauncey's views people who find liberal to be an epithet and not a descriptor people who you know feel a lot of value in the anarchists tradition which 0:12:25 is totally understandable and now you know I thought about it a little more and I realized that I misspoke that I think the basic principle I was arguing is correct but I did not elaborate clearly enough on why so my basic argument there was so some leftists like Mehdi Hassan and are dragging out as Democrats do every four years the increasingly aged Noam Chomsky they wind him up like a \*\*\*\*\* teddy ruxpin and they ask him should you vote for the Democrat and he says yes and then people like maybe asan safe see Chomsky says vote for Biden yeah you're not to the left of Chomsky so that means the left position is to vote for Biden and now may be a sign I think probably has bad faith in that but I don't think that Chomsky has bad faith I think a lot of like you see people talk about how when this comes up they'll say oh you know is there MIT all those years and defense contracts and I mean the bulk 0:13:28 of his work of the volkl that worked on life belies that being real I mean he clearly says what he believes he has paid the price for sending what he believes his whole life and and the way I know that he bears Brice is because he answers every email he receives which means he is clearly at some level seeking truth no one would do that if they worked so I believe Chomsky what he said when he says that his reason gets him to vote he provide this is where liberalism comes in because I think you can listen to me and that Chomsky's liberalism is why he I think he's wrong first of all about voting for Biden and I think he is liberalism to just not just to say he's wrong in isolation but you've only ever explained something if you've explained why look a lot of \*\*\*\*\* that happens on the Internet is people describing a condition and then calling that an argument no one made an argument until you've added the why so I 0:14:30 will make the proposition first of all will take me as as assumed proposition among us that yeah you don't have to vote for Biden that's silly you don't agree with them now let's figure out why we disagree with them on this this is once again how I have reasoned it out you can tell me how you think I'm wrong if you do and the reason I make that people said Noam Chomsky is a liberal and that came up is because they had an intuitive understanding that that was tied to his wrongness in this case and a lot of people took that the wrong way and they're like oh do you mean it like he's too stupid or he doesn't get it or he's too because when you say someone's a liberal you mean there's some combination of stupid and greedy there's some combination of too dumb to get the point or materially positioned where they don't want socialism so they're either drum dumb or greedy if they're liberal like that's what liberal is

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it's it's some combination of those two things and the thing is we all are to some extent and how much we are depends on our fixed position in space-time and the life we've lived so when I say that Chomsky is a liberal guess what Karl Marx was also a liberal to different extents now to the extent that Chomsky as a liberal is the extent that he has explicitly said that his vision of the world his vision of politics his vision of practice all comes from enlightenment thinking he has said that a million times he even points to a specific relatively obscure German humanist as influence I'm gonna find the guy's name I keep forgetting it Chomsky enlightenment some crowd influence one of my people one square-headed \*\*\*\*\* uh goddamnit now I feel like I'm losing you guys because I can't find the name anyway I'll find it at some point in the meantime what matters is is that he fixes himself in the liberal tradition of personhood so when he says you know I want to do X Y ; Z because after the liberal tradition what he means is he he believes in socialism is a moral proposition flowing from the inviolability of the individual that's where the liberalism concept he believes that the individual is an unmoved place of meaning an essence that there is that a soul exists it's not necessarily spiritual but there is a individual human consciousness that is unmoved and that moves upon others that's the liberal conception of the self it arose as the economy in Western Europe became more complicated became more abstracted and required a greater degree of abstracted thinking in order to process it and that created a more abstract notion of the self than the more immediate motion notion of the Renaissance era or certainly the medieval era where everyone believes in God so thus that version of the self that emerges to compensate for this new more complicated this this new more complex economic arrangement and social system that you're in makes you into that liberal subject so he carries that with him and he said that and so that means that he's approaching I'm sorry so that's why he is a liberal when he approaches the question of should you vote for Biden now Marx start also as a liberal subject because he was born in the early 1800s in in south western Germany a region that was one of the on one of the areas near the Ruhr Valley that was one of the original hotbeds of industrial capitalism now Dutch real capitalism was still in its infancy but he saw it and his life took place in tandem with the arriving of industrial capitalism witnessing that in his life and witnessing its it's impression on the world around him made him think differently and it made him take the dialectical processes that lead but he noticed lead through economic development like what powered us from slave states to feudalism to capitalism it was a dialectical conflict of forces within the society slave Freeman serf master a serf Lord worker owner that's a badess how society comes into recognition of itself as a society is through conflict within it he applied that as heigl did Hegel did to the self now they say that they do it at different sides but that comes back to the same thing the

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self is a series of resolved contradictions it is not an individual monad that moves up its own volition it is always being made by what's around it and that means that when we examine a political question we have to examine it in time and space so that is why Chomsky looks at the question of vote for bidding two dimensionally here's the Democratic Party here's the Republican Party the Democratic Party is less evil it's less bad its platform is not as bad the people who make it up are better people in the sense that they have more agreed-upon stated values that accord with what we so anyway so that's the Democrats are on that axis better than Republicans and so Chomsky says I want what's best for everybody the Democrats want more of what's best for people's and Republicans do therefore I have to go for Democrats and the thing is that's correct he reasoned that out right he's right but only on that mirror level he is not interposed the context on top of it in the context of Chomsky misses because he's not applying dielectric reasoning to the question is the role that the Democratic Party plays in making the Republican Party worse over time they drive each other the degree to which the presently construed Democratic Party is allowed to maintain its structure the people in charge of it and it's a material base as in who contributes money to maintaining it that will continue to as it has drive the Republicans back to the right even more reactionary so the rule is even worse and that means that when they take power they only intensify a process that's that's going to happen either way like take for example if Biden is president during a world defining economic collapse following because like okay say we get the virus under control when we let back up there is no return to normal there is a huge demand gap that will have to be filled and filling it is will be a bigger challenge than the Great Depression if the Democrats are in charge of that process the way the Republicans were during the early days of the depression they will be the party associated with austerity because they will be doing the bidding of actual capital and in a situation like that austerity is demanded so they will be the cap reactionary party which means that the Republicans they're not going to get less racist they're getting it maybe a little rest racist they're gonna get more redistributed and maybe it'll be enough to get them into power at which point you have a cyst you have like a mild social a few mild social democratic trappings to a system that is mostly dedicated to like an ethnos you flipped it over you could have had the other thing so whatever that is that dimension is absent from Chomsky's analysis of the situation and so it's wrong and the reason he gets it wrong is because he comes from a liberal conception of the self he thinks that the Democratic Party and the Republican Party are distinct things that move of their own volition based on what the people within them want that's not the case they are brought into being in conflict one another with one another always at the personal end system and intellectual level so that is why

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Chomsky is wrong and it comes from him being a liberal like I said Marx was also oh here's here's the here's the kicker Marx also growing up in the early 1800s had a liberal conception of the self that he interposed on top of dialectical materialism so he accepts personhood to the level that shops he does of all humans are worthy of respect that the golden rule applies to all recognizable humans depending on how we define that but then he puts dialectical materialism on top of it Chomsky doesn't and so that can run off in all kinds of wrong directions when it comes in contact with a place that has a fault beyond the conditions that produce to all right that made sense I felt better about that one I gotta say like this is why the key to all like thought and right action and all those notions are never really understood for Buddhism and Christianity and Islam and and from socialism is a practice the need to do them every moment and so like I felt kind of crippled by how people were gonna think I was crazy when I started explaining things a few of the episodes ago now by repetition to keep doing it and from hearing back from people who hurt me I have more confidence that fear is gone so I'm able dwara to concentrate I'm getting across the ideas and I'm better able to to get the ideas across I am able to concentrate more perfectly because I'm less worried about appearing crazy because I got feedback in the form of you guys talking to me saying I wasn't that's it that is encapsulants a process and that is what the liberal conception of the self cannot absorb and that is why anarchism even if it has the right goals will go about go about achieving them less efficiently like it could still get there over enough space and time but compared to other approaches given the limits of our lives and the limits of matter in the universe there are more effective ways to go about it so once again I am asking for all all feedback and basically the way I approach all this stuff is if you say something what I realized is is that when I was a teak Smith when my job was just piping off takes the way that I would respond if I got to a level of understanding of an issue that I did not fully grasp I would have an emotional response usually it would be some sort of panic and shame that I didn't know that panicking shame would have to be transformed into over over compensation elsewhere form of dropping a big name of someone whose book I probably hadn't read you know saying something loud and obnoxious or performing my anger because that distracted from the fact that I didn't hit bottom on a point and that left me ruthless I don't know where to go if I don't know why I think what I think and dialectical reasoning which is something I had seen written about and talked about never understood now thanks to absolute luck I'm in a position where I can explain it to myself enough to convince myself to do it and that makes me better at it it's literally gross and it comes because but it only and the thing is it happens no matter what but if we recognize the process if we recognize that it is through resolution of conflicts then we recognize the need for

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action at all times the need for acting on our through our and then people say yes but what about the crippling postmodern condition the crippling quotation marks on everything that endless recursion to self-consciousness well once again if you add another dimension if you had time to the dimension that problem goes away so I believe simultaneously this is a little up there and I won't go too far the fact I could well but I simultaneously in equal measure believe that all actions up to including my decision to lift up this spindrift grapefruits reckon water and taking a sip from it are fully and completely physically determined I had no say in the matter if viewed from outside the process if viewed from God's eye if viewed outside of space-time it is its billiards it's direct causality there's nowhere you can get down to a level and find something that wasn't caused directly by something else but there comes an inflection point if you are aware enough of time and time as it occupies the space that you occupy you can recognize your position you can recognize the determined position of everyone else you can understand why everything is the way it is why you are where you are why the person you're talking to is in their position to you why they're mad at you either happy to see you why anything why that garbage truck is barreling towards you why anything why there's a recession why the TV show isn't good anymore why you have a \*\*\*\*\* answer and if you have an answer you can act from full confidence and that means it doesn't matter that technically your actions were determined in the moment you see every option and you have the confidence to do the leap of faith the character guard speaks up the leap of faith comes from having confidence in your decision the decision gets confidence from your degree of perception that when you are making a decision to do something you are confident that you are perceiving correctly and if you're only perceiving space or only in a little bit of time you will be wracked with doubt and it will paralyze you but if you have enough consciousness of time as a dimension on top of space then you can act with full freewill and the thing is is that you always aren't acting on freewill it's just at a different level like when you jack off instead of cleaning a room you're acting a free will what it boils down to is you want to jack off to distract yourself from the fact that you are not doing a thing that is in accord with what will get you to a conscious and a kind of sensation of time and you don't want to clean your room because it's boring and it's boring to me because our physical activity involves you know some degree of mental mental output the more mental output it takes up the less space is left for the questions that's where ennui comes from that's where like existential acts comes from it's from that the degree to which you're not directly engaged which is why people seek things like drugs sex jacking off war they're seeking the heightening to non they're seeking the heightening of symbolic reality beyond words that's what they're looking for and so if you're gonna clean your room the only way that's gonna

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get you to not feel that way is to literally keep thinking while you're picking things up keep thinking about picking things up thinking about what's going on around you how long is that gonna take it's gonna suck you have to the amount of like present potential pleasure that you have to give up to keep doing that eventually if you don't believe in it if you don't believe it doing it to get there you're gonna try something else like jacking off so there is no such thing as a contradiction in though such thing as a hypocrisy everything you do or don't do is because of what you truly believe and becoming conscious of time aka mindful aka is the degree to which you can actually put faith behind action all right that's what I got I don't know if it made sense I don't know if I'm there's problems with me as I'm talking though like now a little bit of the worries going back but it's now it's after not during which makes me feel better about it you guys want to hear me talk a little bit about fascism because I realized I've talked a lot on to shows and I've thought a lot over the years about fascism and I realized I was missing some significant parts about it significantly the question is really powerful and really on people's minds now because we see how insufficient our institutions are dealing with the current crisis what if fascism comes back what's gonna bring fascism back and that has led to further splits down at different levels of meaning different levels of semantic translation that have resulted in now there's a big fight on the left about is fascism a real threat the fash is there a chapo to fash hype line do we have to worry about fashion the streets should we be daxing peppe's because if we don't they're going to march like like the essay to Nuremberg and I think that there's been a lot of heat expended on this topic I know that I have generally been skeptical of the looming threat of fascism but I haven't been able to express it then I feel like now I'm a little closer to understanding it and so I want to just get it out there and see if you guys make sense of it so my main objection to people wanting to label things in the current moment is fascism is my knowledge how about that historically fixed fascism was in terms of its heart it's impossible to imagine fascism outside of the post-world War one context of Europe like the cultural ingredients were very specific but also you want to have a word for you know nationalist authoritarianism when it shows up but once again that was because I wasn't thinking dialectically I was thinking only along the planes of binaries and not the binary the nesting binaries so now I really not what I realized if you guys can't tell me if I'm wrong is that the root of my objection there that fascism has like a fixed interwar context really does lead you to a further insight that tells you really what the threat is in the moment in my opinion so first of all we have to understand what fascism is now it's one thing to say fascism is capitalism in crisis that's true the thing is it's capitalism in a specific type of crisis it is in a crisis of it isn't a material crisis it is in a crisis where you have the the built up industrial capacity but you

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don't have the inputs there is a demand shortfall otherwise known as a depression now modern democracy was even newer so in the caldron of these things came this thing that solved a lot of questions about mass politics and about crisis of capitalism but in the wrong way they've solved a lot of the problems of maintaining a system but at the expense of you know the soul of the people living under it so if we think of there being two types of inputs to cap into cat into capitalism or any economic system if we think of them as human labor obnoxiously put by and more generally a bio power the term that that Foucault invented there refer to just human inputs 0:36:15 into into human systems like intellectual and literal like seniors the supply of power and technology that is the balance of all economic orders that have been risen to this complexity of having tools so it was it's so it was this was a bio crisis this is not a crisis of technology it was a crisis of inputs and fascism solutions fascism specific pollution solution to a crisis of inputs in capitalism is to solve that by grabbing inputs from outside first by building up military report forces that had to be used because military resources are the kind of things that if they're not used they literally take up space and undermine your ability to maintain economic regularity but take then use their military to literally take from outside it was it's like capitalism is dying 0:37:18 it's a fish on the beach flopping and its last attempts to get some oxygen came in the form of bursting outward to grab and hold and of course because that is gonna bring counter responses in the form of everyone else standing together against you you're probably going to die but you wouldn't necessarily I think that fill kid dick made a very good point in his observation of the plot of the land of high castles so even if the Nazis and the Japanese had won World War two and become the new Cold War their fascist regimes were structured for that environment they were structured for the skipper the frantic grab for resources in the scarcity moment of a significant capitalist crisis in capitalism they're not built for scared plenty they're not built for growth and so for no reason at all they're gonna end up nuking each other because fascism is not built for those conditions but the impulse the impulses 0:38:23 all like alright so now we're gonna have another crisis like the Great Depression the impulse within capitalism to solve that problem through hyper exploitation of bio power basically like that's what that's what I meant by expanding we're using your the hyper exploiting bio power to build up the capacity to literally enslave the forces of others in the form of the slobs who were to be literally turned into a slave race so that's that problem in capitalism still exists of how to how to solve the bio power technology issue now there's a technology there is a potential technology solution to that which is you know oh we get a free energy or you know 3d printing or a number of people were talking about in Wired magazine five years ago but if that doesn't happen it doesn't look like it is because honestly a lot of these a lot of these

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currents end up looking like scans to get VC money retro actively so so the problem 0:39:24  
is still there there's still a technological prop like barrier so the if we're going to keep  
capitalism basically and we can't solve the problem technologically which was true  
under in German in Europe after World War World War one they had a economic  
problem that an economic crisis that could not be solved technologically they had  
to enslave and exploit bio power like the the other solution to that would have been  
to communal eyes to share the like to share more evenly the surplus and reduce the  
pain and the accompanying social crisis caused by the pain from hyper exploitation  
now some countries did that to some different degrees like dumbass Jonah Goldberg  
says that the New Deal is Nazism because it had Public Works no the New Deal had  
the same features some of the same features as Nazism to do to socialize surplus for  
productively Nazism dips socialize surplus productively but that's not all it didn't 0:40:25  
do that's not all it did it also built up this military safe that had to be used if you if  
you would agree to which you draw surplus down and use that to alleviate disruption  
and pain caused by crust crisis this is which capitalism is contained basically the way  
FDR came to it in the United States that's one way to go and you could go farther  
like if things had gone differently if the Tai Qing sticks had fallen differently we  
would have built socialism in America or something much closer to it out of the New  
Deal things intervened later to stop that from happening but we were on a trajectory  
thanks to a general tendency in America because of its specific outlay to move things  
in that direction Germany because of its specific outlay of material conditions went  
towards solving it with hyper exploitation and destruction of bio power we are in  
the same boat now we're going to be anyway I mean we're already there a lot of 0:41:27  
us already there more of us are going to be in the boat as things continue to get  
bad and we're gonna have the same crisis of capitalism there's gonna be the same  
technological limit on on increasing surplus that way that means there's gonna have  
to be hyper exploitation of bio power which of course is why one of the things I have  
pointed out earlier about fascism in a different episode I mean inebriated past was  
that one that feature of fascism is that it brings colonial practices into the Metropole  
now if we see colonialism as capitalism reaching out in its like in the death throes of  
its productive state within a country to gain more resources and markets that would  
cease to sustain itself and then you have a crisis of capitalism in which you know  
because first that there's a weird there's a weird dynamic with with empires where  
at first they're enriched and then over time as like the networks solidify the extent of  
Empire actually becomes a burden on the middle State but it's okay because it could 0:42:28  
be afforded eventually there's a crisis those things starts those beams start cracking  
and all of a sudden the bio power you need to hyper exploit isn't on the periphery  
anymore it's in your home country and you have to and you have these tools you've

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used on those natives to use on your people so what you're seeing is the response to a input crisis by hyper exploitation and and destruction of biopharm and that is a possibility now but here's the thing and here's why I hesitate to use the word fascism to describe what I think is the danger we they're still gonna hit a technological limit on how much they can increase surplus or whatever absent exploitation and hyper exploitation and destruction of biopharm but that level is way higher than it was in the twenties way higher so we have much more technological so there's much more technological undergirding of society and our political order now what that means is there's much less there's much less of a bio power aspect of political power back in the twentieth political power that bodies in the streets over time as capitalism got more complicated that as middle-class grew and a symbol symbolic language got more complicated language fled to the actual like boardrooms of onion the executive suites of power only and then it was just a symbol for people to respond to because they no longer had their hands on the real wheels of power anymore now we have such a technologically advanced society and the biomechanism of politics is so impoverished that if they decided that they needed to execute like the fascist playbook in terms of hyper exploitation to resuscitate surpluses they don't need the mass movement that Nazism represented they don't need people in the streets they don't need brown shirts or proud boys they have invested power in alienated machine out machine tools surveillance CCTV computers GPS drones whatever the degree to which that is accumulated to capital and to the capitalist state to sense the 20s the degree to which that is accumulated is the degree to which the need to have a mass right-wing movement of any kind falls away because you don't need them you don't need the bodies you don't need the beat boys in the streets with guns you don't need Gavin McGinnis you have the state arrayed with a technological advantage over regular people that is undefeatable you don't need to further bolster Authority with with popular legitimacy because that's what fascism was it was an attempt to give give capitalism the be the popular legitimacy necessary for it to continue now in order for those people to believe in capitalism they needed to give them scapegoats for why things weren't getting better enough and that's what that's the engine that leads to the Holocaust we didn't need to do it that they felt they did because they convinced themselves it was necessary because it was an underlying fundamental lie that they told to keep capitalism going because there was such a mass there was such a huge role of people in the in creating state power state power I mean my god the brick the German state almost got overthrown like three times in the 20s my Sparta sis or whatever and a botched general strikes that was a environment in which popular legitimacy needed to adhere to any regime that was going to continue to exist it would be ripped up up otherwise and fascism was a way to do that I don't think that

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need in the system exists anymore I think it is a byproduct of the system and you see deformed smaller versions of it but because we have such an impoverished political 0:46:40  
bio terrain they're not relevant to the struggle because they're not at the point of  
four the point of force is in a \*\*\*\*\* in a trailer an air-conditioned trailer Nevada with  
a joystick he's in a gamers chair he's got like \*\*\*\*\* candy necklace around himself  
he's twitch streaming and he's annihilating uh the \*\*\*\*\* wedding in Yemen he just  
as easily be annihilating a militia gathering in Montana and if things go in one way  
he will be but it will not require a mass political woman to do it it will require new  
ID a lot ideologies but they will have to apply to fewer and fewer people because  
they'll need fewer and fewer people to push the buttons and the people who aren't  
pushing the buttons can literally at that point of crisis be exterminated \*\*Music  
playing\*\* he's dabbing on us folks oh yeah booyah what we call right-wing populism 0:47:42  
is a vestige and an echo of that but in a new context in which the political realm  
is deeply tecnológica technologized and dehumanized it all takes place on screens  
politics takes place on screens and then what rallies which are literally like going to  
a concert you know it's like watching TV and then go to the movies that constitutes  
like the act of watching TV and going to the movies the actual act of it sitting in a  
chair looking at the screen in your house going outside sitting in a chair and looking  
at something else we're going to the theater or whatever those two acts constitute  
the sum total of most people including me political activities that is different than  
when you have thousands of people in streets punching each other and fighting and  
occupying factories and doing direct combat conflict with the state over its resources  
distribution and in that situation you don't really not only do not need men in the 0:48:44  
streets you couldn't get them if you wanted to like those guys the black the brown  
shirts were willing to die and they did die a large number is the horse less light which  
was the song which was the theme song of the the stomach might long the brown  
shirt was about them were martyred young si officer who was killed by a communist  
even though in reality it was like some sort of fight over a sex worker he was a pamper  
but like that was part of it it was like living or dying were part of it now it is it's  
a cathartic theater all those jackass like everyone's \*\*\*\*\* their pants about those  
absolute lumps hanging around the Michigan courthouse they're allowed to do that  
because they're not a threat to any power structure and see that's different in other 0:49:46  
countries like I would be much more comfortable saying that whatever is going on  
in India shares those features because the technological balance is so much different  
because there's three I've read her fascism I like Paxton's book on fascism a lot  
because contextualize it and like actions as opposed to ideology because honestly I  
feel like anybody who wants to talk about fascism and their sources are like thinkers  
even if it's guys like Ebola or meniscus mold bug or any of these guys you're missing

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the plane smash ISM was a praxis it was a it was a attempt to channel popular support and popular mobilization away from socialism down the easier road of a co-opted populism because the Nazis had a much easier road to take power than the Soviet the Communists did even though they had similarly huge followings similarly mobilized street bands it was because the state wasn't stepping on the necks of the Nazis so it's a cynical recognition that you can skip the steps like Mussolini looks and sees hey I can use this rhetoric in these ideas to get people in the streets to give me power and I don't have to worry about landlord hiring some mob dude to blow my brains out with a shotgun sometime when I'm taking a \*\*\*\*\* I don't have to worry about the \*\*\*\*\* getting arrested because the people in power need me just to to channel some of that away and to it's purely cynical ooh the person who makes that move in that decision has no values so anybody who made the pivot to because you could talk all you want about socialists inspired Nazism or fascism but at them at that moment of choice like I said you're only those guys were destined to be Nazis by their conditions if you look through it every decision was predetermined but in the moment they chose to be a Nazi and the moment they chose to say you know what this whole working-class thing is too tough there's too many obstacles I can use some of these other elements and some of these other critiques without getting the stake down my back now that should tell me something the fact that the state doesn't want me doesn't want to stop me should tell me that they're not interested in ending the exploitation that is the cause of all of this if they were they wouldn't let me take power so I should think about that and if you don't if you ignore that because you're too greedy or you're too dumb then you're not a socialist anymore you're you've you've gone off on another tangent you're in another you you've stepped off into another parallel dimension bye-bye because that's a moral choice it's a moral choice and an intellectual choice it's a test and you failed it both ways because look at the fascists that there was not a stable basis for a society you \*\*\*\*\* up like sorry the German state the German people could not do what you thought they could do Adolf objectively you were wrong like Adolf was one of the few gods who can know definitively that he liked lost he basically hit the Hitler basically knows more than any other hurt one of the few human beings on earth who knows what Satan felt like in Paradise Lost because he was God he was remaking the world with his voice basically on a principle that he believed as deeply as I believed in life but the thing is that outcome would have been it was determined in the react real he was because he couldn't wait he needed to have it now which means he needed to see it happen in front of him which means that he took a bunch of shortcuts that got him \*\*\*\*\* over so even by his own rule even by his own law he was found wanting like in the bunker when when the Soviets were invading he famously was like \*\*\*\*\* the Germans they

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failed me but then of course he also failed them and he knew that as he blew his brains out he knew that so no one went to hell harder then no one was cast into hell with greater \*\*\*\*\* alacrity yes become a communist and start organizing essential workers I agree with that the problem is I don't have sufficient confidence in a specific set of actions that will get me there yet and that's the thing one of the things that defeats growth is you label yourself as having certain capacities and then you just never try again if you don't judge yourself and say I have insufficients to dispatch now I might not later you'll find that you can do things a lot easier I love Oh someone asks about Wilhelm Reich I only know about the Oregon box and I love the concept of Oregon I think it's a very good metaphysical like well I somebody says our office workers management or labor they are like most things a degree they are to a degree like burgers and they're to a degree management and their relationship to management and labor is contingent on the specific moment you're talking about census much details I can get into and that's one of the reasons it's hard to talk anywhere let alone online is because you end up making shortcuts linguistically and symbolically that reduce the actual content of what you're trying to get across and then people don't fully get what you're trying to say so like if I tried to get more specific there I would start using words wrong because because I don't have the granular knowledge of the situation down to the level of like almost pure visuals simple so no Dualla to let's see that's the thing dualism is a trap if you think that there's only dualism the binaries are trapped if you think there are only binaries but there are the universe is made up of binaries binary opposites trying to occupy the same space at the same time and being cast out by that action but there are so many of them happening at so many different levels but also everything is purely relative to its two other things everything is purely relevant but also everything is objectively one way or the other but not at the same time until you notice at the same time until you open shorteners box and then they collapse into one moment where certain positions obtain where there is a binary being discussed where you are not talking that's why I think the fast pipeline stuff is very funny because like I am foundationally opposed like I can tell you I I think I can tell you I feel more confident I guess I'll say it this way the aura I got it maintain you know even keel I feel more confident I feel that I could more confidently this quick describe not why Nazis are wrong than the people who put most effort into defeating them online and the reason for that is because or the reason that they fight so hard against the Nazis online is because they know they're bad and they're right that they're bad but they're not fully aware of why they're bad they only know some of the reasons and instead of pursuing them further for other specific reasons and specific influences they flee from the question and that is why they have to no platform and that's why they have to abolish the idea of anyone

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else not create categories of unthinkable thought because that's the only way that they can deal with the unresolved trauma of not having thought through what they believe because they're right that Nazis are categorically bad but they've got to that reasoning insufficiently and so that leaves them with a lot of excess emotional energy around the name and the word and the idea of Nazis that they unproductively direct 0:59:6 emotionally instead of where it would be more productively placed all right guys pretty fun I will be back on twitch tomorrow and yeah there's not the one-hour time limit on Twitch like there is on Instagram so I think that'll be a fun one probably gonna go a little long I might do some more graphs we'll see how I'm feeling but talk to you guys tomorrow should be should try it trying to keep these around 6 o'clock unless things are intervening with the fym boys or I have something else to do but I'll always I was trying to do one everyday I'm gonna this is part of my daily practice so if you're gonna still be here I will still be talking and like I said please give me back any questions you have that's the only way I'm gonna keep on this on the path of the beam here bye-bye you

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there we go hello I have exited hosts mode whatever that means hi everybody hey there's some friendly little Matt smiling without the lights god I see why people say I'm like save hide but they aren't there are only a few like heads you could have you know if they like a white male of a certain age there's only so many heads you can have because you either get fatter with age or you get cadaverous and that affects whether or not you get a beard and that also affects whether or not your hair falls out it's like you only get a couple of options and then whether or not your eyes go bad you know you're a little trapped within structures and so there's only so many variations on the theme I've only got the one red tracksuit I look like a mad person this person's British hello top of the mornin top of the barn India sure I would talk eh Lian's with you and we'll I don't know when you guys are recording but if you want me on I'll do it now I don't think I'm friends I think I've reached a point of acceptance with everything if it goes it'll go because it's a distraction or something not because I need to make some sort of statement besides I like this little quaff thing that happens but the last dying embers of this drama Tory like Klingon bird-of-prey of hair that's slowly being weathered by the blasts of the USS enterprise's photon torpedoes Star Trek reference for you guys you haven't sure if he's gonna do it have fun with it but like I said put more of that energy closer to your life don't put too much of it the presidency because it matters a lot less than it used to although we have to temper that knowledge with the fact that I've been thinking more about the Democratic Party and its structural integrity is incredibly weak it is exemplified by Biden I mean in a certain looked at a certain way every presidential candidate ends up being like the avatar of the party that it represents depending on how you know who won in the battle to make it up and so like Trump is now the Republican Party yes he was as soon as he was nominated and now he's synonymous with it in all of its like electoral strengths and weaknesses and it's like political mind it's it's it's it's its value system it's abstraction level it's all there that Bible is the same way and the proof of that is in the fact that the under the pressure of Bernie's threat to them they weren't able to coalesce around a a agreed upon alternative that would because they

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always have the numbers within the Democratic coalition but what they didn't have was hello Alana well they did not have was a coherent cultural bloc that could express that preference like in a coordinated fashion like they liked who they liked because they were parts of like distinct demographic slices of the pie and that put them in conflict with other ones so they were never gonna group around anybody and Biden 00:04:03 was the worst of them you know in long-term sense because of how vulnerable he was how alien athma he was to the left how genuinely you know mentally degenerated he is and how many skeletons he's got his closet but the thing is he was he was the guy that the largest subgroup of Democratic voters had invested in because basically what had happened that the the electorate the Obama coalition shattered right after Obama was a horrible president and then all the component parts of the coalition started to like reassemble in different relationships to one another as the party moved on in the aftermath of the you know the the the first the nervous breakdown of the of the Sanders Clinton battle and then fight and then they just 00:05:01 stunning defeat of Hillary that just not everyone off of their Ken and their idea of what the world was and so the result of that shot both thus though the slow term material reality of Obama's recovery being a sham that mostly made people's lives worse if they weren't very wealthy and then the symbolic trauma that once at a moment symbolic trauma of all of it being pierced by Trump becoming president it shattered the coalition and then it reassembled along certain accesses and the white segments basically who respond to different you know at symbolic level a different Smollett level than like black voters due to these things because their emotional ties are lighter because like Republicans Democrats is literally life or death for black people because that is how in their lifetimes the parties have played out it's not as life and death for white people so they can take or leave things which is why when 00:06:00 it came down to it and because of this specific fact that you know Obama was the first black president when it came back to like reassemble this coalition to defeat Bernie a big chunk of that had gone to Bernie and was now being assembled a pieces he already had and new pieces that could have overwhelmed them they had to get everyone back on board but the only grouping that had not been fatally alienated from the Obama era Democratic Party and needed to be like massage back in were like black voters in the south older black voters in the south like the boomers the black boomers basically who had a different emotional connection a different level of adverse emotional the Democratic Party then the white electorate did and as a result they had to go to that level and I it's Biden or Bernie and everyone knew that Bernie wasn't an option and so that just displays they had to get think of how many levels of symbolic like moral justification for the Democratic Party as it exists did 00:07:03 they jettison to pick by they've just incinerated their entire conception of themselves

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as a party of feminism and of the party of me - of the party of women who've been aggrieved by by men in the workplace and in a marketplace because of course you know what happens at home is not our purview because we've identified all the stuff only along the axis of its relationship to the market now they destroy that 40 years of work down the drain I mean - younger black voters who are more aware of Biden's actual record they've alienated them - Latinos who connect Biden to the Obama era and the massive deportation at least you know the Latinos who consider those salient issues they alienated from them - like when this this reassembling of the Democrats is going to be smaller and more fragile than any democratic electoral coalition since 00:08:02 in terms of fragility maybe like 1980 or something like I don't know 88 like before the final fracture of like the shattering of the solid south it's an incredibly weak candidate but but the thing is is his candidacy shows that the party at a level of like identification with it as an institution is also incredibly weak and the right pressures could destroy it and so there might be an electoral path among other paths don't everyone shouldn't take it but people in a position to do good in it should take it that could genuinely see the Democratic Party shatter wig style in the relatively near future and and that like the proof of that in like one capsule form is their candidate a strong party would not have that candidate because we know what degree of control the Democratic Party has over the process from the DNC rulebook to the way they 00:09:02 do the caucuses and elections to their control of a entire news networks line that is a degree of power that should have been enough and was enough to keep people off a Bernie side but it was not enough to keep anyone signal idea of what the Democratic Party was alive in the minds of enough people of different demographic subgroups to to defeat Bernie they had to discard all of it drop a bunch of levels of symbolic meaning which means that they have alienated the party like women are a lot of these liberals I'm telling you people allow these liberals who are pretending to be mad about Ida now are being disingenuous sure because they want to make sure Bernie doesn't get back in there but they're not going to be happy to vote I mean 00:10:02 the ones who cash a check don't care either way but the ones who are like having to go vote they're not happy about voting for Pike and the thing is it's like that process of alienation from the party has happened to everyone it's just it happens at a different rate depending on your material conditions if you start as a totally identified with the Democratic Party as like a left party or the party of decency or morality you will over time see that dedication reduced by their actual performance but the friction comes from their failure to perform and your material conditions if you start off pretty high you're relatively alienated if you start off low like most Millennials and young people do because they never even got any of this lucre that their parents or grandparents did then it starts very low and it just gets lower and so that was

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the two battles the battle between the demographic battle of the 2016 election was basically between two groups of people who had an instinctive identification as the Democrats as the good guys the moral party the one whose policies would lead to something better than the other party in a two-party system which is the one we have but their faith in that it like their faith and it's this institution is legitimate their their their emotional investment in turn is an institution here's the Millennials and the younger here's the older and like a plan I'm sure black one black black older voters is theirs is lower because their material conditions are generally lower but it's still higher than black anger was so it was negotiating this gap that was always a problem for Bernie because they control those people are because these people they are invested enough in the Democrats that that investment in it goes to extend a good will to all democratic office holders including liars and also goodwill to a good faith to the entire network that Peretz the democratic party line so this is not this is already a system in under pressure internally and then also pressure from material conditions changing and material conditions are getting even worse you know the drastic sense which means the pressure of legitimacy is only going to compound so like these liberals the ones who are up here right one of the reasons they're up here is because of stuff like the Democrats were the ones who were outraged about sexual assault during the Kavanaugh hearing well now they don't get to think of that that's not I mean they can reason about why it's okay it's different this time Russia Russia Russia but they're just offloading their sense of something's wrong there's just offloading their anxiety created by that cognitive dissonance they're offloading it to Russia or Bernie Bros or Fox News or whatever but it's still there that are not thinking about it consciously it's there in the form of they're just slowed steady loss of faith and enchantment with the Democratic Party so now it's even lower and the pressure is gonna get greater and there's gonna that means that like this is a moment where fractures really a possibility but the problem is something has to fracture it and there isn't anything yet but I think that this is meant getting me towards the idea that like what workers party might be something worth talking about in the more than just theoretical sense in the actual medium-term reality now beyond that I would have to get closer to the shores of like causality to the concept to feel confident right now I'm saying I'm thinking a lot like oh this is just my process of thought and this is led me here I'm gonna challenge that notion from other directions we'll see but this is an emerging thesis that's coming out of my conversation with myself basically about the party and about Biden and about Biden's unique frailty and how it reflects a uniquely frail political party because it's not it's it's a conflict isn't it the party's strong enough to drag this guy's corpse over the finish line but the fact that he's a corpse means that at a deeper level they're weak and this gets to something

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that was the big the big Twitter owned of the day right that's the big thing that like every day obviously Twitter's a hornet's nest and every day somebody in the morning she comes along and kicks it and then that starts the whole thing off today is Hornets kick was somebody saying that they missed George Bush and wish she was president and then some libs saying oh me too and then people calling you can you believe it he killed a million people and then the lips say excuse me but he cared about about rules and he was respectful and he was more competent and once again this is because they're arguing an absolute position between two things that occupy different contexts remember I talked about even among liberals their faith in the Democratic Party has been slowly weakened as its ability to offset the accumulated effects of the neoliberal crisis moment keeps going down right well here it was during the Bush years right and by the way when I say they're their political investment the legitimacy of the Democratic Party that of course is a in miniature version a more deeply felt version of their greater faith in the legitimacy of all American political institutions so like if you have faith in political institutions unlike a symbolic level anytime your your guy loses it causes cognitive dissonance how can this country have produced this result it's the country I love it's doing something I don't agree with now you can say Russia and you can say like like the Trump voters or the McCain voters do Republicans voter fraud but and you can think you mean that but that anxiety is still there and it has to go somewhere that anxiety about the state and it goes into hostility to the institution's it goes into the hostility towards the institution's so they have so like as this is going down on their their faith of the Democratic Party it's also going down on their faith in the entire institution of the American government so ignite that 2020 2020 the tooth election does a big big bit of damage to their cuz like first you have less legitimacy government cuz you don't think Bush was elected legitimately and then you have less faith even if you won't admit it you have less faith in the Democratic Party because the Democratic Party let it happen and then they also went along with the Iraq war which most people I think even liberals who said they were for it had misgivings about so the numbers going down for group for both these things Bush being in office he's stressful it's awful in the moment he's the worst person in the universe but here's the thing you're at this level of you know you're a liberal with this level of faith in America's institutions right up here now Trump's president your fate your faith level your your mana points in these institutions is way the down here so when you wish for Bush what you're really wishing for is to be in a moment in time when you had more faith that America's government was gonna do what it promised to do from turn make sure the lights go on to make sure you don't get dirty bombed to making sure if you're a liberal that homeless people have homes if you're a conservative that homeless people have

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cages whatever it is whatever your conception of the good is you have faith the government will carry it out and that goes down as the bad happens and then it goes up in institutions that respond well to it or that you perceive is responding well to it that's why the democratic party went from being kind of the party of crooks and like the the Democratic Party in the twenty is like the party of Ku Klux Klan members and like Irish ward healing criminals those are the only that was it was all a handout there was no ideology behind it the Great Depression made the Democratic Party synonymous with morality for a large chunk of people and then it went down over time as material conditions degraded because we never solved the capital as a problem that was making things bad we only ameliorated it in the short term so that process is going down now they want more they want to go back to their their Bush era faith in these institutions but if Bush was here because he'd be ruling in the same way he ruled badly then with the same interests in mind he would rule as badly now as Trump it wouldn't be as publicly disagreeing because now you're in a situation where because you have given up on you the democratic party or the government making justice happen in the world you've made it demand that it has it on the symbolic level and the symbolic level is a president who acts like a president having a president who is a debauched monster and insulting people especially during a crisis that is uh you're you're reducing my institutional faith because that's not what a leader does in my mind now for conservatives it's not entirely flipped they have the same situation and that even though they're doing well they're not doing as well as they used to and they know it their neighbors aren't doing as well as they used to and their children are not doing as well as they expected them to and so that as that creates anxiety but they like the Republicans much more the Democrats and like the Democrats they offload most of their anger on to the other party to excuse why this institution allowed this to happen but they're still sublimating a lot of anxiety and anger but because liberals are coming from an era where America's institutions were more liberal were considered more liberal like more aaron sorkin ii JFK style those cultural totems that liberals love because they give institutional legitimacy conservatives hate because they think that because they think that all that being politically correct business being like you're supposed to be is reified liberalism so when Bush is noxious and awful and insulting and unbecoming of the office they love it and it increases their faith in the Republican Party and in American institutions even as their conditions are getting worse and worse even as they're being locked in their homes for months at a time because of a botched response to a quarantine but that's okay because they've offloaded all their anxiety about that on to their governor and the Chinese but they still know deep down that there's a disk consonance between the world they live in and what they what they think they want how can Trump be

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president and this be happening and they need to put that they need to take that 00:21:01  
excess feeling that doubt they need to turn that emotion of doubt into love and they  
turn that emotion to doubt into love into Donald Trump as a person and what he  
does liberals they turn that doubt about the fact that they live in a country that  
has X values in their heart but this Y is what's happening into hatred for his antics  
and awfulness because then they're able to direct it at that level of abstraction away  
from the level where they have not resolved the contradiction between what they  
think of their country and what your country does and so it's two groups of people  
who have unresolved who have not resolved if not confronted the basic cognitive  
dissonance of living in a country with certain institutions that they believe in that is  
not giving them the results that those in that belief should be doing and then they  
deal with that anxiety by turning it into an expressed either love or hate for some 00:22:00  
scapegoat and so that is a real fight binary and there is no way to participate in  
and that will be productive you have it has to be interrupted the process has to be  
interrupted orthogonal e or diagonally or acutely whatever you cannot keep building  
that anti dialectical parallel barrier you can't do it you can't do it anything about  
Trump anything you do that's about Trump's appearance about what he says what  
he does that is about his personality reifies it reifies it in either direction whether  
you're a chi khat going trump's owning the libs or the lib going look at this awful  
post there's and there's no way to do anything even joke about be ironic about it that  
doesn't read it so as much as we love making fun of Trump because he is objectively  
a hilarious figure if you're trying to like I mean obviously this doesn't apply when  
you're blowing off steam among friends but if you're trying to engage constructively  
in a dialogue on that level the level of Trump will only reify this phantom spectacle 00:23:01  
where secretly disordered and questioning liberals and conservatives express their  
unresolved conflict so that's a thing don't talk about that I've decided the clapping  
is okay now I'm not mad about the clapping anymore I understand that it is like  
basically celebrating that the lights are still on I certainly understand that it's an  
attempt to offload anxiety about being useless during this like this is a physical act  
you can do to stand in symbolically for what you're not doing which is you know  
working in a grocery store or being nurse or something but you accept it on that  
level maybe it becomes a basis for something else if you're if you don't come at it  
angry if you don't come at it judgmentally doesn't necessarily but either way it's 00:24:00  
gonna be fine and you can deal with the results whether that clap or not it's how I  
respond to the condition of their being clapping [Music] but man there is some part  
of me that thinks that the Democratic Party is uniquely stressed and uniquely fragile  
the symbols the symbolic order that under rides like investment in the Democrats  
is completely under stress in a way I don't think I've ever seen it and oh man Jesse

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Ventura's just seems like such a perfect synthesis of Trump and Bernie the head in the heart the understanding of like the spectacular level and value of politics and then the actual moral code to drive it if it's turned into Bernie's moral code of course oh so frustrating to think that's a possibility and probably what happened but like I said 00:25:00  
it happens in some version of the world and that version of the world rules somebody asked was born apart good or bad for Europe relative to other likely outcomes of the revolution no historical ah no historical trend is good or bad historical incident or trend either advances progress in some it no I'm sorry all historical events advance historical progress because even if it's just a period of pure like flat non development you know like where you have a sort of a civilizational plateau or collapse that's still a that's still a that is still a that's still progress in that it is part of the process of using up the matter in the closed system that is the world economy so it's still progress 00:26:01  
like you're you're emptying the jug over it so even if it's not getting can't caught in like a cup you know holder it's not getting caught and somewhere else to be directed into a use it's just flowing out you're still reducing the amount of water in the jug even if it's not getting caught so I guess the question is when you look at you trying to judge a political or judge a historical incident that word has two connotations morale and the peer achill I judge it based on its dimensions and size and qualities or base it on its morality and when you're talking about what anyone else does in the here-and-now in the future or in the past or not in the future but in the year now and in the past then they everything is fully fixed and there's no room for a moral judgement so when you're talking you ought to historic listen she's talking about 00:27:00  
Bonaparte taking over control in Paris in France and you're saying as it could have bad well it was a little bit good like all of us you mean did it help get the jug of water you know the amount of the amount of mass in history in history into the other jug of like a a civilization that is self sustainable because of his it is cooperatively utilized resources to create a technological infrastructure that's sophisticated enough to create like a steady state of energy inputs which is possible but requires a degree of technological advancement that can only be achieved through collaboration as a species so history is the process of that jug the jug that starts off is just the matter of the earth thirteen million billion years ago and this other jug which is gonna 00:28:01  
be much much smaller where the where where the fully automated luxury space communism is where the end state of communism is however you imagine that Kim Stanley Robinson's colony books whatever and you're pouring history is pouring the one chug into the other and what what what the active mind what with the activated like moral political soul does and then what the activated political class nation and people until the entirety of humanity does is try to direct the one receptacle into the other as it changes shape without getting as little of them without well catching

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as much as possible to keep the system as efficient as possible because whatever you can't get from energy you'd have to get from human power which means at some level suffering and exploitation which have to be equally shared to be to share like the brain power equally of everyone who can contribute so let's take nepoleon 00:29:00 that all sounds like a that's all sounds like a begging the question right but no I just use that to address the question of was Napoleon good for Europe compared to other outcomes of the Revolution what that means is was Napoleon positive what was Napoleon how much water did Napoleon get help keeping the jug compared to something else happening and we can say definitively that he is absolutely more progressive than most of the likely outcomes that would have happened if he hadn't intervened because you had in the directory and absolutely unviable and unstable government that's ability to can to govern was entirely dependent on its ability to exact tribute in its new Imperial state which by the way it wouldn't even have been able to do without Napoleon Bonaparte singular military genius in the first place to help almost sink to single-handedly win the first the were the first coalition almost 00:30:00 which gave them a huge amount of foreign currency and and capital to just take back to France so that was doomed their inputs were going down and they had no popular legitimacy because they were the they were the acknowledged cynical minority they were the cynical remnant of the people from the earlier battles that were originally ideological and stayed at the level of you know pure political science and then and virtue like the Shah the jacobins and Girondins and whatnot and slowly over time resolved whittled down to this group around the guy the engine of the motive of the revolution were all of the actual like morale in the moral sense of the sense of moral urgency entirely concentrated in a smaller and smaller group of people until it was basically just the community of the Committee of Public Safety everybody else was either being executed or being alienated from the project and when you're alienated from a project at a moral level you'd have to find a material justification so the only people left after they killed Robespierre with the Thermidor interaction were the ones who had accommodated themselves to the regime through basically being crooked being corrupt the main reason they overthrew Robespierre is because they all thought they were gonna be the next worst person get guillotine for profiteering which they were all doing everybody who had any principles either lost to the jacobins and got their heads cut off or were the jacobins and then got their heads cut off the only ones left because everyone was morality everyone who is driven by morality by the French Revolution as it got bloodier they had to keep making choices as to whether 00:32:00 it was worth supporting and if you thought no it's worth supporting but it's going in the wrong direction then you had to oppose Robespierre that meant death if you think now it's worth supporting but I'm gonna give up these principles it's because

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you're getting other justification in the form of kickback some people were getting some combination of both like Danton was both morally opposed to the course of the revolution and getting his beak wet but I would say with Danton he was more morally opposed because he if he had been more corrupt he would have stayed in the back and just made money like the rest of those creeps who then killed Robespierre so the directory is just this rump of disgusting self seekers with no morality at all all the morality had been squeezed out of the revolution by the process of the terror all you had were the office seekers in the crook which is by the way the same thing to happen in Stalinist Russia the exact same promise process happened you either got turned away from the regime by what it was doing and exiled or executed or you 00:33:01 accommodated yourself and became crooked and lost morality it happens in every system like that it happens in every system where government's ability to extract surplus value is challenged by some sort of input disruption and it to the degree that it puts it that it agreed a response to that crisis with authoritarian control of people is the degree to which you will alienate people from believing in it unless they are being material rewarded if they're the ones getting the bread then they believe in the regime more if they're having the bread taken from them they believe in it less and eventually they'll believe in it so little there you're gonna have to do something about it so what this meant was that the directory was doomed the only people left were of the revolutionary generation totally useless guys like Paul bara bara was like the Ark 00:34:01 he was the ark he was the one man embodiment of the thermidorian reaction and the directory because he was a man of no principle he was an absolutely empty Bell who was able to survive the whole horror of the of those terror by staying hidden Abby's is a guy who was too much of an incompetent oaf to be Vaughn to be even much enough of a enough of a like threat to power to even bother killing during the fight there during the reign of terror Cius got to sit the whole thing out because at that point he was so irrelevant to the process that even frickin Rob's Peter couldn't even remember - Kenneth cut his head off those were the people that was the triumvirate that Napoleon joint Napoleon not part of that generation young vigorous part of that group of young of ambitious minor Nobles for peripheral areas whose ability 00:35:00 to engage with the world and their talents was blown up by the French Revolution now if they were no longer constrained by like a class system that would have made it harder for them to have their talents be expressed now oh my god they get - uh now guys like Napoleon gets you unleashed a full flower of their talents so they love the revolution from the outside because it's given in this and that means that they approach the question of continuing it with energy and vigor whereas the guys like Barack and as I say yes are are empty our Gutter doubt in fact you could argue that those three people literally the triumph roots themselves provide a miniaturized

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model for the synthesis that Napoleon's government takes takes planes government carries out so CS was one of the guys who got the revolution started in the first place 00:36:02  
by his pamphlet about the Third Estate you know what is the Third Estate nothing what does it ask for everything that was the tree - core of the revolution but because of his particular blend of personality traits he lost influence very quickly he couldn't get in on it Marat could get in on it get in on the ground floor but by the end of the process of revolution and recount a revolution and resolving towards synthesis and blood and justice the exhaustion you had these two guys who had helped bring the revolution about and then helped send it in the direction it went into at crucial moments both of whom are now for separate reasons completely extinguished a bias I asked the guy who was the who had who is one of the founders of the revolution and 00:37:01  
that he gave it ideas he turned it's it's in Kohei yearnings into a vocabulary people could understand like the spirit the Geist of the revolution extinguished that he got bara not an intellectual not a guy who thought up these ideas but a guy who caught up in the wood in the spring of history grab some of them to use them to make action to become part of it and in the process is grounding this into into moral powder by the need to stay alive by his attachment to the material world but he is also exhausted his abilities and his credibility more importantly and who comes now a man forged by both of them a man who only arose out of a revolution that they had made who understands it at a level they never could because he approached it at a different point in his life and used it to different ends he comes in it could really have been no other way nor should it have been and then you had another now it could have been that was like destined to happen but the thing about history is things are destined 00:38:01  
to happen until something intervenes which is what history is it is everything that happened in history you can look at retrospectively and see a direct line of causation and argue that it could not have happened any other way but the thing is there are thwarted versions of that littering history there are mirrored realities that happen because some specific thing went the other way and one of them is saint napoleon dies at the at the at the pedal of toulouse gets the heat that that that bayonet that windows crotch goes a little harder closer cuts is from oral artery bleeds out then the forces that breathe directory to bear certainly don't change the directory is probably less in doors less because Napoleon isn't there to win the first Italian war or the first the first can tell you campaign in the War of the first coalition but even if it is it will probably be attempt before it collapses from below there will be some attempt at the 00:39:00  
top levels of power to redirect it to their ends and whoever they called up whoever they decide to pull off the bench to be the next guy would probably have been inferior to Napoleon would have had less resources to draw from and therefore would have been less successful militarily which means that maybe the revolution ends with

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the restoration a decade earlier that would have been bad in the sense that would have been inefficient because you have this engine of history making in this form of the Grand Army and the Napoleon behind it history and force back leading an army of history with guns and they marched through Europe and they swept funeral remnants aside the white the blue coats of the French army in the early early 18th century France or an early empty century Europe were identical in their function to the blue coats of the Union Army marching into the South in the 1860s it's signaled liberation liberation for peasants liberation for Jews and degrees of liberation for everyone from townsman to gild to to labourers to everybody and less power for lords and in hereditary rulers even with all the deaths that came from that it's hard to imagine that death wouldn't have come in a reverse in some bloody counter-revolutionary series of battles between the the powers of Europe that were gonna try to carve up Frances corpse if it had failed so either way you have thousands dead in in wars that engulf the continent one of them leaves models of Liberal governance and liberal relationships between subjects that could be built on through capitalism and then through communism all of them interdicting with each other that process is gonna happen if Napoleon isn't there but it'll happen more slowly more water is gonna fall out during the exchange so yes 51 it using the the everything is yes everything else yes or no question but it's only yes or no to a percentage of a degree that's the way that that's the way to stop being frozen by questions because nobody wants to say yes or no they want to justify it and the fact is that's true of every SNL question and you can make the call if you're just able to say yes because it's 51% one at least and 49% of the other that's the degree of specificity you need and then that allows you to make the statement and if somebody disagrees with you you can challenge the premise and if it turns out they're right guess what that was part of the 49% that you missed now your understanding of the principle that you were even arguing about is increased I hope this is making sense now see that he says that Bavarian ancestors didn't take too kindly to the frogs marching across the islands no they didn't forget what happened is that the nationalism the liberalism inculcated in Napoleonic France was mirrored in every state that they beat because everyone had the thought of why couldn't we win why did this regime beat ours and the question and the answer to that question is always it was superior to the task you animal ask why anybody beat anybody in the war over the long term it's because their particular arrangement of resources and skills was superior to the task and so the Germans and the Italians asked themselves among others Hungarians the Czechs everywhere that army marched ask themselves why did they win and the answer is because they had they were more prepared for the times and so then they say well what was the thing and the first like seeing it just as an army marching as an as an enemy is nationalism

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it's a nation they've got a flag they fly under it and they'll die for it we don't have that  
I live in the prince-bishopric of baden-baden you know the Holy Roman Emperor 00:43:00  
is some syphilitic weirdo in Vienna the only power I see is like my local syphilis  
riddled like barrister asking for a kickback to smuggle some cork into the harbor or  
whatever the but if we hadn't flag to fight die under like the French do we could beat  
them and voila within a couple generations of Napoleon or within a generation of  
Napoleon's defeat you have fully blown nationalist movements all throughout Europe  
that within another generat with another generation unify polities that had gone on  
unified for millennia napoleon who single-handedly ended the thous 2,000 combined  
year-long reign of the holy roman emperor the Knights of st. John in Malta and the  
doshas of the Republic of Venice that's right the serene Republic itself that is that  
is sweeping the deck and allowing for new growth that will be more productive even 00:44:01  
if it's just as horrible because its history and all history is horrible as his defeat or  
non-existence because of happenstance would have been Napoleon wasn't even their  
first choice you know the triumphs the guy they wanted was too high-minded he  
wouldn't do it he believed too much in the revolution because his ambition was not  
as overweening as Napoleon's was because his talent wasn't as high as Napoleon's was  
they both believed in the revolution the reason I believe was harsh points that sees  
that question says no is because he still believes in the revolution to a higher degree  
that Napoleon does why because his talent level is lower simple as that because he  
could see less value to himself in not he sees less value in him to himself in changing 00:45:02  
the situation Napoleon's knowledge of his own talents was such that he was able  
to say yeah revolution good thing but I mean come on look at all the blood death  
come on and also I know what I'm doing boom that's why it was in now there's you  
go the guy they wanted that said no if he'd said yes if that guy had said yes they  
probably would have done worse because he wasn't as good as Napoleon would have  
come in conflict with Napoleon and then like either napoleon winning that conflict  
or losing it sets back the cause you know the cause of progress and France either  
way so it's not good but that guy had less talent than Napoleon he was less focused  
on the task of military power which was the most important task at hand in France  
that moment because it was fighting for its survival and he wasn't as good and so  
you say but the thing is and here's the here's the fundamental paradox and this one 00:46:01  
might be a little crazy you might not buy it tell me if it doesn't make sense if he  
had said yes he would have done better because he would have been more talented  
so that is how you have a situation where that the historical question is totally up to  
one guy's mind but the forces of history of elided so that it could not have gone any  
other way that is how you get radical subjectivity and radical freewill at the level  
of Geist and you have total clockwork determinism at the level of matter and space

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and observing reality around you and people around you I'd like to go back on on his show now thinking about Napoleon I mean the guy you know think about him with the Roman Empire I was just trying to get to him Warners says the American Civil War army would crush the French and German armies oppression armies of austria-hungary yeah of course they would because they fought the Civil War I mean there's no greater a Wheatstone to grind your axe against than someone the one of the largest conflagrations in the Western world at that point I mean it's very funny that the Taiping rebellion is happening in the Qing China at that time and killing 30 million people and very few of us even know about it but in the West you don't get a bigger play pen for developing lethal skills if the Grand Army of republic in 1865 had needed to and been able to summon the popular support to march like get in 00:48:00  
boats and march on Calais it would have been hard to Saba I mean they would have kicked in the rotten door of of decadent Second Empire France that's why one of the more intriguing counterfactuals in history once again not something that could have happened in our world but with a few things go differently could have happened in a world like ours and what if I think led to progress faster we would be in temporal time right now 2020 we would be farther along progressively is if Napoleon instead of not recognizing Tucson Levitt or as the actual power the actual authority in Haiti if he'd recognize the reality of that instead of trying to put toothpaste back in the tube in a way that a man of history like himself should not have tried to do because if Napoleon was a little less egotistical he could have directed some of his brilliant 00:49:00  
insight to the fact that Toussaint Leavitt or was him Joe Salvatore was the Napoleon of Haiti in that he was presiding over the same situation and demonstrating the same brilliance and carrying the same popular legitimacy because of that brilliance and so that means there's no way to overturn that coke bottle the Coke machine especially with the intervening reality yellow fever that was never gonna work if he'd recognize that reality and he couldn't partially because wife Josephine was from a family of planters on Santa Mon who wanted their plantations back and then like the racism that emanated from those economic relationships if he'd been able to recognize Tucson for who he was he would have made him a general and he would have put guns in the hands of every man who wanted to in Haiti and he would have put him in boats and he would have sent him to French Camp French Louisiana and it would have marched him through the deep south a military with that combination 00:50:01  
of motivation and leadership and basically never been seen in the American context since the European invasion like you literally could have had a like a a Franco F afro Frank Franco African like Caribbean hegemony there I mean obviously things have to fall right a million ways for that to happen but that is something that the Givens layout of materials situated the material reality could have allowed that to happen

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so that's when we say if a counterfactual like that will that's why cut people say counterfactual is history is tricky but it really isn't if you just remember one thing when you're doing it you're not asking could this have happened to this world you're asking could this array of things if everything had frozen like everybody's where they are Toussaint's in France artists onsen Haiti Napoleon's and France hit a stopwatch and you could basically incept into Napoleon the idea hey give give Tucson some GATS and then that's history start again would it have worked the answer is it could have you could pursue it anyway other things could have intervened and stopped it a real a bad counterfactual is one where there is no way that even if you did change people's individual minds basically the number of people's minds you would have to change for it to win would have to get bigger and bigger like that's the degree to what you're counterfactual is valid one guy if something is possible if one guy's mind is changed or one woman's mind has changed then that is a very narrow hinge point on history if it requires like an entire civilization to have a different point of view on like a different value system related to the world around them and that's not a realistic or or for them to have you know a step where they actually have jungle that's not a real car factual so basically counterfactual history is it's a fewest a number of people you would have to in cept if you had like a space-time freezing machine to make it happen because of course part of dialectical reasoning is understanding that when you say could this have happened you were implying and in fact insisting that somewhere at some time it did and will so that thing I just said that happened there is a history where that happened and then there are histories branching off of that where it succeeded or failed to different degrees I am reading cycles new book in fact titles new book I've been the kind of like I mean now I think I'll be you get to a point where I can read better right now I'm a little too distracted to read anything really for that long I'm trying to get Moby Dick so I can kind of like hit the you know get some traction but uh I was reading Nigel's book before this and I gotta say man I honestly think that if I had had that experience that preceded this whole like reorientation without being in the middle of that book I might not have had the moment I had because shadows theory of like of environmental determinism which is what it is no historian wants to be a determinist because then you discount free will but of course we know that all historians are determinists if they understand their task under story who understands his task is they determinist if you don't it's because you're allowing a subjective realm to enter into your conception of history your biased so we know that all historians are historical whole history is deterministic and which title says is that the determining thing is because like the biggest broadest argument in in history is is something determined by environment or by the culture within the environment and of course it's both it's the cycle it's the its base superstructure

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it's the it's the biomechanical fusion it's the Dynamo of all life but one starts it one starts the process one material space confluence starts the process and Cheryl argues incredibly persuasively and escape from Roman I'm only about halfway done with it that it's environment like he basically posits that the reason that the Industrial Revolution happened in Europe is because of inner party competition between small states in the post Roman context and then you say well why did that happen and the answer is extracted all the way down you could build a million levels of meaning on top of it but extracted to the bottom it's that Europe was too far from the step to be constantly threatened by by nomadic warriors the presence the closest Ament to two nomadic warriors makes a society more cohesive over a larger bond because it feels more threat so that's why huge empires like the the empires that have ruled China throughout 2,000 years of history in an area that's like three times the size of Europe even under air even in their conditions of much lower technology than we would then then exist now it's because there were always either though some variety of Mongol or a model of no man either Mongols or the Manchu later who would Harry you until you lost power and then they would take over until they lost power and then he kicked him out and and you would the cycles of decay would happen but they were all being all of these dialects are being fired by the presence of steppe nomads no steppe nomads in Europe the closest thing to a step is the Hungarian the Magyar plane or whatever where until the hundred foot hung around but it's just not enough land to sustain the number of horses you would have to to wage that kind of war and be that kind of society and so that left Europe to become this petri dish of little microstates growing and shrinking in competition with each other and that led to a flowering of the need to compete technologically with one another a stable Imperial model doesn't like technological innovation that it can't control and it can't control it if it's gonna do everything it could do it has to be in the hands of as many people as possible to find as many uses for it meanwhile the Chinese emperors were banning ships with too many smashed because they might go too far and upset the balance of power in China anyway that's his book and that to me is a greatly important observation that is like the base because like ideas are useful to the degree that you can explain that or ideas are useful and true to varying degrees and one axis of of truth is to which degree you can explain it that's the degree to which you believe in it and that's either ineffable like people who are ecstatic religious believers they're having nonverbal experiences and then there are people who reason their way to religion through written word they're both getting there in the same in the same way others are getting the same way in the same direction was I think oh that's so like you've got the dialect right and dialectical materialism is great but what set the conditions that's another recursion and I didn't really know I hadn't

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done enough of the reading having read SH Nidal and seeing how persuasive this and getting it is like he'd the way he lays up level he reasons dialectically is one of the reasons that book is so successful at convincing me because he starts at every level with like not saying that any ideas are in conflict with one another that they're true to greater less degrees and since that's the way he reasons through the book he never leaves you hanging you're always with him you're believing every level of the argument which means that I now have that it's like an intact base now and then I can put the dialectical historical materialism on that environmental base and the thing is is that the suggestion goes both ways of course a historically determined a series of events it's gonna come from a base of literal matter of the actual environment where else is it going to come from it's the prime mover and and that really like help that's set another level of like symbolic meaning and understanding so that when I had my experience I didn't have to build that it was already there and that reminds me this is something I thought of today it's like an analogy about the difference between dialectical reasoning and the way that we are taught to think about things in schools and the way we teach each other to refer to each other over all interactions personal ideological political religious social you're doing out your film think of every conversation think of every conversation you remember every every conversation you have is basically a translation between two people right you're translating some sentiment between one person to another and you're using symbols to do it simple sentiments require simple symbols how you do it fine like a guy acknowledge you that's that's this many symbols as needs but if you get more specific it requires more detailed translation and that can either be specific like description of something if you're talking about like helping somebody change a tire or fix a fixer radiator but it can become very complicated but it becomes complicated along an axis of like symbolic abstraction when you're talking about ideas so think of discussing trying to argue somebody like you have one question one you have one view on a question an issue somebody else has what seems to be a direct ly conflicting issue now you're gonna translate across that gap my attempt make communicate to you is basically handing you a crossword puzzle that I made and the complexity of the crossword puzzle correlates to the complexity of the thought I'm trying to get across to you and I'm the one who builds a thing so I'm doing my best to make these questions gettable the way that they connect I'm not trying to be hard that's bad faith I'm trying to be legible but if it takes a lot of spaces I'm gonna have to think of a lot of clues and I gotta try my best to make the clue easy as possible because I want you I should want you to get it if I don't want you to get it that's bad faith interaction that's trying to make it harder so you have to assume good faith for all this to work that's the first thing you have to do so you get the crossword puzzle for me now you

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try to your brain is now trying at like an instantaneous level it's trying to work out this crossword puzzle now say you're making it down the crossword puzzle and you got two spaces left that you can't figure out and you just look at them and you can't you start getting mad you start getting annoyed you start getting bored because this interaction no longer is revealing anything to you you're no longer you're not understanding or explaining anything anymore you're just staring at two meaningless crossed circuit spaces you have lost this all spirit that are purely interacting with mere matter you have disenchanted the exchange now you can dispel that by reapplying yourself to the question now the first thought you know there's two ways to do that 01:02:00  
the way that we are taught is erase every answer on the board you didn't get the last two so none of this is right start over and now you're starting over with a self-doubt so that even though these are all the same they were right the first time you have to say some are wrong you end up writing some that are wrong even though you kind of suspect they're they're wrong because what has to be different somewhere because it got me to the wrong thing and that means you're making your compounding mistakes over here and you're not even getting any Clark close to the thing that you did you were so closer in dialectical reasoning says once you reached that point a break where you can't get meaning like semantics and spiritual from this thing then you have to step back as close as possible you've got all this right what is the nearest thing that could be wrong if you do that you're gonna get the question answered you're gonna 01:03:00  
solve the puzzle much quicker that means you're gonna be less emotionally invested in it because you're gonna be feeling less bored and less anxious less annoyed less patronize to whatever whatever bundle of interactions you brought to the bundle of emotions you brought to the interaction because of who you think you're talking to and that means that at every level of bad faith compounds the mistake in translation that initiated the disagreement okay I've been going for a while whatever we of that which we cannot speak we must pass over in silence it's true and I think the reason people just sort of take that phrase for granted sometimes is because they think that just means well duh I mean if I just don't say when I know things then I'm gonna 01:04:01  
be dumb so I bet I can never say anything no it means both you don't have to speak of things that you don't know but it also means you don't have to speak of things that you do already know that you can whittle down your interactions to the most salient points and then grind those and that increases clarity increases your ability to interact with other people increases the collective increase meant increase in our knowledge of each other and the world around us that we get from interacting all right so how's that does that make any sense once again I don't really know ya know we can sign is right about that definitions are useful but not in motion and thought is in motion the definitions are useful in a fixed state and you need them for that 01:05:00

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go pick up that hammer but when you're moving them around in your head you should abolish them as to the greatest degree you can that's a little tip alright okay someone says it's more grounded good I think that I'm finding a way to talk about this stuff with specific examples which is the way people are gonna understand it it's like kind of I blew up the top of my head and I'm just slowly over the course of this week trying to catch things in a bucket basically it's just as it's all of these and that's another thing you have to understand is that all these processes are direct and exact mirrored copies of one another there is no remainders there are no remainders in the universe everything is part of an equation that is resolved completely there is the remainder of the negations but those then get negated and then when that then when that final bit is resolved you have total oneness between space and time ie the end of the world the end of the universe the end of your life and also the beginning alright guys bye bye see you tomorrow 01:06:00

*Grillpill - Explained*

**05.04.20**

oh there hi guys sorry about that took me in a second to get the old internet could  
foo bling so hi everyone so today is actually a fortuitous day for the stream because  
I've gotten some feedback recently from trusted friends who say that they think  
what i'm doing here is interesting but that I'm not as legible as maybe I need to  
be for a general audience who's that good faith can't be assumed at every level hey  
Alex how you doing and then I kind of need to reel in a little bit because you know  
bad faith actors could take things said in the heat of a discussion out of context  
and then you know becomes part of the arsenal of weaponry against Chapo and I 0:1:3  
respect and love my co-workers very much and I don't want to see them threatened  
in any way so I'm taking that into consideration and one of the pieces of advice I  
got which I understood sort of as I see a lot you know as a theoretical point but  
which was hard to really commit to on the stream because I get excited didn't kind  
of fly off is to ground things in specific examples like I think the talk about Napoleon  
we did yesterday where we talk about Napoleon and what he did visa V you know  
directory and Haiti I thought that wasn't it that was good I feel like I made some  
I made some good points relatively and it and more importantly it felt like it was  
in a vocabulary that was communicable across planes of understanding to people  
and large enough percentage to be worth pursuing so I'm keeping that in mind and  
fortuitously as I'm getting this feedback this is also the day when I realize a lot of  
people are saying Matz what is the grill pill match Grill pail D what does this mean 0:2:5  
and I've realized now oh this is a perfect example this is a perfect opportunity to  
take a concrete issue and drill down on it and if every level staying applied to the  
material focus and not getting spinned off spun off into into the ideological realm so  
let's talk grilling now I started calling myself grill pilled a couple months ago basically  
as the campaign for Sanders fell apart at as the mummified remains of Imperia tour  
Joseph Robinette Biden were strapped to a chariot and led through the forum and it  
was my attempt to express my you know pretty much instantaneous disenchantment  
from the democratic election election because my reasoning in supporting Sanders 0:3:6  
was that a political campaign of that size of magnitude was the sort of short basic

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shortcut through the cultural firmament that we needed to get to a discussion of actual material conditions in this country and I feel like progress was made on that course the Bernie Sanders campaign and its proximate goals was yes a failure but I feel like it progressed the ball down the court now did it progress the golf on the field long enough to be meaningful in in the coming crisis point wherever that comes that's a separate question and that's up to us but in the moment I knew that the danger there and I could see it happening as soon as Biden became the nominee is it a lot of people who had that how I Alanna who had that energy and had basically offloaded their sense of political purpose in life onto that campaign and the more and the more actual work they did for the campaign maybe the less like unmoored their emotions regarding it would be like people who were on the campaign volunteer 0:4:8 for the campaign because they had put so much of themselves into it I feel like they probably were a little bit more you know reasonable about what was happening but people who were just rooting for it online and investing all their energies in it and we were basically the cheerleaders like that was our job like amber was doing real work but I know me I know Felix I know we'll at Virtua we were we were cheerleaders and I think like that's good like cheerleaders have a purpose I mean they they they improve the morale of your side and that's not unnecessary I think I mean whatever but when you have all that energy and it's all at the struck at the symbolic level of the presidential campaign and it doesn't relate to your action the danger is you're gonna want to replace that energy at a similar level of abstraction and spectacle 0:5:9 and there's nothing comparable to the presidential Electress so I could already feel my bye center of gravity and I could see it happening to others pulled towards let's argue with Biden supporters until the election about why he's not worth voting for and get called 'russian bots for the next six months and I just saw it all happening I just thought this is that would be honestly a perverse and monstrous results of the Sanders campaign if people who were you know relatively attuned to like the material breakdown of this country basically ignored the biggest crisis that had ever seen in order to invest in owning people who like Biden online and I started doing it immediately even as I was grill filling like I grew I said I'm drill filled it's not my problem but that was partially a weapon to be used against Biden supporters to say you're gonna lose now because we're not voting with your guy and suck it it was your fault it was just a way to own them in a different I use I was owning them by winning by it by my guy winning primaries but then that that could work anymore there were no more primaries to win so now I'm loaning guys virtually by reminding 0:6:11 them that in the future they're gonna be owned like yeah you owe me now in this primary but it's November you're gonna be owned by me and that's why I would just post the picture of Robert Downey senior from bull unites at every complaining

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liberal who was talking already preparing themselves to blame the Bernie bros that would be like that's not my problem that's not a problem of course the fact that I felt compelled to post this everyone I saw I actually at one point went hunting for buying supporters to post the guy at obviously I think it's my problem and I know it's my problem because a Biden presidency very well might be the end of the American political the American political experiment like in Syria in real terms I mean by a trump a trump second term might be too but both of them are in a real I could not think of two parties and two people representing two parties less able to deal with the coming situation whatever it turns out to be so it's obviously 0:7:15 it's my problem but the psychic cost of being sad that bite losses that's not my problem but obviously I still have anxiety about what's gonna happen because now I needed a posted Biden supporters to own them and that's when I realize no I have to actually take that and so the grill pill was ironic you know you guys know the meme of the guy flipping the burgers and he says Klansmen racism politics I just want to grow for God's sakes of course that was an ironic or appropriation because there's nothing I cared not nobody nobody talking about that cares more about what they're talking about that somebody who posts the the grill guy because you're trying to cover up for the knowledge that you are in fact mad and red and nude and owned and all those things that you spend your life terrified for other people to find out about rushing in with you my tongue okay and but it's like I honestly feel like the quarantine helped sort of break my rhythm obviously and made me sort of have to reassert where I was finding value where I was finding like enjoyment and I realized 0:8:17 that grill pill is really an approach to the internet more than anything and as a as something like as a in general but specifically for younger people who find their politics and hone their politics online and the the essence of grill pill is to log off and grill instead and the grilling can be whatever it is that's actually in your life that gives you a sense of satisfaction because all that energy you were expending and I was expending caring about the presidential election which like I said two terrible options like I said things might change if Burton if Jesse Ventura runs and gets some get some get some gas gets a little bit of tread in the tire and things keep getting worse pop but barring that that is a sterile investment you're not going to get anything out anything in your nothing in your life is going to get better by focusing on the 0:9:19 presidential election so grill instead and by that I mean focus on something in your life that brings meaning to it but that goes beyond the inner that goes beyond just caring about the presidential election it goes broader to caring about politics insofar as you're caring about politics is expressed by going online to talk about them to people and spend more likely to argue with people about them or to make fun of people about them and obviously this is in herre little areas coming from me because

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I'm one of the Pied Pipers that brought people onto these platforms now I think in retrospect I feel pretty I feel relatively proud of my position because I honestly do feel like chapo was the opposite of a bash pipeline it was a pipeline away from alienated young white men from the the lure of the genuinely genuinely transgressive web right because when you're alienated and you're online and one group of people tells you that you're too stupid piece of \*\*\*\*\* who should cut your dick off for being a white male and another group is saying we're gonna make fun of these people who think you suck your commitments at that point which aren't very strong because you're just getting online they harden very quickly they harden very quickly and we were an alternative to that it's like you can still have fun you can still do jokes you can you don't have to be like obviously all of those are those rad libs that people hate they were getting the same joy out of the internet too but their's was in policing their joy was in suppressing ideas they thought they were doing a good thing by by making other people miserable those people being the white male assists gamergaters but of course for the white male 6 camera Gators their enjoyment come from annoying those people and that starts is just a desire to antagonize but over times it gets rolled up with a bunch of other beliefs because you're in contact with people who are all similarly alived generally in terms of background and racial identification and gender and things like that and those gonna solidify arguments and that's what happened with arguments within the left and between the left and the right online it was it was this sterile contest and it continues to be and it can only be a sterile contest and the grill pill idea of that I'm coming into understanding is that when you log online to talk about the Internet to press your political opinions to do what you're doing basically is you're displacing your material and spiritual alienation from the society you find yourself in and sending it out onto the Internet to get resolved and everyone has some some percentage of material and spiritual alienation and they are absolutely inverse to each other so like the chapo fan or alt right neat is a classic example who somebody who's not really materially is materially is genuinely materially deprived in that they can't really expect to own a home or start a family even if they wanted to work or new people to do it with but they have home because they live with their parents or something so they're wildly alienated from the situation mainly in the forest even though they have free time way more free time that somebody who works a lot a lot of hours they have all of their free time is alienated from Haley because they are judging themselves and hating themselves for being idle at some level they believe themselves to be useless because they've internalized the notion of work as worth and that uselessness has to get set plinth set somewhere and if some level you identify it as a political problem if you do some people a lot of people don't most people don't I mean all those people screaming about Jerry dunk headphones

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on Facebook have the same alienation in different degrees and they're expressing a Jerry tongue for stealing and sense phones instead of the president because their relative lack of alienated free time makes them less likely to abstract away their concerns into the political realm they're more likely to for them to be concrete so you have people who have this perfect combination of alienation they go online and they express their opinions and they think and they have some subconscious idea that by doing that they will alleviate their suffering in some way there they don't necessarily think that out loud and in fact they might even tell you to your face and believe it actually no I know I'm not doing anything I'm nya list but they're not 0:14:31

there's no such thing as a nihilist the only nihilists are in the graveyard they have some sort of belief and if they're engaging politically if they have a politically even like black pill people who don't say they want politics and thinks that like voting is a cope they are still gaining satisfaction from antagonizing a group of people who are who in their mind are political opponents and so that's what good that's what internet political or that's what internet political dialogue to be exact is the thing is it is inevitable and in fact necessary first step because that's how change happens in a society a court according to or that's how change generally happens in in in the capitalist modernist context is that you get an overflow of alienated alienated 0:15:32

free time among like the lower bourgeois in a society and then that alienated free time gets directed towards the purpose of making the political situation that made them alienated change the material conditions change which allows them to reach more people who now are because say they all lost their jobs they're not haven't they don't have as much materially they don't have as much alienated labor time now they have more alienated free time and because in addition to that they have less resources because they're getting paid for fewer hours they are more alienated in general and so the that time that the labor alienated are sorry um the time that the leisure alienated middle class they build up answers they bounce off ideas about what's wrong with the society so when more people are ready to listen they're there to hand it off to them that's basically like since since the basic sets the fresh revolution that's how social change has moved not always in a revolutionary sense sometimes 0:16:33

gradually accommodated by the system but that's the move so this is a necessary first step it wasn't necessary for stuff the internet left was inevitable because those were that's where the people they used to stand on street corners and here you guys yell in Hyde Park then the economy got more abstracted a communication and symbols got more abstracted and they listened to guys on the radio they wrote they handed out pamphlets and newspapers now they're on the Internet and it's all because they are trying to work out for themselves why they don't feel good even though their lives are compared to others even in their own country City neighborhood okay cheerily

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thing is is that they have nothing productive to do because the economy is only based on profit and Psyche I'm sorry we have nothing for you to do you can just hang around even though we've created a structure of incentives and values within this society that means that you basically mean nothing and now you just have to sit with meaning nothing well if you sit with me nothing long enough in front of a computer you're gonna put that out there Hyde Park and I'll in London speakers corner so that's that was inevitably gonna happen and then ideas got refined out of that that's where you had like you know the rose emoji guy you know like that was a type of person who put computer in a political energy into a computer and then it like affected their behavior they started going to meetings at ESA maybe they knocked for for Bernie and that and that was them trying to act more closely to their actual physical situation because that's what the feedback loop is you start off with a vague sense of alienation you put it out in the world and try to make sense of it other people talk to you about it you refine either through conversation or public media or social media which is the latest stage you refine it into a belief system that convinces you enough to change your behavior now you're ready to knock on doors now you're ready to do the the Bernie Tyler now you're ready to to actually just and and guarantee you that everybody who did that felt better about themselves while they were doing it than they did on the computer and now bernie is gone and people don't know where to put the energy especially since most a lot of them are either working 80 hours a week at jobs there could kill them or kill their family members or their buttoned-up with nowhere to talk to and nowhere to put anything but the internet and so my advice to everybody who's feeling that like dislocation of okay now I got to find meaning again but the thing is now that thing that gave them their meaning it's all been it's all frozen now it's all reified these categories are completely fragile and I mean these these categories are completely they're fragile if they're hitting a certain way but they're completely fixed so there's no more dialogue to do all you can do is bang your head against the wall make other people feel bad and then feel for a second slightly good about making them feel bad and then that and but it'll get worse it'll get less and less effective over time and you'll feel more and more misery and you'll have to put more and more of that physically into the internet and that'll get you less in return the hedonic treadmill you're doomed but the thing is there is still something for you to do you fled to the internet the first time because you didn't know what it was and now you're going back to the internet now you went to the Internet the last time and found it I know I did or something closer to it now now going back with the same conditions nothing's really changed everything's been hardened there is no more growth there there's only slow decay of your interest in politics like at the end of that hedonic treadmill you are black belt because it's

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like I don't get anything else out of this I don't get anything else out of caring about politics and the only way you're gonna fight but the thing is is that when you hear get off the internet it's terrifying because you still don't know what to do and so what am I gonna do sit here with my thoughts oh my god I'm gonna go insane well that is where the grill part comes in I don't mean grill like in the sense necessarily of a Weber or or whatever I mean look around you find something that you are good at in some combination of talented at but also willing to keep trying and without willing to keep trying is is the closer something is to you the easier it is to get you to do it like somebody says hand me a pencil you don't even think about it somebody says help me move you have to think about it for a while because physical exertion 0:21:43 physical existence in space-time is wearing it wears on you if you are not centered basically and yet the way you center yourself is do something that you want to do like it's easier to move than it is to help someone move because it's your apartment and it's easier to move the pace and the guys getting paid to move you it's harder for him because he's not doing what he wants to do you got a move it's your place so that is less alienated time and it's all about getting closer to your actual conditions so you might be terrified that you have nowhere to put all that political energy that that sense of identity you've got from being a person with politics that were expressed on the Internet if I can't express them on the internet I don't have these politics well even when you were expressing them on the Internet you really only had those politics to the degree that you acted on them off the internet and so what you do is 0:22:46 you take that energy and you essentially have to depoliticize it you have to recognize it as a drive to be to feel useful to yourself not to society and not to your boss or anything which is like the micro propaganda version of the need to create to yourself first and so find something that is enjoyable to do but takes concentration and do it they could be group it could be grilling delicious meats whatever it could be I saw a guy today is building he's rebuilding a \*\*\*\*\* a arcade cabinet from the 80s whatever it is it needs to be something that you can put you can focus your attention on completely in the here and now and get better at or complete something Gaming is the opposite of that Gaming is just more on the Internet Gaming is more offloading 0:23:48 your need to be directly addressing your needs that are in front of you into a psychic realm where they could only ever fall down the hygienic treadmill like your belief in politics did now gaming can't be done in the right frame of mind to be useful to be you know practice but it cannot be like the fact gaming existed is a place for people to put their that alienation is one of the most counter-revolutionary things about American society like in broad structure just the fact that there with the internet and with computers and with gaming there's so much place to dump your excess and unexamined alienation that it really undermines your need to address the alienation

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fundamentally by asking what do I do and so you start by focusing on the here and now and if you're still have political views and you still believe in them then they're soaked embers a reason you believe in them and now that you were closer to the bone and you're not purely trying to work back because what you're doing by going on the internet to find out what to do next is you're trying to work back from in symbolic levels back to reality from abstraction there's only so far you can go before you're going to get knocked off course by intervening events in this case the very structure of dialogue and political communication on the Internet it's gonna push you off course you might get there eventually but it's way too inefficient and in the meantime you're just getting older you're getting more alienated you're getting more aware of death you're getting and it's harder and harder to focus the only way to do it is if you're working in both directions that is what creates the signal that brings like you can still throw stuff out there on the internet and like think out loud but only if you have a day-to-day in-your-face practice of not even abstract political belief but belief that doing this thing will make me not happy in a distracted way that like masturbation and gaming does but in a genuinely constructive sense that you feel like you are building something now I guess that could be gaming but I would just say most people do not approach gaming that way I would say that if you get mad gaming you don't approach gaming in a way that would make gaming a construct basically it has to be a thing you can do that doesn't make you upset or that makes you upset in a way that just read that that could be read channeled into the project like I've seen too many videos of guys to get their computer turned off and throw the remote into the screen to think it that is a that is a regulated emotional distribution so but once again like you could through if you're if you're true to yourself basically if you aren't lying about what you want gaming can be it and the key there is that if you do something and you don't like it don't stop doing it just stop doing it and certainly don't try to see like well I'll do something else too and split your attention don't do either of those things say why is this upsetting me why is this irritating me what should I do in this moment to make this project this activity meaningful and like you might have been struggling with an issue related to like I don't know learning to play the guitar or sculpt and you got frustrated because you weren't willing to push past your confusion and that's because you didn't need to there was somewhere else to get your put your energy into temporarily but it's always gonna grind away the only thing that's sustaining is focused attention on a project in front of you now while you're doing that while you're learning what you care about you're learning what you value and how you much you value it and what activities you're going to most easily be able to maintain that sense of being on the beam of being where you should be of actually doing what you want to do in a deeper way than

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that makes it way easier to figure out what to do to express your politics because you're focused on the here and now right in front of you so all of a sudden maybe like a \*\*\*\*\* uh if you really like like people say electoral politics is done \*\*\*\*\* birdie alright Bernie lost electoral politics is done well no no no nothing is done until it's no longer part of the political structure you know like elections are there people are gonna put their energy into them you just because you say they're irrelevant doesn't mean everyone else is going to agree with you but don't do electoral stuff if doing things like calling people's houses knocking on doors if that is too hard for you to find meaning in don't say actually electoral is \*\*\*\*\* really say that isn't what I should be doing to make things better if you do it like do that stuff if you worked on the Bernie campaign and that stuff gave you a sense of purpose and you found that you enjoyed it time flew fast it wasn't a scary thing you thought it would be well then find a campaign closer to you closer to your concerns closer to your actual literal physical area all politics is local as old Tip O'Neill sent but like I said maybe you don't like electoral politics specific and it's like you might have a theoretical reason you don't like electoral politics but you also have to examine yourself how much of your hatred of internal politics or of electoral politics comes from the fact that you don't want to knock on doors the fact that you don't want to call strangers and talk to them and if and if and if that's it then you're like well I have to re-examine my my priors if that's not it though you still have to reaffirm that by testing theories out in the real world and seeing what brings back to you a sense of purpose and so while people are I mean I'm assuming if you're watching me on Twitch at six o'clock in the afternoon you're probably not an essential worker and if you're not take your time take this idle time and be bored for a minute don't do two things once that's the big one because the real tip to getting off Twitter is actually Twitter is actually very easy to get off of and it's very simple don't do anything else don't have Twitter scrolling while you're watching a movie don't have Twitter open with a bunch of other tabs just scroll Twitter guess what will happen it'll get boring pretty quickly I mean they're very short little things there's very little content to them how many really great tweets do you read in a day even and you'll get bored and the thing is is that maybe in the past you hit that boredom and then you just got mad and decided to troll someone put put some epic memes out there to get people mad now you're now you're interested again now you have new songs coming back to you from the computer or you turn the TV on or you do something else to leaven the sort of deadening monotony of these little dumbass things coming in so when that happens try it the next time you're on Twitter just focus on Twitter and when you get bored ask yourself why what is it boring about this and I think you're gonna come to realizations yourself about the limitedness of that platform and of course the thing

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is you these are things that you've told yourself a million times Twitter is a waste of time Twitter is stupid Twitter doesn't matter but you're still on it so clearly at a deeper level you believe it does matter because it seems serves a deeper emotional purpose for you it gives you validity that's that stuff about it not mattering that is psychological cover to allow you to be vulnerable there to be potentially observed in your own state which is of course our nightmare so that we say to ourselves it doesn't matter this is stupid it's actually a stump so that we can protect ourselves from the thing we need because we're so vulnerable with the need so if you would like ponder Twitter after sitting with it sitting with the boredom of it you'll realize oh that stuff I used to have mouth about it being a waste of time that's not just \*\*\*\*\* that's literally true in the sense that if I keep doing this I'm just gonna keep getting anxious and bored and I'm not going to be able to be too leaven that anxiety by expressing it elsewhere it with different distractions so you put it down instead of just instead of trying to multitask now what do you do well what do you want to do what do you really want to do and if the answer is something like what you know you know it's like it can be anything I want to eat a bagel go for it but eventually like keep it keep it like that like well I want to eat a bagel I want to read this book I want to watch a movie don't go for it just do that just do that but of course eventually the alienation is gonna creep back in you're gonna just the alienation of the fact that you're off \*\*\*\*\* game show host rapist president and his incompetent staff of cronies and buffoons have doomed you to an indefinite detention in personal self-imposed jail that's pretty \*\*\*\*\* up and he's running for re-election against the senile Lummi who promises to do all of the same things but uh Trump is running on a 911s worth of people dying every day until Election Day and Biden's uh amber said this on the show we recorded today it was very funny a-and but Biden's Titans bid what do you call it finds raise that that bid is how about 9/11 every other name that's a nun that is a horrifying situation an unconscionable situation and so you want to fix it what to - you're gonna want to run to the computer don't do it sit with that discomfort sit with that alienation that this world this country is barreling towards apocalypse no one has any conception of how to stop it at all but people are gonna have to be there to pick up the pieces and what are you gonna do to make that possible and you're not gonna have an answer is the thing you are not gonna have an answer and that uncertainty is what used to send you off to the computer it's what send me off to the computer but if you put if you just say like if you just basically take that feeling and incorporate it into whatever meaningful task that you have invested attention in you will eventually start to realize the political contours of the world around you and what you can do about them in a positive direction and I can't tell you what that is and you can't tell you what that is now you're only gonna be able

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to tell you that yourself that weeks from now maybe if you truly refuse to give in to the lure of the spectacle of online politics if you choose to grill basically now for people who are off of off there who are listening to this who are actually essential workers I I mean I genuinely am thankful for you although I understand that the real motivation is not it's not some sort of a hollow notion of patriotism which is the same scam we pull on the troops it's it's so you don't lose your job it's so you don't lose your house so you can't eat you know someone says grilling cost money don't it doesn't have to involve anything it could be learning to draw it can be learning to to like to hacky sack it could be doing slack lighting the content doesn't matter the content doesn't matter but what matters is the practice of focusing on what's in front of you in order to ground your political beliefs and make your action towards them more effective and the more effective it is the more you'll want to keep doing it and the enemy of all that is just offloading your your your sense of alienation onto the Internet letting it dissipate there but then the thing is it all curdles back into more self-loathing it all comes back as self-loathing because you just kind of displaced the feeling for a few minutes or a few hours and now it's back and now you got to sit with it again well if you're sitting with it and doing nothing that's what I felt for years and years I was absolutely paralyzed because I didn't know what to do with myself because I was thinking at a level of abstraction if I removed from my in my actual life I distracted myself from the question of what to do by jacking off by going on the internet by wasting my time like in a literal sense and being miserable for long than I needed to be and I look back on it and it's like Jesus Christ is an alienation just oppression it's a facet of depression it's alien a depression is a facet of that degree of spiritual alienation that comes from your degree of idleness that you do not value like leisure Paula fiers talks about this guesswork leisure without the constructs of a wage based society is a blessing but the thing is we don't have that we have a little bit of it you know the weekend and stuff where you can you can relax and not feel guilty about it but if you're not contributing generally to the economy you're gonna feel guilty about it and that guilt turns into paralysis and the paralysis leaves you totally focused on what's in front of you like that's the thing depression is like I said only seeing the first foot in front of you but the thing is that's only depression is only seeing the foot it's not invested in where the foot is going and what the foot is doing or the hand or anything you have to invest your surroundings with meaning through action and doing that will make it easier for you to channel that rising anxiety that oh I don't know if I'm gonna be able to live in this country for much longer I don't know who's gonna be able to live in this country for much longer and connect it to an a useful practice and the thing is how do I know it's useful it's very simple it's useful if it doesn't make you feel bad and when

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I say that it's not doesn't mean that like negative emotions won't be related to it it means that the negative emotions are external to the practice like if somebody yells at you while knocking on doors that's gonna make you feel bad for a second but that's from someone else if it still makes it feel feels right for you to knock on the doors it's right and you might say well yeah but you might be what you might have reasoned wrong in like what politics to support that's true but you're not gonna find out they're like the idea that you're going to reason your way to it is a trap that you can't reason your way to it reasons part of it but you reason down while acting up well-well-well doing things up and then they meet in the middle at some point 0:39:21 and then you were actually huh you're on the beam alright so does that does that sound less levan with with like translation errors and feedback all right good thanks I'll take some questions time is it I don't know how long I kind of get in his own I hope he shift it's been 45 minutes see I literally felt like five minutes because I was completely focused I was completely focused on this task because I think getting this out here is consonant with my political beliefs and I feel like doing this in the moment trying to express this to you guys at this format is the closest thing I can do right now to my political beliefs and you might say oh that's easy for you you're a hotshot podcaster that's true but that's just because I happen to be in a position 0:40:23 where I can bring in consonance politics and behavior most people because their jobs aren't political don't have that level of of like material connection to politics to descend from and that makes it a harder task that makes it a harder task but no more no less necessary a task basically because people get mad and say you're in a better situation in you it's not fair that you're closer to this than I am that's like no nothing is fair we're trying to make a fair society we're trying to make a society where material conditions don't determine your degree of alienation and misery but that's the only gonna happen if we all work towards I would somebody has said who's better cinephiles or bibliophiles I think that's a pretty funny way of putting it I would say that the distinction between them is the level of abstraction involved 0:41:24 in the art that they prefer and that means which like basically which world it's from like the written word in novel form is not really a 21st century American art you can still do it but you know it's like there are still people who perform classical music and there are people who still perform jazz they are curios they're there they're there essentially in amber because the social forces that created them have been expended and that's true of literature the social forces have created that bringing together the idea of literature are gone doesn't mean books are gone doesn't mean novels are gone it means that they are in a certain sense sterilized our film is on its way to being there honestly film is on the cusp of becoming irrelevant but it's certainly a more relevant to late 21st century America political economy than the novel both of them 0:42:28

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are worth exploring and useful to the degree that you approach them in good faith which I would say is the one problem with the cinephile because cinema is captured more by late capitalist discourse I hate to use the word discourse but it's really it's useful in some ways sometimes I hope I didn't lose anybody by saying that awful word it means that people it means that and because it is more capital-intensive like film is film is less suffused with individual artistic insight by definition because more people go into it and that can make things better cooperation increases in on some axis cooperation increases outputs but that capital that means that it's now a market product to a greater degree than a novel could be because there's more capital invested in it which means it has to appeal to more people and the thing is something 0:43:31 that appeals to everybody and actually appeal to everybody that's a great work of art but it appeals to them at a lower level at a lower resonance level than something that appeals to a smaller group of people because it's more concentrated and less suffused with capital in its production they could both be equally good you know like if you were gonna get outside of them and describe them but it's different because the situation is different because the capital the capital base for the construction of the art part of the superstructure is different and the problem is is that film is sort of artistically attenuated in that way it still can bring you to great heights but it's just harder to focus and get to those heights because so much in a film is about audience expectations and not and that's fine if it's part of I guess I would say a balanced diet of artistic endeavors where your chew your reading things your watching things your 0:44:33 chill basically what it comes down to is you're challenging yourself like when I said like you say I say put the computer down what should you do what do you what do you feel like doing I'm gonna read a book okay if it's a turn your mind off book you're gonna get bored too eventually but the thing is you also get bored if you read a challenging book for different reasons at both at both points you basically have stopped being able to make to make looking at this interesting anymore in the case of simple stuff it's because there's really nowhere to dig anymore and you're just like you're it's all just it's what it is it's like looking at a at a dinette set or it's too hard and when you're reading a book that's difficult and hard to understand most people 0:45:34 close them because you're - because I mean before a quarantine put us all up in here like chickens and COO you're - you were you most people were significantly material alienated in terms of their labor time - other than like fail sons and needs like your \*\*\*\*\* it to exhaustion or you've to distracted if you are somebody who spends all day distracting yourself on the internet because I know they made it hard for me to read books what it boils down to is you hit a level of legibility and then you just fly off that you bounce off of it I'm saying just try to understand it because the thing is there is something to understand there there is some truth to be mined from

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every piece of art but you have to check you have to meet it up on its own terms and be willing to keep pushing if it pushes back and the thing is is that only really works have concentrated genius push back films can push back but for the most part they don't because if they push back people wouldn't want to people wouldn't like watching them because they're not they're not watching them for that reason they're watching them for entertainment which we have horrifyingly split from the craft of you know engaging with art in a way that makes our our understanding of the world whole we've totally said nope because now because of the concentration of capital and the abstraction and and you know the commodification of all discourse now it has to make money if that means films are less likely to fight back but people don't read because of the internet and because they're tired they're not gonna read a book to challenges them what they're gonna do is watch a movie and that movies not going to challenge them but that's gonna create boredom and they have to deal with that part of some how and the way they deal with it is by investing in motion their own sense of identity into the work of art and that is why people get so mad if you say the movies they like are good that's the real reason because in essential level when you say someone's stuff that they have invested their identity in Star Wars Star Trek better call Saul I certainly heard that you're saying that they're not good because they have invested their personal identity in the film because there's because they have to put it somewhere and they're not getting it from the car in the text itself because it's not supposed to do that it's supposed to keep them watching and keeping them watching means not challenging them means yes anding them into an abyss and that's the problem with prestige TV thank you for someone referencing that and this is the thing I didn't really understand my objection to prestige TV I knew there was something off with the concept I knew it kind of grossed me out the whole discourse of it and I wrote an article and I never really got to the best and I talked about this last week and I still don't think I got to it and now I feel like I kind of understand greater the degree to which television can't be what prestige television claims it is even the good ones even Deadwood I'm gonna say it I'm sorry even Deadwood even Sopranos even the wire shows I love have seen multiple times and think are great but their greatness is attenuated it degree to which it can challenge you is attenuated by the profit motive that's locked up in television production which is more and it makes sense the TV came after movies because of every level they get more capitally intensive art get art forms get more capital-intensive and their artistic input gets attenuated by the input of capital and then and and the way and specifically the way the capital operates with it like with a movie you can challenge people a little bit maybe at the end sneak people sneak around and get people because because you know you buy the ticket if you don't like the movie you're probably not getting

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your money's back most people don't get a refund if they don't like the movie if they get that they're like taking a risk and so you know bad word of mouth hurts it but you could still get a decent chunk and if TV show does work that way people keep to have to keep watching people have to keep watching and the thing is an ideal art project at some point confuses you or bores you which is just another version of the same feeling and then you have to push through it TV has all the incentives of television are the other direction to bring you in challenge you a little bit but only enough so that you can get it immediately and make yourself feel smart ah see that's a symbol that's symbolism now I'm smart I'm a good person I don't have to read that book that I can't concentrate on because I've destroyed my brain on the internet so prestige TV once again if you want to watch it that's fine but you should be reading 0:50:40 and doing other things too but people aren't they're too tired they're too alienated TVs right there the episodes keep going as soon as they end you don't even have to press a button so we have to invest emotional energy instead to make up for that lack and so entire the entire rhetoric of prestige television which is of course reinforced by another subsidiary market because it created the so you had the cultural product of like better television informs the Sopranos it creates its own new market of jobs telling people these shows are actually really good and you should keep watching them like although remember the Golden Age of recaps nobody was like cracking the code some deep level they were pointing out the stuff that everyone else saw and you read along and nod see like I got that I got that once in a while you won't get something and you're like oh I didn't get that and then you think that the writer is smart and you're gonna keep reading their reviews but then guess what but the thing is the thing they got the only reason you didn't get it is because you were on your 0:51:41 phone and so that's all prestige television and of course because these things are all reproductions of its they're all reproductions of each other like even if the content is different basically all prestige shows are The Sopranos at like the DNA level you can say anything you want about the content they are in terms of like shows like The Sopranos set the standard for what we're looking for it I'm not talking about quality cuz that's subjective I mean tone I mean look I mean camera styles and if you watch any of these shows that the way that they have similar general senses of character development cinematography and editing it's because they're all copying each other and they're all copying the model of flattering the audience enough to keep them flattering the audience giving them a left curve once in a while to just keep them 0:52:43 interested enough to keep watching but not challenge them too hard that's not a knock on the shows they can't be any different they are constrained by the structure and the profit motive and the business model of television except that and then when these shows leave you wanting more don't go online to defend your love of them and

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defend your the time you spent watching them do something else read something watch something that does challenge you like I realize like I for my whole life said I don't like David Lynch and the reason is baylard very simple i watch the David Lynch movie at some point it gets confusing and boring and I stop paying attention well there you go because I realized today thinking about The Sopranos and how the Sopranos really is like the model for these shows and how they didn't ever like The Sopranos use of dream sequences and I always thought they were a narrative cheat you're trying to get inside the head of a character who you otherwise don't know what they're thinking because it's a show and not a book and that and the dream sequences are basically an attempt to smuggle in the narrative complexity and like reproduction of stream of consciousness that novels do through the but through very obvious and empty symbolism that anyone that like sub Freud levels symbolism that anyone could do and I realized that's true for The Sopranos that's what those are there for but you take a guy like Lynch's home movies or dream sequences the difference is is that the dream sequences in a soprano show in a pianos episode are the dreams of Tony Soprano made by a room full of writers to character to keep like to basically let the audience know certain things about his character as he through the progression of the plot David Lynch movies are also are basically just giant dream sequences but for the most part the dreams are his now they're collaborative at every level but they are more singular than and and have different profit motives because the David Lynch movie doesn't have to make a lot of money HBO demands that it shows that they spend millions dollars on our long-term investments and so it's not snobbery to recognize the material constraints of a certain art form which is what the prestige TV people the pop Thomas in general say and all that pop team ism is their excess personal emotional investment in this these limited these commercially limited art forms that they refuse to reproduce somewhere else by so that is the answer I hope to the question of byblos versus cinephiles also I kind of got off on a track talking about the essential workers being sent out because they're gonna start clapping soon sent out to their deaths if you are one of those people I I mean solidarity obviously to this pathetic degree that I could offer any and there's a good example like I think about other people out there working jobs and I think that's disgusting Here I am talking to my phone and they're out there risking their lives for minimum wage what can I do about it well I could go I could there's a bunch of things I could do that I know I'm not going to do because they're too scary or just uncomfortable or or more importantly I don't think they would do any good like you could go out there and set yourself on fire a Grand Army Plaza if you thought it would do any good or you know you would totally released your ego and you were a Buddhist monk or something but as long as you still have ego attachment to this

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planet you're not gonna do something self-destructive or even unpleasant unless you think it's gonna do good and the thing is all the things I can think of to do to help this horrible situation right now right now would not actually help anyone and so I'm can't motivate myself to do them out of anything other than guilt so that's what this is this is the small thing people can do the problem is a lot of them use it to replace that feeling can cut suppress that feeling completely like they do this and then they suppress that feeling or they turn it into you know watching Matthau or putting up refugees welcome here sign a further apartment or whatever this has to be the beginning of a practice and like I said I am still at the stage where I don't know what mine is partially because I'm living in this frictionless cube world where I'm literally not supposed to leave my house like I'm not supposed to like I think it's technically illegal for me to be out of my home and around other people I but I do say thank you to you guys and I want to make I want to make in a world where you don't have to do that and we're we don't have to sit here like \*\*\*\*\* chickens oh \*\*\*\*\* my friends are uh but I'm gonna have to work towards it and I have to have faith that my actions day to day will help me know and alright thank you guys round of applause for everyone watching I hope you had a good time gonna watch this I'll be back here tomorrow probably around the same time I think should be thanks for listening this all those are gonna get you uploaded to YouTube Chris has a little bit of a backlog because he's got real jobs to do but if you want to watch any of the ones that are on YouTube but I've recorded already they're on Twitch they're all they're all um archived there for now so check those out if they're not on YouTube yet but they'll be on YouTube that's all this bye bye we love it don't we folks we love it we love the twitch we love to

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soy facing uh here we go there we are there are the faces smiling faces smiling faces sometimes they don't tell the truth smiling faces smiling faces sometimes so don't 0:1:4 really have anything planned for today i don't have any graphs don't worry about that just uh just having a chill uh wind down day hanging out what do you guys th uh what's that what's going on i haven't really been online uh what's been the big news other than the hilarious mercenary mishaps of our uh of our friends in the deep state from the goof ups that everyone's having down in venezuela with the uh the danny mcbride characters who tried to grab nicholas maduro with a cartoon butterfly net we're going to do a crossover with the q uh the q anon anonymous podcast not not the uh not the patriots who decode the proofs has there been a cue proof in a while it seems like the whole um it's kind of funny because you'd think that the that the uh um the covet 19 thing would really go to their benefit they'd be 0:2:7 like oh great we can you know this is this is it but they had the problem that won you know i'm not sure how much uh q talked about in any kind of legible way he didn't really talk about those things he didn't talk about um there being a bunch a virus or anything so it's like hey if uh q is so smart what the \*\*\*\*\* uh and then there's the fact that even though trump's president you'd think a time like a massive uh illness outbreak like this would be perfect opportunity to round up the sickos and they're not doing it they're not rounding up the sickos so they must be very confused 0:3:8 so i'm looking forward to talking to those guys about what the latest uh what the latest uh attempts at uh i think that for epstein's stuff i think for anything any of the fun conspiracy stuff uh you should treat conspiracy \*\*\*\*\* the way that you treat uh like one of your favorite food indulgences you know you shouldn't give up things that you really enjoy to eat but you should eat them in moderation and certainly as part of a balanced diet that's you can apply that to media in all ways but you can certainly apply it to the way that you construct like political reality in your head and the great thing about conspiracy stuff is that it's just even if it's not true it's the shadow of what's really happened you know like uh nothing that uh oliver stone says about the the military-industrial complex taking over the government after the

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kennedy assassination is wrong it's just a question of whether or not kennedy was actually killed by them um same thing with cia mind control i mean what the hell do you call this massive digital infrastructure that controls every element of our uh of our like symbolic language uh and which is basically at the beck and call only of corporate titans and uh the deep state intelligence agencies how isn't that just how isn't the \*\*\*\*\* how do you not think of the internet it's just like a giant ml mk ultra experiment you know and it's like none of that has to be literally true but if you recognize the contours you can apply them to your real life and it makes you realize things like oh this is not a democracy oh these institutions are not legitimized by who is who votes for who you get that truth and the like the lighter you hold and the less you indulge in like your conspiracy stuff needing to be technically true the more it can help you contextualize information and new things that happen to you but like the cranks the conspiracy cranks are the people who insist no no no this isn't just something we can speculate about this is something that we can not only can the not then uh we know exactly what happened but i am the one who actually knows what happened and those people uh have become too brittle in their thinking to accommodate anything else like take a guy like grover fur anybody know grover fur groverford is the king of the uh stalin apologists uh apologist um academic tradition he right he's he's he's at a university in new jersey and he writes these books about how the entire cruise of secret speech was a lie that everybody who died in the um in uh the great purges was killed by yazov uh without stalin knowing it and um uh that the ukrainian famines basically didn't happen or were were grossly exaggerated uh and at the extent that they killed people stalin didn't know about it now of course he's trying to do that to justify stalin right like he's trying to get people to think stalin was a good guy but he's acknowledging that all this bad stuff happened well if stalin was a good leader and a good good guy to guide the uh the great ship of state uh the great helmsman why the hell was all that bad \*\*\*\*\* happening like how how and it starts from but the thing is he starts from a good premise he starts from the premise of i'm going to defend stalin against the the uh the robert service uh robert conquest neocon slander of the soviet union and the entire uh uh bolshevik project and you should and stalin needs to be contextualized i mean my god i would start by pointing out you want to cry for the holodormo how about the fact that the fat piece of \*\*\*\*\* who was uh supposed to be like the epic win bacon member of the big three winston churchill uh allowed three million people to die in bengal of starvation and yucked it up the entire time but i mean contextualize it that's where you like try to uh extract the truth and like remove the sting of the slander but grover got so fixated on the question of stalin's personal virtue as if that matters that he just like rearranged his entire project to not not even be about that anymore because he

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didn't because he wasn't he didn't hold the truth loosely enough is in his hand and that's the same thing with conspiracy stuff so like yeah i believe the epstein stuff represents some degree of a real network of real rich pedophiles who really ritually abuse children where they do it how often they do it which ones do it i don't know and neither does anybody else who speculates you can build up like you know the artifice of your uh of your uh instinctive faith in it through the accumulation of like meaningful details i mean epstein is really the gift that keeps on giving in that respect it's it's he's been dead from almost what a year almost a year now and or nine months and uh there's still stuff happening that's that's spilling out about his insane connections to every element of the of the of uh of the of the uh what you 0:8:16 got from the deep state you've got silicon valley uh you've got the uh the ngo para governments of the gates's that's also tied in with the corona virus vaccine it's it's just a rich onion and worth up but like the whole time you don't have to you don't have to \*\*\*\*\* say no because if it's not true i'm wasting my time it's only wasting your time if it matters whether it's true or not and then since you're trying to build an ideology and that's not like you're not serving on a jury just kind of let it hang and just find what really is convincing so you can let the stuff that you believe because of motivated reasoning fall away because then you're not convincing yourself it's true all the time to fill in the gaps of your how would you start a mercenary company that's a good question i i should probably get one huh that's funny rojava is a 0:9:18 model for uh post-american vulcanization i mean that is obviously one of the better case scenarios if that were to happen um i was thinking about the the whole like coalescing doomer wave now as we really look into the face that the government and the and and corporations are and the state is willing to just normalize 911 every day to maintain a market economy and not even like to get to permanently overthrow it and have themselves executed no they could still manage the transition they're just too incompetent and too brittle in their uh power to risk letting that happen letting it out of there letting letting it show be shown to people for even what a year that you can manage the economy without market signals so they're gonna just let everyone die they're gonna fadom snap everybody because that's the thando snap sandos is the ultimate neoliberal because he's got the thanos glove and he could do 0:10:21 anything but he is so conditioned by neoliberalism that he's like yeah i know there's too many people not enough resources got to kill them all when you could reach for any number of changes to the material circumstances that would make it more uh more and that's what we're not that's where we all are i mean they weren't \*\*\*\*\* around with their there's no alternative uh and like we're looking honestly what we're looking at more than anything is at the \*\*\*\*\* enormity of our powerlessness in the face of this that's really what is freaking people out it's just how \*\*\*\*\* powerless

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people are and how we're going to let it happen and we're going to end up blaming each other we're going to end up feeling guilty and going to be mad at others to some degree and going to put almost none of that energy towards like resting power from these draculas and that's not any of our faults because coronavirus is like just 0:11:23  
breathtakingly symbolic creature i mean not it comes out it attacks this system this late capitalist system and it basically replicates every uh uh fault line it presses on every fault line to push things in a bad direction so like at the material level it comes to an economy the united states that's first of all run by a corrupt cabal of uh of incompetent criminals and i'm not even talking about the trump administration i'm talking about the the permanent bureaucracy and the basically semi-permanent party uh operatics who make up both hard parties of congress both both sides of the aisle obviously uh all the way through all three branches of guberman just topped with a little cherry of the ridiculous orange cheeto man uh so you have that and then you on top of that a \*\*\*\*\* uh uh a a gig based \*\*\*\*\* economy of people working uh uh like people working tenuous precarious service industry jobs uh to just make up for the deficit in in or make up for the need for consumption that americans 0:12:25  
are required for by the rest of the world uh to be as the consumer of last resort we got to keep eating uh if it piles up too much the economy falls apart you keep eating hogs keep eating uh well boom now at the at the material level you can't get service you can't go out you can't go to the to the uh uncle pete's pop uh you can't go down to uh going out of the pizza gorge and of course that just makes people who are wildly alienated and basically get only their almost all of their pleasure in life from direct physical sensation of fat carbohydrates uh and alcohol that's not a good combination and they have to stay home and the economy has a huge demand cycle and then you say great this is the material conditions that should lead to a revolution right like that was the hopeful that was the hopeful pill when this started people aren't going to put up for that but look at what the effect of the disease is 0:13:27  
just as it affects the material conditions along its weakest fault line which is the fact that it's a service economy it attacks our political culture at its weakest fault line which is that it's wildly atomized like one of the big reasons that bernie failed is because the citizens do not uh have the uh motor connection between uh people who are have enough free time uh and enough alienation to you know form a political opposition to capitalism that's coherent enough to be effective and the people who are uh in the communication flow to even hear that hear that uh or like at the level and have the level of like good faith investment in strangers on the internet uh or the government to invest any more any of their will towards it and now we're literally in a situation where we've created a \*\*\*\*\* caste system of people who are too busy running around i.e two materially alienate too uh labor alienated too busy running 0:14:28

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around uh risking their life to survive and everybody else stuck in their houses like uh veal calves to with uh with this vast amount of alienated um leisure time and it's they're literally pressed against like out from each other they are socially virological effect of corona and so now you've got two forces pushing the economy into greater uh distress but also pushing the ability to fight back against it uh is dissipated by the pressure against people physically from even being able to talk to one another because as we've discussed internet isn't gonna do it we've discussed that's done it 0:15:29 has to move to the real world and just as the real world reasserts itself everybody is literally behind their doors and unable to talk to each other and more and more and more invested in symbols i mean my god they're now making like snl saturday night live a \*\*\*\*\* so a zoom show do you think that's going back it's not going all the way back none of this is going all the way back uh so that's why there's a lot of room for despair but like something's gonna shift something's gonna shift there's going to be a big old shift happening here uh in the coming years and the thing is because everything is so brittle and because our political system in particular is so brittle and because we spent so much time of our emotional investment in politics around those symbols that are most fragile like the united states and all that as a concept uh we forget that there's another representation of like the fragility of america and 0:16:30 it's the size of its economy like the raw size of the american economy and the simple fact is that even with corona and even with uh thousands dead even with a huge demand shortfall even with great depression too with just pure neoliberalism there is a there's like an entropic rate that that economy can like lose power unless there's some massive intervention like regret like the coronavirus turns into the black plague or you know we get nuked or something to destroy a bunch of capital instantly the capital has to go there go out into the rest of the world at a certain rate so america's decline from this point is clearly and obviously uh it's not even a question of whether it's going to happen if we're in the decline phase we are on a we are on one of those plinko board zigzaggy decline phases the thing is this is going to 0:17:34 bring another decline phase but at any one of those the conditions can shift enough that all of a sudden there's political friction again and you can do something so the assumption that because everything looks so brittle now uh even with even with bad things happening that those bad things have to be the end that those bad things mean there's no way to arrest decay that is incorrect also and of course it's a liberal excuse to disengage from politics completely and uh let the world go to hell while you luxuries uh adam curtis a few years ago described how any compelling vision of it for a new world would require somebody something that could marry subjective mystery and scientific reality back together again agree disagree wow you know the 0:18:35 funny thing is is i would have read i would i didn't see that movie uh i'm not sure

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which one that is uh but um yeah i know the pandemic's gonna be just the same only worse but the thing is is that the worse is gonna cause a new alignment that might bring out a different crisis and that's the thing uh you gotta you gotta remember because like there still has to be a function that makes the worst happen and that is like you know the the punctuation uh oh he was interviewing russell brandt um i would have read that a few years ago and i would have been like that's absolutely true but then i would have just been like yeah but how and then it would have been like yeah well somebody better figure that out oh well i'm off to epically own ross douthit but uh now i'm like oh god yeah of course that's literally what i've been thinking through this whole time but the problem is is that at that level of abstraction there's nothing to do about it so you end up being paralyzed you have to start from the grill you have to start from from the table in front of you and deciding what you're but 0:19:37

the thing is is that you say you need to put and this is the problem like you got trad caps will say yeah you need to put religion back into the material world but the way they want to do that is they want to take the material reality of like the the brittle and disgusting uh institution of the catholic church and just bash people over the head with it well that's not gonna work that you're just gonna you're just gonna end up like being another arm of disciplinary capitalism uh you know they're just gonna sell rosaries instead of flashlights it's just it's not it doesn't change anything because people's relationship to the religion hasn't changed uh organically which can only occur over time when they have an opportunity when people have an opportunity to reflect the only thing when we're this alienated uh materially uh globally and how and and is is gonna be to reduce material alienation so nobody's going to be able 0:20:38

to go back to church and uh have kids again like these chad cast want if the \*\*\*\*\* boot isn't taken off the neck of people in this country and around the world and then then you can have like a a genuine piety and sense of of purpose and social cohesion emerge but that means you someone has to move first and the person has to move first is the person who has to who has the foot on the neck and that is i'm sorry it's not it's not the the happy uh it's not the happy merchant it's not uh it's not hollywood degeneracy it's not cultural marxists which is all just begging the question it's capitalism along that axis of who is making it harder for people to be spiritual it is capitalism so any of these trad caps who want to marry anything to the idea that no we can do this through markets uh or through basically through supporting market politics uh it and and advancing market politics uh is absurdly wrong so it's like a spirit all spiritual problems have a material base and vice versa and the spiritual problem is spiritual emptiness the uh the solution is material is 0:21:39

reduction of material alienation and and but the ques it's like well that's both things yeah but who but where is the plane the plane is material so you start with material

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so anybody who's tradcathing on the internet is just larping along with every other tanky with the \*\*\*\*\* stalin avatar or anybody else they're all just playing pretend none of them really believe in that because they're not acting in a way that would bring it about they're acting in a way that will perpetuate and suspend if it were like this is where the cat comes in i hate to say this but if everyone reacted that way if everybody decided to fight for traditional catholicism online or bring back the soviet union online uh guess what it would if and and their practice for doing that was fighting on the computer over it like if everybody had your beliefs but their beliefs were fighting over the computer about it guess what you'd still live in neoliberal hell think about that everybody who's like a political practice is yelling at other people on the computer to sharpen their identity if everyone did that not everyone believed what you believed but everybody believed you believed and acted on it in the same way like if they were just snapped into a place it's the same world as ours so it's not like the material conditions have changed but now everyone believes you believe everyone's a trad cath congratulations but they also have your ingrained need to to establish trad cathery uh through the internet or through or uh uh epic uh uh mao's third worldism or anything and guess what neoliberalism that you snapped back into would persist it would change a little bit see i don't i don't understand how that's supposed to say be disagreement suicide rates decreased during times of war because people felt their suffering served a greater purpose exactly they were less spiritually alienated by because they were more materially invested work is not labor is not necessarily spirit deadening dead labor is spirit deadening dead labor with your fighting if you're fighting again a war that you believe in or believing to the extent that you want to see your family live through uh that's because you believe what you're doing and so even if you are immaterial hardship your degree of alienation is less so yeah and it's generated at the material level i don't know i got all peppery there guys i'm sorry i'm trying to yell less in general i'm trying to like i'm trying to let things flow through me but i'm a little i'm a little off kilter today for a few reasons sorry hoping to get back on to the uh on to is liberalism still a useful term of what we're going to see following the pandemic is a refreshment toward globalism for globalism towards protectionism and uh yeah it'll just be uh it'll the the plan will be different uh like neoliberalism doesn't treat everybody the same obviously that's gonna ask anyone from a \*\*\*\*\* uh you know an african country uh or india you know the global south ask anybody who got killed in the bangladeshi \*\*\*\*\* uh sweatshop that matt iglesias defended doesn't the uh it doesn't under these conditions it doesn't treat anybody everybody without it pretends to but these and uh but it doesn't actually uh and so if if the global market breaks into regional markets that aren't able to connect to each other anymore because of some sort

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of massive breakdown if if global warming and the pandemic have that degree of dissolution of uh of structural uh legitimacy then that's just gonna reproduce itself in that group which is why uh the white nationalists are idiots if you still have capitalism as the driver of your economy you're just going to find a new group of people look at what john cornyn did in texas this guy he tells everybody uh he says hey if you're a \*\*\*\*\* uh if you're fat or you have a heart attack and you die of covid you didn't really die of covid but you died of your own sinful behaviors but he's referring to his own texas constituents because a greater threat to profit exists that same phenomenon is going to exist in your white havens so neoliberalism is still going to be the or at that point it's just capitalism because neoliberalism the the neoliberal uh element of that is the is the dream of it becoming global like the globe really is the symbol of neoliberalism because that is the dream is is yes markets obviously like it's always been yes markets obviously since the beginning of of history but yes markets obviously given these restraints yes markets obviously but like all these things keynesianism whatever it's all yes markets obviously but what about the real world we live in neoliberalism no no markets we have the whole world see the globe so if that broke up you would just have smaller subunits since they were aware that other places still existed it couldn't be neoliberalism anymore because those places are you know contributing in some way uh because they'd be interacting presumably to undermine like the establishment of a market so like neoliberalism is a totalized state or a dream of a totalized state uh that wouldn't persist in like some fractured thing but the pers but but cap but uh the logic the extractive logic of that hyper cap hyper developed state of capitalism where it's been honed to a \*\*\*\*\* hanzo steel edge that cuts through everything uh that's going to uh still be there and it's going to cut up every one of these societies is going to chop up all those uh hungarians who think that uh orban has their best interests at heart it's going to chop up all the brexit all the gammons all the brexit gammons if they fall out of the purview of capitalism as it emerges if they are not needed um as consumers and then they'll just find a new axis of of a of back back justified uh differentiation to justify why they see that's the problem is that like obviously the end state of communism is is global communism as it has to be i mean if neoliberalism is the dream is the nightmare of a globe reduced by markets to destruction uh and desiccation the the dream is the totalized uh a communal state that harmonizes flow of resources and protects the uh the homeostasis between uh species and and humans and and right now the one where it breaks down and shatters down into smaller and smaller units until we establish we go basically we went from it's like a ride on uh it's like the the american eagle at six flags it's like early early slave uh agricultural empires uh feudalism capitalism crisis point crisis of of of of inputs basically crisis of of profit

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the need for profit in the system is essentially the point where the need for profit in the system of capitalism collapses against the degree of entropy in that system i.e the exhaustion of resources the alienation of of of human spirit and and uh and material you know condition and when that happens what has happened in the past the next stage hypothetically the one we're all hoping for is is a move towards the capitalism now or towards some sort of socialism now that if that flow is if that if the if the momentum in the direction up is insufficient it's going to fall back down and it's not going to go into something we don't recognize it's going to be a new version of feudalism a synthesized techno feudalism that has uh the social characteristics of 0:30:59 feudalism but now with the uh the economic efficiency and symbolic efficiency and material deadness frankly of uh of capitalism which is essentially the worst possible state you can't think of a worse state than this because you've got a situation where people are as cowed and a and uh confused and unable to organize effectively against power as they are in as they uh more than they ever were under capitalism when it became hegemonic at the mercy of a uh of a governing ideology that has at its disposal uh a a refined version of the hoe and the uh uh and the mountain bailey castle that is purely digital purely synthetic operated the press of a button and essentially guarantees that human conditions will be at that point reduced down to the status of uh slavery again slave empires which this is see by the way that is the 0:32:1 singularity that the \*\*\*\*\* dope ass uh uh uh um like accelerationist nick land types that's what they're praying for uh basically they're they're betting that that's not just one result but the inevitable result and so they're basically coping with that like that's what nicklandshit is it's the ultimate like fake cope it's like yeah sure we're all gonna be one with a demonic uh uh robot lizard god but that's cool that's fine i like it actually but obviously this is a absurd ridiculousness because we're too early in the process way too early in the process to say oh yeah nah now this is the moment when it turns there are so many different variables because so many different things can happen uh and there's so many different directions that that developmental curve can take that yeah it's just at the end of the day the black pill is a failure of imagination it's a failure of uh of having the spiritual will to pursue 0:33:2 the question uh to the to its fullest extent at which point you'll realize any any uh non-communist teleological approach uh to human uh history is faulty because it doesn't take contingency and the dialectical driver of history and to attend into uh into account it does not accommodate space-time so throw it in the garbage throw it in if you got a teleology in there and it isn't towards if it isn't guided towards fully automated communism whatever that might be not in the near term not the idea that's going to happen in your lifetime that's absurd but that it is a potential end state for human existence and if nick land nick land by saying no it's going

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to be the tech hell uh uh singularity well i'm sorry dude then there is a potential 0:34:3  
if there's a potential tekkel singularity for the to the exact same extent there is a  
potential tech heaven singularity sorry there is and you might say oh not really at  
the level of abstraction we're talking about how many thousands like what hundreds  
of years i know the timeline is going to be much faster than it got to get here because  
we've compounded time into these uh technological innovations that like basically  
concentrate time into a weapon like that's what technology often is um but even  
with with hundreds of years the idea that no we're in the world where this all falls  
apart uh it's cope you're giving up you're giving up you're giving up on the problem  
and uh and why because you trigger the libs you gave up on the problem the real  
rigor of this problem uh because it was more fun to trigger the libs online isn't that  
it nick and that's why they made the wrong call that's why all these guys want  
the wrong code because they were too invested in mechanical truth to see the push 0:35:4  
and pull between spirit and matter oh boy i'm getting over the top here but yes so  
that's that's me saying uh no doom pill uh because you're always in a contingent hit  
moment of history because everybody else look at look back at all history and you'll  
find the contingency in it at some level and you just have to know where you where  
that is for you to put your shoulder against the wheel because you're why are you  
triggering the libs because you cannot get full satisfaction from a moment of uh of  
of of labor of pressing against something of actually getting friction you prefer the  
fake sterile friction of going on the internet uh actually there is no somebody asked  
what's the difference between grill pill and cleaning of your room there isn't it's i'm 0:36:5  
attempting to this is essentially gonna uh uh be provide some i hope for some people  
this is providing like a uh a a a challenge a dialectical challenge to the peterson stuff  
which we didn't do last time i'll admit it because i wasn't thinking that way uh i  
was just thinking of his greater threat because everyone's beliefs were so brittle on  
the internet it's like oh no uh the the the the essential insight that jordan peterson  
had was that you can't tell someone to do something they have to want to do it  
themselves that's it and that's and that and the way you the the only way to prove  
that to someone is to ask them to do something small and then see it develop in  
their own life and so they convinced themselves and it wasn't you that's the central  
insight of clean your room and nobody talked about it like that because to give him  
any credit was to say that yes actually women are chaos lizards who need to be kept  
in cages or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* um but the reality is is that if you don't start from 0:37:8  
that you're \*\*\*\*\* and like i guarantee you 99 and the thing is is that mine's better  
mine's better because like i guarantee you the majority of those \*\*\*\*\* uh um clean  
your room guys they ended up just as miserable if not more so because what was  
jordan peters peterson's ultimate explanation for their misery it wasn't that they

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live in misery because they're incarnated flesh and that their duty in life is to reduce the amount of suffering in the world no it's that there's a demonic cabal of marxist college professors telling girls that they shouldn't date them no amount of cleaning a room is going to get you to a point where you can uh satisfactorily press against that truth unless you fill up a gym bag with tech nines and go to a \*\*\*\*\* college 0:38:9 campus because it's abstract because it's wrong because it's faulty it's just a faulty thing and because it's faulty what do they end up doing if they don't grab a gun and go shoot people they go and try to take down those marxist professors online because jordan peterson only told them one part one poll of this wiggling truth nugget thing that you're trying to grip together he was saying he was saying yes you need to be self-motivated but you need to be self-motivated to go on the computer and tell these \*\*\*\*\* feminists to shut up and to tell them to read my book boom you're right back on the computer and everything i've talked about about reifying all the \*\*\*\*\* banging your head against the wall seeing your degree of investment in any level dissipate and be replaced with nothing but i'm saying we live in we live we are bound we are bound materially we are bound materially and that means that we can and that's why cleaning your room even though it starts from the same 0:39:12 premise as a grill pill is fraudulent and mine like i said you can find out for yourself i'm not trying to tell anybody anything other than if they want to be less miserable try to find something that they can do yeah dbt is a part of it for sure whatever like thing in your head that can act as a uh as a bridge to legibility is something that you should incorporate i mean i'm yeah a current affair yeah the mcribs back guy i mean that guy really should have may cause people to be more introspective i mean either way that's disturbing right like if you're not gonna think about it too much you're still going to have to wonder how many of my fellow rosamosi comrades are 0:40:13 just like on the edge of some sort of snap some sort of break how can i trust their owns how can i trust their uh their cool how can i trust that their memes aren't counterfeit uh or at least to think like damn doing all that posting online really did not help this guy at all develop better political opinions because usually uh your politics should not include including your your uh sister for my god's sakes or no i'm sorry i'm sorry i think uh this is trans uh you're forgetting you've got to assume 0:41:14 all these uh i'm sorry someone asked a question about uh the thing about energy and resources you have to imagine at some point that all systems are closed and that even that includes economic systems and at this point you can assume that the economic system is closed as for now the economic system is a closed system except for like uh photosynthesis you know at that level of like of like the sun energy being brought brought in and like the the uh the cur the uh magnetic poles it's a closed system it's a global economic system for them i mean the exceptions are negligible

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enough to be i might end up living in the woods i have no idea the thing is is that you  
can't really plan too far ahead and that's scary at times like this when everything 0:42:15  
feels so liquid and it's like it doesn't change things you planning and fretting about  
a future that you can't directly trying to bring about will not change the urgency of  
your feelings about it right because you got to remember it's like yeah we still have  
photosynthesis and and uh and uh and sun coming in but we also have greenhouse  
gases literally cutting off and and uh like reflecting the heat back so it's like unless  
we are able i mean unless somebody wants to to uh replace the carbon economy  
with like a wildly more efficient solar energy grab we're going to have a crisis point  
because because consumption just because consumption is how authority is yeah see 0:43:21  
everyone's offering me this uh everyone's saying i'm wrong it's like yeah people i am  
wrong because i don't know that much about science you can chat i don't know but  
i just know that that is that is the mental picture to help you bring down to the  
size of things like the economy the specifics of it i don't know because i'm not a  
and people are and any any objection anybody wants to talk about it's a category  
because you see the way that systems rise and fall and collapse they're all mirrors  
of each other oh boy i'm getting crazy never mind again two in the weeds ah delete  
all of this i gotta stop looking at the i gotta stop looking at the thing i get the chat  
i but the thing is the problem with degrowth people say we need to degrowth well 0:44:23  
what is the political valence of that you got to get people on your side to have less  
of a consumer experience when the consumer experience is the whole total of their  
commitment to the system that they live in that's a challenge and saying degrowth is  
one thing making to growth something that is politically palatable is different there  
has to be a reduction of uh of consumption in the west just by virtue of people won't  
want to do it as much it's not going to be like people like oh it's uh you need a  
and the thing is it's under neoliberalism yeah like degrowth in the west it would be  
uh soylent and uh and those roach from snow piercer neoliberal degrowth is yeah  
genocidal like neoliberal anything is going to be genocidal as resource constraints  
and and distribu uh and climate change uh instability ratchets up but a socialist 0:45:26  
degrowth would just happen naturally because people wouldn't need as much stuff  
because they wouldn't their their alienated spirit so the way to talk about it is to talk  
about like the first step like so don't talk about degrowth because now you're arguing  
about whether degrowth is good or not oh good this is useful work from d growth to  
politics and then start over again work from anything and it's like no you need more  
tech yes you need more tech and the tech needs to be socialized work from there  
to politics don't argue on this on the abstract i'm just saying that that's not going  
to be productive as a conversation with somebody else if you want to think about  
those things in abstract terms go for it but if you're going to talk to somebody else

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you're going to just end up arguing about semantics i swear to god because at the 0:46:28  
end you have to reduce everything down to what is the material condition but most  
importantly what is the direct act we can do in the present moment to advance it in  
the good direction and those are two different that's a different question than where  
we're so those are two arguments that should be had but they should not determine  
present action and i feel like people have substituted arguing for like which brand  
of communism what flavor what type of uh socialism will work and the thing is you  
can only refine that so much online eventually it has to turn into action and if you're  
taking the action at that abstract level to now you're going to get frustrated and  
give up again and go back to the computer because it's not applicable it's a level of  
abstraction that's for that is not related to your daily life so you've got to work back 0:47:30  
from your conclusions the growth is a correct conclusion under some circumstances  
uh a green like an industrial a job guarantee and like a new industrial revolution is  
also true and necessary to an extent you have to bring them back down to the level  
of politics to move forward enough to know what the mix will be when the moment  
comes that it becomes something to enact right when and where and that is going  
to be determined in the future so we have to determine in the now how to create a  
space where the left is as strong as possible how to get to a point where people are  
willing to act on their belief in some is boiled down to a coalition of humans willing 0:48:34  
to take action we are both we are waiting for the moment at the symbolic level but  
we're acting to bring it about at the material level and the thing is is that we're  
moving towards the goal but we're moving foot it's like we got a carrot on a stick in  
front of us we got to watch our feet though you want to look at the carrot once in a  
while to make sure that it's still there and it didn't fall off the stick or get blown off  
by wind or a bird took it but you have to keep your if you're on a treacherous terrain  
which we are you gotta keep your eyes on the feet on your feet see everyone's asking  
me how can we do it i don't know because it's not at that level yet we're not at  
the abstract level the left isn't at a level of power to consider degrowth anything  
people couldn't even degrowth the mole i couldn't even go the mold in my own damn  
bathroom am i right folks left is in a position to do nothing to act in no way because 0:49:35  
it doesn't have power so it must build power that answer to that question is too close  
and too close at hand to the people who need to do it to be answered so yeah i'm  
basically uh i'm kicking the can down the road because this is just such an unstable  
moment it feels wildly unstable but the thing is there are spontaneous reactions you  
know like the 1905 russian revolution obviously not comparable in a lot of different  
ways to our current situation at every level all of the political parties that have been  
trying to agitate against zardom were completely shocked when it broke out it was all  
through spontaneous action they had helped bring it about through their agitation

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partially but they were all surprised by it and then they had to change to adapt to the new situation situation for the north sea fleet to go around uh africa ah i do not do fat dabs i've never done a dab i mean i've i've hit the dab of course as we all have whom amongst us doesn't enjoy hitting the dab when do i think restaurants will be back that's an interesting one that's really interesting because uh obviously they want everyone to go back to eat immediately uh but people don't want to die but the good news for them is that if people do really start dying now in big numbers the way they're predicting people will get more used to it and that will drive them basically to go you know distract themselves more from that horror by going back to the restaurants but uh there's gonna be such a huge gap uh in demand there that i don't know how uh on their way to iceland i've been to iceland it's beer beautiful but it's also a volcano remember that thing blew up i think cities are gonna stay closed for obviously will the usps die i mean the trajectory is it will be taken over to some degree by and replaced by something like amazon right i mean that just seems to be unless something intervenes and it could yeah the thing is is that one thing that might honestly happen that we honest that we are underestimating the possibility of is that there is just they do just go hog that even even these like uh you know neoliberal wahhabists in charge they just open the spigot uh and you know instead of just doing the the the direct transfers to corporations they've done actually start putting money out there uh just to keep the lights on uh and then and they would do that to the least extent they would have feel like they would have to to keep the situation stable and that would be something i guess like finally instituting at long last and ubi just to get enough demand in the economy but that depends on a lot of things including how bad climate change gets and like the if oil continues to not make be worth anything that's an x factor too that i have no idea how you yeah i mean it would have to be like i don't think it would be a monthly thing that would that would be terrified that that would turn into a like social security checks but i could see them like cutting like twelve hundred dollar checks every like two or three months on an ad hoc basis classic kick the can down the road because that's all they can do like that's late late stage capitalism is just kicking the can down the road until something happens what you're really intervening for if you have an interest in an investment in like the government what you're really intervening waiting for is another technological like uh inflection point that solves a lot of your underlying problems and again gets and that puts profit back into the system but if that's not coming and man i don't know if it doesn't sure doesn't look like it uh then they're gonna just keep kicking the kant on the road oh yes kelly rouble hitler's niece i you probably killed her i mean he was adolf hitler right i mean he's adolf hitler some is his his niece who had a very weird relationship mysteriously commit suicide during

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his rise to power i'm not going to suspect my first suspect isn't going to be adolf hitler like the worst guy ever yeah i'm just going to make a bayesian inference that it might have been hitler they clapped it's just they left it's losing a little energy it's like anything you know like you kind of get used to you kind of like clap it up and then it gets less novel and then you kind of and then you either peter it out or you know at some point you give it a little bit more and it takes back up that's very nice of you to give hitler all right i'm going to i think i've realized what's happened is 0:57:0 that when i get to the level of like politics abstract politics and prescriptive stuff uh it gets dicey because one it's so far away from the reality uh and two i feel so sort of unmoored still a little bit you know i'm still coming into my daily understanding of myself so i think tomorrow uh if you anybody who's tuning in tomorrow who's watching uh i would like to do some history questions i had a lot of fun talking about napoleon a couple days ago so let's uh let's talk some uh some movies maybe and uh and history would be fun tomorrow uh the witch videos are a few days behind being up on youtube but they're well that's just it this person says if i'm not well 0:58:7 read how the hell are you learn about wallenstein well that's just it you learn about wallenstein you don't have to read them boom because it's not like anybody's going to really challenge you on your knowledge of them because nobody else is reading that nobody else has read them either which means the people who have read him aren't going to get other people to really get it and so they don't talk about it at a very uh advanced level and so nobody feels the need to like that's how like the incentive system of of talking about politics and history and stuff on the internet is to learn less i know that happened to me taiping ooh that's a good one all right i got some stuff to think about for next week or for tomorrow taiping is very good and the thing is is the discourse is all cliff notes and like that's inevitable it has to be but it's what are in the notes we picked the bad things we picked ah the german peasant war 0:59:9 that's a good one too that was that one's very interesting to talk about in context of uh protestantism i they're also doing a rob ford movie with uh with damien uh lewis as rob ford like in a fat suit all right i'll talk to you guys uh tomorrow bye

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it's time to soy face folks we're so facing are you guys on let me check always got check the twitch to make sure you're streaming correctly it looks like it's time looks like it's happening oh there we go hi everybody I'm in my name my living room because it is kind of crummy out little blow cold a little chilly hanging out on the couch I'm sewing it up on the couch trying to keep my knees out of you I don't want to distract everyone with my erotic energies I don't want everyone to get all riled up when they see my scabs knobby toddler a sneeze this is actually not a hot couch at all it's a very comfortable cool couch it's not today I figured we were gonna take the take the pedal off the metal a little bit and just groove just gonna have a groovy chat sesh no real agenda today yeah I said yesterday if anyone's got any cool questions about history or maybe popular culture we could chop them up a little bit trying to stay trying to stay grounded trying to knock that wood oh this is a better angle anyway perfectly kismet gaming is grilling if you don't if the gaming is grilling if you don't get angry while you're doing it I guess or bored yeah because think about it like if you're gaming if you're not bored you're emotionally invested to a degree of anger right if you're just zoned out that can't be good but you should be building some sort of skill set is the idea you should be actually producing something that's the whole point presumably I mean I think gaming could like kind of give you a 'but sub mind but you're gonna have to actually build something you're gonna have to have contribute to the world even if it's just that the thing of scrimshaw like serving a little wooden man at first whatever it is I don't know I don't know what the kids do whatever it is it has to be three-dimensional and then eventually you can get so good at like putting putting like meaning into action that you can go back to gaming and it can be part of your practice but the problem at the beginning is it's too frictionless Gaming is too frictionless it's just like it's just like yelling on the Internet it's frictionless there has to be friction and that and I mean that a literal sense like an item like crafting an item or preparing an item anything but yeah so if you guys have any let's let's chop it up on some I'm some fun miss Teresa history and and history stuff and whatnot I got to find out why those little why

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those little guys exist I'm assuming those microstates all exist because somebody made some blood oath to the Pope in the Middle Ages or something or they like decided to help to hide the Holy Grail I I don't know enough about art to say well my favorite painter is I'd have to think about it I was one of those dorks in high school whose favorite painting was Nighthawks because I didn't I didn't I people that's the the I would like to talk a little bit about this the 1619 project thing I I will admit that I haven't read it so I'm not going to talk about what it specifically says I will just make an if-then statement if the conclusions of that or if the drive and point of the 1969 teen project are to claim that the conditions of American capitalism at the in the present moment are inextricably linked to to racism at the point of leverage that I don't think that that's very helpful and I think it's wrong and it explains why it got you know all these awards from the Ford Foundation and you know corporate America because if the if the point you're trying to make is that racism and capitalism are inextricably linked at the point of fusion then each one is as fixable as the other right the degree to which you fight defeat racism a concept that doesn't have a material form is the degree to which you defeat capitalism but that doesn't work because racism is in the ideal realm you can only fight the things that generate racism which are material material like significant concentrated racially coded material distribution disadvantages that's the only way that you reduce the racism end they they are inextricably bound they are like a DNA helix but one came first one was generative one is built on top which and one can be moved and that's always the case with any of these issues and the one that can be moved his capital because it's actually material and you can move it you cannot move racism because it doesn't exist anywhere but in the minds of men and women and in the reified structures that they create so you have to unreal fie the structures to get rid of the feelings so I say about 1916 as if that's the point it's making and a lot of people seem to think it is if they are right then I gotta give it the old push mom thumbs down now of course it's hard to make that argument because all the people who hate it the most are conservatives who just hate it because it applies America isn't good as this as though that were a concept that made sense in the first place a country being good that's not possible it's it's it's it's equality that cannot be imbued on that level of definition any more than a channel structures aren't made up of people but they aren't people so they should not be judged morally and so that's why they hate it it's like no you're getting rid of my beautiful myth of America and of course the beauty of that is if America is perfect or good and there's this concentrated disadvantage in resources for black people then I guess it's not the fault of the country is it does a good country wouldn't let that happen I wonder whose fault it is it's literally just that's also deflecting from the material world both of them are ricocheting backwards

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but like I said I don't know if that's what's in there I have to say the fact that the one of the authors of the thing is on Twitter right now doing like meltdown threads about 10,000 follower like semi anonymous accounts for people who aren't even check marked that indicates like I've said before a lack of confidence in the foundations of your intellectual underpinning you should not be doing that if you really believe in what you're saying I mean if you think that there's if somebody is being disingenuous you can point out a line of reasoning but like that kind of dragging indicates that at a certain point you're not really you're not really sure of what you're not really sure what you're so I have people are asking me specific stuff as I have no idea I just know that that there is a cut that things can be intertwined intertwined at the basic level but there's still a causal relationship between the two there's a base and superstructure relationship even if they're fused the only thing that breaks them is the change in material conditions no matter what now that material condition change might because might become because things change enough in the firmament to push them but that's always started with the material change always it's like it seems like a lot of these people who want to incorporate you know the new length the new the new scholarship on American slavery the challenges the notion that it was somehow in conflict with capitalism they want to take that as an excuse to reify racism into a social material force which you will never be and that confuses things it makes it harder to fight against the cause of racism Eric Foner's book is good I've heard yeah Shelby Foote like the guys he was a hell has there ever been an example of the social of a government stopping or preventing a socialist revolution without implementing some of their policies like yeah I mean countries have revolutions when the when this when the symmetry between providing needs for the people and being like perceived as the legitimate source of those needs become completely friction completely broken and so a socialist revolution is just pressure of material discontent material discontent must be addressed and he can call a social it can be socialist reforms but it will be addressed but through collapse and war which reduce the amount of capital and therefore redistributed or through a revolutionary or through revolution or through steadiest the global South is the mirror image of the global north in a lot of ways in that they are materially disadvantaged to such an extent that they can't grow the sort of mobilized base of people who have enough alienated leisure time to effectively push against capitalism the same way we have an insufficient a number of people who can connect that a number of people or we'd have an insufficient mechanism for connecting those people to everyone else I think people like Graham she to the degree that Graham sees insights about superstructure have been taken by people who have bad faith and people who are kind of mystified by being on the internet for too long that because that superstructure comes first and that's wrong and so people

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get angry at Gramsci because they blame him for everyone taking his emphasis on simple structure and turning it around but it's not necessarily his fault it's just 0:12:41  
that we now live in a symbolically rich era of cynical and pseudo ritualization of politics and so it's very easy to take the inside of Gramsci and just immediately frictionlessly move over to be like oh that means the superstructure comes first we should be arguing on the plane of ideas and that's where the real thing is no and we should be arguing about culture and Marvel movies do change the world no no he was describing a reality now you're living in it that's whatever happens that's the nightmare of history that we recorded the debt the history of all dead generations ways like a nightmare in the brains of the living what that means is that we are all living in the in the dreams and ideas of dead generations so like Gramsci observes the reality of superstructure the situation changes things shift now we live in us in a society where the economy has become so abstracted into simples and that 0:13:42  
means that the culture has become so abstracted into symbols that now we have every reason to believe and we have to push against the presumption that politics is subpar and so we put we put Gramsci's name on that condition but it's he's not his fault he just pointed it out we're living in his nightmare the respect economy is as strong as ever thank God even in the even in the horrors of the corona Maelstrom the respect economy stays strong I still respect you guys you respect me the respect economy the flow continues we don't need any kind of stimulus over here it's a bull market well respect from Belfast everyone Sofia right accent that's Korea well that just sounded Scottish terrible sorry awful I realized now I've been terrible teased the 0:14:44  
whole time you guys were all right I sucked there's still kind of funny sometimes but ya know terrible at accents it was absolutely self delusion that I thought it was doing well he's come town in cahoots with Sam tide to bring Nazism into America I highly doubt it that's as much as I could say about any anything outside of myself I highly doubt it oh right yeah everyone loves well I don't know what Jack sent you mean you mean the real one I think that's why I like doing accents even though I'm terrible at them is because I think I have one of the least appealing American accents the high nasal twang of the Upper Midwest just everything pushed through the top of the nose awful the Upton Sinclair episode I recorded on Sunday night and it should 0:15:47  
be coming out I would say that the Byzantines are a good comparison for us slow steady decline in the face of expanding regional competition it gets close that my accent gets close to the Canadian accent but because we're not all Scottish we never got the about \*\*\*\*\* unlike 90% of Anglo Canadians \*\*\*\*\* McIntyre ass country just a plaid ass country just a bunch of Highlanders what am I gonna game I'm not sure maybe we can get the gaming rig going in the office and if we can't I'll do that but 0:16:48  
I really don't have the capability in my place to do gaming at all I don't have a rig

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or the system I don't have a I don't even have a thing and we have a really great gaming rig in the office I just really want to play but it's gonna be up to everyone else because I don't know the specs to set it up I don't know how I'm gonna play I've said that I thought that Katamari Damacy would be a good starting point because a game that is a low challenge level so that could be immersive without becoming upsetting allowing for conversation and you know I don't want to just like get too fixated I've heard of Duncan Trussell if he's good I never I don't listen to his oh 0:17:50  
yeah somebody's asking about the potatoes I love talking about the potatoes I love talking about the pain is if the peasants are as Marx described a sack of potatoes how do you explain the hundreds of peasant revolts throughout history well it's not the act of the revolt it's the it's the it's the goal of the revolt I mean there been revolts in all socials for gibbous there's been revolts throughout every strata of social domination in every organized society in history revolts are only meaningful if they are effective they're only effective to which they're coordinated their only coordinated to the degree to which they represent a singular will which is the a class acting for itself on its own behalf and peasant revolts tended not to operate that way they were because the peasant life highly regionalised and they were usually based on the idea of complaining to the king about the excesses of local Lords or vice versa they were appealing to an authority that they had an inherent belief in if they if 0:18:51  
there were bad Lords or a bad king they needed to be replaced by good Lords and a good king that is not a class that could overthrow a a class mode of production so that's the difference because when they get together they're just a bunch of people who are pissed off at something there are not people who are pissed off at specific exploiters of their labor because it's been because it isn't exploited directly and more importantly they don't communicate together a common experience and like peasant revolts are essentially free quakes of the crises that are going to break down futile futile ISM or any other social order they're like the the like you have the friction like you can cut it's like this isn't this isn't causally true but it is descriptively true that you can take a significant friction a breakpoint in history and you can see the ripples go forward and backward and so peasant society revolts our progressive forces 0:19:54  
and that they're bringing contradictions to the top but they will not be the basis for a new order that will be anything other than transitional so that's that's the argument there I mean Maoism in the United States is hilarious because we are of course reaped s enticed we are we've been turned into peasants as I've said but instead of being potatoes in a sack we are now the Pringles because we are now essentially symbolized peasants we've been run through the capitalist machine spit out the other end as as as as symbolic peasantry which means that we still have the same degree of discombobulation and lack of ability to coordinate as medieval peasants but now we

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have been socially isolated so that we could we can't form the social bonds that make 0:20:56  
peasant organization possible because what what the class process was according to  
Marx was a dynamo whereby the the notion of a social self that the peasant class  
has is pulled by the need for new sustenance to the cities that turns the people in  
the cities who work in industry into people who are aware of class become a class  
cow a class project and then take over because they're trying to impress that notion  
of a social self on to a capitalist system that doesn't allow for a social self they're  
trying to reassert those values but now we're so far from the peasant world we got  
press through the mandolin of you know settler colonialism and capitalism now we  
are physically spread so that we don't have a social baseline to try to get back to  
through organization we might want we might say we want Medicare for all we might 0:21:59  
say we want to end cess the FASTA we might say that we want to you know break  
up the banks or or nationalize Amazon but to what social ends we don't have social  
ends because our social lives are so atomized we can only think in terms of capitalist  
capitalist value systems capitalist reward systems and so something has to intervene  
but medieval Catholic heresy oh there's a lot of good ones I'm trying to think the  
Cathars are obviously really fun everyone loves the Cathars I like the Lollards and  
you gotta love those Hussites cuz they were \*\*\*\*\* geez those guys fought yon HUS 0:23:2  
got his ass kicked but they were but his followers like no \*\*\*\*\* you we're gonna  
keep fighting all heresies in the middle era are Catholic heresies all heresy before  
the establishment of Protestantism his Catholic heresy what is not having space for  
serial life and material grievance yes it is because you cannot have a spiritual life and  
left you unless you have enough unalienable and what this capitalist system is doing  
now the lay capitalist like late-stage eating the bone sucking the bone out of the  
marrow stealing the copper wiring stage is doing to everyone at every to at different 0:24:5  
rates and to different people so like right now as I said we have the people inside  
and the people outside the people inside are having alienated time out the wazoo  
where they have nothing to do but worry about stuff that's out of their control  
and try to distract themselves with zum meetings and \*\*\*\*\* Netflix and clapping  
and making banners or whatever people on the outside their alien their time is so  
alienated by the need to be working that they have no time to be able to be to work  
towards self in any way in it like any concordance of self with your moment in time  
in space of course so yes every spiritual grievance is a material grievance and you  
have to harness whatever degree combination of things you can to alleviate this the  
material basis for it I'm I'm calm dude kamar the right workweek varies depending 0:25:8  
on how alienating the labor is there is no single one in an ideal social order people  
would work that a degree that it was rewarding to them and you might say oh that  
sounds stupid everyone's gonna loll around no they're not not if they are matched to

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a task that fits them everyone has some combination of abilities and self motivation whatever you want to call it to look at a task and complete it without it feeling like too much work some tasks have high high tolerances for that you know that's why people are willing to eat \*\*\*\*\* to go to academia because they're in their labor time is almost in time all most entirely on a lien a tit because they want to talk about literature or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* shitty jobs those are wildly alienating jobs because even though you could hypothetically find pleasure in cleaning a toilet or something like that it's hard what that means is you could do it rewarding lis for 0:26:10 less time so a shitty job you should do for less of your time but more people you might say yeah but would but more people can do that more people together and a job that is that it's not that it's difficult to find rewarding can make that job easy and complete it well jobs that are more rewarding in other ways so that you could do them longer without becoming annoyed with the task you would have and that funny thing is it's like that's the social that's the central insight of like those kooky like twentieth-century like social credit people the recognition that not all labor is the same non-elect ivities are the same and therefore they should not be renew marae today in the same forms because like alienated labor that sucks physically it takes 0:27:12 a lot of money to make that worthwhile and just so happens to be the work that is rewarded the least materially that is a signal mismatch and like those goofy Social Credit people who like took over Alberta in the 30s I guess with their green shirts they recognize that but the problem is they didn't have any other part of the puzzle and so they ended up being cranks and that's what cranks really are like every crank movement is somebody who gets some truthful real \*\*\*\*\* up thing about the social order that needs to be unkicked but they get fixated and they can't see the forest for the trees like that's every social prank from Lysander Spooner to to Henry George to the sort of the Oh somebody found a xanax while cleaning the room see the universe 0:28:14 rewards is there any so I saying is it better to have a weak Biden as president than Trump to fight them I don't know first of all I don't know how we're gonna fight them that's still to be determined secondly I don't know if you're fighting them at that point I feel like at this point I mean they're thrown their hands up did you guys see the single most amazing video of the trump presidency in my opinion the one that beats the hamburgers by a factor of a billion he's in a Honeywell plant pumping out n95 s and some guys a bald security guy or like executive total like a guy who looks like one of his flunkies he look like Keith Schiller is holding up this mask and he's like explaining just how wonderful it is and Trump is standing next to them looking about 500 pounds he looks like a refrigerator in a \*\*\*\*\* Joseph a bank suit 0:29:15 and he's just looking worse than he's ever did he oh you can see the lines in the splits spray tan and he's just like pretending to pay attention this guy and pointing

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at it like check out this guy and over the speaker is blaring the Guns N'Roses cover of Live and Let Die it's one of those sublime moments where you realize the totality of the moment you live in like you it's a crystallization of every every single factor that has brought us here and it's gonna bring us into the future they've given up on running anything or even pretending that they have the ability to stop people from dying like Trump for his whole presidency it's like I'm the guy who protects America I make America look at you America's great and just because of me now even he knows it's not gonna happen at some level he's like yeah ah you'd expect us to be able to solve anything no I was there to rile you up one way or the other I was able to keep your Oregon occupied by loving or hating me well the actual looting of the nation went on underneath my feet so that means that whichever one of these guys is gonna win like the forces that are controlling them are more willing than ever to just display their power naked Lee and give up the fig-leaf of democratic legitimacy and the the gamble they're gonna be making is that our social atomization has reached a tipping point that can't be recovered from regardless of whether material conditions get terrible enough regardless of how much they give up even attempting to channel our actual concerns and the thing is is that that is a real moment that is the thing like at some point we will reach a bright a break whereby after that we won't be able to assert any kind of opposition effective opposition to capital that will happen if things don't change the current trajectory that will happen whether we have reached that point or not I don't know and the only way we're gonna know is retroactive Lee when the next big break comes how we respond to it will answer the question and so our tasks as little drill pillars or whatever we're doing is to be as ready for that moment as possible when it comes to have developed a daily practice that's as close to the route of responding to that challenge when it appears what should an artist be doing to bring about socialism finding out a way to connect their their art or their abilities whatever they have I should never I would never say stop doing art even though the superstructure is meaningless because the fact is you're gonna try what's gonna realistically happen is you're gonna say Art's not important now you're gonna try something to do something else that you're not as good at and you're gonna get frustrated and stop you should stay in concordance with your like with where you are you should challenge yourself though and try to bring your art in alignment with your values to such a degree that you feel the least amount of conflict between them and that's not going to be a huge break it's this gradual progress process that over time leads to big breaks which is the way that all history works from the micro to the macro but you should but you need to be doing you need to be recognizing whether your art is having an effect like if you draw a spirograph doodles for example or make really stupid cheesy uh socialism for the wind buttons or pins for example and

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you post them online and say look at the little drawing I did and you get two likes one of them from your mom even if that makes you feel good you probably need to add a little greater there you need a little throw a little grit into the works to see what maybe you could be doing that's a little more effective a little more reaches people a little more deeply but at every level you start with evaluating what you actually like and then seeing how far you can make that how much you can grind that pleasure against the Wheatstone of like grueling attention to detail yes like the only you have to be at this point I don't I don't think you're a serious analysis of the situation if you have not embraced the whole notion that we are in a terminal crisis but the problem is is that a lot of people don't want to say that because they think it's going to give people an excuse to stop trying and it will like all the black \*\*\*\*\* is the excuse for people to give up and what that just means is give up on ever even trying to be happy with themselves on ever trying to be anything other than miserable every moment of their life until they die that is what they have given up and they want an excuse to do that because they don't know any other way to be and anything that says there's no alternative is giving them excuses just because America has entered a decline phase does not mean as I said the other day that that decline has to be fatally terminal to all institutions and all people it'll be fatal to some combination of institutions and people but it could be arrested and redirected in two different point paths at any point it can be intervened with by people acting together so there is no black pill no matter how much you might acknowledge the situation being in a in a crisis moment and so that's the thing that inhibits like that's a perfect example that like a mere fact that inhibits our understanding of the world because some people are gonna use it in bad faith bad faith to others and bad faith to themselves really and then you feel the need to deny that faith that fact no we're not in a decline because you don't want to give you into those bad faith actors but I'm coming around to the idea that you can only ever defeat bad faith with good faith over time not in a given moment you might get owned you might get owned by somebody who buys your logics you into oblivion you might lose an argument in some sense that more people think you were wrong than right but over time you will develop the belief in yourself to act with full concentration the military aggression question is a good one if America maintains its solvency as a country and this depression is as bad as it looks it might be and there is that much material sudden deprivation as there appears to already be oh boy that's the pressure is gonna have to go somewhere it's we're either gonna have to go towards our government for letting it happen or some other thing and the Chinese are right there I mean we're totally intertwined with them politically and economically but and technologically but man and they and all of the rare earth metals we use for our

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missile systems come from them half of our high-tech but you know the European powers of 8 1914 we're uh worried economically interdependent to I don't know it depends on it depends on the reaction of the government it becomes on the degree to which they are there is a force requiring capital to redistribute if we redistribute us enough that force will be alleviated and and we won't have to go to war with China 0:37:30 or like Iran as a proxy for China but if that if there is if there is sudden massive deprivation of material conditions in this country there will either be a civil war when we turn that frustration on each other or a war with another country that is those are the only three options on the table there's no third there's no third option there's either dramatic redistribution of resources downward or some breakup of the of the of the political symbolic order at the at the level of the nation state or we all direct that energy on and I think that the set that the Civil War is the least likely because of just how how disparate disparate we are how frankly physically unhealthy we are we're not in a situation where any of us I mean my god people 0:38:32 are losing their \*\*\*\*\* because they have to have their Buffalo Wild Wings delivered instead of going in to the place to watch eat them in person how are they going to handle you know it's funny like dual power I have kind of scorned dual power notions because it feels so in early to be talking that way considering you know the array of power going against us and to call any kind of mutual aid that usually gets tucked away in the category of charity as anything other than that I think it could be like categorically unuseful but I'm starting to think that anything that privileges action on the ground is worth supporting even if you might think it's gonna be misdirected I think people got to do what they think is right as long as it's so like electoral lists 0:39:34 stop getting mad at dual power people and let them do their dual power do a power as though stop yelling at electoral lists and calling them suck Thames mutual laying down of arms and do the thing that you think is right because you think it's right not because you want other people to think that you're the most left or you're the most correctly left anything that gets you working in the world is worth supporting now that means working in the world that like a lot of people think that to mean like demonstrations no demonstrations are just the first level of symbolic with politics and it's so fair it's like better like if it's if it's just the comparison if the comparison is just the Internet and a demonstration the demonstration is better just because it's less abstract and it requires more of your attention and focus but it's still inferior to anything else and still inferior to anything that's actually constructive that's why 0:40:35 you know things like extinction rebellion are not only dead ends they're probably entirely uh government controlled like there's absolute reason to be totally concerned about like demonstration politics as a model during a crisis like this but anything else that's like getting things to people and building connections is worth trying just

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so you're in a better I read a bunch of derekjensen when I was in a when I was in like college and he blew my mind yeah no I read Iran I read a couple of his books and it's like goddamn this is us its stringent and the thing is is that he's right about a lot he's right about capitalism like the thing that they're jettison rights assumes 0:41:36 is that the current model will just will collapse and lead it to a new Dark Age and that's true and it's like there's no like oh yes but technology will intervene right but technology will also make things more savage and whom it will allow it will allow socially unstable non-viable arrangements to but he's also you know of the belief that that that would be preferable to stay there in some sort of barbaric situation and that's not sustainable like the antrum thing no it's just it's it's not just that it's wrong to seek it it's not going to happen people will get annoyed the human brain will will push against its barriers of ability to create its own environment so I mean that's one what that is in human nature and the way we know is that there's a \*\*\*\*\* Society and they keep building them like everything else like they tell they tell you is human nature that's all horseshit it's imprinted but uh but having us 0:42:38 having the progress the progressive nature is and you're building on the buildings that were around when you were there you're building in the context of that of that which you existed when you were there means that unless you're gonna do some sort of ritualistic communal bring down and maybe you could imprint that at the social level where you like a but Larry but I mean if you had a widen if you like if you got enough people to believe at the level of spiritual that they should not build that they should not you know go beyond a certain level of development that would be great that'd be fine if it was if it was stable at that level that would be fine like a lot of systems are like that that's why there are still undiscovered tribes in the Amazon 0:43:39 because they have a social homeostasis the problem is that's not everybody so that's why it wouldn't work because you would not be able to keep that because you can say all right everybody at this level of social order we all have deeply embedded symbolic belief that we can't build stuff but over time even with that things are gonna change you're gonna have to move ground you're gonna have to give up one well and build a new one and something's gonna develop and time and space are both real and they're gonna imprint on on humans so might as well seek to synthesize technology at a level that can maintain a steady state at the highest point because it contains every energy in the system rather than at a low point which will inevitably lead to instability the accumulation somewhere see if people are asking about like if a job is 0:44:44 useful praxis if it's doing access useful praxis at that category no nothing is if you do it it's all about that question can't be answered it's whether you're doing it with the right mind now that doesn't apply to everything like if you're working for the bush light the Trump White House or \*\*\*\*\* CIA or Monsanto there's no ethical way to

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be doing what you're doing you know but like at a certain level of abstraction you can say that about everything is you could say everything is evil but you get to a point where good outweighs evil like yeah you are by being a college professor you are perpetuating a lot of bad systems but you could if you apply yourself with whole harmonies spirit to the job you could do more good than harm that's impossible at a chop like working at a investment banker or working for the FBI working in any system of like direct control of corporate power because if you concentrate yourself on the job to the best of your abilities you're doing more evil you're just making the evil double of working the job so see if the job you have can possibly be positive in its so that answer is the answer of like canape praxis is is it possible to have praxis there in that in it given its position in the capital structure and can you get it out of it and those are what are the odds of an American NDL NDP or Labour Party I mean it depends on how bad it depends on how bad things get if Biden wins I think all that energy it goes to some sort of weird hair and folk Republican Party the big nightmare everyone's been scared of I think that's a real fear and I think it's more likely if Biden wins because unless we're able unless people are able to make them give us enough to prevent a real crisis the Republicans are gonna respond the only way they can if Trump wins yeah I think I think the Republic Democratic Party Splinter's in a significant fashion once again not sure that's still far away and things will intervene to change the dynamic but that's again if it's not changing but a trump win I think leads more likely to a splintered Democratic Party but a Biden win more likely to a repolarized realigned Republican Party which is I mean if you feel like your job is worthless then you shouldn't do it if you have the freedom not to I mean if you have to do it because that you don't have alternatives then I that's awful and that's the nightmare that we're all trying to avoid and so many of us are caught in and you know you should try your best to take the time you have that's free and like put it to use so that you can counterbalance the feeling of uselessness you have in your job but if you but I think that doing that will make it give you a better idea of what you could be doing elsewhere and that could be a blue collar job if you have a white collar one and the thing is you have to shed the inherent belief that that job is better because it's in an office yeah because I mean there probably a lot of people who are working office jobs that they would like less that blue collar jobs that they're doing because they think there's a social stigma to working with their hands and that shouldn't be just as there are people in blue collar jobs who didn't have the educational access to get white-collar jobs that they would find more satisfying than what they're doing protesting the DNC yes absolutely I mean what they did is worth protesting and protesting I know I just said protesting is symbolic politics but so is a political party in a real sense and so is a political convention I mean especially a convention my

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god that is the most symbolic thing they don't even have to have them because it's all settled if they've become pure spectacle so of course you know contribute to the spectacle in any way you want I don't think that's anything wrong with that and if it's directed as at the Democratic Party I think that will be good because they have to be diligent amazed to against the coming crack-up because they're either going to lose to Trump for two straight elections which will cause a huge huge crisis for them I really think that's gonna happen unless everything gets better and we're not in the hell a second term of you know a Great Depression in under under the damn cheeto in chief no that's gonna cause complete breaks or Biden's gonna preside over a austerity he's gonna be the Bruning of America not Matt the German Chancellor who oversaw the austerity that led to the Nazis taking power either way they need to be dealing to my 'zed for their future D legitimization mean I you know I Bernie trapped out I know that it's good to kind of let this stuff go and I I think people freaked getting really excited about Bernie being put back on the ballot in New York it's a little sad it's like just give me this one thing and it's like that's all you're getting though and that's pretty it's it should be sad it should be a sad moment but I think we gotta like move past Bernie because he served his purpose he is marshaled certain forces he has gotten people arrayed along a certain politics and now that's them to move forward it's on us to take up Bernie's gotta watch the skies while we watch the neighborhood but I think that realistically the reason he dropped out is good they were gonna keep killing people at primaries I think they were gonna just be like we're gonna keep killing people at these primaries until you drop out and it's like we're not gonna let you win and he started to feel personally responsible like I'm gonna get these people killed but I keep by staying in because that's what the Democrats think like you might think how could these monsters allow this to happen they blame Bernie you can bring show them all the dead poor workers from Illinois and Florida and Arizona and say how did you let this happen and they say why didn't Bernie drop out why did he make us do that and they would have said that about all of it that's them that's the mind authoritarian mindset the Mathurin Aryans never take any credit for any violence they do because it's the fault of the victim or someone else why did you make this do that let's know that never their fault so Bernie's just like oh I don't want to be reciting what a few be up at night thinking about people dying because I I stayed in the race and that makes him a mensch and I think he is a mensch but that doesn't mean that we should be unrealistic about where we are Lisa V his chances of being president all right if someone's a NEET on quarantine what kind of job that should they do I'd say start at something start at whatever you think you could do and it's just shed of like ambition because that's how you defeat yourself it's like well something that you could get a job doing because like I can't

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tell you you're not you have to be the specific NEET in question with the specific life experiences to give them certain interests and abilities to concentrate on certain tasks you should just try what looks like it could be okay but you have to shed the idea that it has to conform to like well it's not political enough I'm not changing the world enough by doing it or it's beneath my educational level or something like that which is what made me for years miserable and I know a lot of other people 0:54:3  
you need to just start with something you think you might find something enjoyable about and that you could get a job doing and then you see how that treats you but you cannot dismiss things because you don't have it can't be anything that you can't if you just made the decision that you've got to get to work they're like all right I have to leave the house then you cannot make up conditions that require something else so if that's the conditions then the conditions are what you think you might like and what you can get ah Guns Germs and Steel obviously it's not got it's not everything it's not correct but I think it's got a lot of insights and I know that it's something that I've used to put together a lot of my worldview like having read Guns Germs and Steel the Walter Scheible book that I'm reading feels like you really they feel like overlapping like historical observations and they click together 0:55:4  
even if details might be wrong in any level it's another like building block it's it's a good book it's worth it's worth engaging with Hobsbawm is great abs ones great but you know ya know he's good his south korea the future I mean maybe for some people you know may be on Elysium Wallenstein world systems you know now that I've now that I'm a like trying to apply you know these like these concepts to the dialectical concepts to history more world system Syria which used to kind of baffle me a little bit I kind of got the contours now seems very intuitive I want to read more 0:56:7  
about it I have not heard of the game ultimate general civil war but that sounds cool socialism is always possible socialism is impossible until the last fire burns out because we still have agency the level of socialism will be determined by how much of our material environment has been deemed destroyed I mean socialism could be two people splitting the last can of Kroger beans or a dying fire the level that was up to us so when we say oh we're like yeah we at a certain level we can't challenge capitalism right now but there will always be a difference a change in circumstances that brings with it a change in our material position to power and that that's something we can we can strive to be ready for that's all we can do hone our blade and wait and hone 0:57:10  
and wait and then strike socialism is the deep death of the universe yes socialism is it's likely vision of socialism as a social structure is the end state of like that this is this is the flash stage before total imminence before the total the moment when all space and time literally occupy the same area what makes something liberal is its presumption of the individual as an untouched prime mover I would say that's

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the that's the best definition of liberalism is it started presumption humans as prime movers as rent as opposed to things that are acted upon that would be my definition of liberalism which is what's so funny about combat liberalism everyone's favorite mao text because everything in I want to get everybody and I only get people mad at me and there's only a few minutes left before I sign off but combat liberalism is liberal because it says he's not describing a specific thing a comrade does he's responding a type of thing that people do that can be applied to anybody in any situation if the reasoning is motivated it assumes people are operating from first position instead of in a dialectical relationship hate that hate to piss people off but combate liberalism is liberal because it assumes an unmoved mover it tells people stop doing this instead of changing the material conditions that makes them do the thing it is liberal combat and it's like there's a reason that Mao is so popular in college campuses because those people were the most liberal subjects to ever exist the Boomers they were the first most intensified liberal subjects and so of course Mao is gonna make more sense to them than Marx or Lenin I'm a liberal to some extent yes I'm a liberal and so at the social level of respecting that there are other people who have equal rights as I do but at that point I stop I don't take the next step to say that means that they choose their own decisions as I do know they're socially could texted as I am to them because that isn't that like the idea of being the idea of liberalism to the a that is a found that is before liberalism easily even that's literally to even have a social order that is beyond like a clannish like hive that that has strangers in it basically a social order in which you engage with strangers requires that degree of liberalism but beyond that it buds off into dialectical and individualist at least in the West so yeah combat liberalism is liberal black liberals are gonna get blackmailed pirate by conditions you're not gonna be able to convince them that that they're going to just use every evidence of awfulness to further their author their set ideas blaming it on Trump blaming it on Russia if Trump doesn't work now maybe even blending it on the Chinese some of the liberals are blending with Chinese only exchange in their material conditions and circumstances is going to change the way they apportion blame for their condition so that's another thing where like I can't you can't own your parents on Facebook or people on Twitter into becoming more black pilld because they're too comfortable right now and they're comfortable channeling their discontent that they do have that is mostly symbolic on to trump on to the Republicans they have to have so much more material conditions that they have and the thing is that doesn't mean that you then have to carry out things that make that happen because the worse it gets faster to heart the more likely people are going to react badly to the trauma that is why you can't bring about the collapse you have to work within the existing collapse alright guys I'm done for the

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day I think this was a good one had fun I'm sorry that the chat is lame as \*\*\*\*\* but I have little control over that talk to you guys tomorrow peace and I'd like to talk about the Taiping rebellion maybe tomorrow it's British really interesting someone mentioned it but we forgot but anyway

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### *MaxGettingHeadroom*

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all right I'm good right oh boy I'm not looking to get top no it's a joke anybody remember hacks Headroom he was a guy hello hello I am speaking as he drove the man the floating head the floating head from your dreams the floating head that has floated in every head Matt Frewer remember them Matt Frewer he was Max Headroom iowa's was a big fan of Matt Matt Frewer I thought he was pretty good hello everyone what's going on with you folks what's going on with the fine I don't know enough about Alfred McCoy to speak one way or the other about it talk about the left 16 trot in the 1960 I've got a knee braided passed coming out today about Upton Sinclair in the 1934 New York governor's race which is genuinely an amazing sort of pre sequel to the harp or a harbinger to the Sanders campaign in a lot of ways and it should be fun to talk about we'll see what you guys think the left is a mess it's a mess folks and I can't believe it oh yeah you know what that's a good idea so I'll tell if people have questions about Sinclair the campaign that they want to talk about after the episode comes out so yeah by all means bring them here I'll be good to be like a reading a little reading serious or a little like a study group or whatever you want to call it so the degree you want to do that I'm vibing with it oh yeah Kierkegaard yeah he was a fellow traveler for sure yeah now the leap of faith I now understand is literally like the engine of all thought yeah no I'm vibing hard on mr. Kierkegaard well done Sauron somebody wants me to consider using a simple up voting system to solicit questions I don't know what that means I don't know I'm afraid I'm scared it's RBG dead or not I mean I probably I think she's probably been dead for a while I think that the DNC budget that hasn't been sent towards killing people in the primary has been spent keeping her alive in like an animatronic State I think she might be a puppet I feel like chicken tonight like chicken tonight oh no don't tell me I'm breathing heavily again don't tell me I'm dying I can't handle it I started thinking I'm Gandolfini in a \*\*\*\*\* hotel room in row but I'm gonna pitch forward I mean I'd be okay with that but I'd rather I'd rather have a little bit more time so please dont trigger me that way if we run out of burgers man that's gonna be the real oh boy I've been thinking about this like the degree to which we

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have pulled back social tensions in this country by rapidly ratcheting down people's quality of life when that's the only thing we have to exchange for the rapidly alienated lives like we have spiritually and materially alienated everyone in this country to a monstrous degree the only thing that is compensated for it is a regime of absolute perfectly imagined convenience it might not be real you might not always have perfect convenience but there is a dream of fully realized convenience and and then people get some percentage of that and it makes them sort of okay with the system as it exists and there's a real chance that this flywheel might be broken and if that's the case there's not gonna be anything holding back just the snapping of these \*\*\*\*\* tensions one after the other and it's gonna I predict I predict bad news just even if things stay stable and like a geopolitical sense and the economy technically still exists and you know it's like it's sort of like 2008 but worse but otherwise things are basically stable you're still gonna see things start snapping at the social level because things are gonna get coarser and coarser and one of the things that's going to make that happen is we're probably going to be habituated to be okay with thousands of people dying of coronavirus and us not really caring about it because if we care about it then we can't participate in the economy and then we're back into a collapse which means we're all gonna end up blaming ourselves to some degree for all this death which means we're gonna have to start just to not to think about that we're gonna de humanize the dead which means we're gonna do humanize everyone around us and I think that those those social bonds are gonna start snapping like \*\*\*\*\* rigging in a in a sinking pirate ship and you're gonna see some uptick in violence and stuff it could be bad but the thing that might stop that from happening is that the u.s. still is the consumer of last resort for the world economy the u.s. the US economy is the only place where excess demand goes if excess demand doesn't have somewhere to go you have a buildup in the system and at this point it's a world economy and a bill demand that can't be expressed in the economy or a buildup of supply rather a buildup of supply in the economy that cannot be accommodated is genuinely catastrophic you're talking about a world depression so there's every interest in the world to see the US bailed out of this in the short term so they're gonna bail money into us like crazy but we're gonna be pumping blood out of an aorta and the question is at some point the body's gonna unless we patch up the wound the body is gonna start expiring but if it doesn't the good news is we have time I think because they're gonna start pumping in a lot to try to stabilize this thing in that time we can like organize as much as we can to resist it to resist the new lines is there word I don't want to get to do mer because I honestly feel like at every level we have agency we just have to be aware of where we are what we can do we just have to be conscious we just have to be conscious man it's really true and for conscious every Olaf Palme

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assassination ooh that's an interesting one my gut is that it was boss and my gut it was the South African apartheid era government the ones that blew up Ruth first they were known for espionage they were known for extraterritorial assassinations sort of the African version of Condor and Palme was considered a threat to a lot of interest there but also in the Middle East I know that he was I know Israel but the thing is Israel in South Africa worked hand in glove in the 80s so that could have easily been the pipeline I the new inebriated past today today it will be released 0:9:33  
it's about Upton Sinclair's 1934 run for California governor I think it's gonna uh-oh just dropped boo yeah yeah my single is dropping just dropped boom check out my my new smile I'm trying to crown things don't don't try to tell me to talk about Gnosticism because that's the kind of thing that'll get me off the beam I'm trying to stay grounded trying to ground everything and as close to a material observation as possible to stay connected this is all about translation so yeah let's ask things are a little less obscure than that please but I do oh no don't \*\*\*\*\* the beam you 0:10:36  
must seek the beam you must walk the beam that is your goal in life that whether you know it or not the goal of your life is to the beam is us but we must be aware of oh yes the type II rebellion the tight and rebellion really is really interesting this 0:11:38  
is one of the biggest like modern Wars in terms of casualties and number of people involved in it since since the development of gunpowder in the West it was a huge massive conflict as well we're thirty million people died but it's almost never talked about outside of presumably China but I don't know how they even contextualize that presumably as some sort of like peasant precursor to the Chinese communist revolution and therefore they're the good guys in their version are the Taiping and the bad guys are the empire which i think is honestly kind of broadly true and i feel like it would have been better for china in the long run if the taipei and one i feel like the the the king should have ended then or however the hell you say it that was when they should have ended and honestly the reason they didn't end is because of Western intervention because the Western powers which at that moment were trying to carve up China and we're in the process of fighting the opium wars to export their their their surplus from their mouths from their trade in India to China 0:12:40  
and the second India opium war happened in the middle of the \*\*\*\*\* rebellion but they eventually provided direct aid to the the cause and that helped sort of push them into victory and I think I think that was a bungle Chiang the Ching ya know that that was but I really think that's another interesting thing about the so it's this incredibly powerful and important event in world history this hinge point and you could kind of think of it as a thing that happened that didn't because you kind of think of everything is determined but then you can stop back and like look at well what could Reason listicle II have happened here that didn't and you're like wow

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there was a lot of there was a lot of given this we could be much farther along in like progress as a civilization but we could also be much worse case much worse shape you know we don't know but we can see how how the contours of things shape up and that is right one of those like you they almost knocked the Coke machine over and then it knocked back on his heels but then a couple more times and bang it was over but the whole thing started basically because a guy failed his SATs that is what caused the death of 30 million people in mid 19th century China a dude flunked his finals and I don't know there's something very endearing about that because in in that in among the like the peasant class in in in Ching China there was basically no social mobility outside the bureaucracy if you were a member of the landless peasant class especially the Hakka migrants in the south to migrated generations previously from northern climes that had never achieved any sort of claim to land the only way neither getting out of a pretty dreary peasant life is study for the damn Imperial exams to become a bureaucrat because they sure as \*\*\*\*\* needed a lot of those so these kids studied and they studied that they studied they study they cram the hell out of it and it was mostly rote recitation of classic Confucian texts it wasn't even like logic problems or anything it was just cramming things directly into your face so that you could regurgitate them in the testing area it was an incredibly friendly rigorous thing it was like one percent pass rate and you could retake it but it cost money and it took a long time between tries and the dude who started the whole thing he gets lost he he failed too many times and he \*\*\*\*\* wit he went he basically had a fever he broke into a fever he was in in the kind of a comat coma state for a while and when he came out having read a bunch of Christian pamphlets that had been left at his village by Western missionaries he decided that he had visited Jesus in heaven and discovered that he was his brother and so he launched this peasant rebellion that spread through central China and eventually almost overtook the entire empire and looked like it really honestly should have and then they just kind of made some mistakes they were trenched when they shouldn't have they wait there and then there was the but it's a very interesting story and it really does tell you you know you got to give kids a chance that they can't have to they can't all have to be that dirty you know you got a lot of skateboard and it's interesting because you could kind of evaluate the the process of the of the taipei rebellion and then map it then after the like you look at typing and then you look at what happened after culminating with a communist takeover it's sort of like a refracted version of itself sped up through by technology because what you had with the typing was a a stultified a situation where you had like an excess of landless peasants too many miles not enough land no efficient exchange things were all built up there was no legitimacy to the regime the fact that it was a conqueror regime didn't help certainly

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that there wasn't Han Chinese who made it up and this a figure comes out using a Western concept this idea of like millenium or christianity to like create a state of urgency to create a people who demand change in the here and now because they're gonna make something spiritual like out of matter which they're getting directly from the West here in the form of important Christianity which then causes the whole thing to erupt and shatter and then like I said forces probably would have eventually resolved with the the Taiping at least taking over a huge chunk of China instead they were defeated with the help of the West and then that rickety old empire that che Empire eventually knocked over by the nationalist rebellion with sun yat-sen but then then basically breaking up into an empire into anarchy because you know you can't just take over that height of power and expect to hold on to it when everything underneath it is destroyed and then if you think about it that the Chinese Communist rebellion is then a sped-up a more successful technological replay of the type pain where you have the same situation you have mass numbers of peasants well more than there are land hugely exploited rural peasantry and then you have this Western idea of communism to rally them to which then turns them into an organized and self-motivated unit too just to attack the rotten status quo which they because it's not like mouse was the genius who thought hey let's get the peasantry involved I was just enough of a person removed from Dogma the dogmatism at the heart of like Soviet what Marxism which at that point was basically a religious dogma on par with like you know the Inquisition's Catholicism he was on he was uninvested enough in communism as a concept to think well so just recognize well we've just got our asses kicked in the cities there is no more working class to organize they've just got massacred by the Nationalists there is this big chunk of landless peasants so why don't we go to them it was just recognizing the reality of where the social pressures were and so then it's like it's Maoism if anything is it's about adaptability you know because it was itself an adaption to the conditions on the ground using Marxism is like the basis it was just a recognition of conditions and that's all we should ever be seeking for is to recognize conditions through the lens of our ideology but not determined entirely by our ideology hopefully by trying to honestly engage with the world somebody asks why is there a tendency towards Ella tree among subaltern resistance groups I honestly think what it is is like you start involving yourself in a left-wing movement you know in a in a in a resistance movement with the hope that you're going to immediately as possible overturn the conditions of your misery because that's what you want you want this thing that sucks to stop but the thing is is that that fight takes time and it might take longer than realistically you could invest in believing things will change and so that means that you either have to give up because you you either give up because you know that it's not worth the

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additional pain of depriving yourself in the name of you know the revolution or you get more benefit you put all of your emotional investment in the cause itself and so all of your pop all of your emotional energy goes into imagining the pop the the the party the thing you're working towards the thing you're working through as like the the repository of all of your emotional energy and so that means that you get super super strident on details of like ideology because it doesn't attach the real world because the real world sucks in the real world you're doing nothing you're in misery you're eating soup in a safe house in your head though you're fighting it the most deep levels of like historical minutiae that have no connection to reality but that's where all of your emotional energy is because if it isn't I will definitely say that I have never I'll admit that I never really vibed with David Lynch but I should definitely give his films another look someone just said here that he is gril pill and uh even with my limited exposure to his work he is 100% gril fill he is clearly vibing at his own frequency moving with his little friction through the world as possible and I need to respect that by giving him worth more more about focus Yamma who cares if he voted for Reagan what difference does it make did he elect Ronald Reagan Ronald Reagan won in two giant landslides what did David Lynch's two votes for Donald Reagan Ronald Reagan in two elections do to make anyone's life worse how much did his films do to make people's lives better which one are you weighing more heavily where is your emotional energy in the real world or in a fantasy realm where you're sorting people into good and bad and then having them fight each other like your your your GI Joes your your PO gays Monde folks we have a Cheeto in the white house I don't know if you guys are aware of this but there is a god damned it cursed by God himself cursed to live in this world a human mind embodied physically in the crumbling corn starch and corn syrup creation known as a cheeto a disgusting orange globule sitting in our White House and the people's house itself defiled by cheeto dust cheeto dust thus the dust mites the size of frisbees my god we'll never get that color out it'll never be the white house again it will be the orange house it will always the way that it's only the white house because they burned it down in the war of 1812 and we've rebuilt it with white paint it's now that it's now going to be the orange house for all of history because the curse of cheeto resides there the cressid orchards cheeto he defiles my mind he's a damn cheeto folks and I'm those are jury toes by the way you people are putting Doritos in the shed he is not a Dorito I think that I think our Latino friends would say that's racist it's gonna be the orange house do you think we need a big grill a type you know that's what I've been thinking about is that the thing is that's why I was thinking about Jesse Ventura because I honestly don't know how you can like break up the the kind of ossified ideas around the parties anymore I feel like Democrats Bernie needed to run as a Democrat because that's

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where like the the eyeballs were but like he needed enough people who just are never gonna tune into a democratic a race because they've rightly perceived the Democrats as a scum bag party of capital even if they don't think of it that way so a third party with somebody who is largely known and charismatic and had the importer of like the left but also a pop culture buy-in to get past people's dislike of politics which is what Trump used by the way cuz Trump remember red is a celebrity he didn't run as a rich guy he didn't run as a Republican he ran as a celebrity and you if you could take that energy that spectacle energy with and feed it into some goddamn like actual left.if political infrastructure and some ideology to like buffer it up into a real boy it could be something damn it but I don't know if we have anybody like that like even Jesse Ventura honestly isn't like the perfect vehicle but he's better than a lot of the alternatives and now sadly it doesn't look like we're even gonna get him so once again okay you're on off with the ball the presidential \*\*\*\*\* because at the end of the day there's nothing you can do at that level anymore it's gonna be this disgusting nightmare display this these two zombies lashed to the mast of the sinking ship at this point all I want us to baits just give me debates please I want to watch the debates I want to get blitzed out of my mind and watch the debates that's all I want out of this world aliens can destroy the earth the day after the debates I don't care just let me see the dang into debates between sons debate to please for the love of God give me a sons debate that one seems like it might even happen because the thing is is that if a hunter is in any way under the sway of the party like if if Tom Perez has like a body man on him who's keeping him marked up and doped and you know under surveillance and not in trouble which I gotta hope they're trying to do because they got to know he's a wild card if he's under control that he was he's not gonna honestly debate Don Cheney but if he gets wild if he is like off the reservation and he just does a couple bumps or maybe smoke some crack and sees that and he might just on impulse agree to do it like let's do it tomorrow and then knowing Don jr. they're like yes do it on \*\*\*\*\* periscope or something or take top before the DNC even knows he's doing it that's the only way it's gonna happen and it's a possibility and boy I don't know I think I've been good enough lately that I want to get it but also if it doesn't happen but it was not meant to be but somewhere just come for yourself knowing that in some universe the sons debate does happen and it's amazing a cursed cheeto gentleman invading our old White House the Oval Office orange the resolute desk buried under avalanche if people aren't gonna be able to get meat this shit's gonna get violent I think you I mean you know how meat fueled this country is that deaths got to go somewhere you eat all that death it's got to go somewhere and if it's like built up and you can't keep murdering with your mouth you're gonna murder with something else that's energies got to go all that pent up murder all

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that pent up aggression all that pent up social anima all that \*\*\*\*\* organ is gonna have to go somewhere and if we can't eat burgers and chicky chicky fillets and pork rib sliders and oh boy man it is gonna be a vast expression of kinetic energy there's gonna be some kinetic scenarios I don't know when and I don't know where but Inlet if people don't get meat there's gonna be kinetic scenarios I don't think it's gonna get to that point I think that the Chinese are gonna help synthesize something if brings flows in to maintain America as that needed still and non-replaceable where else you gonna go where else you gonna go you can't impoverish Europe enough to fast enough to make them need all of the extra geegaws that we have to compensate for our alienated labor and everywhere else you don't have developed enough markets to absorb all of that we're the only place so they're gonna try to save us and that might move us along a little bit and stop us from having the worst possible outcome it's all in our hands that's why the grilling is for a reason you're honing your katana whatever it may be to go forward into battle when battle is joined and however that might and manifest itself and the thing is right now we're in one of the most liquid moments in history that I could recall experiencing I think it's got to be number one and so we had a way four points of friction to emerge and I'm waiting with you guys it's it's an incredibly suspenseful moment I feel I feel like it just suspended I feel like I'm in that thing in the remake of Total Recall and they go through the center of the earth and when you go around the middle just what they're floating I feel like we're in there we are grilling we are grilling and chilling you're chilling compound in Montreal I'm thinking about a compound one way or the other and I'll say that I don't know if anybody knows any way to secure perimeter and create some sort of self-sustaining mini ecology that can facilitate some like you know fractal level of a more ideal social coordination some sort of some sort of Walden 3 that's what I'm thinking of that's what I want to build walden 3 I'm kidding no I don't want to do that a medical leader to get out of there Kanye is probably everyone's best bet if you can't get in with Kanye or Jared Leto I think you're in trouble I think with Jared Leto if you're a young woman of a certain size and shape say I think you're probably gonna get a better pet with Leto I think Kanye might be open to a bigger variety of people you're gonna be able you're gonna have to vibe with them though so I hope you build I hope you really liked yeezus I hope you're not just say to your friends that you like Jesus cuz it's gonna be hard to get in if you don't really really show him your enthusiasm for his work and how uh Jared Leto's wall castle that would be pretty cool things move so fast on how would I be would I be Jesse Ventura's VP absolutely are you kidding me that would be the most fun thing to ever happen how how could I ever turn that down I mean that would be a ridiculous choice that it would never happened but of course I would take that that would be

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amazing how would I even think twice about it I could not think of a more perfect vision more perfect symmetry of of like body and action and ability and enthusiasm I would be embodied fully in that task yes I will be Jesse Ventura's VP another green ticket but as I say I don't think that would be a smart move on their part but I would still say yes because I'm sorry it wouldn't really matter one way or the other I might as well have some fun how many thousands of pages is my manifest are going to be I've tried to keep it short throat no I'mnot there'll be no manifesto I think we're gonna try to write stuff though just to refine ideas like I know I've talked a lot about doing an episode about American Protestantism and sort of how it developed and you know its implications for America's political economy are and I've realized that a good test case to sort of see where at what level of abstraction I can kind of relate this stuff to I'm gonna try to write it out we're gonna try to actually write it instead of doing extemporaneously the way I've done all the other inebriated pasts this one I'm gonna try to write out like Mike Duncan or Patrick Lyman style and hopefully it's good and people find it compelling and if so I'll try probably be trying to write more but I do I think ubi is inevitable like I said if they decide if there is the will and ability to turn the spigot on the only way that that works is if you see a huge huge Keynesian fill priming of the pump like there and it can't be through Public Works and stuff like that because we wouldn't know where to put people because all of those arms are dead all those networks have died isn't it gone necrotic so that means pure dumped into the consumer economy through the through the inflationary vehicle of cash infusion and the thing is is that we've been doing that and that's generally how we but dope that's how we bumped out slowly dumped out of the Great Recession was but it was all at the level of quantitative easing it was all at the level of direct cash into the marketplace at the highest level which of course then gets captured at every level so that by the time it gets to the consumer it's a drizzle I mean it is a trickle down but it is a trickle it is a little piss stream compared to how much money you're talking about how much actual economic capacity of representing so they could just dump a bunch of money into our economy and get us spending again and that'll make it'll still be tough and it's still gonna lead to a lot of \*\*\*\*\* unemployment and it's gonna lead to a lot of social disco heejun and like I said I would expect now the violent crime might rise in this context it might be a lagging indicator but I could see it kind of popping up through the social firmament and obviously also all that \*\*\*\*\* political cultural tension that you see that's only getting worse for sure but also there could be a big infusion of cash at the level like just bypassing the \*\*\*\*\* bank level direct provision that could like stave off the worst for now and leave us in a situation where you know we're talking about we could look back on this at ten years and be like that looked like

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a real that was a close one but we made it and then you know if we haven't really changed things we're actually gonna see the next big drop then but who's we can't know yet I don't know either it's a mystery it is mystery we are all still trapped in the in the wispy firmament of time and space in their you can't learn if you if coding 0:40:43 is something that makes sense to you that would be a very useful skill to use that could like help you live in this world and make the world a better place I mean like I said I think that we have the capacity with our understanding of computer science now to solve a lot of the computational problems that undergird that challenge the validity or the the feasibility rather of socialist central planning I mean trying to get past those those signal mistranslations in the economy that would obviate the need for the goddamn cash Nexus in the first place so you could lobotomize the beast but it's all has to be through the correct application of computer power and and and sorting and all that stuff nothing I understand because I've always hated that end of the Sunda stick I can't get those symbols the symbols of numbers the 0:41:44 symbols representing the material world I can't get it I'm at a much higher level of abstraction I have one of the most unbalanced brains in human history I'll actually tell you guys something this is an open truth moment this is no \*\*\*\*\* I took the GRE which to get into graduate school I was gonna do not with nothing really else to do nothing to know what to do I decided I would go to history you know that's a lot of people in that in that questionable moment you know did it sit like okay we'll go to grad school so I took the GRE and that's it was divided into a math and a language section right and it's all percentiles of the people who took it so like if you get so in order percentile you get that is the high that is the percentage of people who you did better than who took the test and I think I was something like 96 or 97 0:42:45 percentile for the verbal portion which was good enough to get me into a middling graduate program but I swear to God I was something under I was like 10 percentile for math it was like 10 or 12 I mean I can't I mean I'm just saying this to say that I do not understand numbers I do not understand numbers in any way and so I don't understand how computers work but it really does feel like we could figure out a lot of these computing problems if people were if more people were doing that than \*\*\*\*\* building apps that helped enslave people to gig economy jobs and just destroy existing job systems by by disrupting local regulatory regimes doing something that's 0:43:48 actually socially productive the thing is even if you have to work a real job you could still work towards that goal just don't uh don't give up too soon don't give up the boat don't give my brain is dumb I have a Brett I have a dumb brain I know I was I'm just telling you guys I'm telling you guys I'm being honest and open so people don't think I'm some sort of \*\*\*\*\* because I I just wanted to let you guys know that I'm being honest with all this stuff and I I'm coming from a position of good

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faith yes my brain is bad it's like a gummed up it's like a gunned up this Oh dr. John Brinkley I referenced him today dr. John Brinkley is a fascinating American huckster he was a guy who he really was like to Nick Riviera of the American West he who is a fraudulent doctor because back then it was accreditation for a medical professional was so thin that you can basically write into a crackerjack box to get a thing that can get you paid to be a doctor somewhere which is pretty amazing when you think about it considering how tightly round in everything is now but so this guy Brinkley with his crackerjack diploma creates a miracle cure for impotence which involves the translation the surgical implantation of goat testes into the male human gonna del sack that's right a goon a ttle sack and that presumably this is what he would tell the hillbillies and plain folk who came to him yeah you're gonna get the in you're gonna get them animal power of that goat and it's gonna get you up now this probably had some sort of effect because obviously a lot of the erectile dysfunction is is psychosomatic so Shirl's number of people even after after that healed up they got hard and they were like damn thank you dr. brinkley but for the most part they would just get you know swollen balls a lot of the dive but anyway he became incredibly popular for this people came all over the world he had a you know he had a place in he had a place in Kansas I'm sorry sorry he had a place in Kansas and he and he where he was he would the balls on out of the people in Kansas I got out I got out you take the balls and he would put them in the sacks of the people and he became incredibly popular and and eventually he got stripped of his ability to do it because people kept dying and it was a wildly you know dangerous thing and then he ran for governor of Kansas and came pretty close he almost won it was really like mr. when mr. burns ran for governor you know because he wanted to stop having to pay taxes I was sort of the same thing he was gonna become governor then changed the rules so that he could practice medicine in Kansas again and he came pretty close but he didn't win and he ended up at a you know I'm having to go to to northern Mexico because they wouldn't allow him to operate the United States and he built a giant array a giant radio array that was so powerful that it reached all the way across the continental United States and people as far away as like Oklahoma from the border could hear it in barbed wire and bedsprings and \*\*\*\*\* like that's how powerful it was and funnily enough that radio station became the place where the vast were most people in the country first heard country-western music which was like a regional phenomenon that got national exposure for the first time through his radio station yeah so there you go dr. John Brinkley he spread culture and also horrible horrible go needle infections by sowing goat testicles into human scrotums what are we gonna do with all these goat balls buddy if I knew I would tell you I'm sure we would all tell each other because that's what the world

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economy's problem is gonna be pretty soon with this huge drop in a dam and in America they're gonna have a bunch of button orders for goat balls and nowhere to put them so that everyone is gonna be wondering where to put the goat balls which is why I think we might get a short-term ubi like a monthly cheque \*\*\*\*\* just so that we keep buying the goat balls because I think there might just be enough slack left in the system at this point to stop like runaway collapse which I think I don't think anyone at the real top wants because you know I'm sure they'll be fine with living into their New Zealand bunkers but I think they would rather be able to go skiing and shod and you know going to if they're pretentious enough going to you know the Lincoln Center and seeing the the Opera you know yes if you yes if you've been 0:50:4 to Bangkok oh oh the Commodores feast it Lord Falcons palace is exquisite they like that stuff and they don't want it to go away so presumably that will prevent them from allowing just a free fall into oblivion and the only real way they can do that without empowering workers too much which they do not want at all is just dumping money into the system so yeah I think we might be seeing a sometimes you get too excited with the Alfred Korzybski is a guy that my friend Rob was helping me to today who I think I had heard about he's actually one of the foundational 0:51:7 minds behind neural and linguistic programming but a lot of his uh the stuff that he talked about is very similar to what I've been trying to explain so I feel like he's a useful person like if somebody is you know at the right you know confidence with material if they're trying to figure out what I'm talking about I think course if he gets a lot of it not all of it but he gets a good chunk and he should be I think reading core zimsky and Marx I think are very useful I think that reading or zimsky against Marx could be very useful in making the person doing both understand both of them better so I would say core zips key is an interesting figure that I want to engage with more in the future so shout oh it's John Titor the guy who claimed that he called he was a time traveler is that the guy who said who would write to a to 0:52:9 a forum and claim to be from the future and said that like the country yeah that's funny I never read enough of it but I respect to anybody who would go that deeply into a character that's a great bit and you know what at this point maybe he was real who knows I'm pretty much open to everything I'm kind of thinking time-travel could happen just not the looper type Cherryville or back to the future where like something happens to you in the future here and like your arm getting out \*\*\*\*\* off that doesn't happen but you could have time travel sure why not as a treat we could and we just did laundry I've got plenty oh my god chef Ganon that's a blast from the 0:53:20 past I guarantee you what purse alright I'll just do a test no guests no bullshitting just like I'm honestly asking you don't look it up do you know who Jeff Gannon is do you does that ring a bell because I gotta believe most of these kids listening to this

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or watching this who are a guy would believe it but it's like 20s have no idea Jeff I'm getting nothing nothing what kind of amazing mutant would be on here asking me about Jeff Gannon how old are you dude are you can't be as old as me that seems impossible but there's anyone older than me on here I feel like the oldest man in twitch history oh man Jeff Gannon was a guy who was in the White House press corps during the Bush administration w and he would give these softball questions about how like mr. Rumsfeld the truth America loves the troops more than ever how can they help them express their love to the Troops that kind of thing you know 0:54:22  
Gallup polls show that America Bush is actually the smartest person to ever live how does he feel about being such a vision to everybody people eventually kind of said what is his deal and it turned out that he represented like a fake Mooney website and that he also had a side hustle as a male prostitute in DC specializing in like political figures there are some people who think that he was actually Johnny Gosch the Franklin credit ring abducted kid I have no idea if that's true or not it's a funny it's certainly an amusing idea but that's god that's such a blast in the past man just think of you kids think about all the stuff that's gonna blow your mind when you imagine kid kids aren't gonna know anything about including I mean if we make it this far Trump being president like the just the absurdity of that they're not gonna have no actual memory of how are you even gonna communicate it unless we've so far transcended it by then that it won't even be a meaningful thing but if that's 0:55:23  
the case I don't think we're gonna be doing anything other than Cormac I'm glad somebody remembers Jeff Gannon I believe his real name was Jeff gukor trilling I saw tonight it's excellent beautiful apparently it's gonna be all stormy tomorrow so probably want to button up but real nice today well that I got to be outside a little bit experience this backyard happy to have a little patch even though it's basically just a little shack here yeah it gives me a little bit of a little Sun otherwise I would probably be vitamin D deficient if I'm not already I've had two doctors look at me when it's my shirt off and say okay I think you need oh yeah the gutter guy that 0:56:34  
Jeff Gannon guy definitely was like an associate of Roger stone if you know what I mean you know people who associate with Roger stone like the people he would solicit in that personal ad with him and his wife looking for hyung studs but I love it you know he's better than the man afford mana for was a monster he was awful he was evil Pauly it looked like Roger stone was ethical Pauly this his wife seemed very much into it but he seems like kind of a jerk in other areas I would not be surprised if Roger stone had go testes who the black eagle trust the black halo Trust is a fun esoteric conspiracy theory they says that after World War 2 the u.s. took into its possession a massive amount of gold from the Japanese government or Japanese high officials or something and that it was never declared and it was used as like the basis 0:57:35

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as a fund for to fund basically every like evil CIA plot that has gone on since World War two to me it's like fun but it also seems beside the point like they had plenty of ways to get money that didn't involve having to have Japanese gold for one thing there was the Nazi gold and the other thing is that there was the post-war drug trade which they immediately got and also there's the black funds that are never accounted for the trillions and trillions of dollars just in the Defense Department a budget alone that our unreconciled and and I'm reconcilable it's just never gonna be resolved it's money that's in a quantum state forever which really does tell you that this idea that we could like run out of money is absurd like the money just went into the when it went into a black hole it didn't even disappear they can't even account for it that's different it's like it's like a it's like a it's floating in space it's it's like it's like a giant the the Pentagon is like a giant Schrodinger a box filled with like twenty trillion Schrodinger bucks that both exist and don't exist at the same time a little bit of clapping I'm not looking at the flyover no thank you I don't even know where it would be I'm not near where the thing is flying I'm way up and I'm in the middle of Brooklyn so I don't think I would even see it so yeah there's plenty of money for them to go around they don't need China they don't need Japanese gold you know it's like who's so pissed how does that determine the outcome of events is what I don't understand so but it's fun they're all fun the gemstone files if anyone knows the gemstone files those are hilarious I got I got into that \*\*\*\*\* in high school I got a like a print off on a dot matrix printer of the skeleton key to the gemstone files and I read that \*\*\*\*\* about how aristotle onassis was like the global got crime kingpin who assassinated everybody in him and Howard Hughes basically ruled the entirety of the post-war Western economy and pulled the strings of everything using heart attack potions and \*\*\*\*\* hearing the people like applauding it's like as long as people know that it's not enough you know as long as people use this moment to remember what their duties are to each other I think it's good you know and it's like it could be either for everyone and I think people end up fighting because they assume they can only be white one way but it's you know it's it's always a degree of both so it's worth tending to the good part rather than yelling at the bad part maybe I don't know perhaps perhaps Virgil's doing okay I talked to him about Rick and Morty I tweeted I texted to him he gave me he's apparently a big fan of the new episode so he's doing all right he can still appreciate good comedy he still has the reckless it IQ to appreciate Rick and Morty and all of its intricacies all right guys it's been an hour good to talk to you I'll see you guys tomorrow we'll delve into some more stuff maybe I'll have a few stuff prepared too we'll do a little less freeform maybe hide it out we'll talk see you guys all right

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whew Exeter's host mode finally volume off no thank you hello everyone back outdoors beautiful day day apparently it's snowed here yesterday good lord dismal time there was a polar vortex the polar vortex I say and then it ain't in a crazy world we live in without a sell tickets anyway it's much nicer today apparently it's gonna rain tomorrow but then hopefully tonight nicer later in the week which is good I'm 0:1:3 hoping we have at least one more good month or so to eventually just give up on our plea to stay indoors and say \*\*\*\*\* it like everyone else is because I've really thought about it and I don't see any other way this goes somebody wanted I mean something could change you know we could have a huge rupture this in the circumstances but man the way it's looking now it really looks like they're just gonna say \*\*\*\*\* it and they're not even gonna say it it's the things they're just gonna let it happen they're gonna go oh the doors are open oh you guys oh geez these these states that they're up and now oh well you know if you wanna I mean we're not gonna be doing anything just so you guys know there's no point to your quarantine and that's the real thing that's gonna kill it is eventually people are gonna realize that this whole stay indoors for everyone else you know London during the Blitz solidarity thing 0:2:5 we're doing clapping and all that it was all predicated on buying time to have a way to go back to normal that incorporated the risk of the disease and a way to keep it from spreading too far and that would have required doing something like what South Korea is doing or whatever and the thing is that we have done nothing they have done nothing but cover each other's asses because it's all bunch of absolute crook crooked incompetent offs it's the biggest collection of boasts we've ever had in a government true clown ours all of them are just trying to like and all those four cabinet meetings for Corona you know they're actually doing they're all selling each other multi-level marketing \*\*\*\*\* like one of them is buying those those Mormon yoga pants and the other one is selling like timeshares or something it's absolute criminality everyone's got their hand out and nobody knows anything and most of them are genuinely loyal to Trump at least in the sense that they don't want to piss 0:3:6 him off because they know that he could turn on them at any moment which means

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that even though they know he's a \*\*\*\*\* when he says things like don't test people early on they do it because they don't him to get mad and now we're in a situation where there's we just \*\*\*\*\* around the whole time all we did was dick around and then slowly and surely because everyone was miserable and there was nothing to do and we don't have any other way of expressing misery in this culture oh if you came a culture war issue and now staying in is for libs and Cox or slash responsible reality based community members and going outside is for you know Patriots slash cuts and that's that's the battle lines now so like today they're opening up some restaurant in Colorado and it's all full and people are high and people are mad at those people but I mean yes they're being very responsible they're very being very selfish but you're also they're also operating in a context where their sacrifice is just not supposed to mean anything where there is no part of a plan that it plays it's just delaying the inevitable so people are just eventually because they got to go to work or because they just can't stay inside they're gonna make the choice the selfish individual choice to come out and then more are and more are and what we're only thing we're gonna end up doing to deal with it is normalize dying of Corona as a thing that happens now as a thing that's just what are those things just one of those things that happens to you like a zombie apocalypse but like we get the zombies down to a level where you know there's like a five percent chance when you go out that the zombies gonna bite you so I think that's gonna be it and the only real question is gonna be whether the system can actually absorb all the sick people and whether people enough of them make the plunge to get the economy going again and those are questions I'm not quite sure of it a lot of it has to do with how the virus response to weather how how it mutates you know how it's when it starts hitting populations or you know haven't really experienced it yet I don't really have any kind of plan for it I don't know I have no idea but I would say that it is likely that we do some sort of we we scale up medical facilities in a very fast way not as fast as China of course but in a fast enough way to facilitate excess capacity from you know 911 every day worth of people dying from Corona and of course thousands and thousands more getting sick enough to know have to go to the hospital and so we have more facilities to an extent so it's not completely you know wrenches in the gears and it can't function anymore but then a lot of triage and we just actually have \*\*\*\*\* death panels they just full-on Republicans of course the guys who called Obamacare death panels are now going to actually administer legit death panels Eric Trump is gonna be a member of a three-judge committee with two of his sorority fraternity brothers who buried a sex worker with in college they're going to decide whether your grandmother gets a ventilator or not or whether you get one actually depending on how much you contribute to society and there's gonna be all these wonderful metrics we can get from all these

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tech companies that have been basically hoovering up every piece of data in our lives until now to use to determine who's naughty and who's nice and then that becomes another way to to condition people because now another reason to stay on the beam is to make sure you get access to health care because you could get sick at any minute now and of course most of our attention and anger is gonna go towards our fellow citizens like when this thing when the dam blows and weren't a new normal we're just like thousands of dad's death dead people is assumed you know we're not just gonna blow it off we're not just gonna completely normalize it we're gonna have a lot of excess alienation just horror that is gonna have to be expressed and it's gonna be expressed mostly who we blame and that's gonna be like the Chinese a lot of the Democratic governors are gonna get a lot of anger from conservatives and the libs are gonna be really really mad at Trump of course and the stupid idiot people who disobeyed orders to stay in and wouldn't wear masks and stuff and don't watch Colbert so they don't know what they're supposed to think about things and then that's where the energy is gonna go and that's why I think Biden winning could honestly man if this recovery is this if this depression is as bad as it seems and Biden is in there like I said James Buchanan and I think that becomes more and more true every day it feels like because that's gonna be a lot of social boxed that's gonna be a lot of anger that's gonna be a lot of confusion that's gonna be honestly literally just a corseting of the culture because we're gonna be that much closer to death around us it's gonna be less taboo we're gonna care less we got a lot of guns and the idea of this you know sanam Buhl n't mummy democrat presiding over you know a new normal of of just course and economically depressed society it's not good it's not fertile ground for just historically that hasn't been fertile whereas if trump's president and this is going on there's a it's basically gonna be a question of whether he's able to export enough blame to like china which he would require to basically go to war with china to really fulfill the amount of blame they'd have to take for this to avoid him or he would actually maybe get a point where he's alienated a significant chunk of people not necessarily his base who love him but people who don't think politically and now have politics in their face in the form of you know becoming a in surfing essential worker or kept in their homes or have loved ones die or be refused access to health care there's gonna be enough of a you know a trail of bloody v fingerprints that him in charge while this whole thing is the whole horror of this thing of sinking in it could really create like a a positive polarization and and well yeah i Biden in there is because I don't know how you get anything other than like some half-assed attempt at like a secession movement at least depending once again about how bad the bad the economy gets I did see whoa boy I saw Trump I saw Alec Baldwin drink the bleach and man I I said this on Twitter but you know I when I watch Saturday

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Night Live people say how can you watch it it's because it's fine it's fun you know I'm gonna be doing so I'm gonna be on my phone anyway why not be on my phone and find out what my friends had said SNL are up to sometimes I'm surprised by a delightful sketch that I wouldn't have seen otherwise and then think when things are bad that are usually bad at an interesting or baroque way and you're like wow they really are \*\*\*\*\* this up in a very specific fashion and you can find it tease it out it's fun you can engage with it never sad never made me sad because one it's a 40 year old show but also it was never that good to begin with it's a lot of it as people suffusing nostalgia for their childhood version of the show that's why they they always are so harsh on the neon the current program so you suck whatever but man these zoom ones the zoom ones are just sold destroyed just seeing what like we're willing to put up with already in terms of just cramming all of our anxiety into the most anodyne brain-dead packaging to just defuse all sense of urgency or even understanding of our own life conditions in just like this this tesseract of banality but to do that with everyone in their homes just drawing attention to how absurd this is it's like a \*\*\*\*\* ionesco playing and it's very depressing it's actually sad as I said that like the earnest like kind of like like panic behind the eyes of the performers who are recording these in their homes and doing zoom calls you can see this glint and it really does feel like it's videos that somebody a terminally ill person would get make for their kids so that they'll remember them by I was like I hate kids I'm gonna do it for some funny sketches so you can remember me after I'm gone you know that's that's the kind of vibe as the kids say that these things have and it's brutally depressing kyle mooney stuff is still decent because he's a video guy originally but uh I mean I'm sure Sandburg also would have done well in this Pete Davidson reminding everyone that he is one of the most cosmically talentless creeps to ever appear on the show or in popular culture I mean I am just baffled that that I mean this is Marshall also brought on by that mind-blowing trailer for his movie that looks like No thank you I would rather watch the Collateral Murder video for 90 and he says and now his doing on the on the zoom SNL's as he's rapping he's doing like self written raps about having to stay home with his mom it's like that's the one where you do feel like things have gotten worse because you know there's like Davidson is the role that has in previous generations in the show but filled by Jimmy Fallon Adam Sandler sort of like the unique figure who has like a talent that's like orthogonal sort of to the SNL but also intersecting you know and usually has a has a guitar or some sort of musical part of their deal and so he's like in that tradition he's a more famous version because he's had famous girlfriends and he has like you know mental health freak outs in public but he's just like the net the latest one of those guys and of those guys he is the least talented I mean at least Fallon who is of course not nearly as talented

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as Adam Sandler was at least Fallon has like a geniality even if it's grating Davidson just I wouldn't want to sit next to him on a bus a little watch him for 90 minutes Oh getting creep stop thinking about and yeah like Fallon also could play guitar you know his stuff wasn't as good as Sandler's cuz Sanders was the originator oh man can you imagine one trade man get ahold of coronavirus holy crap I mean I can't wait to see it's gonna be funny let's see what's gonna happen Stan's dad is gonna get really obsessed with like a I'm Hamming or something something about like being inside all the time and then Cartman of course is going to be a militant open reopen guy and then that'll be it it'll be funny I already I already wrote it it's done Kenny will drink bleach and die done yeah there you know Stan's dad hasn't only found something like that zoom messaging yeah you get it already apparently that's all that's in production in Hollywood right now is animated shows so if anybody's got a pitch for a sitcom or something they're turning it into an animated version of itself which means that the whole thing of animated shows becoming just more you know like literal-minded therapy sessions for the writers it's only gonna get more explicit so I'll get I do like cricket party though I'm saying it's a very clever show you have to be very intelligent to understand the jokes and I actually like solar opposites as well it's like diet Rick and Morty it's like Rick and Morty with half the calories yeah that's the other thing is that like Pete Davidson because he is like this is you know you know he's like he's basically SNL's version of a soundcloud rapper and his whole vibe is that like sand out nihilistic you know on the edge of mental a little hysteria at any moment thing I mean he got a \*\*\*\*\* tattoo of Hillary Clinton for God's sakes it makes it hard it makes me feel bad for him but at the same time she is one of the most least appealing people they've ever had on the show I'm trying to think of who else is out there really young Robert Downey jr. Obama gay guys it's Obama gay man you guys remember when they were talking about how Obama \*\*\*\*\* up the swine flu and how that was way bigger deal than this and how everyone needs to talk more about the swine flu and how that was the real bungle I don't hear that anymore they don't talk about that anymore which really makes you wonder how far ooh is there a possibility of someone like Caesar or Napoleon rising from the military especially in case they take over ooh boy that's interesting that's an interesting question uh I because I've thought a lot about this because I've thought a lot of what the real countervailing forces at play here are because obviously the working class is largely not a player in any of the scenes of global the global proletariat peasantry or global Thierry it has no real say on anything in the United States specifically you've got a political class that is largely incompetent placeholders who are there in the names of corporate interests some of which are domestic some international southern cotton yeah all of them in some degree of competition and conflict with one

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another but with one general you know interest they share a lot of the same interests as the ruling class in and they are looking to extract as much money for this thing as possible because they're riding the engine of capitalism as it just drills out the last bits of \*\*\*\*\* from the center of the earth and turns it into beanie babies so they are riding this thing to the end that's it their main interest is whatever they can take from this and if the whole thing breaks apart that's fine because up to to not break apart would require undermining the the profit engine which is more important than 0:18:31 anything and that's when you hit the self-destruct button that's when you get what Marx called in the manifesto the common ruin of the contending classes which is the end of a unsuccessful class war but the thing is is that the United States also has a state structure you know politicians in it don't really have very much power or you know popular legitimacy but there are these function deep state functions that have significant like logistical and infrastructural power one of the biggest one is the US military I mean there is a direct connection between you know the impoverishment of the American welfare state relative in Europe and our military budget I mean those things are connected the reason that the Europeans built you know public housing and national healthcare services after World War - is that we were the ones who built all the bombs and all the nooks and and and and protected the free world they were kind of got they got off of that because they had to make sure that their 0:19:33 working class wasn't swayed by communism which was right there across the Erica we didn't have that and so instead we were the Arsenal we had we had military Keynesianism all stimulus basically through military spending and that is created in the world's largest like military infrastructure the largest military power the world has ever known and then even if you have like a real infrastructure and logistics networks they're pretty durable and networks within the US military that are gonna be able to withstand that and they have high-speed core unit cohesion all that stuff they have they have a task and purpose all that but the thing is they don't have anything like a a come out like a United commander like there's no there's nobody like because as I've talked about on this show before that has been a bunch of idiots like we did we've created a perfect mediocrity out of the fake meritocracy we have 0:20:35 because meritocracy and Chris Hayes of all people has talked about this well the whole twilit elites thing is that over time what meritocracy just reproduces inherited wealth because the meritocratic seed on their own merits then create conditions so that their kids can do as well or better than better than them which means that they because they get all the things you know all the all the edges smooth for them they do and but then they don't have the competence that their parents did because they didn't get there themselves and then they just do it to the next generation who has even less connection to actual competence and we're like four or five generations

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deep into that I mean the Trump family is a great example you got the hardscrabble grandpa comes from Germany and becomes like a what he owned a bordello in the Yukon and then Kate got bought real estate in New York like a real like a 9r and here then the Sun takes advantage of you know a bunch of government programs to become a essentially a middleman between you know the New Deal state and the city of New York just a functionary essentially and that his son even less talented even less involved with directly with making the well and that's exact same thing has happened in the military because these guys rise our military goals are becoming have become over the year so confused listless contradictory and it's suffused with failure because every mission that they've given has been a failure I mean what is our record in the 21st century it's dog \*\*\*\*\* and so West Point and the officer corps reproduces just institutional mediocrity so this guy's at the top there is I highly doubt that there is a Napoleon amongst them I highly doubt that I mean maybe at the mid level you'll have some like energetic officers which was the case you know with the Free Officers movements in the Middle East and in Africa the question is whether they would be able to coordinate and you know essentially behead two senior senior authority but one way or another when they start just really stripping down the social order of everything to take it private to create like a network of serves snow crash libertarian AOS Oasis's there will be an institutional interest by the US military separate from capitalism which it serves broadly to maintain that system and that will be the point where maybe all of these you know these these social or political structural things you know like Constitution and that \*\*\*\*\* that's maybe when they finally get broken but I don't know but then of course there's always the more likely scenario seems to me given America's size is more of a spiral outward rather than a concentration in word but once again the big inputs that have to be put in here too haven't been put in yet are how bad the virus is how able are we able to maintain you know resilient supply chains how much are we able to get money into people's hands to restart the economic engine those are all questions that have yet to be answered it is as Shaun Moorhead on Twitter called it the time in history known generally as the cool zone if you have a crisis of democratic legitimacy economic viability and public health intersecting in a time of rapidly and exponentially increasingly changing climate that's the cool only cool things happen in times like that generally from the point of view of reading about them of course you know not necessarily living through but we'll see but the thing is like Napoleon you know it was able to rise through the military because the revolution happened you know there was an actual class-based rebellion against the HR regime he didn't act first he had to be like his path the power had to be legitimized by changes in you know values one of which replacing blood right with some kind of early version of meritocracy

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which is the whole idea of bonapartism when a partisan reproduces the you know the hierarchical nature of monarchical government but instead of allowing it to be you know a fair inherited by the the oldest and you know most soft and unaccomplished people on earth it is a new and vigorous a new and vigorous hierarchy where the people have claimed those roles by their intelligence and ability but of course you can see even here the way that that never is what works because Napoleon the \*\*\*\*\* avatar of liberal meritocracy the guy who basically invented the concept you know like the Napoleonic codes and his social Civic and social reforms were all about abolishing the the Society of orders and replacing it with a new hierarchy because it was not not in hierarchical but a new hierarchy based on talent this is this is the ideological underpinning of liberal democratic capitalism that's what he was he was but what did he do in terms of governance not only did he make himself emperor when he conquered other countries he made his relatives and high marshals their new monarchs as like a tribute system seeding a new royalty across Europe that would have that would then be meritocratic but the goal there but I believe Napoleon's thought is there yes you know we did we deserve it which means if we ever lose it it'll be our fault and I just didn't realize how fast and how dramatically that impact can be felt when you're living in an interconnected time well that moves at such speed as this one that requires such informational awareness and such speed of action and such such basically the opposite of everything we've allowed to accumulate in our gunked-up social and I am wondering what happens if RBG dies by November I kind of think she's might already be dead I would not be surprised if the the Google DNC has played a little weekend at Bader's here because you know it's a high-stake \*\*\*\*\* and they know that I mean my god if she dies before November where is their stick to get anyone to vote for Biden you know because presumably that would be I mean if he nominated somebody it would be it would be approved almost immediately right like unless it was right before the election she'd be replaced almost instantly like they'd steamroller like McConnell would pull every lever he has to instantly do that and then wouldn't that kind of undercut the argument for why you need to vote for Biden because like even now Supreme Court gone goof gaiter Bader Ginsburg she is a damn goof I can't think of another a better example of liberal hubris than her conviction that she could hang around even though she was in her 80s and beset by maladies during Obama's term because Democrats we're never gonna lose the presidency again what difference does it make Wow Wow well that but as I've said things like the Supreme Court if we're gonna really change anything if we're really gonna like not let ourselves get turned into bezos you know bug creatures by the aftermath of this thing like just get plugged into an actual matrix of human exploitation where we were given the bare substance of Soyent and and a bare min-

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imum of entertainment visa the kwibi shown directly on the inside of our eyelids then it's not gonna because somebody got became president and nominated a liberal justice to the Supreme Court or you want a Supreme Court case the Supreme Court is going to be quite secondary to any any situation like that but it's not necessarily means it's gonna be a legitimate process somehow it'll just be a conditions will not 0:29:52  
allow like for this the maintenance of the system itself will not allow its constituent parts to maintain their current order that's a good point about the fundraising I think the art BG shed is really for the UH for the rooms who cut the checks man can you imagine giving money to the Democratic Party that ooh the most cooked thing imaginable do you think we ever passed Medicare for all see that's another one like the court thing where I think we might end up some version of an actual humane health care system I don't think it's gonna be because something passes the House and Senate is ratified by the President and then passes muster with a the Supreme Court I just don't see that happening but I also don't see that as an it as 0:30:55  
a circumstance that will that's enviable I mean one thing that might ease it along is the fact that the \*\*\*\*\* health care industry it's not this is Kovac thing is \*\*\*\*\* with it I mean this is this it's not they're not just making money off of this thing it's actually it's in especially if we've just decided we're gonna let people die man that's gonna be a huge toll that I oh man a Nancy Pelosi so I've talked about out they \*\*\*\*\* this bat so badly that we're all now in a situation where people have just shrugged their shoulders internally and accepted that they're just going to be okay 0:31:56  
with a lot of people dying and then end up just you know venting all that feeling on each other you know in in in violence's and hostilities small and big the reason that's happening is because they'd \*\*\*\*\* just \*\*\*\*\* around for eight weeks instead of using the time people stayed home to change anything like create any kind of system for contact and trace or maybe create alternative systems for providing food or whatever suspending the economy that kind of stuff suspending rent doing things like that and obviously yeah Republicans very bad at everything but like and I'm not even saying Democrats because there were Democrats who actually had things that would have made a difference and could have been points of argument and points of differentiation with the Republicans and Nancy Pelosi intentionally refused to allow any of them to appear in any kind of bill that could be voted on up or down she 0:32:57  
essentially refused to put anything out and allowed McConnell in the Senate to write the bills and pass them first and then she would send the already ratified version to the house I think her argument probably would be well since they're not gonna pass anything they don't want to and they have control then I it's wasting time to do anything other than pass what they've already passed because we're not gonna get it through any other way but of course that ignores the fact that there were real

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differences out there that could have been a in some way exemplified and maybe pressure could have been a brought to bear and there was no pressure for anyone to get their act together because Nancy Pelosi wasn't applying it on purpose because she was too blinkered in her understanding of you know what the what the moment called for to actually grasp the what's what was going on and like the reason that there's no that if Trump does somehow lose this election or like loses the support of his of his diehards if the if the massive profundity of this failure that he and it is I mean it's jaw-dropping the number of people who he's directly responsible for killing is gonna be astronomical by the end of this he's gonna be in George W Bush territory maybe and maybe we will banish him but do you think Nancy Pelosi if you know she eats enough cord blood and adrenochrome if she keeps running for that seat do you think they'll ever turf her out in her wealthy enclave in San Francisco filled with very very high information voters you can't say that they don't know what's going on you can't say they're brainwashed by Fox News and the and what they're and they're signing off on it they think it's fine they think it's cool really why pretending that there is something to discuss okay so that's a good question if you guys know that everything is \*\*\*\*\* and it's all just the oligarchs then why don't you just talk about that well that's another one of those things where you heighten the degree of abstraction from like your grasp to the point that it just creates more anxiety and it freaks you out more and worst of all it leaves you really with nothing to say because what are you supposed to say yes they're trying to try to grind us into the \*\*\*\*\* paste they're using this they're using the excuse of this to guarantee that there is no socialist turn in toward it in the face of disaster which they generally has been traditionally the things in history that have led to long term and significant drops and inequality within and within cultures are massive wars significant weather events that lead to pandemics and disease I mean the Middle Ages were turned into the modern era essentially by the Black Death the Black Death is the engine of modernity that's where it started that's where the accumulated silt of the post-roman order was sort of flushed out of the carburetor and I think our global bourgeois is aware of that phenomenon and is dead set on using the fact that they have accumulated not only more capital than any other ruling class in history but more powerful capital in the terms of more abstracted and technological capital that can be that could that multiplies their actual force vastly beyond their number or even their and they're thinking we're gonna be the ones that did not do that we're gonna be the first ruling class to survive intact with it when the system collapses and of course that still be even if they fail at maintaining the system they will still in some instances succeed because you know the the the old the new aristocracy that rose and that rises slowly but surely out of all these great leveling events a lot of it

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has there a lot of them have their origins as powerful influential successful families before that so you know whatever is built from the ashes of what might fall there's going to be a heavy sprinkling of accumulated wealth from before that's gonna form the toppest let layer of sediment am i disheveled and I Emily tossed why we tossed 0:38:8  
am i a storm tousled rogue bias term tousled rogue yes somebody's asking about like a Cromwell rather than a Napoleon considering the religion will be more prevalent as atomo as an motivator than they was in the last one that's a good point I mean half the guys in charge of the military who are up there are complete millenia nutjobs I mean they're they're all like that dude who got fired for mouthing off about how his god was bigger than you know the Muslim God and he was gonna go over there and do crusade against them and \*\*\*\*\* so but the thing is that's not all half of them are like Petraeus and McChrystal like kind of like they're basically like military joe 0:39:10  
scarborough's they're like worldly kind of economically conservative but mostly chill with social issues kind of guys who you know can convivial 'hey hang out with any group of sophisticated because they all they're all have graduate degrees you know like they're not they're not just they're not peasant levies you know there's a lot of them a lot of them go to Ivy League schools you know so there's this there's actually an internal divide within the leadership of the military that mirrors the educational and sophistic divide in America so that's that's a little bit farther down down the path I don't know but it's an interesting x-factor to think about what was the name of that guy wasn't name of that crazy general Boykins you know at the thing about 0:40:12  
how James Comey became director of the FBI is an interesting question because he is such an AIF I mean you you you see what he how he talks about himself and it is like a cartoon Boy Scout and you think this has got to be a scam but then you look at what happened to him and how he perfectly botched everything and got owned out of government and then had to like become a become an inspirational poster a slogan writer that's a that's clearly he botched something you know that was not that makes you think it was from a real place that he really does think that way and so how does somebody like that become in charge of the organization that killed MLK for God's sakes and I think it's justice I think in situations like that you just have to assume that there is another guy or woman in the FBI hierarchy who's like the dark version of Comey who does makes the decisions that he doesn't even know have to be made I don't know who that guy is but he's probably he's definitely in there if Comey is the guy who appears to be he am i considered Chinese warlords for 0:41:16  
America the warlord period it's a real i mean it's another one that makes sense as a potential historical comparison just because yeah like the idea of a unified hunt out coming out of the US military seems less likely than some sort of regional breakdown yes i mean when you consider that you know those bases are all spread all over the

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place you know a general jack d ripper situation at any place of a significant size guy in charge of pendleton decides to take over california he probably could so whoever's in charge of camp pendleton could just become like the visit the the Grand Mufti of California tomorrow if he wanted to like the Fort Bragg guy could do that to the Carolina coast and then you've got National Guard which is the X Factor because those guys have a lot of \*\*\*\*\* guns and a lot of \*\*\*\*\* and they could be nationalized obviously by the President and are and you are used like for military purposes and overseas but you know the Command Authority there's to the States ooh boy it's just a very once again I think the people who who this are right in that a lot of it is just sort of a kind of honestly bad taste wish wish casting for some kind of you know redemption from this arc of of just the worse but you know us never changing us allowing things to get worse but just slowly and slowly worse and never changing anything and just imagining someday there's gonna be a reckoning somehow so I'm gonna crack up and we're gonna get to see it you know there's a certain degree of that that's part of it and that's why you've got to remember that this is all dependent on the economy basically cratering to a degree that I just don't think is gonna happen I think that there is enough investment at the top level in maintaining for the near term some sort of legitimacy and popular government that they're gonna they're gonna bail us out to the extent they have to and on their own terms you know so we're all gonna be super surveilled we're all gonna have to watch a like 30-second ad before we can piss in our own bathrooms you know we're all gonna work in there tubes and \*\*\*\*\* we're all gonna eat there whatever paste that they you know sell us without asking what it is and it'll be more the same but just more intensified and faster and worse and more brutalizing because we know the human cost that we are all involved with and are all participating in and that's the real gross part is that when people just start staggering back out pretty soon they're already doing it and the waves of bodies start piling up and we just normalize it we're all just gonna feel like it's our own fault and we're gonna blame each other the libs are gonna blame the the Conservatives who wanted to own everybody by going out in public the Conservatives will blame the Chinese so they'll probably be some sort of like a mini pogroms going on at like PF Changs and \*\*\*\*\* in the suburbs and it's just because we have will have all this feeling of horror in order to put it because we just refused to not internalize that a personal or like I mean people talk about people talk about you know in terms of the military what about private contractors those guys are big deal it's gonna be significant for us but like right now I don't think there's a private contractor in the world who could stand toe-to-toe with like the military maybe I'm wrong about that there could be some capacities I'm unaware of it would not be surprised if that was the case but for the most part I think those I mean those guys

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guys dude went into Venezuela were \*\*\*\*\* were you know defense contractor they were private military contractors I keep doing this today I'm doing the finger quotes I remember the thing where Chris Farley he would do him so fast that he flew but it broke because he was fat it was a good one that's what he said he goes I'm fat I'm is everything worse 25 years worse than fighters ago is to just feel that way I think it honestly is just because we're 25 years closer to you know resource capacity hitting environmental feedback and all that you know and we have not really made a lot of progress except in a negative way becoming more socially atomized more alienated from each other and from labor and less though conscious of it and able to organize 0:46:24 against it which is what's not supposed to happen in Marxism that's the one thing that's not supposed to happen is that increased misery is supposed to directly lead to corresponding working class solidarity net and mobilizing and that is that doesn't happen because the Specht we've been we've been overly symbolized we got over symbols we created a level of abstraction in politics and in culture that just and we have a degree of wealth to distribute in to kind of buy off working-class anger and and put all of that see because the the opening of markets around the world gave like the Western proletariat an offer that the working-class wasn't supposed to get in traditional Marxism I think Marx can have understood this could happen but you know he didn't see it happen as much Lenin talked more about it you can provide 0:47:25 some planet some relinquishment of the of the conditions of pain and suffering by giving more money giving more recognition of the unions and more union control because you're able to pass off that exploitation to other workers elsewhere and that doesn't \*\*\*\*\* with profit and as a result salt of that combat those twin motions the culture becoming abstracted and the and essentially diffusing Americans social consciousness you want to call it spirit whatever you want to call it like like that sense of emptiness that we all know to be the modern condition it accelerated with that that wealth that we have because of the free real estate because of the free refills because of the traditions just specific nature of what capital accumulation in America we're all external crises could be resolved through expansion and now 0:48:30 we've reached a point where those inputs are gone so now you know as I've stirred the garage is filling with carbon monoxide but we have not had but nothing has reversed the social trend in fact the social trend has only been vastly exacerbated by technology and by the internet and by the culture that it creates and now we have it replicated in the physical space by separation through quarantine it's it's like every every pathology is reinforcing in a different level and then pushing down and reinforcing on one another but as I said that pressure is gonna create change and we just have to be ready when change begins because this is the fluid motion right now we are yeah we're at that stage in an earthquake when the friction is so intense 0:49:33

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that the ground actually liquefies it becomes essentially a liquid and that's where we and that is why because we don't know the source of our pain and stuff and because we have so thoroughly had that you know pain identified with quenching through consumption there's gonna be a lot of anger as people are not given those things as their degree of access to material pleasures is reduced and there's no spirit there's nothing spiritual to fill the vacuum there's no sense of meaning to fill the vacuum it's just purely hollowed out but that's our task I guess while we whatever we can find whatever way we can rebuild social ties I guess at any level so like if people asked like what's the next step of the drill pill after you know refocusing on the world around you I don't know the answer but the question should be what can I do to rebuild anything like a social network social a sense of social trust at the people around me how can we how could I refill that \*\*\*\*\* hollowed-out chocolate Easter Bunny with creamy caramel meaning and and it starts with creating a sense of of communal benefit the idea that you get something by cooperating with your people other people that trusting people instead of approaching everyone with the hunched flinching snarl of the like the reactionary gun Toder actually has a benefit it makes you more relaxed it makes you feel like you have people who can help you in a prop and that only that sense is gonna get people able to check rise to the challenge they're gonna have to believe in it and I don't know what that means I'm sorry I can't say any more because everything is so wildly fluid but when the ground starts settling you got to look around you you're gonna have to we're all gonna have to start looking around ours around us and then agreed that we can do that now we should also do Oh God love yourself and everyone around you goddamnit I guess that's it now Jesus what a difference a couple of years make huh a couple of years failed presidential race global \*\*\*\*\* pandemic that's gonna rearrange the face of civilization and some level even if so yes love yourself love everyone around you bite and dropping out I think might very well happen after the nomination because I looked it up and apparently if anybody withdraws after being nominated but before the election the DNC meets to replace them the way they replaced Terry Eagleton with Sargent Shriver in 1972 what that means is Biden the day after the hell the hour after the convention nomination he could say oh I'm sick or I want to spend time with dr. Joe Biden and then they can put in anyone they want they don't have to do any redo of any sorry votes from the convention delegates it's just DNC members or some grouping within there so yeah I think that's a very realistic way that could happen especially since as I've said it doesn't really matter with Biden wants here because he has no independent base of support in the party he is borrowing Obama's because Obama couldn't be on the ballot and that means that if Obama makes the same recognition of reality that he made before Super Tuesday which was if I don't get off my butt

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we're gonna \*\*\*\*\* eat \*\*\*\*\* in something that we could win like if like I've said if Trump looked unbeatable if we were sitting still sitting at like one-and-a-half percent unemployment and and the media was all culture war horse \*\*\*\*\* and then the the DNC just blew themselves up to nominate Biden I could see them saying \*\*\*\*\* it let him take the fall so we're all hands clean and win the next one let it fundraise off Trump for four more years but they really see that they could get it this time but it's not gonna be with Biden but they can't do it now because it's too it's doing the error which the problem is it's a long-ass time till what August that's a long time 0:54:47 that's a lot that's a whole summer that they got to keep him not I mean they don't have to take him out much but they have to keep him in people's public eye he has to be an actual you know alternative to trump for people even if they hate Trump to want to go out and the most boring ending to the virus yes but also honestly I think in the medium term the most destabilizing because the most boring conclusion is is high six figures maybe millions dead and that being normalized and I don't think you can just metabolize that without any ill effect I think it will have significant social pressure especially as the recovery to this economic collapse that's still in the process will be will make 2008's recovery look like you know the recovery after Black 0:55:48 Friday or Black Monday or something in a situation like that all that death is gonna have an effect even if in the short term it's just oh yeah more the same but worse unless of course not as many people die as we're all thinking but considering how many are already dead I don't think that's realistic I mean we're almost we're almost the six figures already I don't think there's a way we're not talking about nearly a million so we're gonna have to really like look at each other and say what were what we're capable of allowing and whoever they replaced biting with is another question 0:56:49 though because that's person that has to have juice in the party because you can't just put in anybody there unless they don't have any unless they have no independent power basin and they're no threat so like a total a total empty suit then you have to have total trust wouldn't be able to actually exercise power I don't know who that would be maybe Cory Booker huh but not famous enough they've got to have mando name recognition and that is why the people who say Hillary Clinton hilariously are you know that's my that's the funny answer that is kind of isn't that honestly the funniest thing that could happen and so I honestly cuz who else is his famous to try to build up Cuomo but honestly man I don't know how you pull that one when he it's the epicenter of not only infections but deaths basically in the world Newsome I don't know if he's gonna be able to get famous enough in the next few months especially since there really is an East Coast bias in media and being in Cal- 0:57:50 ifornia does just doesn't give him the the attention that being an East Coast time does which is what gave Cuomo that pump in the first place even though he's went

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one of the most incompetent idiots to even come close to this \*\*\*\*\* thing one of the worst guys and he's in the high 80s maybe they will just do it maybe they'll overlook it maybe the fact that they're all that he killed all those people isn't gonna matter because - the same way that the mag of people will just say although that's because of China or because of the governors or because of Peter stroszek and the lovely lovely Nellie or and liberals will say it's because of Trump they'll say yeah oh yeah but he couldn't do anything differently could happen but even then I wonder about pomo he does seem like a Clinton he's in the Clinton orbit right so he's a little st. James Democrat as they call him I hope if there is a historical record of this period of American history that you know how there are different factions of different political parties in history there were the Bourbon Democrats were sort of the reactionary Southerners who couldn't who had to be Democrats because you know there was only one party there they could be the they could be the little Epstein they could be the little st. James Democrats Bernie was defeated in 2016 by a coalition of little st. James Democrats so if Cuomo Cuomo is in there then that's probably another victory for for the little st. James will st. James of Kratz I mean working councils I hope so I hope we can get people to work up the level of their job problem is I mean the thing to remember is that even in the Great Depression there was still massive amounts of labour militancy even with so many people out of work so you know the traditions have been lost in a lot of ways but you know the dynamic isn't inherently doomed there are strategic places where labour militancy could you know reassert working-class Prague and it wasn't like realigned politics because I mean if things get bad enough I could honestly see this whole culture war thing really bubble though it could either explode or the bubble could burst if things get bad enough and people get it at a little workplace level it could but we've got to be in the position to make it happen if those conditions are eyes it's just I hate I like coming out and talking to you guys but one thing that just really I wasn't like I always end up feeling like we're just have to come back to just how unstable and everything is and how hard it is to know what's going on and I know that that just feels so satisfying to sit with but I think we all have to sit with it well the way we're sitting with anything else we have to just sit with our or with things moving in slow motion you can kind of see where you are in relation to things closer so I guess you just got to keep your eyes peeled pay attention to stuff not arguments on Twitter hopefully but you know situations as they develop I don't know we're all just throwing spaghetti at the wall here just trying to see what sticks just trying to vibe our way through the our lives on this crazy spinning blue ball somebody wants me to tell them how to help murder and threaten oligarchs know Thank You officer I'm not going to be discussing that today I'm simply doing my twitch stream if you appreciate it if you please be on your way

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unless you ha Felix this idea of the prisoners as the Bonaparte's well of course they have to be from Illinois our provincial boy will simply not allow the the next great dynasty not to arise from that ridiculous shard of a flatland I mean we'll see how JP JP isn't really asserting himself I mean people say it's doing okay but I'm not hearing a lot about him so you know get your \*\*\*\*\* together what does my taking on the Flint charges being dropped I mean it's probably because they pulled strings because they've been pulling the \*\*\*\*\* out of a bunch of strings but also because a lot of this whole thing is \*\*\*\*\* I mean come on man we all know at some level 1:2:58 that like a lot of the Russia Gate stuff was just made up or like a game of telephone because the whole thing permanent was hinged on something that was never proven in any way that there was a direct connection between Trump at the highest at the level of the candidate and and Russia in any meaningful way but also yeah of course they put their finger on the scale I just hope we stop talking about all that \*\*\*\*\* forever I really do I really hope we could just internalize what a failure that was I hope some of the people who like spent any time on it can maybe think for a minute of how wasted that time was everyone who is proud of the fact that they know left partes everyone who yelled at Virgil about how he was too disrespectful to the night idea of Lev partes I want them to be right now I want to find out every one of them and I want to ask them do you know who left Parnas and see how many of them 1:3:59 still remember they're probably all cheat by googling but I bet a lot of them if you said who's left Parnas to them now they wouldn't know the \*\*\*\*\* you're talking live Parnas dies of coronavirus no one's gonna know who that was how have you avoided being misanthropic and cynical I think the best way to avoid misanthropy is to is to remember us as I've said that everyone is where they are for reasons outside of their control they have choice you know and they chose to do the things they did but the options they were presented were not theirs and so that should that's just like drain my feelings about them from with venom but if they're doing bad and they're 1:5:2 evil they should be opposed but because they're their condition is provisional that means everyone's is which means people can be better I really think that and I think the proof is in the pudding in terms of human history you know it we would have destroyed ourselves already you know think of those Russians think of like the three different Russians military officers who could have ended our life on earth during the Cold War and chose not to not even knowing really that they weren't dooming their own country to nuclear oblivion the guy who didn't fire on the blockade ships and the Cuban Missile Crisis and of course the guy who didn't sign off on a Lu clear strike when the the blips came over over the radio radar he guessed now that's probably not there and even though everything told him he should he did and those systems 1:6:5 were all designed to be failsafe they assumed that given these conditions the person

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will do acts and they were designed that way and yet when that can't that moment came these guys said no and that means that at some level I think we can all say no and the task before everybody right now is to figure out where that where they can start ha all right guys that was a good time I thought had fun sorry if I was Spacey I haven't eaten yet gonna eat a little bit but I've dinner I'll talk to you guys

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### *Remember Farmville Is that still a thing*

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maybe up there this hi guys I think I might go outside actually it was raining earlier but it's been very nice recently and I think it might be more it might be nice enough to go out I don't know I'd have to zip up the old T s that's right good evening 0:1:2  
to everyone including those of you who are cursed to game through life let's take a walk let's see what's going on oh yeah that's nice it's very nice out this is nice I'm sorry about the twitch ads but gotta gotta support the brand always with the stripes three stripes going back to the shack jacking it up in the old shack back can I get an Opie I don't know what that means it's had some sort of a gamer reference I don't feel like I can in good conscience make any gamer references sorry I am NOT a pong well I oh I know what people mean when they say oh uh yeah I say hope I guess but it's hard to remember I don't want to fight my neighbor come on guys oh 0:3:20  
man what's going on guys I don't know what happened today did anything happen I don't think things nothing happens right anymore is that the rule that we've all established that nothing really happens to the degree that it ever did nothing is ever happening as a discrete incident everything is just happening simultaneously it's not just like a big it's like a big cubic zirconia that you just look through I don't want to play stardew valley because that seems like it's just farmville and I never really liked farmville when it was on Facebook when I yeah I don't know when we're gonna have the gaming mechanism up to Epping running yet but when we do I'll certainly figure something out play some games it's gonna be hard to do those strategy games 0:4:22  
because I'm just not very good at them I don't understand how the mechanisms work it's very confusing to me and something happened with Elon Musk like he's going to jail because he won't stop his factory from manufacturing cars that explode and kill people is that the idea it was that he won't stop killing people at his killing people machine factory is that it soo I told you guys he is the Epstein for billionaires he's not a real billionaire he just is a plays a role and it's as a propaganda mechanism to make you faked it like there's anything innovative or useful about the billionaire class shouldn't he take the time that they're making him close the factory to make the cars not explode and kill people I mean wouldn't that be a good thing to do

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with your time if you were ill on musk then try to keep the place open and kill 0:5:25  
your workers yeah I don't know it's gonna go out with that guy if he goes to jail  
it becomes like a civil rights martyr that'd be very funny and very fitting honestly  
let's put him on the money who cares cuz I know he's not American what difference  
does it make he speaks he speaks epic that's the only language we care about in  
1640 in Britain which faction of the English Civil War do you joined I mean you  
kind of got to pick the parliamentarians right you know like as gross as they were  
it as a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* stick-in-the-muds they were of course you know what they  
did to Ireland and everything but I don't know can you really stick with the landed  
aristocracy I mean you're literally defending them like last privileges of feudalism I  
don't know but maybe if they'd won that would have like accelerated England into 0:6:28  
I it could have accelerated England into a revolutionary situation remember because  
like one of the big Mis one of the big weird things about Europe is that the most  
advanced English the most advanced capitalist country never even had anything  
close to a revolution didn't even have any big demonstrations even during the the  
height of them in 1848 and people wonder you know what's the deal there and it's  
because they had a very very early like proto a revolution that was essentially a  
proto bourgeois revolution it was like the towns versus the countryside even before  
those you know divisions had really been deepened by capitalism developing and  
so it really was like it put them on a footing to absorb the change in the economy  
more more stable lis than countries that suppressed that sort of emergent energy like  
France so yeah maybe if the maybe if King maybe of King Charles wins then they 0:7:33  
have like an English revolution that really does something other than have a weird  
you know ten-year interregnum where the guy's the king but not technically and also  
there's no Christmas but that's the thing is like if I was there I wouldn't have those  
thoughts you know I wouldn't understand what was happening I would largely my  
views would be largely dependent on where I stood in terms of like where did I grow  
up you know I was I was i Anglian you know townsmen was i was i like a fail son  
of a baron somewhere was I in Ireland that would determine where I would who I  
would the Scots are those the kind of cheeky guys because they get to act like they're  
victims of British imperialism even though they were essentially like like co-executor 0:8:36  
's of imperialism they they like got they got bought out early you know later on they  
were doing the the hostile takeovers but the Act of Union was was it was just a good  
old-fashioned buyout it was a you know they got stock and and seats on the board  
and it was totally amicable and then they got they got stock and so they were as  
much responsible as anybody else but now they get to act like you know they were  
there there was victimized as the Irish or god forbid you know India ravenous the  
movie where Robert Carlyle plays like a Wendigo infused cannibal that's one of those

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movies that's got a great look and a good cast but just which way does the Upper 0:9:49  
Midwest go in the great American crack-up I mean they were smart they would try  
to get out and get annexed by Canada you know that would be like just immediately  
join Canada join the Commonwealth yeah then you don't have to like establish  
independent of political authority you could just immediately be brought under the  
you know the under the crown and the Canadians would of course I don't think that  
they would say no to that as much as they might think we're a bunch of oaths and  
we are but we're very similar to them and that creates a buffer zone with just rich in  
timber access to ports and deep waters on the much better access to the Mississippi  
River ya know the smart move there is to join Canada presumably Canada is still  
around and I think it would be come on it's Canada they're not going anywhere  
now Ohio is the surbhi of the Midwest Wisconsin is Croatia Michigan is Bosnia 0:10:51  
and Minnesota is Montenegro and Indiana Kosovo is like I don't know like Northern  
Kentucky or like like Pittsburgh some of that's not tech I yeah now I think Minnesota 0:12:1  
might be Slovenia I was trying to to own them by the Upper Peninsula you know  
what Wisconsin should reclaim it anyway no matter what happens just bulldoze that  
line like Isis did to the sykes-picot barrier between Syria and Iraq get it back get 27  
counties in Wisconsin plus 15 counties and Upper Peninsula equals what who is the  
marshal Tito of the Midwest I think it's gonna be Felix I don't think we've had one yet 0:13:2  
I think it's gonna be Felix I think there's gonna be an additional when the breakout  
happens there's additionally going to be a series of you know intense conflicts between  
the Midwestern states and I think Felix is going to knit them all together in one is  
one nation one multi-national Midwestern Federation that will either be closely allied  
to to the point of self-defense treaty with Canada or maybe even annexed and he  
could be like a like if is a regional governor-general or something of the new territory  
I don't know I think it's someone wants to talk about the German peasants war the  
German peasants war is very interesting because it's what happens when you start  
giving people ideas basically direct results of the massive cultural ferment caused by 0:14:5  
Martin Luther's Protestant movement although funnily enough when Luther found  
out about it he was vehemently opposed he wrote a big denunciation of the peasants  
were you know for swearing their oaths and blaspheming God by you know deciding  
that they didn't want to be slaves of some disgusting depraved margrave's and \*\*\*\*\*  
fridge prince-bishops and \*\*\*\*\* but they got put down real hard got down put down  
real hard all those rebellious Lutheran princes didn't think twice about massacring  
their Massacre Andrew people there because but the thing is is that you know there  
was no putting the catch it back in the tube without like the least the establishment  
of Protestantism is like one of those elements that's you know causal but at some  
point is caused by just the intense fragmentation the the pull outward centrifugal 0:15:8

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force of authority in Europe especially as you know the post Black Death proto capitalist economy starts growing the universal Church was gonna be put in crisis there and then the social relationships that capitalism bred were much harder for Catholicism to absorb into their social bloodstream Catholic Protestant countries took to it I think prince-bishops were appointed by whoo this is a good one if you were making a worker's party in the US what animal would it put its logo be that's a nice whimsical question we could have fun with instead of you know thinking about decay and collapse and all that uh so all right let's go first we got the big ones right Republicans that's the elephant thank you Thomas Nast and the donkey is the Democrats I believe that's from Jackson so what else what else could we have now there's the bull moose for the progressives isn't there like a new Whig party that has like a \*\*\*\*\* Cthulhu or some twee \*\*\*\*\* so if it's working honestly the donkey is such a good one but sadly at this point has been too spoiled by its association with the monstrous Democrats it should be an animal that represents some sort of strength collective ability and will determination I don't know I'm kind of thinking bear finally enough think of the damn bear a Bisons not bad either it's like halfway between an elephant and a donkey as opposed to like a but a buffalo is good because it's a you know it's native bears too though beaver I don't know man there's the whole double entendre you're gonna have to give people are gonna give you the big the business about that is you're gonna have to be like no shut up ants I don't think people want ant society and also ant society is kind of what we're trying to avoid here ant society is what Bezos is trying to impose on us when we're all in our little cubby holes getting our nutrient slurry and our Amazon our lootcrate deliveries to keep us from bees are better but yeah that's - ork there we go yeah that'll be the flag that flies over the Midwestern state house the Midwestern governor's the new Miss Webb Midwestern Governor General's mansion which as much as she Felix loved Chicago it can't be there because it's already too powerful it'll have to be somewhere they would have to make pick up somewhere geographically in the smack dab middle of the Midwest which depending on how it shakes out could mean Oh God Indiana oh I'm sorry I'm sorry Felix you're owned capybaras not bad everyone loves a good capybara but it is technically a rodent I don't know if people really like that idea the Budweiser Clydesdales that's from a how about the Budweiser frogs those guys were cool they drink tout when they drank beer I mean who would you want to have a beer with more than the Budweiser dilly dilly guys dilly dilly see the nooks are one of their interesting questions if there's like a if there is a real centrifugal power struggle in America between regions the nooks and honestly that's the one thing that I think would prevent it from happening honestly more than anything would be an international and the the necessity at the international level to prevent

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our ridiculously massive nuclear arsenal from just spilling out of a orderly chain of command but I don't know I don't know enough about how they're secured do they even have missile silos anymore those all discus continued I know they don't fly those old the the b-52s anymore like the NORAD thing I know we got a lot of them on the submarines which literally means that they could be it you know under control of that captain oh boy can you imagine if a \*\*\*\*\* nuclear sub with some q and on bozo and command of it which you'd guarantee you there's at least one of some guy with a \*\*\*\*\* iowa ohio-class sub full of King nukes just decides that he's gonna you know commence the Great Awakening early if Biden becomes president why not let's put it on the I can't wait for more Biden Holograms I think more people need to talk about the reality of Holograms like is we don't know enough about the technological capability for computer-generated imagery to know if Biden's appearances lately are even real and I'm mostly joking but like is there any independent confirmation that he is conscious awake alive other than the something on a screen and I know that a certain you know level that's always the case in this in a spectacle society but come on man come on man he hasn't been seen in public in weeks is he a hologram I would like to see proof and I don't know if it's possible to even provide provide it to the degree that I would believe it if he showed up on my front door I probably think he was a very realistic looking animatronic because that's probably how he would act he did fall asleep while talking to Hillary but maybe that's the thing is that they've introduced the new Biden 2.0 but they can't have him all of a sudden be super on the ball super sharp because people would notice that too he needs to start off sort of at a level base line of incoherence and then slowly they make him sound more legible he's sharper and before a few weeks go by you don't even remember that he was all out to lunch you're like damn pie didn't is sharp you see breakdancing is he doing this shoot dance is he flossing my god is he Devin and he's doing all those things on top of a casket carried by the gun and I gotta say guys as much as it would be funny for them to try to put Hillary in there I think I think they're gonna try to go with Cuomo he's in the same orbit and I think everyone must realize I don't know maybe they don't maybe they don't realize that Hillary can't win maybe they don't realize that she is uh she's damaged goods cuz like at this point I can't like it occurs to me how \*\*\*\*\* up a lot of you know your ability to just game anything out at the political level is anymore because when you're trying to evaluate rational actors right in a in a political context you know international relations whatever you assume a baseline of rationality and competence that I don't know if we can at any level so who the \*\*\*\*\* knows because it's like well they wouldn't do that because they because of X but they might not know about X they might not have heard it or they might not believe it they might think it's but I would say that the reason because the thing

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is they could replace Biden after the convention I'm fairly positive of it because I 0:24:41  
was reminded of 1972 if any of you guys know 1972 when McArthur I'm sorry when  
George McGovern got the nomination it was against the party it was very much a  
Bernie Sanders style insurgency he was not liked by any of the main party powers  
especially George Meany to see the chairman of the afl-cio and the most important  
person single party single most important person in the Democratic establishment  
outside of the you know outside of government and so they tried to \*\*\*\*\* him at  
the convention they tried to sneak Hubert Humphrey who didn't even run in any of  
the primaries through the or or oh I'm sorry who started halfway through and ran  
late tried to sneak Humphrey through the prime through the backdoor and they had  
to scramble to get the nomination and they were so focused on it that they never  
even really thought about who should be VP until right before they were supposed  
to go and accept the nomination and so they had to spend hours arguing about it 0:25:42  
because nobody wanted it because the whole thing looked like a dog and apparently  
at one point they wanted to give Ted White they wanted to give it to Teddy Kennedy  
Teddy Kennedy said no then they wanted to give it to Ted White who is the mayor  
of Boston and Teddy Kennedy said no I'll \*\*\*\*\* that guy I hate him and they ended  
up going with a guy who had been opposed significantly to McGovern in the primary  
in fact the guy who had coined the term acid anesthetic and abortion to describe the  
whole McGovern platform Terry Eagleton but he was a Catholic from Missouri and  
he was gonna help with those white working-class voters like Biden is supposed to  
have and then during the campaign almost as soon as they start campaigning it  
comes out that he not only had been hospitalized for mental illness but he received  
electroshock treatment which in 1972 is viewed very very badly that's viewed as that  
is someone who is unstable who can't be anywhere that anywhere near power and  
eventually after the McGovern campaign initially said they stood behind him and 0:26:43  
they work at it they weren't going to give into the gutter politics they eventually  
asked him to step down he resigned and that was between the primary and that was  
between the convention and the general and what happened was is that the DNC met  
and picked a replacement whip in consultation with McGovern and it was Sargent  
Shriver who was like a Kennedy cousin or something and head of the Peace Corps  
if Biden said he dropped out because he was sick or something in in September all  
the DNC has to do is meet and replace him so they have the incentive the thing  
I'm wondering though is because they have so terrified of opening the doorway to  
left-wing politics right especially with the scare that Bernie put at them that I kind  
of wonder if they genuinely don't want to win now obviously we talked about how  
the Democrats don't want to win in the broad sense if they don't want to be in  
charge long enough to have to him put in any you know to to propose anything that 0:27:46

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their donors aren't gonna like but they still have short-term incentives to gain power just for the patronage involved I mean there's a lot of people who want to work in the White House there's a lot of people who want who are Lobby who want to be lobbyists who can connect the White House to industries I mean there's a there those people in the DNC they have a short-term personal interest in seeing a Democrat in the White House because they can make connections they can get jobs in the administration and more importantly they can get jobs after the administration as lobbyists for seven-figure salaries which is the whole point of the thing in the first place it's to get to that point it's to get to the seven-figure lobbying job where you just have lunch with four different you know diffe guys from different awful industries and under secretaries of whatever and congressional staffers and you put it on a card and then that's your that's your date workweek and you make nine million dollars that's the whole point of the being a democratic establishment figurehead or like being anywhere in the in their hierarchy so there's a reason they would want to win 0:28:47

and with Trump presiding over the biggest you know economic crisis anyone's ever seen and in the middle of a a public health crisis that he demonstrably and obviously botched and it's like I mean obviously the 40 to 44 percent who loved Trump will never admit that he \*\*\*\*\* this up but I think to any degree that there are voters who aren't really ideologically committed to either party deeply like in a symbolic level of emotional investment I think they're even gonna recognize that he \*\*\*\*\* this up I mean it's hard not to look at us and look at us compared to other countries and see that there was a real mistake here people tend to blame the president especially in election years for those kind of things so they know that there's a chance so there's gonna be that short-term desire to get in there just a bit wet your beak you know just to make another notch on the agenda just to make more connections that can be used later for money but man given how bad this is gonna get I kind of wonder 0:29:49

if they're worried that if they get in the pressure from their base to actually do something is gonna be so strong they're not going to be able to pawn off enough of it on the obstreperous Republicans for not allowing us to get anything done and they maybe prefer the option of just letting trump and McConnell do everything and then just throwing their hands up because then that leaves them not vulnerable to you know pressure from the within their own base because you look at the way Pelosi has governed and I said this the other day she has just passed she has taken she has assumed there's no reason to pass anything in the house or even put things up for votes because they won't pass the Senate so we'll just wait for the Senate release to give us things we will criticize them and say they're not good enough for whatever but we'll still just vote on them and that shows that in a massive crisis like that their 0:30:50

instincts are to defer to the Republicans because they're afraid to go out on their

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own they're afraid to just start riffing because they don't know where you know they don't know where the boundaries are they would rather have the boundaries set for them by another party in power and with the other party in power it takes a lot of the pressure off or below for their own constituents to do something so there could be a real I mean but I think there are a lot of people within the party who say \*\*\*\*\* it I want I want to win but I think that there's not sir there's certainly not a unified feeling among the Democrats I would guess at the highest levels about winning this thing which is gonna throw a whole other x-factor into the whole somebody wants to know if there's gonna be another silver corp with dan Bilzerian I certainly hope so but that guy is totally fake right like he didn't even he was he washed out or something of I mean I don't know I don't want to get I don't want to get sanctioned I don't want to be tactically kinetically you know interdicted with but I thought that he was sort of one of those fake seals I want to know where his money comes from I don't think it's his I think it's his family's but I wonder where it comes from I wonder also if he's related in any way to another Armenian gentleman with delusions of grandeur and mysteriously large sources of independent wealth chairman Bob Avakian I am not worried about being swatted on stream I'm not talking loud enough for the police to be called I hope not anyway and I think that I would be asked to be quiet before someone called the SWAT team unless unless there's just this growing hatred that's going to so I'm gonna ask about the Fermi paradox I think that the answer to the Fermi I think there's a certain limit on our ability to access energy that makes the sort of distance traveling impossible I think more likely is interdimensional travel just like interdimensional cable like if those aliens that people are showing on those newly declassified Navy videos and everything that I think there's a hat 50-50 chance that that is all a mark viral marketing scheme to get people excited for the next Angels and Airwaves album or their new angels and air fries series of home appliances I'd say those are more likely interdimensional objects people keep telling me to read those three body problem books I've got to do that I'm gonna pick those up soon I promise how should I talk to my PhD Lib father-in-law that hates Burnie and loves markets I don't know talk about the weather talk about like a movie that you guys watched maybe you don't talking about politics it sounds stressful find something to talk about that's you can and you gotta remember that in Phil's family debates there's a real you know \*\*\*\*\* that's gonna prevent you from ever getting a there's a real \*\*\*\*\* that's gonna prevent you from commiserating and really agreeing on politics and you know what Dad would ever want to admit that their kid knows more about politics ie life than they did I'm glad someone enjoyed Richard Jewell I really liked that movie and I'm hoping to do an episode with will about it soon now that it's streaming made me think about late-period Eastwood a lot differently I mean I

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still hate American sniper but and I thought the mule was kind of goofy but I think he's trying for something he McConnell's idea to to allow states to go bankrupt I'm assuming is just a ploy to sort of set the bidding conditions for whatever bailout the states are gonna get because that's not viable like just as a just as allowing this the government of the United States to be a a viable state this the the United States themselves are gonna have to be made solvent to some degree I mean that's literally what caused the Articles of Confederation to break down so it'll just have to be a RiRi foundation like a refoundation of the the balance sheets and the economies of the states and it end budgets but what conditions are that going to be how is that 0:37:4  
gonna be carried out I mean we're already seeing that they're moving the right wing the guys that saved people in Hell want ice water to are already moving a little bit but you see how little they're moving they're moving in a way to establish that the conditions of eventual agreement are going to be on their terms I mean you saw the leak today about how a AEI and the Hoover Institute are planning ways for people to get stimulus checks draw from their Social Security telling people that if they want to be able to pay their rent for the next month or have food in their house they have to guarantee that they won't be able to pay the rent or have food in their house when they're in their 70s that's psychotic vile but they're setting the stage so that if it's somewhat less awful and dystopian than that then you feel relief and if it is that bad well we didn't don't say we didn't warn you you know you could have stopped us but 0:38:5  
nobody did nobody stopped us we'd some it's a free country right it's got elections and yet we're still doing this we're voting for this stuff and it's passing and you're buying it at some yeah it's Rimmer it's reverse mortgage for entitlements and it's a beautiful way to cut them really and though you you undermined them in the long term potentially dramatically and what in the shortness so the in the shorts and how do you pay for it by borrowing more at a time when it's basically free well there's essentially no interest rate on American debt come on that's a small price to pay to destroy that looming Social Democratic skeleton hanging over everything Social Security yeah if someone points out yang is not gonna be able to complain about that 0:39:16  
because that motherfucker's whole idea involved taking from entitlements to pay for ubi benefits or preventing people who use a certain amount of disability but you know the thing to remember is this is changing everything this is this is a heart this is a level of hardship that we are not ready for that we have never experienced that I don't know if we have the cultural I honestly don't know if we have the cultural resiliency I guess is the word I'm looking for I don't know if we have the cultural resiliency to handle the kind of stress yeah Pontypool I didn't really like that movie 0:40:18  
because it was like what I wanted a zombie movie where's the zombies this is \*\*\*\*\* but the idea of of the apocalypse becoming essentially a cause by a mind virus I think

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is pretty accurate because it seems like we're kind of at that point like how we gonna pay for it \*\*\*\*\* like that just purely meaning strip noises that we just reflexively spew as soon as any challenge to the world as it exists is presented like hey maybe things could be less bad for everyone I'm gonna pay for it I'm gonna pay for it just like a honk just not even being produced by your conscious mind just barked up 0:41:22 by the accumulated ideology just nesting in I have not considered doing an erotica calendar I don't think that would be good for anyone I don't think anyone we're gonna have soupy soupy brains brains like soup delicious delicious chowder uh I don't know about RBG if she's alive or not or Biden for that matter if they've perfected hologram technology they all might be gone hell maybe they all got executed as 0:42:23 part of the cue Adama Great Awakening maybe that's true I don't know it's crazy ah oh my god it's wild what's going on ah I see here's the thing I don't think that Felix and I are in disagreement because I'm saying that in the near term he's right it probably will just be more of the same but but worse but the thing is is that that will eventually the worse like the the worsening reaches a concentration level where you get an inflection point and you get a new level of worse and at some level that will be and eventually that new level of worse will be far enough away from where you were that you could look at it and say oh this is a qualitatively different sort of social arrangement and a qualitatively more brutal exploitative and doomed one I'm just saying that that is the trajectory even of the seemingly banal worse the same 0:43:24 but worse same but worse but over time that worse cranks up and we don't know what the timescale is now because we have all of these variables that are somebody wanted to know if Nixon voted for upton sinclair i highly doubt it he was a rock rib republican his entire life actually interestingly enough Jerry Voorhis who was the congressman that Nixon defeated in his first race which catapulted him to Congress when he came back from the war with his navy suit talking to the committee of a hundred and getting them to give him a check he got his start campaigning for epic being an epic organizer in campaigning and running for the state legislature as an epic candidate he lost that race but he ended up later on becoming a state Rep and 0:44:26 then becoming a congressman and was a left-wing one of those like Maury maverick type pinko congressman and Nixon went in there and just read baited the hell out of them right at the perfect moment in history and beat him which is how he also then ascended to the Senate by by red-baiting Helen Gahagan Douglas very misogynistic aliy he famously said that she was pink down to her underwear yeah it was the only way he really know how to win he couldn't really spend positive visions like Reagan it was all just pit viper I did not see Burnie today what was he being interviewed being 0:45:29 ignored again I probably just wanted to ask him about what's the sexiest Pokemon I gotta figure it's one of the ones with female human features right like big lips big

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sexy lips or something but I don't know what any of the Pokemon look like I'm assuming none of them have like butts or cleavage or anything so so I'm just gonna assume something like that people saying jinx I don't know what that looks like I'll take your word for somebody asks about inflection points in 20th century US history that's a very good question I think I think Reagan's election in 1917 1980 is an important inflection point because yes Carter was the first neoliberal president but but Reagan's election which sort of took all of the same underpinnings that Carter had proposed that we're going to cause short-term and long-term economic pain in the middle of this country that was going to be lasts for generations he was able to repackage with a new cultural form with the aid of the Democrats that made it much much harder to push against and maybe impossible we I mean the cultural detritus the gunk built up around the idea of like the government that started with Reagan when the effects of you know the volcker shock with mass deindustrialization which with the with the undermining and fatal crippling of the labor movement the effects of this are then felt as the results of government the results of some abstract notion of like government policy and then of course social permissiveness social liberalism and so you get this goofy mixed-up order where everything gets worse and people are less likely to blame the source of it so very bad yeah like that entire 70s period starting with the gas crisis which reset it reset everything in American politics because the the free real estate of the of the system at that point which had gone from the land of the 19th century in the 20th century it was fuel like the free real estate that allowed America to become a global Empire spanning country in the 19th century was the ability of any one basically to grab at very very low cost lands by rating them from the natives who had no power to resist after a while effective power to resist anyway and in the 20th century that turd did to the fact that we had basically free energy gasoline was was was a big business but it was also wildly inexpensive and when that variable changed it changed all the whole calculus and all of a sudden there was less profit and the question became where are we gonna get the profit and the answer because there were no workers in the room was from labor as a share of profit and that's been the case ever since but with that being undertaken by Carter so the first effects start kicking in then and then solidified by somebody from a different party who is then popular because of his ability to channel cultural resentments I mean it fatally handicapped for a long time any kind of coherent left-wing opposition to the to the systemic failures of the system so that's a big one it's like from 73 to 80 that's a big one that's like that's the dial snapping I said the in \*\*\*\*\* I said the inflection point was the regen getting elected I'm just saying is that the proximate like crisis causing moment that led to that directly was 73 was the somebody wants me to talk about enclosures that's like a big Marxist original sin moment of capitalism when

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they threw the commoners off the land of England which facilitated the creation of an industrial working class in urban areas who had only their labor to sell because they couldn't subsist on land anymore yeah like that's why America basically had to come into being because the social the social friction caused by those sort of decisions that allowed for the creation of industrial proletariat's they necessitated some sort of address and they couldn't be addressed through the system because it needed it needed to amass as much capital as possible I mean that was its directive so the fact that there was a whole continent for people to go to if they weren't satisfied with their spot in the new order allowed it to develop and intensify in a way that would have been inhibited by political friction if that hadn't happened so it's very hard to imagine like cap the Industrial Revolution capitalism intensifying the way it did it absent the the inputs in terms of raw materials and also the everyone's yelling at me about the inflection point I sent Reagan versus Bush Reagan versus Carter I was just trying to contextualize it ah shucks just trying Jhansi fremont baby the pathfinder do i moisturize my beard i have beard balm I actually somebody has suggested I talk about Robert Moses in an episode I really should just because that part that Neil popper ization we talked about that that lack of a social self in a social space is very much tied into the physical environment that people were born into specifically post-world War two the car based urban environment basically and then the suburbs around them but the front but that's tricky about that stuff is that of course it was directed from above it was directed for the benefit of certain corporate powers but it was also driven by a genuine desire you know people wanted cars I mean of course a lot of that is manufactured but at a certain point you can't tell people that you know we might do a movie this week this midweek I don't know Al Smith is a very interesting figure because he is a very he's a proto he's a proto new dealer like he did he basically carried out a proton a deal as governor of New York and ran as a progressive candidate in 1928 first Catholic to run for president he saw his campaign train actually passed a line of burning crosses put there by clans members in Long Island during the 1928 campaign and he was kind of a he was a mentor to both FDR and Robert Moses but he turned on FDR very bitterly once FDR sort of stepped up and stole the presidency from him in his mind and he ended up becoming a vehement opponent of the New Deal and he was trotted out by Republican business groups the kind of people that he'd fought when he was governor to to just tell people how awful the New Deal was and it was almost entirely because it's his personal sense of aggrievement just pure pettiness the man was nothing if not a bitter petty little dude just pissed off the Lyra shman for the Lower East Side a Matt oh what if we fought what if what if Atlantis rose from the Pacific and it was rich with resources and it was uninhabited what would we do oh my god aah I think that would have to

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be instant war right like at this point come on it would have to be instant war I mean maybe it would be proxy maybe we would will real it our way back from the nuclear exchange but there would have to be some sort of proxy conflict for that we're not good what we're gonna divide that thing up at the UN maybe not at this moment not with this leadership of world I was on Atlantis was a city and a continent I don't know it's not real as well okay somebody asks why is class consciousness emergent 0:56:6 workers but not in the Guild's the there was a sort of class consciousness in the guild system but it was purely contained within the different crafts like there was a general recognition that the crafts had a head like a position a interest against the apprentices but between each other it was all competitive it was purely contained within the the craft Antarctica and also they were not really being exploited I mean they were the ones they were the Masters so craft but yes like the the the urban crafters who came after the guilds broke up in the early month early modern and industrial era became like the forefront of opposition to the new capitalist system 0:57:8 but mostly long the same way that the guilds used to fight on like trade if the USSR was still around we'd still be going to space that's for sure I mean that's the reason main reason we don't go to space anymore beyond anything else is that what's the point if we can't if doing anything really big it takes too long and costs too much to be invested in because like what what you what president's gonna sign off on like oh you're gonna land on the moon when you know well five presidents from you how much is it gonna cost forget that is that there's no pressure from outside to do it if anything there's pressure from off-site not to do it in the form of hey people do want to go to space we can just let these rich psychos pay for it that we can just let these weird billionaires to fire their bottle rockets at each other into the Pacific Ocean man 0:58:30 if Elon Musk goes to jail that'd be so funny if he tries to flee to space do you think you could ever have had an experience that would make you conventionally religious like Abrahamic Lee you mean I don't think so because I could not the feel like my understanding of the universe has not allow it to be like particularized in that way because I'm I think I'm just too aware of the cultural like matrix that created those interpretations of you know like the great you know the great eternal moment that we are all part of blah blah blah you know it's all obviously filtered through different moments in time and I think those are just a little too bit too specific for me I mean I could see myself like going to church for a moment of peace or something but uh 0:59:31 I could not see myself really investing in a conventional religious belief somebody I believe is blowing a shofar people are and if it's that time of the year it's that time folks so I'm gonna be wrapping it up shortly get a few more questions do I think the US would be better off split into smaller countries I mean it depends right I mean I would say that if that were to happen most of those countries would probably be in

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worse shape than they are now some of them might be in better shape it might make  
the rest of the world be in better shape or worse so how it shakes out I believe that 1:0:34  
is a cowbell we've got a cowbell and a shofar going on people are going nuts they're  
loving it and they're practicing there they're practicing their gratitude that's what  
it is we're all practicing our gratitude here people keep recommending gene \*\*Music  
playing\*\* yes they're not stopping folks 7:30 why do you got to be different Canada 1:1:36  
well you got to go on the half hour you weirdos \*\*Music playing\*\* someone says it  
sounds like Death Grips I'll take your word for it I don't know who would win in  
a presidential battle royale easy Lincoln I was a catch wrestler at a time when that  
usually involved eyeballs getting gouged out of people's faces tall rangy dude come  
on every other president is a befuddled round man or a did geriatric or her got Jack  
Kennedy racked with 500 different diseases and maladies kept alive nearly by a dr. 1:2:37  
feelgood injecting him with cortisone and cortisol and vicodin every 20 minutes and  
he was a freaking vampire hunter let's not forget that Teddy Roosevelt that \*\*\*\*\*  
big phony that now what would be funnier would be what about a fight between the  
living presidents okay now we're talking this is what the last thing we'll talk about  
before I get done living presidents too bad George HW Bush is gone because that  
would have been funny watching him just get punted out of that \*\*\*\*\* wheelchair so  
who we got we got ninety five year-old Jimmy Carter who you gotta believe is gonna 1:3:40  
get get rinsed pretty quickly uh then he got Clinton who is looking like a cadaver  
ever since the Enna's bypass and went vegan he's just very frail and you know that  
adrenochrome supplies are pretty low these days george w bush she's older now but  
he's still rangy he's still a jock kinda you know runs around probably got good cardio  
definitely better cardio than trump and then of course the oh bungler who is still  
very fit and a relatively young man I mean I don't even think he's 60 he says like  
mid-50s so you got to figure the o bungler will win but the oh bungler is at the end  
of the day the o bungler so I see him I see Clinton and Carter getting starts pretty  
quickly due to their frailness and then I see Trump sort of wandering around and I  
see Obama defeating Bush and hand-to-hand combat like the first blood he's ever  
actually had on his hands and then Trump just like without even noticing bumps 1:4:41  
into a TV or something and smashes him in the head with it it doesn't even know it  
and survives because Trump will live forever because God delights in human evil all

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trying to get this thing to work I got all I got a frickin lens flare I feel like I'm in a damn JJ Abrams movie guys you guys know what I'm talking about freakin JJ Abrams am i right that guy he loves his lens flares so one thing he loves it's a goddamn lens flare so I have one of those it looks like I'll try them angle I don't know and I'm not doing very good job sorry guys uh didn't do a show yesterday didn't do a stream cuz I was just feeling a little drained and I didn't want to force it so I gave myself some time to just vibe something that's okay with everyone but not back and I'm ready to take on the news of the day whenever you guys want to talk about I would turn the light out but it's very dark in here it's not a lot of windows in this apartment so even with the Sun out it would be you wouldn't be able to see me if I didn't have the light on uh so the other day Matt yeah Glacia Scott had a classic epic one of his trolling moments where I said I think Trump is actually pretty smart he's smarter than people give him credit for and that many people may add and it became a big argument that it made me really feel of two minds about it because I feel like there's a lot of evidence that the man is an idiot but the very level he is wildly wildly intellectually lazy and I'm interested in applying any like intelligence he might have to anything because he assumes he already knows everything and like that's I don't know at one level at what level can you separate that from just being dumb I mean because functionally it makes you incapable of applying knowledge anyway but today he had some lines that really made people be like wow I think this determines the case once and for all these are some amazing quotes I want to read he was in Allentown today the way he said he said we have the best testing in the world because that testing B could be the test is frankly overrated maybe it is overrated but whether they start yelling we want more we want more than we do want and they say we want more when you test you have a case and when you test you find something was wrong with people if we didn't do any testing we wouldn't have a few cases we would have very few cases so people are like goddamn what the hell he is he doesn't have object permanence he doesn't realize that you're not reducing the number of people who have it you're only reducing your knowledge of

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the people who have it so people plate that and say that's evidence that he's dumb and that's what I thought at first too but honestly I thought about it a little bit more and he's really just coming from a different premise he's coming what a lot of what happens with Trump is that he is coming from a prat one of what makes him dumb and honestly it's not so much dumb as unnecessary for him is that because he has such a unique relationship with the press and with the public he doesn't have 0:4:8 to play certain games he doesn't have to hide certain premises he doesn't have to be disingenuous he can be direct and that leads him to come at things from an angle that like the media class is baffled by and so they see this and they're like what an idiot he is but think of it this way he is coming from the realization from the knowledge from the understanding that all the people at the highest levels have and there is slowly dawning on everyone around us is that that there's nothing to be done that there's no cavalry coming they're not gonna do any kind of system to reduce the spread of this disease because it would require allowing people to live outside of market relationships that are defined in like a country that is a service economy that means that since we're not gonna change that relationship and the only way to put money back into the system is to recirculate capital in the market then we're gonna open back up we're gonna let everybody back out we have to there's no alternative because there's no there's there's no willingness or even ability at the highest levels 0:5:12 to put together the infrastructure to replace the market so we're gonna go back anyway and there's not gonna be some wholesale testing and tracing they're not gonna be quarantine anything so if we all if you understand that which Trump does and which a lot of people in the media are either lying to themselves about or are too stupid to understand then why why test people it only undermines their consumer confidence to know how many kids positive cases there are or how many people are dying from it if we have all collectively decided that we have given up what is the \*\*\*\*\* point about maintaining some uh uh tally the number isn't going anywhere it's just gonna go to make it harder to convince people to leave their houses which you need them to do because the scary thing for a lot of for the economy people is you can reopen but it won't make people necessarily go back out to the places like Sweden has not done any orders for sheltered place or anything like that yes 0:6:15 they have a much higher rate of infection than the rest of Scandinavia but what's important to note is that they have a similar drop in people going out and retail and \*\*\*\*\* and restaurants and bars they didn't need an order people don't want to get it so you need to get over that one way it's like toughen people up to the mass death that's gonna happen and say don't be afraid to let your body die all that stuff oh there's more to life than that mere living you know there's the Darton stock buyback provisions so that \*\*\*\*\* Red Lobster stays in business and there's no

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reason to have the number so he's right he's right people need to be as ignorant as possible about what's really happening with this thing in order to get the economy back going we have to be in complete denial if anything we should stop counting all together and make it illegal to tell people who have it that would be the way to like really dive into what now what we're gonna do what's the point of having these numbers just to feel anxious about them wait we are not fixing there's no cavalry there's no fixing this no one at the top levels have the interest ability willingness there's no challenge to them from anyone else so we're going to go through with this we're going to accept the new normal of people dying from this disease in huge numbers and if that's the case knowing the number only undermines our recovery effort because I think a lot of people who are still indoors and are horrified and all these people leaving their houses I think you gotta realize something like a lot of people everyone is is dealing with stress from this change you know it's like obviously it's not like you know being in a war zone or anything it's very but you're talking about incredibly pampered people in general Americans so any kind of restriction is felt very hardly because they haven't had many so they don't they're not used to it and a bridle on it and then they have to deal with it now for a lot of liberals and leftists who pride themselves on their community mindedness and their intelligence and their ability to recognize and listen to expert opinions staying home carries with it some sense of satisfaction you know staying home even though it sucks and you can't you'd rather go out yes but I'm a good person because I'm indoors and so that is that's a little benefit you see it when people clap at 7:00 o'clock they're like yes I am you know involved in a project the conservative people and even apolitical people do not have that relationship with this \*\*\*\*\* they're not getting that benefit they're not getting that like psychic identity boost of being like oh my god I am a good person because I'm staying indoors because they don't buy any of that stuff they don't buy the community mindedness for one they think that's frankly kind of fruity as Homer Simpson would say they don't buy what experts tell them because they assume experts are on the other side so they think they're getting scammed and rooked and conned by staying indoors and so they have to find something else and getting mad about that that's their version of you're feeling good about staying indoors but all of its coping with the fact that this whole thing was supposed to build time buy time to prepare prepare a contingency plan that maximize human lives it's the same that like that privilege saving lives and it didn't happen and it can't happen now so like Trump is being dumb because he's not playing the game the way it's supposed to be and he's he's living in a level of abstraction that just speaks his it really just speaks to his sociopathy I mean like a lot of the stuff that we think of as trumping dumb is just him not recognizing other people as having interior tea

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you know and that's not technically the same thing but really what he's just doing is he's recognizing a deeper reality which is that this number doesn't mean anything these numbers aren't going to help we're not going to use them to save lives they're only going to make it harder for us to reassert a normality in which this death is part and parcel like car accidents or gun gun deaths or anything else and that's what's so horrifying to see people see these right-wingers going like you know there's more important things than just clinging to life like this life has to have meaning and what's so annoying is that that's a hundred percent true and it really would have been nice to have some of that sentiment floating anywhere in the cultural ether after I don't know 9/11 went a little bit perspective on 3,000 deaths might have prevented us from killing a million more but that fit you know the the emerging need for a replacement for the Soviet Union to justify like the defense Keynesian state and the American military you know global hegemony now all of a sudden we have perspective on the meaning of life when it means that caring too much about life well instead of lead us to insanely attack everybody in the world and spends trillions of dollars it'll lead us to oh no not go out to eat not go to TGI Fridays oh dear God not to go to Red Robin and get the blorch burger with extra blorp sauce and so that's what's so disgusting because they're evoking a truth they're voting a reality of this like disenchanted and spiritually dead in time this we are morbidly fixated on our physical lives and extending them because it's all we have because we don't think that there's anything else not just beyond life but even in it beyond physical pleasure and mere distraction and we need this change that we need to like Reese acryl ice life at some level I'm not talking about like reinstituting a religious you know doctrine or state theology but I mean just like creating a value to social social interaction like building social meaning that has to be part of the equation and these people are invoking that idea on the for the benefit of the Darden Restaurant Group and \*\*\*\*\* Yum Brands and the continued viability of this just disgusting weezing it's very sad because then you have to say no lives mean something but you're still you're at the end of a your reifying that spiritual deadness you're saying no all we have is our lives and it's like we should be willing to sacrifice but for something worthwhile we should be willing to sacrifice for something for building something they're asking us to sacrifice to may sustain an unsustainable system of misery spiritual so that's why those guys are to me the most disgusting people of this entire thing are the people who want to who want to exploit everyone's like thwarted yearning to be heroes everyone's throated yearning to seek meaning through action and to say yes what that means that that feeling in your heart is take a \*\*\*\*\* blunderbuss to the state capital until they let you back into \*\*\*\*\* Applebee's that's not good that's just that's more your your you're cheapening life even more by saying that the material

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mere distractions that have robbed of us are of any spiritual understanding are more important than any human could be I mean my god I can't think of a more nihilistic and monstrous piece of uh yeah and the idea that anyone who believes that they want to bring religion back to this country that they think like we've lost spiritual values and that we need to restore them and is saying die for Darden brands is died for dart and brands folks died for bharden brands Darden brands bargain brands shop until you drop it deep God remember I remember being a kid and like even as a child recognizing the over heavy-handedness of like corp of like anti consumer culture you know like Adbusters \*\*\*\*\* and it's like the analysis that you get from that is not very strong and it doesn't really point you towards meaningful action because it gets so fixated on you know cultural stuff but goddamn it it's very hard not to see the death Drive manifested by it directly through the need to consume like we're literally willing to die in order to consume and it's like Dawn of the Dead where he's got all the zombies tottering around in the \*\*\*\*\* mall it's like you know it's harder to roll your eyes at that like we really have reached a point where every satirical observation and exaggeration that has to come before is now just happening that's at hyperspeed just like at any moment anything you ever thought was over-the-top in some satire is going to appear before you first it's start of the dead next death race - mm get ready I did see Colorado's face and I really enjoyed the fact that when he was kind of losing it and he was reverting to the voice of his father he was 100% doing talk about Lincoln and his generals oh boy poor Lincoln he got it's just a bad he got a hit dealt a bad hand a lot of the cream of the la the cream of the officer corps were we're southerners that did not mean Lee necessarily lead us to \*\*\*\*\* overrated I mean he looked good compared to the Oaks that he was fighting against but Lincoln gets credit for learning on the job and and giving guys promotions who deserved it I cannot spare this man he fights he sad about grants Lincoln didn't have very massive generals in fact the handsomer ones were generally the least competent that little that little pop and shea that little de Polian himself george mclellan god don't get me started there is no worse record I think among American military leaders outside of like Benedict Arnold than George McClellan how bad is it - completely botched the job the whole time undermining the president and then actually run against him on a \*\*\*\*\* platform of prematurely ending the war that you \*\*\*\*\* up to begin with amazing grant was not as drunk as his reputation might make you believe that is largely propaganda thanks to the Dunning school those swine who had there's a reason that you that grant is remembered for being a drunk and for being corrupt and that's because of the Dunning school and the need to slander anyone associated with reconstruction and he was one of the most effective prosecutors of reconstruction we had so he so his presidency is reduced to him being drunk and being

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corrupt the corruption is funny because yes of course there was tons of corruption great he was the political knife and he depended on advisors and friends who had their own agendas common among the disgusting cynical pro corporate Republicans who took over after Lincoln was killed but he was that personally corrupt and more importantly the corruption during his camp during his presidency was par for the course for Victorian presidents they were all \*\*\*\*\* crooked you want to look through the list of late nineteenth-century scandals and rings and get \*\*\*\*\* confidence games that go into the White House they extend all the way through the \*\*\*\*\* turn of the century until the Progressive Era \*\*\*\*\* and then of course you start up again with like teapot dome and \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* Benjamin Harrison was like cartoonishly corrupt but they remember him as a drunken as his corrupt because it served that narrative the drunk stuff was mostly really from when he was stationed in California 0:20:58 after the mexican-american war when he was basically traumatized from his combat experience and completely alone and bored and lonely and he just kind of drank and that was where his like reputation for alcoholism was most established he did not mean it drink nearly as much during the war as yeah and that's another thing to remember you about like anti-corruption campaigns is that a lot of the times they become covers for for reactionary neutralization popular involvement in politics like I guarantee everyone in New York wishes they still had Tammany Hall around maybe they could get some \*\*\*\*\* subway services maybe we wouldn't have more 0:21:59 people dying to this \*\*\*\*\* thing that anybody in the in the country or the world if there was somebody you could call somebody's cousin's cousin had a job somewhere that actually like connected you practically to a level of political leverage got to get rid of that we replaced it with this bloodless \*\*\*\*\* transactional technocracy that ends up wouldn't you know it only serving people with the most money and and corporate interests you know if George Washington Plunkett honest graft baby I mean it wasn't ideal and it had its own reactionary elements to it and there were 0:23:0 socialists who always fought against Tammany Hall while I was around but it wasn't destroyed by socialism it was destroyed by good governance programs propagated by mostly urban middle class people which is how the machines and all the big cities got broken basically do-gooders who did not replace it with like citizen control they replaced it with with meritocratic influence which ends up being just graft but only from the top cutting off any grassroots connection between governing there were no Marxist organizations in the United States of any size I don't think in the Civil War largely because Marxism really wasn't a thing yet it was still you know being being 0:24:1 created what you had were like organizations that were more or less influenced by Marx personally since he was still alive so you had the International workingmen's association the first international but you know its influence was relatively weak at

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that point but you didn't have communist you had you had communists guys who weren't Marxists who because they firstly knew him and like most people who knew him had some sort of conflict with him like August we'll each my boy my guy the Prussian commie Marx sent on behalf of the International workingmen's association a letter to congratulate Lincoln on his re-election in 1864 they didn't correspond he gave he sent a letter back and thanks but it wasn't like they were correspondents like dear Carl you know not just like we just won the Battle of Gettysburg I'm so excited you know wasn't like that and you know it was signed by a bunch of people he's just one of them sir we congratulate the American people upon your re-election by a large majority if resistance to the slave power was the reserved watchword of your first election the triumphant work right here re-election is death to slavery from the commencement of the titanic american strife the working men of europe felt instinctively that the star-spangled banner carried their destiny the destiny of their class the contest for the territories which opened the diary PO e where was it not to decide whether the virgin soil of immense tracts should be wedded to the labor of the emigrant or prostituted by the \*\*\*\*\* of the slave driver when an oligarchy of 300,000 slaveholders dared to inscribe for the first time in the annals of the world slavery on the banner of armed revolt when on the very spots were hardly a century ago the idea of one great democratic republic had first sprung up once the first declaration of rights of man was issued and the first impulse given to the european revolution of the 18th century when on those very spots counter-revolution with systematic thoroughness gloried and rescinding the ideas entertained by the time of the formation of the old constitution and maintain slavery to be a beneficent institution indeed the old solution of the great problem of the relation of capital to labor and cynically proclaimed property and man the cornerstone of the new edifice then the working classes of Europe understood at once even before the fantastic partisanship of the upper classes for the Confederate Gentry had given its dismal warning that the does slaveholders rebellion was to sound the toxin for a general holy crusade of property against labor and that for the men of Labor with their hopes for the future even their past conquest were at stake in that tremendous conflict on the other side of the Atlantic everywhere everywhere they bore therefore patiently the hardships imposed upon them by the cotton crisis opposed enthusiastically the pro-slavery intervention of their betters and for most parts of Europe contributed their quota of blood to the good cause well the working man the true political powers of the North allowed slavery to defile their own like well before the negro mastered and sold without his concurrence they boasted if the highest frog ative of the white skinned laborer to sell himself and choose his own master they were unable to attain the true freedom of labour or to support their European brethren in their struggle for

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emancipation but this barrier to progress has been swept off by the red sea of civil war the worthy men of Europe feel that sure that as the American War of Independence initiated a new era of ascendancy for the middle class so the American anti-slavery war will do for the working classes they consider at an earnest of the epoch to come 0:28:6 that it fell to the lot of Abraham Lincoln the single-minded son of the working class to lead his country through the merits matchless struggle for the rescue of an insane race and the reconstruction of a social world signed on behalf of the International workingmen's association the Central Committee you got a whole bunch of guys in here including the boy himself and they got a response from Charles Francis Adams yes the son of John Quincy Adams who is the ambassador to the court of st. James aka the Great Britain during the Civil War because at that point the International metal Association was headquartered in London sir I am directed to inform you that the address of the central council of your association which was duly transmitted through delegation to the President of the United States has been received by him so far as the sentiments expressed by it are personal that are accepted by him with 0:29:8 a sincere and anxious desire that he may be able to improve himself not unworthy of the confidence which has been recently extended to him by his fellow citizens and by so many of the friends of humanity and progress throughout the world the government of the United States has a clear consciousness that its policy neither is nor could be reactionary but at the same time it adheres to the course which is adopted at the beginning of abstaining everywhere from propaganda ISM and unlawful intervention it strives to do equal and exact justice to all states and well men and it relies upon the benefits beneficial results of that effort for support at home and forest and goodwill throughout the world nations do not exactly exist for themselves alone but to promote the welfare and happiness of mankind by benevolent intercourse and example it is in this relation that the United States regard their cause in the present conflict with slavery maintaining insurgents as the cause of human nature and that they derive new encouragement to persevere from the testimony of the working men of Europe that the National attitude is favoured with their enlightened approval and earnest sympathies I have the honor to be sir 0:30:10 your obedient servant Charles Francis Adams so that was it that's the correspondence like they didn't write letters to each other but yes this they were not talking out of their ass it's actually very interesting the upper classes of Europe were of course instantly and immediately sympathetic to the South because that's where they got their \*\*\*\*\* that's where they got their cotton that was the engine of the early Industrial Revolution more important than energy because at that point they were still using steam it \*\*\*\*\* locally produce stuff nobody was importing it what you needed to be imported was the raw material to make the ship to actually have capital

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formation so they love that they love so it was so cheap because of the slavery they loved it and so there was a real move in specifically France and Europe the big boys and with Russia also to recognize the Confederacy as a legitimate government which would allow them to do something like intervene on their behalf in the Civil War and the Confederates tried very hard to make that happen and they had a lot of sympathy at the upper levels of government including the prime ministers I know Louis Napoleon was dying to recognize the Confederacy hell he sent Maximilian to take over Mexico behind the United States is back which was only possible because the Civil War he didn't want that to end he didn't want the Confederacy to go away in fact if they helped them win then they would accept Maximilian's rule in Mexico as a fait accompli and it's like a quid pro quo for recognition but a working class the actual people who were suffering the most from the dearth of cotton the people in the mill towns of Manchester Liverpool Birmingham they were violently the Confederacy and we're basically united in support of the Union and there were huge demonstrations protests all throughout the Civil War in the in Britain specifically to keep those \*\*\*\*\* toffee-nosed \*\*\*\*\* from throwing in with the Confederacy because they recognized that you know this is about capital and labor and if they think they can enslave the blacks what the hell makes you think that it's some future point they might not find it necessary in that moment to enslave whites to which is always was the case and like the more honest could set us southern propagandists and apologist for slavery actually made that point the guy in the book cannibals all look I fits you as his name he wrote a book that basically said that in a qua even in equality in human ability is inherent and it is it doesn't actually have to do with race at all like it's it's it's gradiated through all races and all social classes and it's all based on a natural order and so there always be always gonna be bosses and workers what's the best relationship between applause and a worker it is a master/slave relationship because it implies mutual obligation a wage labor relationship is by its definition more inhumane because the boss does not have any obligation to proceed to the health livelihood and viability of their workers because they can always get new ones and he said that leads to instability it leads to the democracy falling apart because of populism and demagoguery and attempts to like redistribute because you are creating a situation where people are left to their own devices and so he said to the people who say to the northerners to say you know slavery is fine because it's it's it's black it's just it's on black skin he said no ideally it would extend to whites too because you have the same problem in the north it would only be worse if it was if you allowed blacks to not be slaves and made them work for wages but you have the same problems and with the same solution and most they didn't want to spook there nor their neighbors so they didn't say that too loudly he's one of the

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few who did but it was people understood it and it was one of the things that made wage labor is hostile to slavery and it was it was the out it was the app the I mean it was the fact that the Union was able to fight well enough to prevent Europe from like just throwing the dice because the North the South looks stronger militarily but also as domestic pressure that kept him from siding with the Confederacy because they recognize the class character funnily enough a guy who had sympathy for the Confederacy and kind of said they might have been on the right Bakunin something about that that liberal concept in anarchism I don't know when you have to apply it to real situations all of a sudden you get spun around sometimes I'm just saying I'm not saying I'm just saying the Macau Macau bakunin had good things to say about the Confederacy I'll see if I can find a quote I'm gonna fire well anyway he was he 0:35:22

he did because he saw what he saw it in terms of like coercion you know and then the North was trying to coerce the South into obedience and that that you know and of course it recognizes the reality of that after the war the south or the north did end up becoming more capitalist but that was inevitable what are the terms of the capitalism if it's a capitalism where slavery is allowed that's going to be deformed in a way the capitalism where slavery has been ruled I don't know I don't know what 0:36:40

the best books on the Civil War I'm sure I haven't read all the best ones and there's so many because it's such a heavily studied topic because it's I think where a lot of people's Americans anyways if they become historians as they become history fans they get stuck on the Civil War early so a lot of them stick around so I definitely have not read the best ones oh the books on the Civil War would be anything by Jeff Shara the hack fraud son of Michael Shara whose book whose book The Killer Angels is a Pulitzer Prize winner and a great a great young adult classic that is one of the first books I read about the civil war that really stuck with me and made me want to read more about it and his son basically pulled a Brian Herbert you know 0:37:41

Christopher Tolkien and wrote sequels to his dad's book with the same characters different points to the war but whereas Michael Shara was pretty clearly sympathetic to the Union and you know he saw the human drama and then they created trying to create sympathetic you know poor trails throughout both sides but his sympathies with the Union you know there's a big speech Josh Chamberlain gives to his man about the how about being an army say on the mission of you know setting people free and how that was unique almost in human history and then his son though writes sequels where the good guys are now the more sympathetic characters with the more righteous side are the \*\*\*\*\* Confederates which he wrote a you wrote her awful book called Gods and Generals which was turned into generally one of the worst \*\*\*\*\* movies I've ever seen just dreadful three hours of absolute \*\*\*\*\* and the fact that it's like wildly pro-confederate is not even the worst part about it it's three hours long 0:38:43

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the acting is uniformly terrible terrible in the war scenes are hilariously bad because they always end up doing his Sam abusing reenactors right because they already have their own \*\*\*\*\* they know how to Martian formation you just film them but the thing is is most reenactors are you know like hobbyists like 45 year old Americans with like beer guts whereas the average Civil War soldier for either side was like a 19 year old who weighed about 85 pounds and seeing these like just actuaries that \*\*\*\*\* like dicks sporting goods managers just shooting each other well like puffing and trying to get up like Mary's Heights at Fredericksburg I mean that's the thing if 0:39:50 there's no corona vaccine they might want to get that information out there earlier right because you're asking someone asks how does it agree that they need to to function and like I said that we're not allowing any alternative to the market we can only restart the economy by engaging in market transactions we're not doing enough \*\*\*\*\* on the internet to make up the shortfall so we got to get out then that means and if there's no there's no rescue if there's no vaccine coming then what is the point of waiting why not get it over with and I know people say overwhelming hospitals and stuff but like the level of locking down you would have to do to prevent overwhelming a hospital is not viable given the restraints of the economic reality 0:40:53 we need people out we need these jobs back we need this \*\*\*\*\* in order to keep the lights on keep things moving keep supply chains going and that only happens if you're creating shareholder value that only happens if we get used to it and knowing that there's no help yeah I wouldn't be surprised if we're seeing like the the the what will happen is we're gonna turn first-responders into troops in that there's going to be a there's going to be a campaign with a flag of a certain color that's gonna stand for nurses and doctors and or you know anyone who works in that medical field so 0:41:54 there's gonna be a flag campaign they're going to be called our troops they might even get drafted who knows and they're gonna be working in big field hospitals in like you know college football stadiums or on tender ships or decks of aircraft carriers big fields of repossessed zoos and they're just gonna pack people in there in tents what's really interesting for me is like if I know it's gonna get bad and we're gonna have a new normal that is gonna be way worse than anybody thought they were gonna experience this quickly and they're not gonna be able to funk handle it but I 0:42:56 really don't think that there's any political valence to their anger about it because I really don't think that there are enough people with a common understanding of this situation that could mobilize effectively along an axis that could provide meaningful leverage so what you're gonna have is you're gonna have something like 300 million people expressing this wildly new level of alienation this wildly new level of material scarcity time that is now devoted entirely to survival or more so the need for their entertainments to be even more immersive and energy and and and intense to make

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up for it the the the what kind of like civic what kind of civic myths are we gonna have to create to explain how we're living in the country that we the United States of America as we've always been given to understand it but this is how we're living that 0:43:58  
dissonance is gonna have to be reconciled through mental processes that are going to build just cathedrals of because it's unorganized because it's not class-conscious just cathedrals of neurotic mania just like violent ritualistic primal belief systems Qi think is just like the first most extreme expression of a phenomenon that's going to take over the minds of huge lots of people and I don't know how I'm saying is that yeah all that psychic energy under energy is gonna have to go somewhere like you're just steam heating people who had like an expectation that what being an 0:45:1  
American meant in terms of their material security comfort safety sense of worth and a lot of it is tied up in that country and then it just gets flash-fried out of existence but they still have the same mythology and they don't know why it's happening because there's no coherent understanding of the world that anyone's operating off of there's only the fragments that they can explosive torrent of information I don't know how people reckon with this I don't know what kind of new cults are gonna form I mean they wouldn't be in person because that would go against the current of of atomization internet-based but then expressed individually mass violence I don't know better turn to like 70 style of guerrilla movements not political necessarily but like or weirdly political like who knows the only way to vent it off would be something 0:46:3  
like a war but war with China is just so vast and inconceivable in many ways half the rare earth metals we use to program the microchips for our rockets and stuff come from \*\*\*\*\* you know a funny thing is is that a show that I never watched and I really should now like while we're still in quarantine is still a fluid situation is the \*\*\*\*\* leftovers because what happens in the leftovers right 2% of the population just disappears overnight that's basically what we're doing and it's like the the reason it's such a trauma in the leftovers universe is because nobody knows where they went or why right and will know where they went they died but we won't know why we won't know why this was allowed to happen there will be no coherent Universal 0:47:6  
even partially regionally hegemonic understanding for what happened and so you will have the same crisis you will have the same sort of sense of crisis spiritual and material that you saw in that show but just along a different axis not spiritual but around like what where am I what country is this how did this happen who let this happen who made this happen that's gonna be the providing thought that people are not gonna be able to change anything around them they're not gonna know how to and so they're gonna want someone to blame and that question is going to become more and more relevant and more and more powerful to them because it's the only way to flee from the reality of what's because people are staying in now honestly it 0:48:8

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feels like everyone who's still staying in we're staying in out of some like it's neither a it's either people are either in denial to think that there is a plan or any point that staying in longer will presume pronoun will allow for better results in the long run I don't think there's any reason to believe that at this point but I think some people still do or at this point it's just purely a way to still feel like a good person because you have a set of values that attach to seeing a doctor on television tell you people are getting sick you don't want to get them sick that makes you want to do that but a bunch of other people see that same thing and they see live media telling them lies in order to hurt their president I mean you say people don't want to get sick but like I'm saying is that it's gonna happen unless you does unless you're gonna stay in like you've decided that this is your new life and you're like \*\*\*\*\* what anyone else does I'm staying in if you do that then okay and I think for a lot of people who are immunocompromised they're gonna have to do that because it's gonna be too scary to go out but I think a lot of other people who don't have either the ability or personal Constitution to put up with that they're going to go out eventually which means they're gonna get it eventually and so yeah nobody wants it but eventually it's gonna be I can stay in but you're either gonna get driven out by the market saying you need rent you need to pay for rent you need to have a job or if you can unless you can stay in because you have the ability to get money well indoors you could cut a commute and they'll let you do it people you're not gonna have that option and it's gonna become it's gonna become like a liberal uh affectation basically it like liberals will stay indoors uh the the artists bat brat Rommel who has a really wonderful Instagram had an amazing an incredibly prescient like visual essay about a month ago already where we talked about how we're definitely leading to a thing where where this the persistence of kovat is going to create a political caste system of people who go out on purpose as a political act and people who stay in on purpose as a political act is going to read reface reshape the face of America because it means that all liberals are gonna eventually just have to go to the cut to the suburbs to the country to get any any space to avoid being completely cooped up and conservatives are gonna have to move to the city to maintain the viability of close contact with everybody I mean the way to stop this is to take control of this political system to take control of this \*\*\*\*\* means of production to redirect in to redirect production for use in the old as Upton Sinclair would have said but there's no there's no power you know in the world that's making that happen that's pushing for that and and in the short term I don't know any way that it's gonna happen I mean the best hope for it is just the reality of people being forced to risk their lives for minimum wage we'll get enough of them to say no and then to organize along their jobs to prevent getting sick that's our best hope but the problem is with

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so many unemployed people who are so desperate they're leveraged as employees is going to be reduced to it would have to be like sit-in strikes like 30 \*\*\*\*\* where you actually deny the space you deny the capital and we have uh we have a militarized 0:52:15 police force now in this country that it's just looking for an excuse I don't know it's not gonna be anybody's theory that's for sure when it happens if it happens it's gonna be a brushfire like 1905 or 1917 it's it's it's gonna be people just deciding that they can't take enough because there's no plausible leadership right like what's the plausible leadership for some workers movement against this virus creating a new class system and a new and reducing human life that much further in dignity and just quality there's no one there there's no one who speaks universally enough and it's not I don't think that's anyone's fault I mean this people of mistakes made mistakes all the way along the way the Bernie campaign certainly wasn't perfect 0:53:16 but these social conditions are such that we have lost any working class conveyor belt of ideology it's just sort of spinning off I'm sorry I know this is that grill pill but the thing is this is kind of part of my grill pill is like talking like this you know like I don't have a grill yet even like this is how I deal with things and I think it's constructive because I get feedback you know I think I installed the floating shelf I 0:54:38 might start doing I have to buy one I want to get one small low because I don't have a lot of space back there so it would have to probably be one of those mini ones I don't even know if those even work but I know I can't get a think probably charcoals because I don't want to have to deal with getting a I think that's drywall I think the walls an electric grill that's interesting I don't know that seems like it might be 0:55:45 yeah I think I think what no one wants to really confront is just how we're gonna have to just like we're going to have to recalibrate our relationship to huh expecting to survive a day downward and it's you know people have lived and people live in this world already in much higher levels of that than we have and at the end of the day we'll be because we chose we chose comfort over anything and because our rulers have figured out a way to completely divorce themselves from consequences I mean you got a guy telling people at this moment hey you want you want to bailout 0:56:46 well people in Hell want ice water they're writing a bill a standalone bill to bailout lobbyists there is not a single person of either party who is a regular human voter who likes lobbyists because in their mind if there is Democrat and Republican they imagine the evil lobbyists the other ones the bad the bet the lobbying on the wrong side of their issues that they prefer so they still hate the concept they could be pretty easily rallied to the idea that they don't deserve a \*\*\*\*\* bailout but instead it's not even an issue because both sides agree well we certainly have to have lobbyists where are we gonna get jobs after this where are we gonna get the real money that comes with governing the actual point of any of this the seven-figure job after we leave office

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after we get primary by you know the the yodeling kid once he reaches the age of majority a smokeless Korean barbecue that's interesting how does that work without smoke sounds mysterious you know what it's funny somebody else wants to know about the end of history in the 90s you know that was obviously a joke everyone made fun of Fujiyama for it for saying we've reached the end of history by what she meant I think the forces of history had stopped moving because we'd found the ideal synthesis of this the ideal social order in terms of long term stability which is capital democracy and then eventually capital democracy would reach every country every area and we would reach a steady state social order that would basically be peaceful over time essentially materialism like dialectical materials and teleological Marxism but ending at capitalism instead of going forward to the next step and of course in the 90s there was a sense that that was the case that it was all over but the shouting really and that all the old conflicts were going to be smoothed out by the market then 9/11 happened and of course everyone and now everything that's happened since never looks like you idiot Fujiyama but honestly looking at things now looking at the way that we're prepared to deal with this looking at looking at the way that we're prepared the biggest powers though the biggest rulers are the most empowering countries all of which have robust democratic traditions of which are ostensibly Republic's with with that are ostensibly designed and exist to sustain the public happiness to sustain public health happiness and safety the whole reason you write a thing like a constitution all of them are basically to one degree or another come forward and admitted that there are since there is no alternative to neoliberal capitalism we are going to have to embrace death on a scale that we thought was not part of the deal anymore we thought the whole point of having this alienated capitalist system with lives moving so fast and so desacralized and so dead and so just devoted to distraction and amusement at the expense of death but at least we have material comforts at least you know like guys like Steve Pinker could point to a chart and say look extreme poverty is down look life expectancy is up look you know consumer spending is up people's lives are getting better we're giving that up the one thing that was supposed to justify this continued the continued existence of the system we're in the process of slowly admitting that we are giving up even that but because we can't give up the capitalism so in a sense who qiyamah was right but his framing of it was we have created a sustained endless system that will because it is so beneficial over the long run lasts forever and people's lives will only get better like Ned Beatty at the end of network but what we're finding instead is no these systems now thanks to technology most of all and because of the brutal alienating effective you know of capitalism on land geography workplace and culture most importantly and any global trade networks and the displacement of of manufacturing throughout

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the globe the way the the arbitrage inge of of government authorities authoritarian systems versus you know capitalist culture stuff it's now at a point where it is it cannot be removed maybe I'm not saying it is in that point because things are gonna change but it's in a situation where it can only now us it can now just say now we're managing decline the way we were managing ascent we're now managing decline but there is no alternative so history is ending history is ending but it's ending in heat death it's ending in the eventual dissolution and squandering of our resources as the center fails to hold and it splitters off into you know techno feudalist min our keys before even those fall apart so yeah people might want to end up people might end up giving Fukien a second look but he was only right in the sense that we might have reached a point where this system cannot be meaningfully and interdicted with not that it's going to lead to some universal peace but rather universal or a harmony of overwhelming and collective murder said this let's add with a song I don't usually play these anymore because they'd only gets DCC I'd I don't know what the rules are actually I haven't done that on twitch yet so I won't do it I was gonna play two dogs dead by cloud dead so if you've ever heard that song it's got a it's got that all right I'll play one saw and hopefully we'll get a warning instead of it there's this idea I know I'm supposed to have an ad blocker on this thing but I don't and half the answer for master class it's actually amazingly okay yeah but if China takes over it's just another accelerated form of hyper capitalism if China takes over it's just furthering the development of that system you really think that going back to communism you think mouths gonna come out of the caboose out of his \*\*\*\*\* mausoleum and take back over it's just gonna be a further intensification of all the processes of of technological panopticon's and \*\*\*\*\* hyper exploitation and and an absolute knowledge of where every person is at any given moment \*\*Music playing\*\* Oh glands I'm gonna I'm losing social credit flights I know I know I mean like hell president she probably should save us from ourselves from our like death Drive of consumption but that's just a resting collapse it's not building something durable because their economy is just as dependent on our wild overconsumption and hyper exploitation of Labor on peripheral regions of the world there's nothing else that the economy works there's no other fuel for their economy than that and I mean alright say they don't need us anymore to be consumers well then they need to be consumers right then they build their own consumer economy and then they just turn themselves in to us they start consuming the way that we did now I see the thing is China's gonna consume the degree to which we stop consuming so if we just like if we if we just took tap off the stave and become you know like a giant agricultural Latta fund yeah so that's okay but we can't all be consuming at the same right somebody's to be returned to dogs to be read and dogs to be dead center

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### *Mattz Cut-up Corner*

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oh that's better that's better than last time when I make sure this thing was time for some so I facing folks it's my version of doing the scales musicians I got to do their voice maybe babalu well I just have to do so face to get my jean the right position to issue the hottest it takes just got craving some soy I where's my damn soy ah I might 0:1:2  
be getting a grill soon I've been thinking about it they're extending this extending they're probably never gonna let people out of their homes in New York here and like you know even if I wanted to ignore it wouldn't know what if there's nowhere to go because nobody else is gonna ignore it either so I'm stuck indoors so I might as well actually start grilling yeah well I want to try to do those beyond burners they're pretty good and also sausages are very good too I also have some steaks oh they're in my freezer and I want to finish before they go bad so can i grill it up I got to get like a small medium sized Weber or something we've got to use car coal that's can't be too big either because they don't have a lot yet people were seeing Bo bunglers 0:2:7  
place in the Hamptons which bore Thomas on Martha's Vineyard life is a drama it's now where all the Democrats go apparently it's a little st. James north and his awful house that looks like it's made of \*\*\*\*\* popsicle sticks his beige mansion he's got one tiny little grill grill like that's probably gonna be about the size of the one I get it my postage stamp back area this guy's got 7 million acres if he can hunt humans for sport on and he's got one tiny little ass \*\*\*\*\* charcoal grill he doesn't even want to grill the guy has no interest in grilling it's a bad looking house and it reminds you these people have no taste that Edmund Burke you know in his defenses of the upper class his defense against the French Revolutionary grand leveling his defense 0:3:8  
against the old ancient Society of orders was yes you have this wild disproportionate distribution of resources but what that means is that people at the top who are able to spend less time working are able to have more refined tastes and sensibilities are able to use that money to build beautiful things that the rest of us can enjoy so the stained-glass cathedrals and you know the works of the Renaissance and all the beautiful just hung beautiful homes and in architecture and everything that the wealthy you know indulge in all their luxury has a certain aesthetic beauty to it that

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enlivens all of us even if we don't get to directly experience that through owning it I mean of course you can argue about that and you can talk about you know it's pretty clearly a specious argument on the behalf of a total ass kisser but I don't think if you if you brought Burke up from the dead he'd be able to say that there is any redeeming aesthetic sense any of the rich \*\*\*\*\* we have now it's just been burned 0:4:11 out of them there's nothing left because the only reference point now is luxury there's no cult wealth is so disconnected from people from my actual culture that there's no remaining sense of of like luxury expressing any kind of aesthetic or cultural values I think a good example of this is if anyone has been to Vegas you know in the past like it's I think it's been within the last ten years so Vegas the big the big places that went up in the first generation you know we're off the mob the mob places the place is the Howard Hughes own the casino era ones that like forget about that that's old Vegas new modern Vegas started in the early 90s with a big infusion of corporate money that went into the building of a bunch of themed family-style casinos getting rid of Vegas is seamy reputation and mob affiliations and replacing it with the idea of 0:5:13 it being a place for the whole family so what kind of things did they bake what kind of building what kind of casinos did they build they built the Luxor which is a big crystal pyramid with us Fink's in front of it to recall agent Egypt xcalibur which is just a giant cheesy castle of medieval Europe they got they got jealous to the bay in the basement New York New York which is supposed to be a recreation of the hustle and bustle of Midtown and Rhenish Village and all that hilariously people put signed items and mementos in front of it after 9/11 and then steve wynn shows up in the mid 90s in the sights on this family shit's fine but we need something that's gonna be like classy to get people to spend more money because there's family vacation type places have a certain limit they get a lot of money from a lot of hot charging people's stuff but it's there's a limit to you know how much you can for example 0:6:15 how high in a restaurant a family place is going to be able to have and so he wanted some places that bespoke elegance and so he built the Bellagio in 97 which you know became famous especially in ocean the first Ocean's eleven remake and it was you Italian mazu like modern Italian architecture like the idea of this is Italy this is the continent this is this is sophistication they had an art gallery that was the first to student have an art gallery sophistication was the whole idea and then they built the Venetian which was Italy in the Renaissance with with the front that's that's the model after the Doge is Palace and then they built Paris which is supposed to be like Second Empire France these are all things that are supposed to be fancy it's 0:7:18 just the eloquent and beautiful and of course they're tacky because the recreations but at least they're referring to some type of cultural memory of value in the last 10 years like the last 10 years they built a couple of new casinos and big developments

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there like the cosmopolitan and there are the two big ones and if you've seen these you can go and look at them online they have no theme they have no aesthetic anything they're just big glass cubes because that is the modern architectural language of of urban wealth it's hidden in giant glass buildings because of the vast amount of inequality that urban areas have you have to you have to concentrate all that wealth in a in it you know basically one giant tube and everything is sleek and it all kind of looks like a \*\*\*\*\* iPod store but it's not referencing anything culturally it's totally self referential it's purely expressing money unadorned by any kind of accumulated culture that that money might have gone into influencing and it really shows you that the wealthy haven't reached escape velocity for the rest of us to the point where they're not even in the same world as we are in meaningful ways they're brutalisms interesting I think Brutalism I understand why people want to say Brutalism is good but I mean when you consider the constraints that went into Brutalism and how much of it was done out of necessity or to cut corners rather than any due to any real vision it becomes harder to defend in practice but I could certainly see it being good in the funniest brutalist building I when I lived there there is a giant there's a big building that was that house there design school they have a pretty well-known design school and it was actually designed by one of the professors at their design school and it's a big brutalist tower that fans out at the top no windows it looks like a giant Lego but the guy in the original design they forgot to put bathrooms in it at all there are no bathrooms in the building and they built it before they realize that and then they had to go back in and install the bathrooms and then in addition to that it was also set in his foundation poorly because it's a very hilly campus and it's now essentially Leaning and it's gonna fall over and I think if it hasn't been evacuated yet they're gonna end up evacuating the whole thing and having to destroy it so and it lasted for like 30 years so that's not a great example but I mean that's the kind of thing to happen with with Brutalism it got thrown in there haphazardly and and cheaply I mean I I don't know if anyone wants to defend Boston City Hall you can try but I have but I'm not really an architecture guy anyway I'm kind of talking out of my ass more so than usual but I do know an ugly house with I see one and the \*\*\*\*\* I do think it's funny that the vast majority of a large colleges have brutalist libraries because they are they all experience a huge boom in in admission around the same time because of the baby boom which led to you know increased endowment and \*\*\*\*\* like that around the same time and a need to build a new library around the same time and that was the public or that was the public architecture style and so they all look like that it's astounding how many even on campuses that have a dominant you know early modern aesthetic or something they still will have the goddamn or like bricks or something they'll still

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have the \*\*\*\*\* brutalist library well art deco I mean come on what's not to love I  
fell in love with Art Deco watching Ghostbusters as a child my first ever encounter  
of it was Dana Barrett's apartment building designed by Yves oh Sh and or 0:12:27  
cold riveted steel girders with poke cores of it's the same sort of telemetry tracker  
that nASA uses to track dead pulsars a deep-space I say we bring back two to half  
Timbers make every village make every town look like an absurd whimsical medieval  
village Oh everything's like falling towards each other no more toilets just throwing  
\*\*\*\*\* out of the out of the street ice I tried to read the questions out loud or at 0:13:48  
least get the look at the idea of the question out loud so that people know what it  
is I'm sorry if I don't well yeah getting back to the main point is that there's no  
redeeming aesthetic element to our current oligarchy just noting a Wyatt Koch teeth  
Wyatt Koch shirts and big ugly glass towers that's all we got it sucks the new dude  
on my own TV show I haven't read the book uh I I don't know I mean I always I'm  
a big fan if any of the attempt to you know put Brown John Brown on TV but or  
in anything but I watched the trailer and it looked intense and Ethan Hawke looked  
like he's doing gonna do a good job but it also looked like it was trying to be a little  
epic it looked like it was trying to be like funny and I could see that may be working 0:14:52  
but I don't know if it will I'm gonna see it for sure I'm uh I'm withdrawing I'm  
withholding judgment but I'll definitely watch it even though even with the goofy  
the goofy feeling of the trailer when he's like thundering away it still gives the rowdy  
Piper movie is it good I don't know which one you refer to if you're talking about  
they live yes it's very good if you're talking about hell comes to Frogtown not as  
good favorite seafood oysters baby give me the masters a little a little sustainable non 0:15:55  
conscious guilt-free delicious little seat seafood flavor balls oh I love them anyway  
make them okay this is an interesting someone asked what I would do for a if I was  
gonna do an elf reboot it's a good question I've mentioned this before how to do  
an Alf reboot it would have to be hard are with deep eroticism I don't know if I  
would have Alf having sex with a human but uh you might see his genitals I would  
need that that would be at a minimum swearing of course all the sweaters and a lot  
of gore it would be very bloody he would eat the first shot would be of him eating  
actually eating a cat that's all I know very first shot would be a cute little kitty cat  
that would he would eat like that scene in Oldboy when he eats the octopus one 0:16:57  
shot no cut him just eating a cat I don't know how we would do that CGI maybe  
maybe it shooted on international waters or something but that would definitely be  
the first shot just to establish this is not your dad's elf this is a serious gritty take  
on what would happen if there was an alien life-form who craved house cats living in  
a suburban Chicago family's home but I could definitely see like out because there  
was an elf movie that ended up the show where they get caught he gets caught by

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the army and they're gonna dissect him or something I think that could work like elf is a pawn between the white hats and the black hats in the Qun on deep state war like they're nuking each other's deep underground military bunkers and trying to catch him and swap in for other stuff I think that could be pretty fun and the whole time he's just eating this oh my god what if elf was cute that would be perfect actually he's the one he's caught in a deep he's Kissin area 51 or something and he has limited internet access and all he's able to do is communicate just on this one account because that's the only way that like he's piggybacking on one of his unlike the 4chan account of one of his captors or something like he has technology that allows him to ghost his computer but he has to go where he goes so he has to go to 4chan and he ascribes what's happening and then trump and Alf decapitate the deep state and execute Hillary Clinton on live television and would I cast in the elf reboot okay that's a good question alright hopefully you can get the same guy for the voice because I feel like the voice of Alf was pretty iconic if we can't get him Giamatti seems like I mean this is obvious but also he's got that yeah he's got a honk all right kill me can't you hear Giamatti saying I kill me can you hear it can't you hear the people sing you can hear it you can hear him say I kill me then to play the dad what was this a max no Willie here's the guy's real name was max little-known fact alfe's dad on the show after the show when he was in his 60s was photographed in a crack house with no pants and it ended up getting in there and a like the National Enquirer or something Bryan Cranston great perfect welcome in the middle perfect perfect Bryan Cranston we're already there we're cooking with gas I don't even remember who played the mom because she didn't really have much of a role to play other than telling Willie to be nicer to Alf and vice-versa just playing you know just being a housekeeper you need somebody who could just be a nap how about Julianne Moore there you go she could just she could kind of like he heard a version of her character from safe and then the kid the little child I'm not gonna be \*\*\*\*\* with you shallow bays so just get that out of your head probably one of those little \*\*\*\*\* from it or \*\*\*\*\* stranger things there's all there's all those Punk kids now just get one of those kids who cares the kids suck the kids only gonna be in a very a little bit and he might even die there in the gorse the movie the kid is like secondary it doesn't matter what just randomly grab someone from the cast of a stranger thing so what the kid with no teeth whatever I don't care doesn't matter he's only gonna be in two or three scenes and then he's gonna get hit by a Humvee or something when the army comes to get out that to raise the stakes that would be ideal Wow Eric Roberts is the cat has proven he could do it in the film a talking cat yes that was a hell Oh someone says they want to re-watch the 80s blob if you have not seen the 80s blob watch it one of my favorite movies wildly underrated there's

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three really great gory remakes of classic horror films in the 80s and some of them bombed at the time some of those were successful some of them but all of them have gained an estimation the thing obviously the fly and but I feel like underestimated and underrated compared to those two but just as good as either of them I would argue is the \*\*\*\*\* blob the blob rule some of the best practical effects gruesome brutal very unsentimental willing to kill characters you would not expect at times you wouldn't expect keeps you off of your like narrative Lee keeps you on your toes and what's really funny is that it it totally inverts the politics of the original blob because everybody took the original blob is about communism right oh there's this 0:23:17 big red thing is coming again everybody it's it's communism or you could say actually the blob is you know anti-communist hysteria if you wanted to be a smartass about it but either way that was the metaphor in this one the blob isn't even alien quote spoiler alert it's a military experiment and the military is trying to keep it alive so it could be used as a weapon so the bad guys like the military-industrial complex and fanatical Christianity basically Reagan like Reagan's America's is the bet is the bad guy in the blob remake but forget it the politics just on a pure level of craft one of the best horror films that of that decade and belongs absolutely the same conversation with those other great remakes written by man that makes me want 0:24:19 to re-watch that I watched it a few months ago I want to watch it again now it's it's never free streaming anywhere of course wait a minute someone says that if they switch between this channel and stop it means I'm insane I don't get what compared to stop of course staff is uh I mean stop has a level of enlightenment that I will never reach I'm struggling here I'm gonna earthly plane he hasn't transcended me so I don't think that's a fair comparison favorite John Carpenter movie that is always a tough one I will say that I have and I don't really like Escape from New York I'll admit that that's that's an alzheimer that I just can't enjoy the pace of it has never really worked for me and like the the score for once is a real dud for me too and it's like it's it's the least interesting Kurt Russell performance that he gave four carpenter in 0:25:20 my opinion I don't know but I really really liked the thing obviously and they live there's a darkness of course I just re-watched in the mouth of madness and it's much better than I remember it being it's a really good movie Big Trouble in Little China honestly has a soft spot for me it might honestly be that if I think about it certainly my favorite Kurt Russell performance with with carpenter and since there's such a great duo that kind of gives it an oh man ghosts on Mars whoo I shall we watch that one too you know I kind of even like vampires because it had a good James 0:26:22 Woods performance but there's a reliance on montage instead of action scenes it's kind of troubling it kind of feels like they ran out of money which they probably did I know carpenters has never had a great time getting funding for his movies which is

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obviously awful but at the same time I don't really think that even if you gave him money now he'd really want to make a movie he seems to be actually where a person like him should be chilled at ease with their with their legacy Gaming smoking weed following pro basketball rocking out with his son sounds fun he doesn't need to make any more movies yes Jim John Carpenter is 100% Grove Hill well they when I asked them what do you think of this movie that's coming up based on your thing it's like if they're not paying me so I don't care if they paid me and then I would care what else our attitude did you have towards your old work there's nothing you can do about it 0:27:23 it'll stand the test of time on its own does anyone remember the \*\*\*\*\* mary elizabeth winstead thing it was technically like a prequel so they were trying to like to not to be sacrilegious so look this isn't actually a sequel this is what happens to the skin and avians before the thing starts okay apparently they did practical effects by the way that whole movie and then they showed it to this executives and the executives were so weirded out by it because practical effects they don't they don't look more realistic as the thing that CGI they look different they look more they look like they take up space but they don't necessarily look more convincing what CGI shows you is that that's not the only thing that matters convincing is not the only thing that matters if it feels like it's actually present to mass weight it's in the room you will forgive anything else but these guys have been so hardwired to think that realism is what you're after but they freaked out had to reshoot it all with CGI which of 0:28:25 course now already looks like \*\*\*\*\* but nobody remembers that nobody remembers the fog remake this \*\*\*\*\* when they just have some \*\*\*\*\* music video director come out and a couple people from a WB show star in it and it makes fifty million dollars and nobody ever thinks about it again the originals are still there they're still gay he still he still beloved by all people who who seek quality cinema the guy's twitter handle is master of horror for God's sake he has secured himself because master of horror is the kind of thing that only someone who really thought they were would ever put in their \*\*\*\*\* bio that's the kind of thing that you have to be fake modest about if you're insecure or guilty he's not he's Ernest skinned stupid does hold up 0:29:27 and speaking of good effects the Ernest scared stupid effects are pretty damn good the the trolls look good and it's some of Barney's finest acting when he does all the different characters no he was really talented jim Varney I don't think I don't think Lee Carter's coming on trap Oh guys sorry probably not gonna happen I think we can let that one go hopefully did I like the new David Gordon Green Halloween movie I actually did I thought it was really good I was very surprised at how effective it was as a horror movie because I've never really been that impressed with you know Gordon Green as a stylist he was I thought he was very good at creating food but I didn't really feel like he was necessarily someone who was terribly adapted you know 0:30:30

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pace and lighting and editing the kind of things that make a have I seen tremors have I seen tremors to even ask the question another movie that is almost flawless it has ambitions that it that is perfectly suited to achievement it is yes it is a reach not exceeding its grasp it's it's it's beautiful I've only seen a couple of the tremors sequels I saw the one the second one where they run and I saw the third one where they fly from farting they get keep getting worse man I never saw the Old West one I think I watched the first ten minutes of the fifth one on Netflix and I seen bordello 0:31:33 of blood by Dennis Miller I saw Porcello blood with Dennis Miller in the theater because at the time is as a young man I loved I loved him because his jokes had very obscure references in them and if I got them I felt smart so that's why I liked it wasn't because he was funny it's because he was flattering to me as a \*\*\*\*\* awful nerd and so when he had that brief awful abortive acting career in the 90s I was there I was all there for dello blood not very good there's a lot of nudity in it which is nice he is pretty funny and apparently he's a huge jerk during the making of the film he wouldn't talk to anybody he basically wrote his own dialogue if any refused to promote it just was above it all the whole time but still catch the checks absolute prick as you would imagine demon Knight is much better the first the first telecrib 0:32:36 movie is much better I heard that M night Shyamalan was remaking tales for the trip for TNT I don't know if that got cancelled I hope so because the whole point of telling the Crypt was EC comedy or EC Comics which you know for for HB L meant it would had to be exploitation so it was wildly gory and filled immunity and it's if you're not gonna do that what's the point of doing Tales from the Crypt the stories aren't that clever it's like oh oh that's metros those dummies gonna kill him now it's not like this \*\*\*\*\* I watched the new Creepshow and it was okay none of them were that great they just seem a little literal literal-minded we're good for a 0:34:24 question I'm having a hard time finding anyone I always look kind of dead oh dear that doesn't sound good I hope I look the camera looks like this image is clearer I know it wasn't so good yesterday I don't know I need to get a new phone I think someone wants to talk about the robot police state that's coming I don't really know what to say about it other than that's what the trajectory we're on we can stop it hopefully we certainly should try to with all of our fibers of being because it is it's a it's a bad outcome that we should all try to avoid but I really don't know at this point what to say I just I feel like we're still still taking in the Meg the magnitude of the our berkland drug dealers delivering I'm assuming all drug dealers everywhere 0:35:31 are delivering opinions on move a poll I'll pick that one just because I love move a bull because he thinks he's funny and the way he thinks he's funny is is actually 0:36:32 hilarious Postville is really the movie to watch I mean most of them are just too inept to be funny but when he's actually trying to be humorous they're pretty good and

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also what's really baffling is an interesting movie from an ideological perspective are his assault on what are his ramp I Ria's movie assault on Wall Street and then his rampage movies which over time became these like kind of Chomsky essays actually 0:37:35 someone asked if I was excited for them as streaming the Hamilton film I I mean at this point I will watch it this thing that I've talked about it was speculated about for years and helped make my career in many ways I'm not gonna not watch it I gotta find out and I want to find out how a bastard orphan child of a \*\*\*\*\* and a Scotsman became a hero and a scholar because he was a self-starter who worked a lot harder and was a lot smarter I am watching SNL zoom and I've said this it's brutally depressing and I hope they don't do it anymore this is the end of the season I honestly hope they just cancel it if everyone's still quarantined and they're not doing live shows anymore in September they should just get just take this as a sign from 0:38:36 God because I'm not getting anything from this anymore I'm not getting any even just like hey what's what are the kids up to these days which I usually get from SNL yeah like I've said it's like if they're like terrorists suicide martyr videos like hey me and my friend are gonna make this hilarious sketch before I go and blow up myself at a \*\*\*\*\* marketplace grim grim grim grim bring back MADtv I mean obviously now more than ever now more than ever we in a soundstage in the desert no studio audience either you do a laugh track or nothing oh god I saw the mr. show zoom thing oh I couldn't resist it I mean mr. show is such a part of my humor DNA but man it was grim everything and all this all these table read stuff all the zoom stuff 0:39:37 is really really grim and it makes everything worse because it reminds you of how quickly and frantically people will try to adapt to an unsustainable situation just because they have no all they can't think of anything else too do somebody asked about how EVOC ins in the green party if you want to vote for them go for it I don't care I mean I don't think it's gonna matter I just can't see third party presidential politics I mean that party anyway and in this context we've got with candidates like Howie Hawkins mattering like I said Jesse mature now you got another story but I 0:40:41 just it seems like if you if you if you want if you feel like it's worth it to you go for it I'm not gonna judge you but I'm just not I don't see the point feels like everyone in the Xoom based content has a gun pointed at them off-screen and the writers are all crying while writing that is a very accurate thank you strong goose shout out there that is the correct comment everyone feels coerced everyone feels on the verge of tears it's not good well what soul wants us to know why we haven't covered Tara Reid I don't know what at this point where there is more to say than what we already know the the the the depths to which the Democratic Party will go to 0:41:44 degree to which their their commitment to any any of the principles they claim to supported is was actually just a fig leaf for their coercive power over the discourse is

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all obvious it's not like if you sound like it's gonna bring down Biden I think people have this delusion that no if we if we bring down Biden with this they're some of us enough I'm doing anything else with Gnosticism I mean I've gone through a few stages you know of thinking about things and I've realized that at a certain level of abstraction there's really no way to get across anything I'm trying to say in a way that won't just sound to most people like insanity or something that they you know understand intellectually but give no real you know meaning to don't don't give any credence to as something that's explanatory so I'm trying to figure out sort of how to sum fuse my understandings into things that operate it at a more and a lower and more comprehensible mutually comprehensible level but I definitely still I'm thinking about the Demiurge and how the Demiurge is you and me and we all make a shadow of the world and we have to live in it and we think it's the whole thing where's just laying a very good question the question I'd never thought we would get the answer to the fact that she's apparently suing this epstein estate is absolutely mind-blowing to me holy crap I don't know I mean my assumption is that that is a paper move to keep her alive because remember that every other statement about her whereabouts has then never followed up upon or substantiate it from the fake in and out pictures to her hanging out with the billionaire in Massachusetts her supposedly being triangulated by her cell phone to a resort in Brazil and now she's somehow pursuing legal cases defamation suits and lawsuits again for the estate I mean all of those things can be done through shells and straws any account so I don't know I think it it makes me think that she was taken care of and that she hasn't been around for a while alive and nothing that has happened since then has really made me doubt that because it does seem so weird how it'll be quiet for three or four months and then there'll be some gossip thing about how oh, just lanes friends they're talking about how she wants to get back out there then nothing three months later on a triangulated cell phone places just laying in Brazil nothing three months later oh she's suing someone it's like just putting up a flare every once in a while just to keep people from wondering too much how people are really mad that Michael Hudson's has a been on the path we've why hasn't she Caleb Jacobi but on the podcast Oh God you don't think I ask myself that every day I would love to have young Caleb on I would love him to spit fire about the time he hitchhiked to New York and went to the \*\*\*\*\* M ;M store and I found the fact that he apparently makes he makes hip hop beats influenced by the Kabbalah and the sacred geometry of the of the Torah I I would like to have Mike dunk it on again I should ask him soon I kind of want to have mine after he ends the rest the whole show I don't know we'll see maybe before he comes back from the hiatus have Elan musk on the show we have had a LAN musk on the show in the form of James Adomian I don't know

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I don't think he I don't think you would want to go on I don't think he really wants to anybody to talk to him it wasn't like Joe Rogan is just gonna be like all cool  
Wow dan aykroyd going on true and on I don't know I don't know how deep Danny 0:48:57  
Ackroyd's connections go Danny Aykroyd cookie be compromised realistically I mean  
he claims to know a lot of stuff and he's still out there it makes you wonder if he's  
been compromised in some way if you might be orchestrating limited hangouts it's  
the same thing you gotta wonder about that Oh somebody asked me yesterday to 0:49:58  
talk about the fact that now we have the name of a guy from the actual name of one  
of the guys from the Saudi embassy who helped the 9/11 hijackers navigate the u.s.  
and given money and stuff I mean it's just they forget to block out a name we knew  
there was a guy in the air you know there was a direct part of the Saudi government  
who is involved we've always known that that's that's the hilarious \*\*\*\*\* is that it  
all just went out right in the open and because it's one of those things it's so vast it  
can't be dealt with it can kind of go out there because there's no one who's gonna  
do anything with it because it's too all-encompassing same thing with Epstein kind  
of there's no you don't really have to worry about one side of the other using it if  
it's out in the open because it's too all-encompassing in it it's too bipartisan in its  
condemnation so and it's too central to the perpetuation of the existing systems at  
both sides support so there's no way for them to effectively leverage it so we just 0:50:59  
sort of like over time let this \*\*\*\*\* out because there's nothing anyone can do about  
it I mean I remember the \*\*\*\*\* Afghan tapes the Afghan papers which were like  
the Afghanistan war version of the Pentagon Papers saying basically the same thing  
that they lied the entire time about the Afghanistan war they lied about the metrics  
they lied about America's progress they lied about the viability of the government  
they lied about the viability of the Taliban opposition they lied about everything for  
the entire way that they did and it didn't matter because it's no one's gonna change  
any of this \*\*\*\*\* so then what so who is there to even make anything of it other  
than individual citizens that they can see everyone else not doing anything about  
it and internalize the idea that even though this thing seems huge it must mean  
nothing because if it did mean something why isn't anybody doing anything I mean 0:52:4  
I wouldn't be surprised with those JFK files I wouldn't be surprised at a certain point  
it'll be so long ago that memories will be so short and there'll be no there very little  
remaining emotional attachment to the 60s basically once the boomers are gone the  
ones who still fixate on the Kennedy assassination as soon as they're gone or most of  
them or they're out of positions where they're still exercising authority through the  
vote in any significant number you can put it out there and then people will just be  
like oh wow huh Wow will you look at that they'll look around and nobody's gonna  
do anything so huh you know it does feel like we're just getting these this series of 0:53:13

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limited hangouts all designed to ignore us to the vast amount of \*\*\*\*\* that's been kept from us with the implicit message that there's nothing you can do to stop us which is really why I resist conspiracy theory \*\*\*\*\* more than anything because it's very hard not to take the message of conspiracy theory worldview to be there can be no change because their control boomer high school history teacher had them watch JFK in class that is irresponsible teaching and I'm here for it give it to me way better than whatever the hell you were are gonna have them do what just have them 0:54:15 listen to \*\*\*\*\* we didn't start the fire that's basically all you get in 20th century usually in American history courses in high school you get a whole year to do the US history you mostly do the \*\*\*\*\* Constitution and the founding fathers and then the rest of it is yeah you can buy the time together in the 20th century it's just they just play we didn't start the fire and then you the test is you have to Ashlin says their teacher did play we didn't start the fire and then gave them a test \*\*\*\*\* hit I love American public what conditions would it take for the US military to seize 0:55:42 control of government basically whether at the point when the alternative would be a collapse of the government I assume it would take that much because as I said these guys are all time serving \*\*\*\*\* fat heads they have no vision they have no real ambition beyond punk climbing through the court essentially the corporate ranks of the Pentagon they're just time servers so they're gonna take orders up until the end until if it's just roll up the tents and go home or try to maintain America as it exists as you know as it has traditionally existed with its flags and symbols under their rule then they would do it but that would have to be in there there there it would have to be at their level of perception they would have to see it that way themselves as the only thing standing between and because they're so short-sighted 0:56:43 and so uncreative I don't I think it would take very very very much to get them there so I think we would have to be in a state of very deep crisis I don't know how it would specifically look but I think the Constitution and its inability to adapt to situations of crisis and like extreme shifts in material conditions and political reality is going to be the thing that makes it happen one way or how do our imagination become so limited because we don't talk to each other anymore I hate to sound like a \*\*\*\*\* Jimmy Stewart character but I mean we don't have a social understanding if you don't see yourself as part of a social and organ a social mechanism how can you imagine any sort of future that will feature your input in any way how can 0:57:47 you imagine future as something that is constructed by people and not something endured that's the only way we've experienced it we've felt no sense of agency or ownership over any part of our lives and so we assume that that's the inevitable and an only way that the world works that there is no way that we could assert control over our destinies like what's happening we're just shrugging our shoulders and going

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back out because that's just what happens because these things are one way or the other natural occurrences and we can blame when you blamed the presidents and we can get mad at him but we're basically like fans of a baseball team who get really mad at the manager everybody knows everybody really knows that the manager is the most in essential member of the team you're gonna have the greatest if you have a good enough talent on a baseball team you'd have to be a really bad coach to squander it vice versa because there's not much for a manager to do as opposed to he's not drawing up plays for the most part but people still get mad at them and if the team does badly they still get fired and if the team does well they get promoted they get extended that's how we treat the presidents but we kind of know at some level that they're not in charge we just endure things we just endure it and that's why we can't imagine anything better that's why we can't imagine any other way to deal with this virus than enduring thousands and hundreds of thousands more dead and higher risk to ourselves and our loved ones every time somebody wants to know about what I said about how fascism is implausible in the short term that's what I mean if we can't imagine a social being that we're part of how can we imagine fascism fascism is the is the absolute the ideal of fascism is the sub sumption of all all those pesky liberal subjects all those fractious I atomized liberal subjects compressed with the power of the state into one mass into one corporal being that's about as far from our core perception of ourselves in relationship to each other in this society as you could imagine they have fascism has farther to go to like engage the creative you know political mind of imagination the American political imagination than almost any mindset and you pull any ideology if if that changes if if politics becomes more real if people feel like they're they can control things it's because there's been some deeper breakdown it's because there's been some drop dello devolution of authority downward where it could be reachable and in a situation like that where you have breakdown at a local level you could have very quickly you could have fascism take control but if we assume that the American state structure maintains its integrity then politics is going to become less and less relevant people are going to be less and less aware of themselves as political engage people which means the space is gonna get filled the authoritarian spaces are gonna get filled by stormtroopers and even or even troops it's gonna be felt by technology it's gonna be filled by every smart device around they can pinpoint your exact location anywhere they can listen to you almost anywhere you might be by turning on a speaker see any communication you might give the technology already is essentially being perfected in here and in China that and and automated an almost automated AI controlled drone war that does all the work that you would need the \*\*\*\*\* SA to do or that you would need the enabling acts for or do you need to do the night of the Long Knives to bring in the hair

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back all right guys I'm gonna wrap it up a couple more questions tonight then I'll say good night have some dinner robots should be harnessed for the people yes like that's what I said is that the two paths the socialism or barbarism path that we're on is is it's capitalism and and uh and communism as as the states that are allowed to be possible by technology technology makes communism possible technology makes capitalism possible and and and at sufficiently advanced levels technology can make communism make socialism become communism or in the hands of capital can make can accelerate us towards total submission to machinery total al guerrillas ation where we are just we are just inputs we're like we're like bulbs in a string of Christmas lights interchangeable we are we are we are pure Skinner creatures of reward and punishment for a given amount of exertion to the degree that we're necessary so it's I mean the the the Luddite path is is back towards you know the slave empires so the technology that we have been able to to create over the of the economic complexity and stuff that shouldn't be thrown away but right now we have to confront the fact that we have very little power over it that it's almost entirely in the hands of capital and that they're going to use it in a short term to maximize their control over a increasingly untenable social space that is going to become harder and harder to govern through conventional political means as conditions deteriorate and that is something we have to deal with and I don't think you deal with it by getting rid of technology they don't think of that's work that would work you're not the ewoks but it has to be reckoned with all right guys I'm gonna say good night help you

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thing this is the biggest critter of all I am the largest critter in the jungle hello everyone didn't stream yesterday Thank You a break I don't think it's gonna be daily as much I want to make it more worth watching so I don't want to just kind of 0:1:1  
keep talking for no reason I certainly feel more I feel more balanced I feel like I could be more productive now like we're creatively productive like I'm gonna try to start writing again maybe even doing some art and so I'm not going to need to wheat my my brain knife against the stone of twitch as often but I will still definitely do it like every couple days or so no question because I still enjoy it and I still think it helps me and I hope it helps other people so I'll still keep doing them but just not probably every day then I try to get some stuff more long-form written down more coherent than trying to explain things to someone to a bunch of people on the Internet yeah let's feel good about the world it's beautiful here in Brooklyn that's right folks Brooklyn New York they made me grow a beard as soon as I moved here 0:2:4  
they put a gun to my head and they said you have a \*\*\*\*\* beard or your brains will be on the pavement and then I just closed my eyes what's not so how you guys doing everybody feeling good everybody feeling good I'm not depressed I'm feeling good feeling fine I'm just not as manic as I was because favorite VP and for history probably poor Henry Wallace though got owned by the by the Democratic Party out 0:3:8  
of being the president who could have prevented the Cold War according to a lot of people he was his campaign was infiltrated by actual Soviet spies which is very funny and it definitely does imply that they could have had to this prevented the Cold War but on what terms who knows it is interesting to imagine if FDR had died what he did because Truman was just pointing like not up to the task of negotiating a new global order after World War two he was absolutely not he was a \*\*\*\*\* war healing crook basically just country retail and he had not known any of the \*\*\*\*\* that was 0:4:13  
going on in regards to the someone wants to know my opinion of alien vs. aliens I mean I'll admit it I am a Cameron boy first and foremost I prefer aliens I probably sought earlier honestly when I was a little kid I probably saw aliens before I saw alien I just and that was though that's the one that seared in my memory in the original

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version with the with the \*\*\*\*\* with the motion detecting machine guns they there 0:5:14  
was a famous story about how James Cameron pitched his idea to the studio by  
going over to a whiteboard and just dragging the word alien and then putting an  
ass after alien and then turning the ass into a dollar sign I don't know if that's true  
or not but that's basically what he did and part of my preferences of course you  
know the degree to which alien is overrated is the degree to which Ripley Scots awful  
undeserved reputation as some Titan of cinema could be further reduced because by  
any means necessary I say that \*\*\*\*\* hack is a hack and sucks and he's got like one  
and a half good movies in his entire resume that are supposed to stand in for a I 0:6:23  
wouldn't really wish what good director had done with the counselor \*\*\*\*\* Cormac  
McCarthy screenplay would have been really cool to see that with a non hack Tony  
Scott was the was the as much as I love aliens as much as I love obviously t 2 and  
avatar as a theatrical experience anyway I think that Cameron's best movie is the  
original Terminator the Terminator Arnold is the bad guy Michael B that's the movie  
it's like it's basically perfect oh yeah the motion detector boop boop double pulse 0:7:26  
beep beep four minutes 4-minute 4 meters 3 meters where are James bill paxton the  
only person in cinema history to be killed by an alien a predator and the Terminator  
pretty impressive all right Pete - it's true king if I of course I would go on a red letter  
media if I was invited those guys rule but I'm not gonna invite myself I'm not a  
poltroon I never did Civil War II in acting but I thought it was cool that's for sure I 0:8:27  
was I was an enthusiast for the Civil War that's for sure pretty embarrassing I never  
had hard tack though I've people passed that they had it passed around you know to  
see how hard it was but I don't think I've ever actually Oh God someone read Henry  
Turtledove because it's me that's no good he is a very bad writer but that's what  
makes this books father's because you don't really have to read them you can just  
skim them it's basically like a big old Wikipedia article and you're just finding out 0:9:28  
what happens and you're checking out the historical references like oh look Richard  
Nixon there's a young Richard Nixon he's uh he's sweeping the office for bugs as an  
army intelligence officer did it because he is he was recorded with the Watergate tapes  
you know what someone sometimes suggested doing a conspiracy episode about the  
Kennedy family that's actually a very interesting idea but I wouldn't want to talk  
about them I wouldn't want to really talk about any of the actual theories about the  
assassinations I would lay up some of those interesting features but I would rather  
talk about the Kennedys as a cultural concept the Kennedys as as an idea like the fact  
that this wet mouth little turd is gonna beat Ed Markey in Massachusetts probably  
with one hand one \*\*\*\*\* limp bird wristed \*\*\*\*\* what is it called when you can't 0:10:35  
when you can't stop bleeding whenever the \*\*\*\*\* rubber dogs had hemophilia that's  
it \*\*\*\*\* hemophiliac how is he gonna be governor how is he gonna win so easily with

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no real justification for running because this name means something to people and don't like the way the queuing on people fixate on Kennedy and on JFK jr. the way liberals think about the Kennedys they really represent something for everyone like they're the crystal which you could really look through the way that politics is like been robbed of meaning and turned into pure spectacle but then emotions get like even more deep and and and the fantasies get even richer because of how much politics is made into a spectacle and and so the Kennedys they get over the time they get more and more psychic baggage around them they become more more totems of different things to different people that's the interesting idea I might do 0:11:37 that I'll think about I still don't really know who left Parnassus I think he was a minion let I know our last podcast sure let's guys seem cool I think we should do the live reading of either casino although I'm thinking more if we're gonna do a live read it shouldn't be a more a more tightly scripted movie so I was thinking Miller's Crossing that would be pretty cool do I know of any plant nerds you know will is a 0:12:55 real plant nerd if you know what I mean will loves plants he's a big he's got a my Sunday it's nice it's very nice out my little back area that you guys have seen with a little shed it's it's coming together I'm actually gonna get a grill guys I did it I pulled the trigger on a weber uh and i'm gonna start cooking all this meat i got in the freezer i'm gonna i'm gonna put it out there on the grill it's gonna happen I also got I got charcoal got some lighter fluid that's so I might I might feel myself drilling 0:13:57 at some point if I can get one of those little holders for the phone I might drop I feel myself growing a little bit boon poquito the Max Weber grill for the slow cooking of tough I will definitely mess it up a lot of me too because I'm not really very adapt I haven't I don't have a great history I'm not a great gorilla in my life I've grilled like twice I mean I've obviously been a number of grills but I've never done it myself this is the new skill I'm trying to I'll probably want to do so I mean I have meat 0:15:5 want to get done with but I would also like to do some beyond stuff I really like to beyond stuff ooh delicious the sausages are fantastic the birds are really good but as I said they're destroying half of Borneo to get the palm oil so there's no good options yeah of course it's worse for you than regular meat it's got to be because it tastes too good but at least it saves the animals so at least you get a you get that sense of not contributing to I really enjoyed that the independent state week that 0:16:27 was really good he's he's he's operating at a very high level right oh he's his power levels have never been higher because he's never been more bored and annoyed a big president he can't blow off any steam he can't blow up any scene by having a crowd of yokels Bay at him like \*\*\*\*\* dogs which is what he loves so instead he's just getting more and more mad and he's but he's posting so hard he's essentially become neat he's become a wildly alienated meet and so he's just posting like a madman

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the \*\*\*\*\* thing with the he did beautiful boat people again the thing where he says we're working or we're working on them a cure for this issue plague we got a cure it's coming it's okay folks it's okay don't worry about it we're fine all wonderful and I was yelling about Obama and he said the day that like the Obama administration 0:17:28 is becoming the worst Administration in history now humans sleep you are why I'm here one yes true - yes hitman sleeping Joe are Wyatt Trump is here but also it is funny cuz when Trump says it's becoming the worst administration ever basically what he's saying is every time something disastrous happens related to this whole coronavirus sake every time the stock market drops though they're 500 points or we have another 5,000 deaths a day or something or there's a you know some huge economic huge unemployment number he all puts he puts all of that instinctively on to Obama's tab because of not a left to him because he fundamentally doesn't feel like he has control over any process he is watching be himself be President the same way that his fans are and so everything is being done by other people and that means he could never make anything better and they could he can never actually make America great again he could never succeed because he's not actually acting 0:18:32 and at a certain level I think though people who really like him know that and they don't care because it's not about material issues to them it's a bit Salih Bignell so they just want him to be mad on their behalf for the things that they're all in agreement oh the chimney thing I've heard those are really good you're like you press the button that it all falls down I might order one of those that's actually a very good idea I didn't have one that might be a good idea smart move thank you this is 0:19:36 why I want to collaborate you know I want to I want to live my best grill life and I can't people saying Corona won't change anything I think our under estimating to stop bad things are gonna get and how big that is and how that badness is going to become a structural element of the economy and of the country in the world but they're right I think in the general sense that there isn't going to be a huge breakup right now just because as I've said I think that there's too much interest in seeing the US economy stood back on its legs and it's gonna be hard and it's not going to have to be fast but I think it's going to be no more a threat it's it's gonna be like the Great Depression which as destabilizing and traumatic and horrible as it was there was never a point where dissolution or collapse was really in the cards now things have been a little bit different maybe they could have been like maybe if people if the guys behind the business plot had taken it more seriously or you know maybe 0:20:40 FDR gets shot in Miami which is what is the basis for the counterfactual history in philip k dick span of the high castle is same thing happens as it happens in our world that FDR gets shot when Guiseppe son we're just happy Zangara shot at him and actually killed the mayor of chicago anton cermak that was after being elected but

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before being inaugurated or early Mike early in his presidency and then you have a whole new ball game there's a bunch of things that could have happened but we didn't ever really collapse or come terribly close and and I think barring intervening of something on the on the level of that for example or a business plot then I think you're gonna see the same structures persist just at a much or attenuated level with lower life quality of life more visible misery more alienation more hostility I think 0:21:42 that's gonna cause things to be much the same but worse like I said I think crime is gonna go up I think there's gonna be political violence is going to go up but it's not going to be organized it's gonna be largely personalized but it's within the same cultural framework as well let's see the thing is is the climbing rate of profit relative to the 30s says there might be less for them to actually be able to do to stand up the US economy that's that's also true I'm not saying that this is necessarily going to persist I'm just saying I me I think the immediate moment we're gonna see a persistence of institutions but like I'm not gonna will I'm not really willing to stretch that past maybe like three or four years maybe five I'd say when I say things get 0:22:48 worse I mean like people are gonna have less money they're going to live under worse conditions they're going to have more they're gonna be working harder for and have less free time the free time they do have is going to be more pained and alienated they're gonna be more miserable the misery index is gonna go up not the thing for the festivities but the actual like sum total of American human misery is going to go up things are gonna get harder for everyone they're gonna take it out on each other which is what we do and so that's gonna compound it and make things worse because we're gonna take it out all on each other along political and racial and gender lines we'll take what is to be done that's a very good question and hopefully someone will 0:24:15 have an answer I hope to participate in finding one but right now I don't have it Japan when I'm unable to win Germany Japan couldn't want anything by themselves they were they attacked Pearl Harbor because they were already materially being pinched by the US oil embargo by the end of the war they were whereas the US was had more of anything that they'd ever had before they'd built capacity while their capacity was being totally exhausted a lot of uh not a lot of juice to squeeze 0:25:17 there and yeah they had to hatch the why didn't the Soviets invade northern Japan I mean for the same reason they pulled support from the Greek communists and and you know rolled up a curtain because at the end of the war Stalin was all about securing his his persistence and his government's persistence well could rebuild from having its industrial capacity gutted in its population decimated and so that means they weren't in an expansionist mode at all and that was one of the big crimes of the 0:26:19 Cold War was tragedies of the opening of the Cold War is that the u.s. set the terms by approaching the Soviets as as bent on expansion and as they're that making their

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mission then therefore containing that expansion which just started a you know a mutual a distrust that became I do think asking a saintly asking what is to be done I do think that if you do have a job and you know you know of any effort to what worker to to organize the workplace by God I mean don't do it stupidly or don't do it haphazardly and certainly don't do it for the \*\*\*\*\* clout but aid any any somebody 0:27:24 asks do you think a luxembourgish German Communist revolution would have fared better than the USA or other socialist nations I don't see how that would not have resulted in French and British intervention on to the continent again I mean unless they were stopped by you know internal dissent which is the dream of the of the worldwide wars that France and Britain mobilized to stop the German communists but then the working classes of German of England and France exhausted from the fight not willing to fight for capitalism they've massed they spot they strike and then and then that that would have been basically the end of it that was the whole but I think the durability of bushwa institutions in Germany I don't think that the I don't think that the balance of powers there is notably any different in France or in Britain 0:28:25 to prevent the same situation of people basically hewing to reform to avoid the real terror and uncertainty of a revolution because it's like that's what it came down to with the SDP is that they had too much to lose you know the end the Communist Manifesto ends with you have nothing to lose but your chains but there are a lot of workers and party officials and party figures and members of parliament on the SDP who felt that they actually didn't have something to lose that's the been the key to stifling class consciousness one of the keys to stifling class consciousness in advanced countries ever since and it's the kind of thing that the Soviets did the Bolsheviks didn't have to deal with because there was no there was there was no durable middle class or even like compromised labour aristocracy or party apparatchiks to suborn 0:29:28 into support of bushwa institutions it was just a bunch of peasants than a small sliver of hyper exploited hyper exploited urban laborers and then basically the cops like from the Cossacks to the police to Crona - the Romanovs and their the the Finn little rim of well boo schwa people around them to service them so there was no resistance along that axis which is what happened in Germany and presumably what would have happened in Britain or in France should the left infiltrate biker and prison gangs I'm trying to imagine the left as I understand it doing that and it's very funny I mean are we talking like DSA guys DSA peered caucus guys going into the Hells Angels wearing a cut I don't know how that somebody says in the in 0:30:29 the somebody says that somebody claims that the Communists in the 20s and 30s Germany and whymark Germany didn't work with the with the SDP because they were not radical enough for them well part of that is because of the Moscow lied the the the third the third position this line that that was scrapped as soon as the

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Nazis came to power a replace with the popular front line which said socialist booze wall parties are essentially as bad or worse than fascists because they uphold and reify and justify the capitalist system they're your biggest enemies that was part of it but that wasn't just orders for Moscow that was rooted in the fact that when the Communists tried to overthrow capitalism during the Revolutionary ferment at the end of World War one the \*\*\*\*\* Socialists not only didn't come along the ones in government were the ones who created the fry core to put them down the ones who recruited to mobilize troops who were led by right-wing Psychopaths and had them put down the revolution and then those guys ended up being the embryo for the stormtroopers and the Nazi Party right they're created by the socialists to put down the Communists so there was there was mutual bundling and \*\*\*\*\* up between both parties in because at some point someone needed to \*\*\*\*\* figure out what the actual stakes were and why is the \*\*\*\*\* up and neither of them bid and it's both their fault for that reason but it's it didn't it's not like it came out of nowhere or like it was just imposed by Moscow or that it was why am i so much so invested in US electoral 0:31:30  
ism I don't understand what that means I live in the United States of America I don't get a choice on what to invest in politically I have to deal with the country as it existed with the institutions in it that exist and the way that people relate to those institutions you can ignore electoral ism or whatever the hell that even means elections if you want that's fine but you will have a incomplete and an inadequate understanding of the why was the Spanish Civil War lost its short fake friends \*\*\*\*\* fake friends man what kind of snack when I compare Trump to well he's kind of 0:34:8  
orange looking like that's the color of his skin his weird tan makes them look orange the Spray those Howard Johnson push pops you know what I'm talking about the orange push pops Doritos Doritos yeah I think a Dorito or maybe Fritos I think he looks like a frito he's a dang frito folks the president is a freaking freaking freedom he's a goddamn frito creamsicle is what I was trying to think of no not of creamsicle thank you he's a freakin frito and I mean I've had it I've had it up to here with him and his ways Hannah with his shenanigans I want to do an episode somebody's 0:35:37  
asking about the Spanish Civil War I want again I want to do an episode about the Spanish Civil War just to see if I could get everyone equally mad at me that would be like all because I would want to give everybody I want to give every side some sort of critical like sympathetic rendering of their point of view and hopefully that will piss off every single faction of people who get really really wired and really really psyched about the Spanish my media blitz I don't know people ask me to go on things and I'll usually say yes not to everybody but if I don't think you're a weirdo and I don't know anything awful about you I'll probably who's the current rightful heir to the 0:36:51  
Roman Empire well I would say the closest thing we have would be the Habsburg

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line that ended the Holy Roman Empire and there's a guy who's like a Duke of Bavaria or something he is also the Pretender to the British throne from the Stuart line and therefore the Pretender to the throne of the United States so he is essentially a world Emperor so that's gotta be that guy he would he is yeah he's the Stuart pretender he's also a Habsburg so he is he is the guy right Holy Roman Emperor King of England and of its colonies Oh God Stacey Abrams man she must look so pitch she looks so pissed I gotta say she has very she has owned herself pretty badly uh in in this whole thing she has not she's done the one thing you're not supposed to do with vice-presidents specifically the rules with president vary depending on who you are you know you can look like you want to be president at some point but you can never look like you want to be vice president you can never look like you want to be vice president for a minute until they give it to you you cannot look like you want to be vice president because who the \*\*\*\*\* would want to be white the to be vice president it is the \*\*\*\*\* job it is as John Nance Garner said as useless as useless as a I believe you said a bucket of warm piss no one wants it it's the booby prize and when you say want it and are thirsty you look like this person has no real they have no dignity they're saying I will willingly sit there on my ass for four years doing nothing just on a chance that I might become president someday I will suck on tit for four years minimum even though it's very rare it's only happened twice you know that someone went from being to term VP to being the president only twice Martin Van Buren and George HW Bush so it's a loser position and you want to sit there pathetic but the liberal love for Stacey Abrams is fantastic and it really is perfect she is the ideal candidate for liberals because she is know she has no power she lost her race so she is just this pure element of potential she could do anything she could cure racism she could break up the banks and cure racism she could be like the mahdi of liberalism but and because there's no there's a record you can there's no stopping that thought now like they know and so you can do any amount of compromises now like you can hold your nose and vote for Joe Biden the disgusting sex criminal senile not reactionary flat-out reactionary you kids very few liberals are able to make any kind of compelling case for Biden on the merits it's all you know greater good and when they're closing their eyes and voting for Biden they're imagining Stacey Abrams and they're saying that no however awful it might feel the vote for Biden that it'll be redeemed when Stacey Abrams becomes president and rids the land of evil and there will always be somebody there to be that person and if and if Stacey Abrams becomes president and she can't get it done the way Obama didn't well you know we didn't try we didn't want it hard enough or they were too mean and we didn't beat them enough we were there were people who doubted her it's it's sort of like a Tinkerbell fit like Obama failed because people on the Left didn't believe

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in him hard enough and so if Stacey Abrams fails it will be because the left didn't believe in him hard enough pure Tinkerbell clap for the fairy thing but yeah show some self-respect miss Abrams good going to having a photo shoot in a cape oh my god that's like when Shaun young I don't know if you guys are aware of this but Sean Young who is an actress just been in things in a while she was kind of a big star in the 90s she got she's notorious for her tempestuous and and publicly scandalous relationship with James Woods but at one point and I think stims which actually had to take out a restraining order on her or claimed a restraining order on her at one point and when they were making they were they were auditioning for Batman Returns which was gonna be huge because Batman had been gigantic but basically every actress um okay in Hollywood audition for Catwoman they all wanted to be Catwoman so Michelle Pfeiffer of course got it but everybody who has anybody wanted it and the way that Sean young showed her devotion is she showed up to the then didn't work but that's what stacy abrams feels like what running around in a cape trying to be vice president and also stacy abrams honestly it was very dumb if she thought she was gonna be the VP because in this specific instance with Biden being so old and so clearly out of touch and so clearly unable to make decisions then the VP and frail physically frail the VP is gonna be one of the people actually running things depending on who it is so there are gonna be a lot of people with model work juice in the Democratic Party that a failed gubernatorial candidate who are gonna want to buy to that Apple before they let her have it unless they've decided that they're allowing pout and divide to lose and they would prefer to allow Trump to be wholly responsible for the the response that they know it's coming to this like it at the various highest levels of the Democratic Party they got to know that nothing is gonna work they're not gonna fix anything the economy is going to crater and then struggle and people are gonna keep dying in huge numbers for the foreseeable future no matter who's president wouldn't you rather have the other party it's a real concern so some of them might have decided you know what \*\*\*\*\* this let Biden eat \*\*\*\*\* then we can just run fundraise off Trump for eight four years and then win or not hey we're still in charge and we haven't become we haven't fatally fractured our party because they have to have taken a little bit of a scare from Bernie I mean none of them wanted set Biden they had to fall back on Biden so clearly they had they got a scare put in there by Bernie and them governing as a right-wing party as the austerity party you know Biden as the Hunger the hunger Chancellor that's gonna make the threat from the left more serious so why not just allow all the anger to go on Trump so I have no idea whether they're trying to win or not I mean when you see them saying stuff like Latinos are not considered are not a necessary part of our coalition or whatever it makes you think maybe they because when was a little time

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that they've won the only time the Democrats have swept into office is after prefer prolonged disillusionment with Republican rule after 12 years of Bush Reagan and a small well time recession and after eight years of Bush that led to an attempted a city being destroyed a failed war and that goddamn economic collapse there they rule not by positive argument but by comparison to a worse alternative I mean it's their only pitch during every election and so it only works when the conditions are right now that could be now - because we have another recession / depression coming but because of the fact that it's all part of this virus the blame thing is going to be more complicated it's not necessarily going to all flow to the president the way that it usually does the way that Bush's approval rating was in the 20s by the end of his term impossible now they'll never happen no matter how bad this gets the people who like Trump now will never blame him for it no matter what they cannot make that connection it is the Chinese or acephate news media they will never do that and honestly consum was if Biden did get in there and was miserable and like a Grover Cleveland second term he would be very unpopular and the left of course was excoriated but those MSNBC listeners would love him and they would blame the Republicans get a fresh cut you are aware that we're in a quarantine and I live in the quarantine capital of the world right now that's been extended into mid-june minimum we're not leaving it there's no gonna be any place to get a fresh cut sir if I want to cut him gonna have to do it myself I'd have to cut my own goddamn here and I might do that I might do it I have the Clippers I might do it so people keep telling me to shave my head but someone whose aesthetics I I trust told me by all means do not do that do not do it so now I don't know what to believe God is somebody putting one of those weird things into the chat I would never do a ponytail that's for sure top knot never yeah monks tonsure I basically have one I'm never gonna do a ponytail of any kind that's just I'm sorry guys I that's one of those things uh I was not raised that way I'll just say that I was not raised for long hair of any kind long hair and flip flops or tunes that no sides yeah I can't I've thought of myself with sides and it is too grim to contemplate hopefully it won't come to that it's falling out slowly enough that I don't think a lot of sides until I won't care anymore but for now I'm just gonna hold on to my little my little Peninsula Oh God someone's threatening to photoshop me with different haircuts I don't know if I could handle it and I afraid this the strain would be more we might do an episode on Southland Tales however has a heck of a flip flick we should honestly do a commentary track I also need to re-watch the hair advice remember be underwhelmed by it at the time but I think I need to give it another look it was on streaming services for a while and of course now I want to see it and my computer heard me say I wanted to see it and it took it off the service for me we all know that they would do that right we all

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know that all of our devices can hear us and they are programmed so that if you say  
oh I want to see that any name they hear it or if you write it down you tweet it you 0:50:57  
put it on a text or an email they see it and then they go into your \*\*\*\*\* computer  
and when you go to find a movie for your computer or your smart device it's not  
it's not free anymore you got a pot you got to rent it that's how they squeeze the  
juice the sweetest juice somebody asked which which purged bolshevik what they  
were they said that they were both pikarin to which I say Wow peasants much you  
want to smooch them you want to kiss the peasantry I probably I mean realistically  
boozing OVF come on excitable little little get better at pirating buddy I don't know 0:52:1  
how to do any of that thing I cannot pirate anything I do not know how to do it I  
cannot do it well who doesn't want to be : ty come on died I read part of the Port  
Huron Statement during the somebody wants to know about Marx's abolition of the  
family he was essentially saying that that the hierarchy and abuse within a family is  
directly mirrored within by capitalism but it's actually taint of hierarchy of domestic  
labor two mirrors wage labor and that if you got rid of the wage labor exploitation 0:53:3  
system that the that structure would no longer provide preside in the family so the  
family as we understand it as a hierarchical exploitative machine for prefer domestic  
labor would no longer persist doesn't mean people wouldn't have families I mean  
said wouldn't have people they loved and wanted to be monogamous with and have  
children with but their relationship would not be would not be dictated by the mean  
to extract surplus labor basically at a domestic level which is why it's always funny  
when people want to talk about like a Marx wanted to abolish the family like in the  
context of this current neoliberal barrage on all all institutions I don't was occultism 0:54:23  
is associated in America and them in the Victorian era with the left as it is in Ireland  
that's an interesting question I'm assuming you're talking about things like the order  
of the Golden Dawn Yeats and all that not really because there was there was an  
actual working-class movement and that \*\*\*\*\* was mostly middle-class there was  
a middle class social affectation so there so there's agree to which your your like  
your your movement is dominated by the middle class is a degree to which it's going  
to be dominated by middle-class mores which is what's so frustrating about all the  
arguments about DSA culture that have had gone on over the past four years all of  
them at the level of like the DSA is to or not to walk or whatever some of them even  
referencing the fact that a lot of it reflects the class character and the organization 0:55:24  
but without any real any discussion of the fact that well if there were more if there  
was like an organic connection between working-class people of any kind and this  
organization then this wouldn't be an issue it would have solved itself because just  
people would find a new level of conversation and they would find a level like of  
exchange of communication that would squeeze out the bad faith actors and the

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hysterics and none of the none of all the arguing that went on for \*\*\*\*\* years over that actually point pointed towards the resolution of that problem other than to say well if people didn't talk like that there would be more working-class people which reverses the order of the operation and reverses it's like all that precious TSA language is more a product of the class character of the organization than the thing that created that made it that way and I think that Bernice and the Bernie Sanders campaign has shown conclusively that there is a broken that there's some sort of 0:56:25 disconnect between the broader working-class and the very idea of socialism oh the idea of socialism as like a political project and that disconnect is not and address because I don't think anybody understands how and so people end up fighting a lot more the level of culture because it's it's something they understand at least and something they could get their hands head around which is hard for something like this where all the methods of your disposal are already proved okay unable to do the thing that you wanted to do so you have to basically invent a new tool you've been a new system and that's always very hard right joe rogan like Joe Rogan's whole 0:57:28 thing about the team that is just a a meathead trying to feel his way blindly towards the L addicted describe the elephant that's the part of the elephant of like a social consciousness that he is able to grab which is of course you know as reduced and and warped as any of ours but he has no vocabulary he has no vocabulary to express it so he's making his own and that's good and it shows the instincts are there the problem is is that the translation from one set of concepts and one set of understandings to another requires a mutual good-faith movement towards one another that hasn't been initiated and I everybody is everyone is digging up you know everyone is at the 0:58:44 end of that Simpsons episode digging up and it's just because that's all you have you have a shovel you have a shovel and you'll amount of dirt in front of you it's not like you have a map to where the where the \*\*\*\*\* thing really is you don't really you have a map to took you here and now you've got the shovel and you've got the ground someone's got to come along with a new map and convince you that it's gonna lead anywhere and no one has done that so of course people are gonna just keep digging dig up stupid all right guys I am signing off for the day this was nice I'll see you guys soon as I said maybe tomorrow maybe not but like I said two or three a week minimum from now on while I'm vibing and yes when I start grilling you guys will be the first to

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hello oh my back hurts today oh just riding myself today that uh before long I'm going to be in some sort of hover based contraption most of the time got bad back bad hip got bad legs which some of you might know about all of which it's gonna it's gonna add up to me being a hilarious gentleman tooling about and there's some sort of device I would like it to actually hover so the year 2020 I would hope by the time I need it that it would actually hover but I'm not I'm done holding out of anything cool happening at least not sci-fi cool of course plenty of cool stuff will vernacular as in the kind of things you'd like to read about in a history how's everybody doing very nice out very nice today so that's been nice summer's gonna get hot horrible but I'm a preparing for it mentally I'm girding my loins to just bake quietly although the debug ler today hilariously the D bungler they're talking about how you know people are going to the beaches and he said don't go to the beaches now if you want to sit there with a chair or something that's ok but if it starts to look like a beach well then oh hi Lana I always could see you in the chat he said go at the beach but just not in too many of you oh how that's not a thing that's not an answer that's not that's not a solution to the issue that's that's just throwing up your hands and being oh \*\*\*\*\* we can't stop them from going in the beach but we have to look like we care at all about transmission of this thing so we're just gonna let you decide how many people are to be the beach at which point we're just gonna send the cops in to arrest everybody I guess or drive him off with fire hoses apparently the Atlantic City beaches are completely packed and you know what I just don't know what we're waiting for anymore we've really we \*\*\*\*\* the dog on this so bad it feels like people don't want to really accept how badly we \*\*\*\*\* it all these people who are yelling at everyone to stay home it really does feel like they basically don't get how \*\*\*\*\* this was but the people who are who are mad at you for going out doors I mean obviously most of those people are absolute hogs who are just so vapid that they can't imagine life without \*\*\*\*\* fast casual eateries but the fact remains is that there's no solution to this issue there is nothing that's gonna happen other than I'm just shrugging their shoulders and sending everybody out and no amount of

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like insisting that you're staying in is gonna change that you can stay in if you want but you're gonna be a smaller and smaller group of people who are gonna have the privilege of being able to do so everyone else is yeah people seem to not really absorb the reality of the cheeto in the White House and just the absolute threadbare nature of America's medical infrastructure I mean it the exact moment that more people need access to health care and an E in American history a concomitant result of that is that tens of millions of people lose health insurance and access to health when they need it for them for the safety of the entire country it's like a Rube Goldberg machine designed to kick you in the balls I do love that Sweden just decided to allow everyone to die and I really think it's because they're Swedish and they've been all been kind of waiting for that begging him secretly praying and now oh thank god this thing I either live which fine or I die which thank God thank God yeah they call it winning the lottery when you get the covin and die of it in in Sweden when you go when someone says hey hey how's your how's your grandpa they go yeah at the Cova and they're like oh yeah she goes yeah he made it oh that's too bad for them I'm sorry maybe next time I'm having a weird weird new Seltzer now there's a million Seltzer's these days I don't understand it's a perfect example of just this is an at this point considering them that they all taste exactly the same the the branding advantage is basically nil what the hell are you getting out of having this on well part of skin a Navy ever I don't actually know I I don't think there's I think I don't know I only did the 23andme wants for an episode we never ended up doing about genetics in the \*\*\*\*\* and it said Northern Europe I don't know it was pretty it was pretty my track jacket someone wants to see the track jacket I can put it on it's over there people really want to see it I could alright I'll put the track jacket on in someone wants me to stop staring at you I can't I can't I'm looking at the questions guys it has it's been a bit since someone asked me to post feet that I gotta say people are lucky that I stopped getting so hammered on these because now there's basically no chance it's ever gonna happen and you should be \*\*\*\*\* thankful because you do not want to see it I keep telling you that and you just do not you just refuse Oh God The Cider boom that was before the cider boom was the last big like alcoholic beverage craze before the Seltzer's and it's all the same thing it's it's it's a less beery alternative to beer that's about the same alcohol content as beer but that does not have that beer II taste which a lot of they think they generally considered to be women but plenty of men don't like and so cider was the answer for a while there were there were seven million signers and now I think a lot of that energy has moved to the Seltzer's I think because people realize the Seltzer is too sweet there's it's too sweet and they realize oh I'm gonna get AIDS or not I'm gonna get diabetes for this No thank you because that's something you need to get

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stuff for people once they reach a point of realization of their mortality and that's where you go from cider which is good for like 22 year olds to Seltzer which is good for 32 but cider was with the pioneers drank much much more so than beer beer didn't show up until the German immigrants in the mid 1900s they I mean not in large numbers anyway in large mouths it was it was all \*\*\*\*\* cider alcoholic cider and whiskey of course and so much of it just so shit-faced 19th century people were 0:10:40  
insanely hammered because most of them the amount of work they did in the day was just walk behind a donkey so it didn't require a lot of hand-eye coordination and it's boring as \*\*\*\*\* so it helped to be drunk and of course water was not very reliable or pure so having fermented was a way to guarantee that it had a certain degree of sterility it was big in a in the UK but in uh in New England anyway it was cider because it wasn't really they never really were able to establish large scale agriculture in the New England because of its relatively inhospitable soil so there wasn't really room and no England to make to brew to get the even the requisite wheat for beer whereas there were plenty of apples apple trees so boom squeeze those \*\*\*\*\* get you know there's a reason that the three American cities most associated 0:11:53  
with with beer and we're the big brewing traditions are Milwaukee Cincinnati and St. Louis form the three points of the German triangle of immigration we're in the mid nineteenth century especially after 48 that happened to up till the turn of the century German immigrants came mostly from Bavaria but other places as well right there there's Milwaukee up there here's yeah Pier one Imports closed today I mean people been talking about the death of retail for a while I mean those kind of things this is the kind of situation where you have if you have a wheezing dying creature this is the moment when you put the bullet in the head or someone puts a bullet 0:12:56  
of its head or something where it just it's too much for it to bear and it's hard not to see this as a potential domino effect especially since I was seeing today that oh look at this a huge percentage of the of the retail real estate market in this country is undergirded by fraudulent mortgages that were based on false and manipulated profit statements and projections Oh No when does that ever happen before false information propping up a mortgage which are then sold and resold no I mean that's why like I said that's why oh that's my soft bank \*\*\*\*\* bailed out - did a private sector bailout of we work was to keep the retail sector retail rental retail real estate economy afloat and now you had an undergirding we have a realization that there's 0:13:58  
an under grading unviable 'ti there that was an overlook just like it was in the house in the housing sector with this massive massive collapse in demand and in or in and in profits I don't know I don't know how you come back for that quickly or easily it's gonna all get very cool very mean the good news is is that that bubble bursts hey that's a lot of unclaimed real estate that could be used to I don't know how's

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people that would be crazy who would imagine housing people in a city where 25% of luxury apartments are \*\*\*\*\* unsold and sit there or and and a huge chunk of the rest are not the primary residence of the or any residents at all are just used as a place to sink money that was where capital fled as as other sources of investment 0:15:0  
dried up and became less profitable the safe money over the last 20 years has been urban real estate and so that's where they put all the cash and so these places are just sitting there empty there they just built this monstrous I think it's the tallest building in Manhattan now apartment Q looks like a huge Lego block it looks like the long Tetris block and I don't know how many people are supposed to ever who would ever live in there in any one moment I'm actually sleeping there besides like staff members because I'm sure it's got its own concierge service and \*\*\*\*\* army of maintenance people but in terms of actual people who have owned those build those apartments how many you got a couple of dozen some kids hanging out like some Saudi fail son is just playing fortnight for real with like homeless people that they abducted and then put microchips in their brain so there's this insane amount 0:16:5  
in every year of an area of this speculative real estate that has never been it was never even - supposed to be lived in which is monstrously terrifyingly distorting and awful in a place where there's limited space and therefore if you take a bunch of real estate off the market for any possible use by people you wildly reduce the amount of actual available of living space the city has this happened to every \*\*\*\*\* place every every city where there have been any kind of real so those places good news is just if I could take those \*\*\*\*\* over just crack them open and is go in and then oh look people can live here that's great I do think that if the u.s. collapsed yes 0:17:6  
the middlee the Midwest which yes is sort of the Balkans of of the America I think if it ever became part of one coherent political bloc so a lot of people say what that would be like Tito's Yugoslavia I honestly think that would be optimistic for the Midwest I think holy roman empire are much more accurate yeah the Midwest would be the Holy Roman Empire that uh and then the New England and like the mid-atlantic all those scary coastal people that's oh thank you for saying I look cute 0:18:7  
I the problem with the Midwest is that people are gonna come for that water there are already tried to comfort others a group the Great Lakes compact which was done because people \*\*\*\*\* governors from Arizona and \*\*\*\*\* were asking after Midwest with late Great Lakes water and they're not gonna not gonna not come knocking so that's gonna that would maybe force it to be more politically coherent maybe so it could be a it would be able to withstand the pressure from outside to get that water to get those pipes in there to keep Phoenix from just drying up and blowing 0:19:8  
now everyone must swear to give their life to defend the Great Lakes if it comes to that not allow \*\*\*\*\* Albuquerque \*\*\*\*\* to get our water Venice yeah I Manhattan

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I could definitely see being like Venice ie halfway underwater and an independent 0:20:11  
a trade empire yeah you could this you could do like a heavy handed thing like a  
medieval retelling like a tent like retail or in medieval tale in a post collapse America  
New York City would be yeah New York City's the venetians Midwest is still the  
the Midwest would still be the Holy Roman Empire and maybe see people say well  
America will maintain its structure because it'll just get hollowed out that's true that 0:21:13  
I think that's what would happen if there was any give left in the institution's the  
problem is is that it's just too \*\*\*\*\* brittle there's no way to change anything there's  
no way to accommodate to change using the Constitution and of course that's been  
fine for the most part because people in charge want it that way they want procedural  
roadblocks to any kind of reform through the political process so they love that fact  
but in moments of significant crisis those that brittleness gets put under pressure  
and somebody asked what the cool zone is it's a it's a tweet from Sean Morehead  
who's a very good tweeter I highly recommend anyone who doesn't follow him who  
wants to be on Twitter if that's your bag go follow him but he said if you see a 0:22:16  
30% unemployment the country lack of trust in its political institutions it will enter  
what historians call the cool zone as in when it's fun to read about not so fun to  
actually experience though because we have a thing where there is a significant crisis  
of actual political legitimacy in this country and the reason that it hasn't been a  
problem so far is because everyone is too comfortable and yeah that has been the  
pervading Nepenthe that's the that's the \*\*\*\*\* opiate that's the narcotic that has  
always seed soothes all of America's cultural and political illnesses there is free refills  
free land and then free refills let's the land ran out but if the free fills if you've got  
if you go to Chipotle and they say one soda no refill and you get one piece of ice 0:23:17  
you don't get all that you don't get as much ice as you want I mean of course this  
is a metaphor but I mean that's that's when those systems come under significant  
there it is here's the tweet if unemployment exceeds 30% and distrust of the political  
process becomes widespread there is a danger of the United States will enter what  
historians call the cool zone yes that's exactly where we're gonna be because there  
is no unified conception of the United States at all Magga people and lives live in  
different countries mentally and and of course geographically and that difference has  
been papered over by free refills there's no free refills then I don't know what happens  
and neither does anybody else and I don't think it's gonna be the form of fascism 0:24:19  
or armed uprisings from the population because they don't even know how to think  
that way and the ones who do are mostly faking it but I do think you could see  
crisis at the level of states within the country or between the oh boy people keep 0:25:43  
asking you what to do man if I knew how do I tell you we're gonna do an interview  
with the author of The Jakarta method people were talking about in the comments

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I think this week or early next I read the book if it's very good it's a very good book I highly recommend it he sent me a copy which I I read Vincent Bevins it's a really good book about a very under discussed topic the 1965 Indonesian military coup and how its shaped Cold War responses to colonial anti-colonialism or a decolonization rather I mean I should ask him if he's related I do wonder about somebody well 0:26:49 someone's asking about John Brown and they said why can't more people be like John Brown people I mean I don't think John Brown was a maniac I do not think that he was insane I think that studying school propaganda I think that he was he was certainly a fanatic but a fanatic for the right cause is one of the most noble people that we can conceive of and one of the most necessary for any justice to ever occur on this \*\*\*\*\* planet but he was also wildly and stridently religiously pious he was a deeply deeply religious person in a way that they don't really make anymore even I mean out of all these \*\*\*\*\* Christians in this country don't really believe in God they don't have that they have completely D spiritual eyes Christianity I mean that that's why American Protestantism isn't promised isn't Christianity at all because at a certain point it becomes an attempt that attempt to create heaven on earth becomes literal and you've you you are now just trying to experience the 0:27:53 pleasures of eternity on this on this plane it's it's pure it's it's disgusting but so even those people the people who call themselves very religious to go to church all the time they don't really believe they don't have like the fire of God within them certainly not enough to do a thing like go to a \*\*\*\*\* armory and steal a bunch of guns and try to go to war with the entire United States government to end slavery with a thing which if every white person in the North didn't want slavery had done they might have actually accomplished it because so few were touched with that sort of holy fire and I mean it doesn't have to be Christian obviously but there has to be some sort of belief systems some sort of transcendent belief system undergirding your convictions for it to be ever possible for your your performance of those beliefs to have full fought full force behind them the way a guy like John Brown had full commitment and and 0:28:54 and maybe his commitment is scary and it is but it's because his faith is skinned to us because it's not something we recognize it's not a way of seeing and feeling and thinking that we can see ourselves in and you can say you know no you know I want what's good for other people for purely purely material reasons whatever and sure you might we all we we're all working towards some sort of a mature through a material understanding of the world a material understanding of what makes human happiness and all that stuff but if there isn't something else behind it I just don't know how much your will ever gonna be willing to sacrifice for that belief because you're doing it for yourself at the end of the day you know you're doing it so that you can live in a world that has certain characteristics in it and the idea of sacrificing 0:29:58

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yourself for so others could achieve it that requires a certain perspective I guess that is harder and harder to come by that agree to which you are tethered to life and it's and material existence as like the sum total of life and I don't know what that means I'm just thinking out loud here but when people talk about John Brown that's the main John Brown had gorilla mindset that's 100% true and the thing is 0:31:3  
is that somebody says you need martyrs I don't think that would work either like somebody says the guy John Brown John Brown helped cause the Civil War there's no question about that I think it was Frederick Douglass who pointed out anybody who says John Brown failed at Harpers Ferry looks to the fact that a year after the guy after he was killed executed within a year of the execution of John Brown or two years the guy who sentenced him to death of the military court was in American custody and charged with treason because he'd been captured out of Confederate boat trying to get to England to negotiate the recognition of the Confederacy as God the Trent affair he was in American custody was in an American dungeon so in two years of John Brown's execution it's hard to imagine it happening without 0:32:7  
that that crucible event and that that sharpening of the distinction and sharpening of the stakes at play we've had people like that now in this moment there's the guy who tried to attack that ice facility right we got shot there's the guy they're a couple they're better cut a number of people who've set themselves on fire a couple of uber drivers here in New York at least a couple here there's a guy who set himself on fire Prospect Park to but the thing is is because there is nothing behind any action there's no movement behind it there's no I there's no greater understanding being represented by it that is understood by all sides it can't have any real power the reason 0:33:9  
that our that Harpers Ferry struck such a thunderbolt in the South was because of how many Northerners they knew agreed with John Brown how many Northerners had sympathy for John Brown there was there was they were all throughout the north especially in New England church bells rang in commemoration of him after he was executed a guy who was sentenced to death for treason and who had fired on American troops and they knew that the stakes were real and that they needed to break off from the United States as quickly as possible so that they could prevent the slow and Steady's usurpation of slavery by those whereas any action taken now is not taken be it on behalf of any constituency that has any form than well somebody 0:34:28  
says what would a right-wing John Brown figure look like the closest thing to John Brown in the in like the last 30 years just in terms of being a religiously inspired terrorism homegrown in the United States is Operation Rescue and anti-abortion movement the guys who killed George Tiller those guys think of themselves as John Brown figures Kansas embraces John Brown largely not because of race but because they see it as they see his actions as a as the embryo of their attempts to end the

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Holocaust of slava of abortions I love someone says Joshua Josh Stoller Matt Josh Holly and Matt Zoller will lead a national Workers Party that that could only make sense if you are on Twitter basically exclusively those guys are \*\*\*\*\* pencil neck 0:35:30 Doris that nobody knows whatever Trump whatever form trumpism takes it's going to be in his shape which means it's going to be about just pure libidinal enjoyment not not an ideologically coherent project which fascism never is anyway it's gonna be it's gonna be one of the clowns it's gonna be one of the goofballs it's not gonna be one of these \*\*\*\*\* these these ideological little gnomes sitting back thinking that they've squared the circle on maintaining conservative Tucker is to see Tucker could Tucker is the only one of the people that has brought up in this vein that seems 0:36:31 even mildly my only possible but honestly the thing I think of is Tucker has the Bernie Sanders problem if his long as Trump's alive and not president anymore right imagine this Trump still alive if he thinks that Carlson is in any way not on his side doesn't like him if he gets jealous of how successful Carlson is on the campaign trail he could decide to denounce him and if he denounces him it's \*\*\*\*\* cooked if there's battle between Tucker Carlson and Donald Trump Tucker Carlson will lose it doesn't matter if he's the one who's actually got the ideology and he's actually gonna carry it forward and he's got the vision to no no no don't you see I'm really gonna implement this stuff no no no I'm the one I'm the brains you think he's gonna win if Trump gets offended by that if Trump la ifs Trump thinks that his campaign is implying he didn't do a good enough job making America great all he do is be he would have to 0:37:33 he would just have to say I don't like him and that's doubt in the end because the spectacle I would say Don Jr has a better chance to be the next Republican nominee than a guy like Josh \*\*\*\*\* Holly and Mike Pence more than any of them not cuz not Mike Pence has juice or anything but just because for them for the Biden effect of he was just there for eight years or four years whatever it is and they just like the vibe that he brings cuz he reminds them of the guy they yeah everyone senator by the 0:38:49 weird triangular shelf I have here I don't actually know what the deal is it is Trump ye somebody says Trump doesn't have any of our pence doesn't have any of trumps energy Joe Biden doesn't have the only thing that would defeat that is if somebody was like more connected to Trump and more viable so that's why I say I think Tom Jaudon jr. would probably beat Penn suspect but the funny thing is Trump might not endorse Don jr. if he ran which would hurt us and you I got to say there might 0:40:3 not be an election in November and anyone who wants to scoff at that one look at what just happened in Georgia they just cancelled not postponed they cancelled a state Supreme Court race and then the governor Republican governor just appointed a guy for two years they just canceled the election unilaterally and I mean what if that happened especially if I mean by Neff November you could be in the beginning

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of what is predicted to be a second much worse wave of coronavirus that's gonna be hitting right around then you're gonna have some states that are gonna have made preparations for that by allowing for vote-by-mail like California but a lot of states their entire political architecture of power is dependent on voter suppression and making voting difficult so they're not going to give that up until it's too late and then you're gonna have a system where you can't safely vote in half the states 0:41:6 they're gonna have a plausible argument to just \*\*\*\*\* say we're not to having the election right now and more important than that I asked you if they said that what would stop them realistically what would prevent that from happening I've thought about this I don't know if the Joint Chiefs aren't on board and like I've said those guys are absolute yes men just lunkheads or enough of them are that anyone who had any problems would probably swallow their tongue hell the \*\*\*\*\* Democrats would probably sign off on it because to say this is what it is would break the system and they don't want to do that the same way Gore didn't really contest what happened in 2000 they would have to sign off on it because if they didn't sign off on it then that would mean that the system was irrevocably broken and they could never accept that so even if they \*\*\*\*\* said even if Trump himself the Chito in chief that goddamned 0:42:8 life-sized cheeto the cheeto creature foodstuff put into a suit orange dust covering the white house the orange house were like even if he said we're not in the election because they know the only alternative to acquiescing is what filing a lawsuit and one way or the other suggesting to the American people that the American that the \*\*\*\*\* system of government is gone and that they no longer in a democracy which they've their entire existence is to prevent people from realizing that they don't live in a democracy why would they change horses in midstream the entire point of the Democratic Party is to not let people realize that American democracy is non-existent so if they made the final move and just canceled the election what would be in any their interests to stop doing what they've been doing the whole time 0:43:10 BAM yeah I think that's true I don't think anybody realizes a degree to which this is all this can all go away and of course there's a lot of reasons they don't want it to mostly related to like \*\*\*\*\* you know bond rating and things like that and how and how far America's credit can go and and the necessity of these institutions in preserving that but if you have a bad enough like real economic crisis they'll probably just throw the so yeah until the last they would say we are disappointed we are disappointed that we could not figure out a way to make the selection safe 0:44:13 we're hoping to come move forward and find a solution that it's bipartisan and that ensures fair elections for everyone and that we will have a voice in the our form of government blah blah blah and at that point you can just kick that can down the road all you want every year just postpone it every year postpone it until you look

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around and realize no one's and if you have something like that though depending on what party it is in charge the thing you might see you might see some secession like if Trump did that at the national level what I said goes but gavin newsom might decide that he wants to \*\*\*\*\* make a play for it maybe with the whole \*\*\*\*\* west 0:45:14 western seaboard may you know that that now now maybe and it Biden wins by the way at all and they gets in there or the Democrat whoever it is cuomo hillary i if they don't if there is no resolution to the significant like structural collapse of the economy right now you will see very quickly the Secession movement blow up a real one where some \*\*\*\*\* used-car salesman the \*\*\*\*\* hot tub dealer talk radioed underpaid who's conned his way into a governor's mansion from Texas to Georgia to Florida wherever is going to have every incentive in the world to push all social 0:46:17 unrest and anger about the state of the economy on to the federal government which will eventually create a movement of demanding conflict with that government if things kept keep getting worse and eventually they're gonna have to say actually no it's not all their fault it's actually a lot of my fault we don't know what we're doing or you have to go forward then you have to go through with what they want which would be some sort of attempt to break away from the country once again as I'm saying this is all predicated on a unrestrained economic collapse and so if this doesn't happen you don't get to be smug and say Matt was wrong yeah in the sense that that didn't that that level of economic misery didn't persist but I don't know at this point what is more likely that something's gonna come in and rescue us or that we are in for a long dark night economically speaking with a less and less 0:47:18 durable political order that has less and less communal yeah that's the other thing that might happen is even with all that going on they could just have the election with half the states not having at any kind of functional electoral infrastructure and within less a 30 percent turnout at which point you basically crossed the same sort of Rubicon of failing to huh man the vaccine guy the vaccine it just seems so perfect 0:48:22 that all that a \*\*\*\*\* tip tip of the cap to the showrunner who came up with the idea that this season of America would end on a cliffhanger of whether or not the country would take vaccines which I mean if you seem contagion that's the whole thing they have a similar world destroying although much higher lethality rate flu type 2 thing that rips or America rips through the world disrupts everything and then is we're all saved by the vaccine because all the anti vaccine crazies like Jude Law have been proven wrong with their fake scam drugs that they only want to tell people to take because they haven't stock in the company got that movie really is hilariously prescient uh-huh and everyone's gonna take it and be fine AAA in this 0:49:24 \*\*\*\*\* country you're telling me that you can \*\*\*\*\* come out and say hey yeah this this disease that just showed up two years a year ago we've now got a vaccine for

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it everyone take it now in a country where people weren't even getting their \*\*\*\*\*  
MMR's and now we've got a drug the thing that people are gonna stink is filled with  
Jeffrey Epstein's jizz and maybe it will be who \*\*\*\*\* knows and then you'll have  
the amazing cognitive dissonance of Trump telling people to take a vaccine when so  
many of his supporters are anti-vaxxers and he has been in the past one too but of  
course at this point he doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* about that he just wants things back  
up and running yes need the vaccine and like I said he's got to call it a potion or  
something or a tonic or or an unguent because the word vaccine is just gonna cause  
they're gonna freak out I mean maybe they'll end up taking it but it's gonna cause  
a deeper level of cognitive dissonance that's gonna require acting out even further 0:50:26  
so they'll take the vaccine maybe but they're gonna be even more insane by doing  
so but a big chunk of them I think won't because I've already seen some people say  
if Trump tells me to fake a vaccine I'm not taking it I'll know they got to it and  
there's gonna be plenty of that I guaran-fucking-tee you Heep comes out with the  
vaccine there's gonna be plenty if they got to it because those are foundational beliefs  
not everyone of course does a lot of them love Trump more than anything those are  
foundational beliefs and then there are a bunch of liberal \*\*\*\*\* anti-vaxxers let's not  
forget that Louis vaccination rates in the country what like Marin County California  
Trump telling them to take a \*\*\*\*\* vaccine when they don't get their kids vaccinated  
yeah I don't think that's happening I do love that they're already warning people  
that this is probably gonna be a fake vaccine and that it probably won't work and  
it'll probably kill more people but hey we'll have it and once we have it no one has  
any and then you got dershowitz out that are going the government could make you 0:51:45  
get vaccinated and shovel and shut needles in your arm it's like god damn what are  
you trying to do man are you trying to but yeah this whole plot coming to a head  
around the question of whether we can convince enough Americans to take the \*\*\*\*\*  
vaccine to get her immunity at this point with this degree of complete paranoia and  
social mutual mistrust interesting times a cool zone highway to the cool zone dude 0:52:51  
to do yeah I've got to say scariest this time is its it's also man can you imagine not  
having gotten to this point in the story can you imagine not having got to the game  
show host president presiding over the Black Plague part of the American story you  
kick yourself if you're you're up there in the imminence spirit with all time and space  
communing together and if you could just pop in for a second pass where your life  
ended and got to this part you'd be like got there \*\*\*\*\* how did I miss this \*\*\*\*\*  
like hitchens how do you think Hitchens feels right now Oh shouldn't if I can smoke  
so much dude shouldn't if I can't drank that much he might still be around to see 0:53:53  
some cool \*\*\*\*\* I could see him being a absolutely being ya know pre-opened guy  
no question he would be 100% or re-opened guy show your manly he'll show your

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masculinity then he would get it and immediately die just absolutely die instantly he would be the only Phil celebrity to sometimes I'm like oh no I wish Bill Hicks was still here to see this but of course then I realized he that he is he's still here for us all and he's so mayor is asking about Hegel and something from the phenomenon of geology of the spirit about how the grille pill notion essay is a futile attempt to compensate for your inability to act on the world and I would say that Hegel that's that's true to the extent but that in the real situation that we face and the real attempt to negotiate a world that has so much symbolic a spectacle to it that is so removed from our day-to-day lives that I would say that it's doomed to fail if it's sterilized it's doomed to fail if it's the only thing you do but if you use it as a practice to get you back to a place where you actually can engage with the world around you because you haven't been insurance or –sold you haven't been in source 'old by the fifty thousand screens you look at everyday a thing that Heigl and Hegel could never of \*\*\*\*\* conceived of then I think it's something useful as a as a practice to refocus attention at energy closer to you she know Christ stupids are cheat oh Christ stupid czar he's a stupid Tsar guy he's goddamn it you guys reminded me that there's a cheeto in the White House that can't believe there is a Cheeto emote we're gonna need to work with that we're gonna need to get a Cheeto emote going in the chat right now all we have is a Dorito which is not quite the same thing because his head is not triangular it's oh yes vibing this calling Trump President Tweety very good very good very good the thing is you don't have to do that you shouldn't do that you should not try to own Trump it's just the battle you can't win you kind of come in from a different angle that was the whole burning idea it was Bernie was gonna come at him from a different angle he wasn't gonna have to call him president Cheeto but now with Biden you know asserting a absolutely dead consensus on the Left what the \*\*\*\*\* is the point of any of this so you might as well just go for the rafters and just insult the \*\*\*\*\* out of them Nancy Pelosi starting it but of course of course she had to do it in the most the premise most bloodless Democrat way instead of saying dude you're a fatty boob a tea with them with him too I wanna look at them titties Lou TVs bouncing that shirt look at that gun no she says he's morbidly obese a clinical term a term of a doctor would use to subscribe a condition that you should really you're gonna have to do something about that just the fridge just a I finger-wagging judgmental clinical tone so he's so loved from Democrats instead of just calling him a big fat \*\*\*\*\* instead of saying dude look at your ass your ass is like two \*\*\*\*\* mini fridges in a \*\*\*\*\* Joseph a bank some soup pantsuit you wear for as I have suggested to say he wears a diaper \*\*\*\*\* you wear a diaper look at the baggy ass pants you had a diaper under there you \*\*\*\*\* yourself or just say I saw him \*\*\*\*\* himself his face scrunched up any what and then I smelled it and then he waddled

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out of the room what's he gonna do deny it yes he's gonna deny it all day instead you got these Democrats you got got grandpa Simpson getting into the sassafras and going president Twitty bird over here with them with the flip-flops on the trip trap okay can't get him out of the Telegraph room and then we got Nancy Pelosi just just someone needs to someone needs to call Trump what Mickey Rourke called 1:0:16  
Trump in I know he's not on that hydrochloric Queen ship but it would be so funny if he was like if he was actually taking it if he was that committed to the bit that he was taking it but also very funny if he thinks he's taking it and they're giving him placebo I think he's just lying I mean that's what he does he's like yesterday yeah it's great I love it I love it but I would love it if it would be amazing if he was \*\*\*\*\* just getting Pez and they didn't even take they didn't even bother not to give it to him with from the dispenser he just thinks that's how it comes yes he doesn't even know he thinks he's on it oh because look at that it's done fader a.fader oh my gosh 1:1:20  
but a little prescription tab on the side he thinks it's real it doesn't matter if he did die though if you really took it and he got a heart attack from it for his \*\*\*\*\* just car battery filled with Velveeta ass heart to burst Wow that might be the funniest thing we could happen just purely funny like not even lol hellworld funny I mean seriously how funny would that be what would the riffs be like the day that Trump just \*\*\*\*\* his heart explodes like a bratwurst in the microwave cuz he gave himself the fish cleaner drug I mean yeah I don't know if you couldn't top it for comedy it would be the funniest thing ever and yet very few people would get good jokes off about it that's the thing cuz how do you top it almost every joke would suck all the beams would be \*\*\*\*\* all the bits would be suck all the podcast episodes trying to 1:2:22  
riff on it would suck because none of them would compete to compare to the actual thing just the man and can you imagine the Liberals trying to like recalibrate their whole world now that he wasn't there they're having to reapply all their hatred on the dull as dishwater time serving gray pant pleat Mike Pence oh my goodness he is not an enemy worthy of the name Donald Trump is the ultimate liberal nemesis he 1:3:23  
is their Moby Dick he represents everything that they love he represents every every element of culture that they're repulsed by everything about this country that makes them uneasy and contemptuous and nauseous Trump represents all of it in one gaudy package and they have therefore been able to invest this hatred into him that they could never even muster for George Bush and because he sought to stoke it which is one of the things George Bush was mostly oblivious to the hatred of liberals people around him loved it and made and and would tee it up more tees it up Bush was oblivious if anything he was probably a little annoyed by it he even wanted to be liked Trump through sheer fixation is able to completely invest them with intentionally 1:4:24  
with ever increasing amounts of rage that they directed him and for that to just

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go away like that with no judgment no cosmic judgment he wasn't defeated in an election he wasn't arrested he didn't poop his pants on pump in public and admit that the Putin is his daddy just died on the toilet it'd be funny for a minute but then the goddamn gaping halt if that would leave inside of them what would fill that what could possibly fill that Mike Pence could never ever fill it and that same Hall in the other reverse that same positively erotic Association the conservatives have with Trump that he is out stalking in them the opposite and equal delight to the liberals to have that emotion relationship just snap severed instantly with no apotheosis supposed to be directed on to \*\*\*\*\* Mike Pence it's gonna cost it would have to cause an explosion in some way how could how could people reconcile a life with that such that big a part of their emotional landscape gone with no context not resolved into anything else just gone just imagine it I honestly think that it could cause a national nervous breakdown think about that I'll see you guys soon I don't know maybe tomorrow maybe the next but we'll have another one pretty soon trying to do two or three a weekend at least so talk to you 1:5:25

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ah there we go that took a minute took a minute but it worked now we're here we're here hello chatting it up chatting it up two days probably not gonna do tomorrow so I wanted to get one in here beautiful day the city feeling good my grill isn't here yet but when I get it I'm gonna go to town and as I said I hope you guys are the first to find out you guys will be the first to see the the setup which will be very 0:1:2 very elementary don't roast me I'm a virgin driller I don't need a maybe show you how I do it how I cook it up we'll see not yet though right now I'm in here I'm in here looking out the window trying not to get my neighborhood mad at me again although now it would be more than just him because it's it's grilling season so I got neighbors very close on every side and someone's gonna call the cops if I start if I keep hollering out there so I'll try to haul her in here keep hollering about the anoobas right here for you people and not get me in trouble with the police or anything I definitely don't need a couple of freakin Staten Island NYPD Psychopaths to show up and put me in a chokehold well thank you hell yes the Snyder cut will be released and I gotta say I mean it is absolutely a symbol of great a bankruptcy and it's a 0:2:4 symbol of just the lack imeem they're doing this because one they're out of ideas and two they literally can't make other movies right now this is just a way to to take something that they have and had no use for and now can actually get some money from I mean they're plotting the silver Ayers assignment that the economy is specifically the entertainment economy is in a crisis that it might not recover from it if it does it won't look the same but at the same time god I want to see it if it's really three and a half hours three and a half hours of superhero movies by a guy who hates superheroes specifically Superman god they'll be great it'll be fun I can't wait 2021 hope we make it guys hope you make it BAM hope we make it so that we can all be in our third quarantine and watch the \*\*\*\*\* Snyder cut I started watching this the 0:3:12 plinky review but the thing is I didn't watch the show and I don't care I'm on Star Trek so it's like I can't actually get into this I still like those guys obviously and I like their Star Trek stuff Star Wars stuff but I'd never check II honestly podcasts might be might be one of the few things to survive I mean not necessarily the ad-supported

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ones but just because of the overhead compared to other entertainment products it can be viable in a way that that a lot of these yeah that's the other thing as a podcast it can be done in quarantine I mean they can't shoot movies right now if they wanted to they wanted to make more money off their investments like the the sunk costs of all the debt service for the for all the maintenance of the physical plant they can't do it anybody can still be recording podcasts everyone of course that means you could get a real because we thought we hit peak podcast but that was before this now podcasting you know becomes one of the only viable entertainment sectors that could reliably produce new material people say animated movies sure but those turn the turnarounds much much slower and of course barrier for entry is much higher so we might finally get to the Andy Warhol everyone has a \*\*\*\*\* podcast that spends 15 minutes I don't hate Chris Hedges I just think that he is uh he's exactly the kind of guy you don't want on your side in any kind of argument because he embodies all of the most off-putting elements of of left of political culture the stiff-necked Puritanism of like the Congregationalist reformers of the 19th century and like those people hat were allies but they should not be shaping arguments on behalf of the left because they're not really pitching towards those people well i by which i mean regular people how do I feel about destiny the streamer how why would you ask me that come on people what am I think of Rhys was Richard Jewell I've said this before so I won't to say too much more but I think it's fantastic I think it's amazing I feel like for all the missteps and sort of half-assed \*\*\*\*\* that he's done in the last 20 years when he's just been banging him out and not really caring too much he maybe accidentally he \*\*\*\*\* hit a goddamn home run just not even trying to I don't even know but where maybe he was maybe he was trying to get something with other projects that he couldn't quite put into words and this is finally the right combination of like true story point-of-view character stakes to actually stick it because Eastwood's movies and you can look back and even the really bad one this is like American sniper which is a terrible movie that has awful politics but in addition to that is a shitty fill it is a bad even as an action movie the action scenes are dog \*\*\*\*\* because Eastwood is a corner cutting \*\*\*\*\* of course there's CGI instead of real squibs of course first shot of the movies had blown somebody away from long distance and of course it's squib city it's the \*\*\*\*\* CGI city even as an action film it fails but he's been trying to say something about the crisis of American masculinity which of course people then trying to articulate for decades now and I think he got he's been trying to get at essential quality of it an essential conflict of the heart of like trying to be a guy in America when the when you're in a transitional state a way for valuing the the sort of male attributes that built the society and the social structure that you were brought into but are now the material conditions are changing but of course they're

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changing ahead of the change in the culture and that creates this space of vertigo and this is uncertainty and how do we fill it and very few movies talk about that I mean they're too anxious about the subjects they're just gonna primly like toxic masculinity or if they're you know just \*\*\*\*\* and they're just gonna bat you know going to reaction airily just wallow in toxicity for its own sake without even reflecting on it I feel like Eastwood is actually not he's not trying to trigger the lips as funny as much as they pitch that movie Australia to villagers and as much honestly as the logline makes it look like it's supposed to treated the libs innocent man who's just trying to save the day is harassed by the fake news media academia and the FBI just like it's certain someone I know the actual movie itself is not like that the actual movie itself is an incredibly perceptive and nuanced examination of how class intersects with masculinity and whiteness of course also really good and I want to do it so I want to do a I want to do an episode with me and we'll where we just talk talk about it sound streaming now so I think soon we're gonna we're gonna watch it I don't know what we might do a commentary track but honestly I think we might just do a regular episode it'll be one of the rare ones where we're talking about a movie that's actually on argh an ironic Lee really really good and not something where you're trying to pick the the \*\*\*\*\* out you know pick the oats out of the \*\*\*\*\* like this is a real gem a cut gem that's it as it were since these would is a Goya's hell away right I've showered shut up I didn't see dragged across concrete because I I knew like kiss Rena has his last two movies almost like a week after they left theaters were on streaming on Amazon so I just thought I'd wait and then and then \*\*\*\*\* should grant across concrete went to Cinemax which I don't have and now I'm honestly just it's spiked I will not pay money to see it so I'm just gonna have to wait for it to eventually because I know that the minute I \*\*\*\*\* rent it it'll be somewhere that I could stream for free and nobody say torrent it I don't know how to do that one honestly one time I tried to torn something and my computer nearly \*\*\*\*\* had smoke coming out of it I do not know how to do that I see that I see that wall is on you have it still that's a hell of a coup I honestly would not want to talk to Jacob wall just because I don't want to pierce the veil he's doing something that's operating at such a higher level than most other people in in comedy and it's certainly in political comedy I mean most importantly like when you consider the the wasteland that is political comedy in this country the absolute just nadir the \*\*\*\*\* level of quality I mean my god while the comedy is so bad under Trump that people think we're funny our show is funny because compared to everything else it actually kind of is and I think that Moore's just speaks to the absolute paucity of the of the genre in this age of Trump the inability of anybody to figure an angle that is so with that the case with with comedy so \*\*\*\*\* in politics wall is the king whoa is

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is absolutely killing it because I don't and I can't even I mean she and II confidence the comparison but honestly it's I think an even level beyond after Andy Kaufman because I feel like Jacob wall has truly gotten to the point where he doesn't care what anyone thinks of him where he doesn't like his after his performance is either a subconscious or a conscious performance of total submission to the to the psychology of online to the psychology of Fame in the era of the internet the idea that there is no distinguishing figure there is no distinguishing characteristic between good and bad Fame good and glad notoriety good and bad press any of that that all that being a thing is all that matters being a media thing is the only thing that defines your life it is what separates you from the people who increasingly are seeing their lives not only determined by you know spiritual enemy that comes from working jobs as they don't love compromise most people Fight Club era but now actually have the wolf at their door materially Lord Lauren we're gonna see it and then one thing that is almost a sure guide ramp away from that is \*\*\*\*\* Fame you can squeeze some juice out of almost any \*\*\*\*\* lemon if you've got a little bit of \*\*\*\*\* fame if you've got a little bit of notoriety you can prime the pump and I mean even if that means like I mean that's going all the way through every level of the economy from you know Tom Cruise to \*\*\*\*\* to podcasters to to twitch streamers to people with only fans and ChatterBait notoriety is the only surefire or mostly surefire escape hatch from just the banality and and and and so the best way to secure that is to not care what the attention is like wall truly doesn't care what people think of him in a way that no no internet prankster no Andy Kaufman could ever say my every \*\*\*\*\* black pill teenager who like makes fun of cringe would die if someone that they respected another another black pill person thought if they warn't twisted that they weren't epically \*\*\*\*\* twisted same thing with all the outright people you don't want people to think that you're a cop and of course obviously it's on the left it's incredibly important like no matter what your performance is towards somebody noted your hostility or anything there is some things you won't say and some things you won't do because you want someone somewhere to think that you're doing a good job you don't want everyone to think you're an \*\*\*\*\* Jacob walls stick is ensures that everyone will think that he's an idiot because right-wingers don't I mean come on like his stuff is is embarrassing no one takes it seriously it undermines the right wing but she's also too absurd for anybody and he's too good at keeping a poker face for anyone to dare suggesting he might be in on it to the degree that he shouldn't be shunned and then just like as an operator he looks like a clown because none of his ops work they all blow up in his face it's pure entertainment value he's doing it purely to entertain and that entertainment doesn't have to be connected to any feeling about him and that is pure all other entertainment there is a ego there's an ego hitching a

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ride that wants to be seen a certain way by certain people it might be a very small group \*\*\*\*\* everyone else but there's someone I want to impress someone I want to recognize what I'm trying to do who catches the wink even if it's a very slight wink they catch the wink well unlike everyone and then I'm just like I'm saying Sam hide 0:15:40  
the \*\*\*\*\* the Kaufman to everybody he does not blink and so the I just thought I wouldn't want to talk to him how am I gonna how can I possibly engage with him I don't want to assume anything about what he really believes and what he really thinks and I certainly can't credit anything he would tell me is meaning anything I mean is he just totally vapid is he a pure product of his environment because his dad is the \*\*\*\*\* oath is that as a psycho right-wing media huckster from California an ambulance chaser - I think so and born into this life I mean maybe he is just that transparent and that's stunted that he has just totally had that worldview impressed upon him to the point that it's translucent even to himself that would be fascinating but I wouldn't know from his answers if that were the case or if he's on a fifty level irony regression that no one could possibly follow it's I just don't want to I don't 0:16:41  
want to tempt fate you know I feel like Indiana Jones when they opened the Ark of the Covenant you close your \*\*\*\*\* eyes but if anybody else wants to interview him I'll probably listen to that yeah but still I'm just curious apparently Brandon Waddell wanted him to named five hot babes that's kind of funny i won already said Oh Jack Burkman is amazing where the \*\*\*\*\* did he get that guy the \*\*\*\*\* the turtleneck the turtleneck sport jacket combination that it suggests the as Felix said that turtleneck suggests the neck brace that you know he's usually wearing to small claims court fly down at the Muller one the first big would fly down putting the thing of the MS oh my god I mean he looks like a 90 softcore porn actor he looks like he was in a movie with \*\*\*\*\* Shannon Tweed like yeah I did not read the tracing angle 0:17:43  
piece I saw excerpts if anyone is I mean he's blocked but brace Belden has an account where he went through it and I agree with him it's just hard not to see it all as a as as part of the score settling because you know yeah you had the rat libs and you had the and you had those class reductionists and they were all like eye on each other across the across the thoroughfare achter and that whole bernie can't pay him they were keeping their powder dry and now Bernie's gone boom the guns are back out and it's back to the exact same arguments which is what kind of made me have my moment of realizing oh my god we're right back where we started like when that whole should people do slurs in DSA thing it's like how do you not get a just sold drenching horror 0:18:44  
of deja vu knowing that this is the exact same \*\*\*\*\* argument which and no one has progressed all the Bernie campaign did was just give everybody something else to talk about for a while now if he'd won I think over time some of that friction would have resolved itself just through actual engagement with the world like Oh Bernie's

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in charge now we actually have a project and I think some people would split off and be like no \*\*\*\*\* this I need to maintain my my sanctity but I think a lot of people a lot of the more good faith people who are there and have to be reckoned with and are ignored by both sides would have come together but sadly it was it was abortive and now a lot of it's just thrown back up the barricades so it's very disappointing to see I will say that it's very funny the trace Michael Tracy is writing this article about how Bernie you know wasn't a merit because it was too adulterated with the ideas 0:19:45 of these radical identitarian Zahn line who he has to please there was a candidate who had the campaign that Michael Tracy wanted and he recognized that and he supported her and doggedly followed around the place that her name was \*\*\*\*\* Tulsi Gabbard I've seen I was at the Iowa Court \*\*\*\*\* and I saw tells again ever give her stops Beach I nearly passed out she does exactly what he talked about and flag apple pie blah blah blah that Radley Virgil asked her if she was an anti-imperialist and she said I'm pro-american and of course jaded Brooklynites rolled her eyes of that but that's exactly the kind of answer the Michael Tracy would want to a question like that and it got her nowhere and more importantly than it didn't get her door with the art with the with the voters it got her nowhere with the press and the party either she was still persona non grata she was still the craziest sod apologist she was still someone who no respectable person could engage with so that implies that if Bernie 0:20:46 was as indigestion albino party as we all us now know he had to a bend for what they did he was that indigestion then his gestures towards \*\*\*\*\* of a patriotic piety would have \*\*\*\*\* been rejected and the idea that there are some massive people who aren't paying attention to the media to have that shaped yeah they weren't paying attention then they stayed not paying attention they continued to not pay attention because they are broken off from the political system that's what we discovered during this campaign Bernie \*\*\*\*\* up a lot of things but that was the fundamental juncture where it was \*\*\*\*\* up and no amount of messaging at any minute level of the campaign strategy was gonna change that you needed to change the conveyor belt of ideology to action operating with huge chunks of the working class of this country and the \*\*\*\*\* Sanders campaign was supposed to help jumpstart the movement but if that was supposed to kick in to create a virtuous cycle and the kicking in never 0:21:48 happened and that was and that was because if you're not paying attention you sure \*\*\*\*\* don't notice if Bernie Sanders has a flag pin on you sure as \*\*\*\*\* don't care that he said that he wanted to abolish ice you know if you are not registering these things at the level of political engagement so they are essentially useless to you know their information it's like \*\*\*\*\* you deep space readings from a \*\*\*\*\* SETI tela antenna array or something just a bunch of beeps and Boop's in it on a screen you don't know what they mean because you're not connected to it it's uh it's ideal is

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what it is guys it's pure fantasy because like I've said this argument is at the level of ideology and it does not engage with the material at all because it's all done online so that means that all these ideas are purely generated by this fixation on a web conversation that is not being had by the vast majority of people in this country and that there is no not enough connective tissue between whatever the interests 0:22:50 might be represented by the hive mind of Twitter or something actually impressing themselves on the part on the political process more than things that are rooted in I don't know material interest and \*\*\*\*\* money with the entire media like the entire to put both parties it's just like the the task was monumental and they and anyone that wants to talk about campaign strategy at any level being the foundational reason because obviously things were exacerbated by bad decisions in different areas and we can talk about that and I think Tracy and Nagel pointed to one good one which was yet they clearly \*\*\*\*\* up South Carolina just through the campaigning I don't know anything specifically but the results speak for themselves in that there was clearly some something whatever they were doing wasn't working and they didn't recognize that time and that birdie should have been campaigning the whole time he should not have waited until 2000 what mm mm 18 I think like the end of 2018 he should 0:23:57 have been sort of in the de-facto candidate the whole time now that would have still been hard because the media has to kind of go along with you on that like by giving you attention and they would not have done so so once again a lot of these ended up catching on the question of what where does where do you break these these path dependent cycles between the voters and the media and engage people who are essentially so but I'm saying those things might have exacerbated it and like I said if and like we always thought the hope was keep the anti Bernie people from uniting until it's too late and that could have worked even with the media against him with a few things with dip things going differently with a smaller Biden victory in South 0:24:58 Carolina for one not winning South Carolina that looks like that would never have happened but if they cut that margin down that could have helped that could have changed the contours of the race and then but then let's Corona hits but you really can't be predicting anything anymore because I think Bernie's still had a chance after Super Tuesday in the conditions of a regular campaign where they're about roughly equal number of Delegates you don't have the economy collapsing and the giant viral attack and Biden has to campaign regularly he has to go outside he has to be voters he has to shake hands he has to give speeches every day like this the fact that they had were left with the desperate move of going the biten by Bernie that shows that Bernie was a threat and it also left them vulnerable in a longer run but of course we never got that for reasons that I don't think anyone could point to as being politically based and certainly not based on \*\*\*\*\* Twitter conversations legacy of 0:26:22

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asses has some fun stuff in it and there's plenty of stories it's true stories of CIA goof ups but it's got it feels like a limited hangout because it's one of those books where its main put argument is that the CIA is too bad at his job to really be a threat that all of their worst crimes are crimes of incompetence that they then tried to cover up and that's not really true I mean there were there are a lot of genuine bumbles I mean the way that they got like 500 Eastern Europeans contract agents killed because they kept dropping them into behind the Iron Curtain while Kim Philby is in the room knowing exactly where every one of them went and that they'd never noticed for \*\*\*\*\* years that every single guy they sent over there got so that was a genuine Bob a pig's another real bungle but that book doesn't have anything about for example you know the successful \*\*\*\*\* it doesn't really talk as much about and 0:27:24 it doesn't really talk about MKULTRA to any serious extent or a Kaos operation that went along with COINTELPRO or Gladio and \*\*\*\*\* like that which I know is a NATO operation but the CIA helped set all those organizations up all that post-war Project Paperclip stuff you know it all gets kind of soft soaked but there's still good information in it oh man that CIA tweak fuckin'-a Air America don't other \*\*\*\*\* hmm like the biggest most successful drug smuggling operation of the last 40 years was carried out by that \*\*\*\*\* Pablo Escobar or El Chapo or anybody it was the \*\*\*\*\* Central Intelligence Agency from the Vietnam War creating a heroin Network out of nowhere there was opium in Southeast Asia but there was no industrial heroin production until the CIA showed up in the early 60s and turned the Golden Triangle into the world's headquarters for \*\*\*\*\* heroin which they shift around on air America 0:28:27 then after the Boland amendment and they were cut off funding to the Contras they \*\*\*\*\* so crack to their own citizens for I mean they say they saw the heroin in their own servicemen because tongues by the end of the war like a third of the \*\*\*\*\* troops in Vietnam Ron smackle it was not provided by the CIA like my low binder binder \*\*\*\*\* and then they sold crack to their own citizens through a ram contra and then after Afghanistan was invaded they went from almost eradicating the poppy of crops to becoming now the world \*\*\*\*\* headquarters for heroin production or and for opium and these \*\*\*\*\* and of course as I said Southern Air Transport which was the technical name for air America bought by les Wexner in the 90s used by L brands to ship clothing across the world Jesus \*\*\*\*\* Christ and they're just there Davin 0:29:30 on us \*\*\*\*\* CIA's dab it on us like the FBI they're Martin Luther King Day thing this is like the \*\*\*\*\* snow man did mr. Pope mr. conspiracy theory I gave I guess they're just like you know what \*\*\*\*\* it \*\*\*\*\* it masks entirely off I think we're definitely in the masks off decades cool zone decades mask off favorite Chris Elliott 0:30:34 I really love I love again life one of my favorite shows seminal comedy influenced as a child but the actual show itself you know you remember as a kid there's bits spew

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E is the top about a masterpiece one of the greatest episodes of sitcom television ever Eagle Hearts very good too but goddammit cap cabin boy is such a beautiful little gem 90 minutes \*\*Music playing\*\* my favorite ice cream is this the stretch it shellye gelato I've had a fancy boy a fancy cheap tastes it is not Jenny's that is some \*\*\*\*\* pizza gay ice cream no thank you someone saw tremors and says it's oh man 0:31:53

I don't know my July 4th I somebody asked about this the magnet protests of the 4th of July I think everything's gonna be out and about by July 4th and honestly I'm kind of getting to the point where I think the people who are I mean obviously not the protesters those people are buffoons but people who are starting to go out I think that they honestly as much as people are yelling at them and thinking of them as either selfish which yes very selfish but stupid and ignorant I kind of think that they have a better grasp of the real dynamics of play here than people who are still a sitting at home and making sure that they don't need to go to their friends houses or something because they mean they might not recognize this but as I have said there is not going to be any cavalry coming there's not gonna be any fixing this in a way that allows us to stay inside indefinitely people are gonna have to go back out and 0:32:54

as I have said that that's gonna be the attempt to like boost the economy back up and that's why when Trump was saying that thing about how testing is bad given that mindset it's not stupid to think that because that's gonna undermine consumer confidence now somebody has said after that they've said yeah but it's not gonna work people aren't gonna come out I mean economy's still gonna be \*\*\*\*\* and so it's still stupid well yeah that is gonna happen but the thing is the people in charge of us they are not going to deviate from the courser on this disastrous mutual ruination where you ignore the science and you you you allow the disease to run its riot run riot and try to recreate the retail economy that is those are incompatible things because people are gonna get too sick to work and people aren't gonna want to go outside they're not gonna want to go to the place because it's still dangerous out so that means that it won't work but they're not gonna do anything to change this course 0:33:55

until they see that it doesn't work and I'm not saying that in in terms of like being an acceleration assay realistically given the people in charge given the constraints given their their rewards given their knowledge and their values and an ideology every vector they will always take well we could open things back up again and they'll get normal it will open things they don't have anything else in the toolbox so they assume this will work they have to see it not work and when I say not work I mean now we have to do something else because the economy is still collapsed and people are now sicker than ever something else has to be done they will not get to that point until they see it fail so if that's the case why the hell see if somebody says it's 0:34:58

it's gonna kill it wants to kill and nobody's gonna bat an eye yes but people are still

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gonna stay indoors to avoid getting killed they're not gonna bat an eye they're not gonna get too mad them government for letting this happen they're not gonna have a revolution but they're also not going to go to the store as much they're not gonna go to the bar as much they're not going to go to the restaurants they're not gonna spend they're not going to do this spending that has to fill the giant void that got created by demand basically drying up for three months that reality is going to persist and it's gonna have to be dealt with not in the sense of well shouldn't someone deal with this in the sense of the thing isn't gonna work anymore like the lights aren't gonna go on now I'm not saying it's gonna get to that point but I'm just going to say that has to be on the table as a possibility to get anything to change to get anything to change now what that change is yeah we could be talking about some nightmare like 0:35:59 where we well that's I've talked about this in the past where we hyper police people who are suspected or infected and let everybody else out but honestly the thing that could prevent that is just there's a reason we haven't been able to get together any kind of testing and tracing mechanism even though that would be obviously good for the economy like in the interests of capital getting trusting and tracing together would be in the unnn like not in any country there's no conflict there there's no like post you know 48 revolution in France whoosh whap conflict everybody in charge of everything once testing and tracing because it would allow Commerce and yet we don't have any that means that somewhere along the line there's too many hands out there's too much outsource machinery and infrastructure there's there's it's too threadbare of a of a of a of a of an but we can't do it like you say the South Korea did it 0:37:2 yes but South Korea has institutions that could be that can be built up and scaled up to handle this there is nothing that can be scaled anywhere because everything's been auctioned off you would have to go when what happened to the eurozone did they get rid of the eurozone today I mean that was inevitable it was an inevitable sin so late honestly it was just gonna be one more push for the Coke machine to fall over I mean it was inevitable as soon as they created the EU was doomed as soon as 0:38:3 they if as soon as a big enough crisis hit it before its political union had like solidified behind it and so since that happened that basically that was the beginning of the end there that was where the tumor was first metastasized so what happened to it what happened are they you the eurozone fund got bailed out Oh mori austerity for southern Europe that's great ah \*\*\*\*\* does that mean Italy's gonna go ya know the idea that there's they're gonna \*\*\*\*\* make them borrow the money to avoid their society collapsing goddamn \*\*\*\*\* Germans man just replace the Panzer with a \*\*\*\*\* fountain pen and now goddamn gigabyte him I read well somebody says no 0:39:31 one's gonna leave the EU because the EU serves the interests of capital that's true but there is a political legitimacy crisis in Europe just there is there is us and there

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are centrifugal forces operating on the EU just as there are the United States and there more intensively at you because the EU identity is much more fragile so there's going to be a conflict between like national level of governing class and the ruling the ruling you know capital accumulation in Europe and that's that's going to play itself out politically and maybe militarily who knows and that's that same pressures happening in the US the US it'll take more for the u.s. to have the same fractures but I think those pressures existed acting like they're not that they can't go anywhere I think you're all Domecq anyone who says any of that like nothing will happen after that you are assuming that we recover with a speed and and smoothness that I just don't know is not I mean I'm not saying it's definitely not gonna happen but I'm saying 50/50 I have decided as a way to like clear my head of all these questions of what's gonna happen then I'm going to follow the Chuck Klosterman role which is that everything is a 50/50 proposition either can happen or a camps that's it's binary so therefore there's a 50/50 chance of anything happening and I know that's glib and it's kind of just jackassery but I you know I think it's a good way just for your own mental health to deal with the questions of the future both big and small for who's gonna win the presidential election do you know will the United States exist in ten years and the thing is is that when those things happen they will look very clearly Oh obviously this was yes but from this vantage point it's the \*\*\*\*\* 50/50 do you do any kind of meditation at all yes ever since my moment in my garden I have been committing to daily daily sittings I had a really good one today I'm really really I've been groping around with it you know trying to see what works for me but I found I found some really uh today was really great I'll just say that I feel I feel centered so I recommend it to anybody who who feels like they're don't have their their lives are a little too forget it just is they are finding it hard to find themselves in a presence you know like too reactive or to to wool gathering you know being in in a moment that's a good way to be in a moment to train yourself over time to be more in a moment I hate mindfulness is awful \*\*\*\*\* because it's been like everything else colonized and turned into neoliberal mind warfare but that's true of everything including Marxism to an extent but it's still good advice the problem is is that it just it doesn't you don't know what it means because it's just a word you have to actually like build up an understanding of it over time that's why it's hard to communicate this kind of stuff to oh man Wisconsin supper clubs whoo grand tradition very that leftover from Prohibition they released they were prohibition-era speakeasies it sort of evolved into restaurants their heyday was post-war era of course like it wasn't everything in America there are these CD well they work CD but they were they're very dark great darks will fill the cigarette smoke a huge curved dark leather banquettes almost no direct lighting very very dark and everything is just a

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giant overpriced hunk of meat whoa people are bellowing tonight is it a full moon  
I don't go outside anymore I said earlier I don't want my neighbors get mad at me  
I get too excitable sometimes I've been working out lately but problem is I can't 0:44:44  
really modulate myself oh right at seven o'clock that's why everyone's going crazy  
I totally forgot no man fish fry is that is that is the inlet that's Third Coast \*\*\*\*\*  
that's the that's the Catholic the Catholic Midwestern Heartland Friday fish fry baby  
have I had crawfish oh god yeah they're not really worth the work honestly but I  
remember one time I was in New Orleans and I had a giant huge just cartoonishly  
heaping pile of catfish I've eaten of crayfish and just work through them my fingers  
got like bright red it was fun uh you know what I'm not honoring the boaters cuz 0:45:45  
\*\*\*\*\* the boaters that's right I said it I am \*\*\*\*\* letting down the beautiful boaters  
you know why because the beautiful boaters let us now if you guys know anything  
about that horrific \*\*\*\*\* dam rupture in Michigan that's gonna maybe I don't know  
poison half the state because the \*\*\*\*\* giant doubt chemical plants about to get  
\*\*\*\*\* flooded is a private dam when this \*\*\*\*\* owned he refused to do repairs on  
it that were required or I guess suggested I guess the rules don't apply anymore at  
all I just I don't understand it at no point was he just like coerced by the state into  
\*\*\*\*\* maintaining this thing anyway and he wouldn't pay for it because a bunch  
of \*\*\*\*\* disgusting boat sheds who live on the lake and benefit from this artificial  
lake that was created for a recreation that they that they pay for it and they say no  
you're making money off it you pay for it like all of you pigs should be paying for  
this and instead they \*\*\*\*\* flooded the goddamn town gonna give everybody \*\*\*\*\* 0:46:46  
Legionnaires disease and goddamn microcephaly and it is an exact historical echo of  
the Johnstown Flood in late in robber baron era Pennsylvania it was a private \*\*\*\*\*  
Johnson there was a damn near Johnstown Pennsylvania that was used to create an  
artificial lake for the \*\*\*\*\* Carnegie's and their \*\*\*\*\* friends to dick around waving  
the \*\*\*\*\* straw boaters on I'm \*\*\*\*\* pontoon boats playing banjos or whatever the  
\*\*\*\*\* else and they just let it go to \*\*\*\*\* and none of them would pay to repair it  
and the \*\*\*\*\* thing exploded and killed the entire town and nobody got in trouble  
at all it's good to know that we've progressed so yeah but those boaters are two just  
disgustingly Pig selfish to conceive of any version of a public good and that they can  
all \*\*\*\*\* off I used to \*\*\*\*\* respect devoted boaters and now I don't know anymore  
I don't know if I could respect these boaters if they don't have any kind of Civic 0:47:48  
understanding it's sad - this boats are cool but the kind of things that need to go  
in you hear it go on in your life to make you get a boat in this country basically  
yeah if it was Dunkirk none of those beautiful boaters would cross the channel to 0:49:10  
save their troops they would watch TV and they would complain that nobody else is  
doing it not one of them would think to go \*\*\*\*\* hitch up their own \*\*\*\*\* boat and

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ride into the the somebody wants to know about declining birth rates I mean that's a consequence of ease of life of us of comfort so soft that'll that dumb mean about the hard times making soft people or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* soft by the way things 0:50:11  
it's a it's a byproduct of of alien material an alienation giving way to to spiritual alienation just like there's a there's a sweet spot where people want to have a couple of kids and that keeps you know birth rates going and but you get to a point and you're either too comfortable to really even conceive of a future and you've totally focused on your personal pleasure so why would you need other people around from the future or what happens in countries like the US as opposed to more you know advanced countries without with higher standards of living is that everybody \*\*\*\*\* is so terrified of losing their middle-class status that they can't have a kid but if you don't have any more of that fear of falling you'll have many more kids the fact you have to have kids it's you it's about finding a sweet spot of like assimilation and 0:51:12  
technology and and and I mean it's not gonna be a problem anybody's gonna have in the future I don't think unless of course plastics have really done the number which is of course the scarier idea which is that it's not just you know a social phenomenon or not just not only a social phenomenon it's the result of the \*\*\*\*\* plastic that we are all ingesting every second of our lives even before we're born and they get like gets into our \*\*\*\*\* endocrine system and very well could be just decimating sperm counts and \*\*\*\*\* like that and making it making us all literally literally infertile like we could be going into children of men territory children and then one of my favorite movies but it looks like we might beat that to the punch like right now it looks like yeah yeah birthday plastic thing we get that but we're probably gonna do something else some something involving climate change and probably this virus 0:52:13  
this virus looks like something interesting we could probably work with that but ya know it's good to have in the hip pocket you know down the road if we make it through this good to know that we've got the impending mass sterilization caused by by I'm the presence of \*\*\*\*\* petroleum products \*\*\*\*\* petroleum products the goddamn dinosaurs the \*\*\*\*\* dinosaurs goddamn dinosaur is extinct at our asses those dumb \*\*\*\*\* with the little arms they extincted us without even trying can you believe it those \*\*\*\*\* and we make so much fun of them for just feeling those morons had no idea big rock was gonna come and kill him it's like yeah they couldn't have they were \*\*\*\*\* you know they were animals you are an advanced species you know you're doing and you keep doing it anyway you are much stupider than dinosaurs and they killed your ass without even being alive apparently dinosaurs are natural 0:53:20  
gas not oil but guess what we're also my favorite dinosaur as a kid was probably the Triceratops because they're at the Milwaukee Public Museum which you go to when you were a kid in Wisconsin Milwaukee was the pick the field trip location well that

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front for me anyway we went to the Milwaukee yes Museum public as iam we have a big thing it's like a dark chamber into the chamber there's this plastic t-rex that he's eating the Triceratops it's on its side and it's got like the guts in his mouth I don't know why I mean I guess I a fight with the Triceratops which probably is a great but 0:54:22  
what do you do brontosaurus is what do I think of the parallel universe discovered 0:55:25  
by NASA I'm just sitting over here we alike yeah no no uh certainly nothing that I do not that I not anticipate so all coming together all systems are coming into focus but yes parallel dimensions parallel realities those exist there's no question about that just the only question is whether they're accessible this indicates that they're accessible which is who if we can actually access that then we're living in rick and morty world and that would be pretty epic if we have the rick and morty time portal world or the dimensional portal world we get some dimensional cable up in here I'd appreciate that I'm sure it's not true because I don't know anything about science but I'm going to choose to believe it's true because it helps reify a worldview and attitude that I think is beneficial for me in the long term so I am just going to just 0:56:26  
choose to believe that that's true that they've discovered parallel dimensions and that one day I will get to go to the America where they never \*\*\*\*\* cancelled \*\*\*\*\* Firefly and there's 15 seasons of Firefly for me to watch oh that would be so great zip over there get the mind disks and of course a mind disc player don't want to just have one without the other thank you I am having a pretty good dad feeling good 0:57:28  
oh man if we got to live in sliders that would really redeem a lot of the shitty stuff it's like yes yes I'm sorry everything's sucked but you get to go to all these different universes check out the version of you that that actually knew how to dump it that could here's the version of you that could dunk a basketball live and get to check out that guy's life for a while how wicked Maddie I wish I would love to be with a scientist of that renowned and what does the ideal slider burger ah you know what I've had fancy ones I've had ones on little plates and at elegant openings and events I've had them at reclaimed-wood fancy gastro pubs with beer flights available White 0:58:31  
Castle baby that's right White Castle oh god damn that's good \*\*\*\*\* now you got me craving not that hungry thankfully I won't have to get it but one of these days I'm gonna have to get it now thanks to you guys you put it in my head \*\*\*\*\* oh those greasy little guys just pop them in two bites no one bite bang oh they're so good when I get a culvert as I get the butter burger I mean nothing's as good as that butter burger because the butter burger is so much better than other fast food hamburgers where I was like they have a really good chicken sandwich and they also have a pork tenderloin sandwich which you will not not find at most other fast-food restaurants but the burg is so much better than other birds it's when do I have my 0:59:42  
new grill hopefully next week so just crossed all right I'm gonna sign off in a minute

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here so a couple questions then I'm gonna go make my dinner which will not be like acyl gotta remind myself no White Castle it's gonna be a regular car charcoal I don't want to \*\*\*\*\* with a grill with a propane tank I also don't really have room but I did get thank you the one got the person who recommended the the stove type thing the stovetop the stovepipe starter I got one of those thank you now I'm gonna be set I might have to get what kind of apron would go well maybe a Brewers I will I 1:0:44 will stream I will stream I swear it as God is my witness I shall stream my grillings when I begin them when I commenced the grillings my first vote for my virgin grill voyage before I do anything bigger will be with you guys how about that

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there we go excellent yay all right we are all we are bravo for launch here guys ladies everyone hello uh so today I'm gonna start with a couple of topics that might check you talking with you guys see what you guys want to talk about but I'm gonna start off going off as it were on a few topics few things have occurred last couple days that uh you know I want to talk about a little bit just as a as an exercise in education for 0:1:1 you and me and we can like talk our way through these things that have happened help us make sense of the world with them and of course we're going to start with the story that everyone's talking about you know obviously that's pretty hilarious when you consider where we are on the knife's edge of the collapse of capitalism as we know it public health crisis likes which we've never experienced in the modern era but nothing to do about any of that what we can do is have a lot of fun at the expense of once again everyone's favorite lace-curtain buffoon Joe Biden Joseph Robinette Biden who today on The Breakfast Club wet hands as the kids say and claim that if you don't if you vote if you don't vote for Joe Biden then you ain't black which ma just the most perfect morsel of any oh God yeah it's perfect bite not so much because 0:2:4 he said it you know he's Joe Biden of course he's gonna say something like that the whole point of Joe Biden's candidacy is that it represents the same way trump does like the end state of it's part of the party that he represents in this moment of crisis like the relationship between the Republican Party in its base is such that by now they have Trump a perfect reflection of what they want a perfect embodiment of everything out of a president he's that he is a peevish incurious bitter bitter even though God blessed angry even though I'm incredibly fortunate he is who they were he we represents he is a perfect representation of the party because the party is now in a position in a situation where it has got this transparent relationship between 0:3:5 its its base and it's in its political structure the Democrats are the reverse of course because they would have to be and they have created a situation where nobody gets what they want out of their out of the candidate how there is no sense of like visceral juice off so you don't get any \*\*\*\*\* of the old the old juice they like black people got what Obama was president or that women were supposed to get when Hillary

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won the PA the Republican old Republicans to get with Trump this sense of I am validated by the president this is saying the Democrats now are saying no no one gets that because we're left with him because in order to maintain the structure in order to maintain our interests and in order to deny that there's anything like class or or you know political or or access to capital having to do with political power and we're not going to challenge the existing parameters of that and really we have nothing to offer you was what we used to offer you was at least you know nothing's changing in the posts in the neoliberal era nothing's changing but you can get represented you can get some fun just like Republicans nothing's changing but our guys you're gonna get they're gonna trigger the libs more and they're gonna be more oh fish they're gonna be more like you they both got that offer but now the Democrats were forced to pick someone because they couldn't get anyone else no one else had established the position where they were credible the way Obama was to embody some you know segments of their coalition they got a guy who maintained loyalty to enough Democrats because of their Marie of him associated with Obama so it's like a contact high it's already a second-order thing it's tough it's smoking the resin it's it's a desperation move and now they have to try to sell that to a general election electorate which is not nearly the same thing and that means that their only move since they cannot offer the thing that their party is traditionally offered they have this this old mommy who represents no one who represents the worst in the party from an ideological perspective whose record is everything that these people claim to care about that his record on all accesses of of intersectional oppression he's bad so what the hell are you supposed to say it what are you supposed to think you're supposed to say and think Trump is worse therefore you are morally obligated to vote for Biden now that was always the the gun to the head of every Democratic voter right but there was always something else too there was some positive part there was some some joy to be had in the Democratic tent some sense that you were representing a a more progressive social vision gone now that's out the window with with Biden it's purely and only an appeal to negative emotions about Trump there is nothing else and because Biden is the transparent embodiment of his party's relationship to their base because of his dementia and his lack of filter he is when challenged pushed back to the only real argument he has I'm not Trump go vote for Trump if you don't like me he was saying that \*\*\*\*\* during primaries when people had other options and now he's saying in the general because that's the only I only uh appeal they have and of course nobody wants to hear that because it really does show you the degree to which they have you completely over a barrel if you accept their premise that is if you accept the premise that Trump that the Republican winning is always the worst outcome and and that there's like no context at which a

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Republican winning in the short term could lead to anything good it's all one disaster after another until somehow we interrupt that by electing a Democrat and so you know and like wiping the slate clean I don't know how that's supposed to work but that's that's their whole that's their claim of how this \*\*\*\*\* goes down is you've got a Republican and we're all terrified of them and you are you are required to vote for them and but that means is that you can make no claims on them there is no pressing them forward there is no being an activist there is no seeing anything better done because you have no leverage like Zerlina Maxwell the other day said truck Biden has to nominate a black woman as VP and a million people asked her I don't think she responded what if he doesn't what if he doesn't for the melina because there's no answer there's no response someone actually said I'll be unhappy I'll vote for Trump Biden but I'll do it angrily you the degree to which you have to acknowledge so you don't have a choice is agree to which you feel powerless in this and that's bad enough for voters it's even worse for these \*\*\*\*\* opinion colonists and thought leaders and political operatives who are supposed to give the impression and intent of themselves as having political influence and power like the whole point that the reason they're in politics is not supposed to be for personal advancement right there are Democrats they're good people their politics to help but they know but they can't say I'm voting for Mike because he's better the Trump and there's nothing that could happen that could change that emphasizing that only only undermine only makes everyone ask the question that Bob's did in office space what is it you do here what are you for you have this the party and the candidate will do what they want you have no place in this all you are doing is to justify what they do after they say it and if everyone sees that as your role as just this propagandist you lose a lot of credibility or at least they're afraid you they will and so they hate it and so cut things like this today is so juicy because they all freaked out now they all have to spaz and figure out some sort of justification for why this isn't on its face awful and of course they can put the one thing they could say is it's not gonna matter and the thing is yes that's true that's the hilarious part of all this is that the the truth undergirding even the harsher truth undergirding the harsh truths of they're hot the fact that they're hostages to Biden is the fact that they don't have any influence in any way even if it wasn't by the whole class of people they're squawking are purely ornamental they're talking to each other and trying to convince us that they have some reason for the perks that they have assume some reason they have a checkmark they have some net value-add and they do not but they immediately and instinctively what something like this comes up get the need to express their actual use I'm actually useful to this process and I'll Express you why and that requires them to then get the \*\*\*\*\* knots to try to explain why what Biden said is okay why is that fine I mean my god this as my friend

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Dan Kay said does that mean that the diamond and silk aren't black and Rachel Dolezal is are we at that level you want to make those you want to eat you want a strip race of all of all a non you want a strip race of everything except just total social signifiers go for it but to just say that out loud in violation of so many carefully constructed towers of \*\*\*\*\* that these people have spent years making so that you don't notice hey maybe this is \*\*\*\*\* maybe all this intersectionality is just getting us more awful Republicans and awful Democrats and nothing is getting better maybe there's no intersecting at all maybe it's just parallel roads that lead to the \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* gutter maybe we should do something about this no no don't you see no no race is a delicate dance and it needs to be acknowledged at every level and we need to intersect it with all these other things and then you got a guy like Biden saying you had black people hit look look up look black vote for me or else your honky 0:11:19 destroys their entire thing it destroys everything they've done because they have to defend it they have to defend it and how do they defend it there's a bunch of different ways one guy we're gonna go through a few tweets here in response to this because I think it's just all of it is so \*\*\*\*\* instructive this isn't a big guy but I just wanted to point this out for like the older boomer II Biden supporter like the real bloomers as opposed to the younger people who are you know they're all on that on the arm they're all just democratic flak operatives one way or the other but this guy is like he speaks sort of for the for the older white boomers who like Bertie because they hate Biden's or they hate they hate they hate Trump because of his uncouthness the fact that he that he violates all their norms and expectations of what government 0:12:21 should be but look what ears has done look what the ears have done this guy look at what all those years of beholding the monster of Trump this is really the Nietzsche this guy is warning this is the Nietzschean warning you know few fights must is risks becoming one if you stare into the abyss to do long the abyss stares back so this guy says Chris Jackson is his name and he was a blue check \*\*\*\*\* and I think like a trump or flyer and he says this I've said it before and I'll say it again Joe Biden is gonna be Joe Biden regardless of what you think and personally that's why I like it he is real he's authentic and he's gonna he's gone through far too much in his life to give a \*\*\*\*\* with blue checks say about him on Twitter okay that is just - a word what people say to defend Trump I mean identical that's exactly how people talk about Trump when the the Clorox thing every time you've said something racist like the \*\*\*\*\* countries they're saying he's being honest Trump's honest and he's a 0:13:23 real man okay and you can't accept that and I think what these guys saw over the time is that they kept yelling that's not fair at Trump he just kept ignoring all the rules and they realized they want to do it too that's where their joy is gonna come from not ideological of course get out of here they don't care about any of that not

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but now instead of like getting pleasure from denying themselves those those sweets those sweet indulgences of politics they can just Gorge and they're gonna go to town at least and then and at some point all these old white \*\*\*\*\* aggrieved idiots are gonna realize that they really have nothing separating them they're all the same class they'll have the same broad interests they are the same reactionary social view of younger people basically at some point they're gonna realize what's let's just \*\*\*\*\* fuse around one character one candidate and then of course my favorite Hannah Jones 0:14:27 pellets surprise winner for her work with the 16:19 project which I've talked about out here about how that is the whole premise of that thing for what I understand is baloney reading this certainly makes me think my my instinct on that is correct and that all those people who fled to defend it from guys like James McPherson what just because Ben Shapiro said it was bad that meant it had to have been good just absolute tribalistic reflexive miss none of it having anything to do with some real questions at hand very disappointing every time you see it you hate to see it so Hannah Hannah Jones who worked on the 16:19 project and as a Democrat a proud Democrat says there is a difference between being politically black and being racially black I'm not defending anyone but we all know this and should stop pretending that we don't someone replies what does this mean she said if you don't know it ain't 0:15:29 for you which that is how politics works generally as you make a political claim and then when people ask you for more information you say it's not my job to educate you and so she the person replies I'm not the only one that asks I'm also a black person to which she replied yes I'm capable to sue your avatar and I will repeat if you don't understand the difference between being born slash designated race and having taking up a particular set of racial politics I am NOT going to educate you here so obviously like I said this just destroys all this carefully crafted years of talking about how like race is this fundamental aspect of American life right like this this \*\*\*\*\* is like like the Tanana see Coates say you know the brand the 1969 teen project to the idea that racism is a scarring brand across America that is so inextricably fused with capitalism that it can't be unbroken from it and that therefore you know basically racism is as defeatable as capitalism which if capitalism isn't defeatable 0:16:30 because of the racism I guess you just have to live with it but maybe you can reduce the racial part the capitalism you can't really do anything about so obviously that's part of it but so that all goes out the window all that goes out the window that thing that they spent all this years if she want a Pulitzer Prize writing about out the window it's going now this invalidates the entire thing because if race and politics are that broke it breakable apart then race is not the indelible daily mute scarring and punishing and traumatizing element that drives all white and black people apart and means that they can never really come together and that therefore racism can

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never really be overcome just like capitalism can't only mitigate it destroys gone  
blue pull blew it over in one second why not to make sure that Biden gets reelected 0:17:32  
or it gets elected it's not gonna matter nothing she says it's gonna matter at the  
level of a \*\*\*\*\* candidacy this laid out this far for the election no it's the preserve  
hearse place pace in the hierarchy because people are gonna say you like this Biden  
guy you also are supposed to be a racism expert what do you think what he said  
you can't say he is I condemn him because you can't not vote for him oops so all  
you can do is say it actually wasn't bad and so the first thing that comes to hand  
mind regardless of how it conflicts with everything else she believes and everything  
else she's ever written but first thing that comes to mind just to save your ass a  
little bit and then she ended up deleting it so it didn't even work the wicked flee  
when none pursue a—the it's really funny but they did all that they destroyed their 0:18:33  
entire project their entire tempted like reifying neoliberalism isn't as in is inextricably  
linked and metaphysically connected to racism meaning you cannot address class in  
any way because that's not addressing race because class means people other than  
the effective racial group therefore by definition you cannot talk about class or race  
at the same time it can only be race or class and so destroyed the whole thing I mean  
it's goddamn beyond everything ed Tom from one second reprieve from judgment  
that didn't even work it's it's pretty stunning it's crazy world they gotta sell tickets  
hell I'd buy one and then there's my favorite doctor Jason Johnson the faux birdy 0:19:34  
bros another \*\*\*\*\* hack idiot who goes on medicine bc just to say that bernie wasn't  
intersectional enough for whatever the \*\*\*\*\* says just a thought how about we listen  
to the entire joe biden interview with Charlamagne tha God before we start roasting  
him a white man telling a black man who isn't racist is black isn't excusable but  
what led to that exchange and why biden was triggered matters as well well then it is  
excusable right because if it's inexcusable that nothing can mitigate that that's what  
inexcusable means that there's no situation could mitigate the fact of the inexcusable  
is if Biden's triggering the idea of Biden being triggered obviously hilarious couldn't  
affect that so it's excusable you're excusing it in fact you are excusing it by bringing  
it up because it's not like this is this is like a piece of the shattered cuneiform  
found in the \*\*\*\*\* the plains of Nineveh or something it's a goddamn interview that 0:20:35  
happened \*\*\*\*\* five minutes before he said that you could look at the tape so that  
means I didn't say anything was a killing blow I mean nothing's gonna change in  
any of these or for any of these people that's not part of this this is all just about  
making sense of things in my head so that I don't go crazy and hopefully having  
other people like tell me mate to the degree or which I'm not now that it's changing  
anything it's literally not gonna change any of their views the reviews are determined  
by reasonable dialogue that are determined by social hierarchy and then to me the

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need to maintain it that's not something you can argue against so what's the point it's just me talking to myself literally so all of them all these people have spent years 0:21:38 and years and years cultivating their expertise to us the great unwashed as speakers on all issues of social trauma and justice along racial lines along gender lines have decided in the last three months that none of it matters that it's all \*\*\*\*\* they don't believe a word of it because they are in a relationship with the Democratic Party where their fortunes and it it's are inextricably linked and their interests are fused at the level of its its class project it means it furthering Halla gawky that's what the Democratic Party is for and they have decided that their role is to be courtiers of that and and if that's the extent they're lashed to the mast and they're going down with the ship and all it's left for them to do is reassure each other that no we're 0:22:40 not all sellout morons no no we're principled smart people and here's the proof and along those lines another thing happened just a few days ago on the Twitter's on the twittering machine that speaks to this exact same phenomenon I'm talking about the whole gia tolentino thing about her parents being human traffickers uh not gonna talk really that much about the case it's not her fault what her parents are did now the fact that she wrote about her parents in part of her memoir that's about herself and her you know her struggle with America's systems of oppression she painted them as hardscrabble immigrants not as human traffickers even though they did the human trafficking already at that point that's an admission so huge that it's a lie basically I'm sorry so then that's why when this comes up again she feels the need to backfill and explain their behavior because she she had the moment where she could have said my parents were human traffickers and she could have dealt with it but 0:23:41 it would have made it harder for her to ingratiate herself to her memoir audience and to the people who read her \*\*\*\*\* articles in The New Yorker so she just to skip all that awful awkward stuff that painful stuff that it's so painful to write about and so that's it it's like people said why did she even say anything she has to she already staked her reputation on her virtue and the virtue she inherited from her family that's what happens when you make your your career as a as a as a writer about you as a person you're \*\*\*\*\* you cannot have a recent view of it you can't you know take the jaundiced eye because you've already decided that you're gonna take a cheat code instead of engaging at the level of prose or insight you're going to do pure personal ingratiate and that means your parents can't be human traffickers because then it's like wait a minute aren't you just another snot-nosed rich kid of privilege 0:24:43 and exploitation who's now what probably got her parents paying for her loft in New York so that she can play Carrie Bradshaw why should I listen to you but anyway the thing that was most interesting and most baffling and horrifying to watch it's just shameful was not her whole thing attempting to defend her parents it was the

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instantaneous and overwhelming flood of fellow writers at every level of media not just the general media but left media as well essentially everybody on the current affairs masthead got into the back got into the puddle puddle of reassurance to her that it's okay it's so bad that you all even had to write this oh the person whose entire career is writing about her life it has to write about her parents criminality wow I can't believe the nerve how dare anyone asked this of someone when that's their entire \*\*\*\*\* value-add it's a goddamn media figure and but they weren't doing this for her of course most of them don't know her I mean some of them do it's a very tight Club it's very chummy but most of them don't know her personally what they know about her though is that one she's one of them meaning she's a media person and that means two things to that me that means she's a media person which means one she could do something for them in their careers at some point if they're if they have if they have enough fun bada nosh on Twitter maybe there's a DM hey you know could you show an editor this so at that level just to maintain friendly relations and like score good person points with a person who they could later use the other being that hey I want to make sure everyone has my back when it turns out when everyone finds out that ah my parents were slave owners because they all have family that are slave owners because they only get to write like that because they're all \*\*\*\*\* rich kids there are a few art of course they're exceptions but the meritocracy broke along ago and it became a system for reproducing the meritocratic the the risk they turned the meritocratic positions that people established in in the earlier 20th century and turned them now into aristocratic signatures and so all these people are just rich people's kids - right in the body to each other and so they know that people find just like the slave guy how many people came out of the woodwork when that guy's paper about yeah my family owned a slave then I have a slave eventually I decided to pay a minimum wage I felt kind of bad about it oh now I'm gonna die so you can't drag me how many people came out of the woodwork to say this is more complicated than it looks really why well you know with my family okay nevermind you're another global oligarch just cuz you're not from the United States just cuz you're a different race doesn't mean you're not part of a global 1% of willful knowledgeable exploiters and arbitrage errs of human misery and just the fact that like oh I I dealt with anti ancient racism in school or whatever it's like yeah that sucks but you still are in a position wildly exalted beyond the average American and not because you were you know what with all that racism and I'm still pretty popular wow that must mean I'm really talented no no no the millions and millions of dollars of your wealthy \*\*\*\*\* parasite family helped but you can't mention that none of them want to mention that because they're all almost all of them are part of it and the ones who aren't part of it they need those jobs so they're not gonna stop kissing

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ass so that means everyone has an India has a a in the front of their mind motive to kiss her ass to tell her it's okay and the wit and just like with the Biden thing the lengths people went to destroy any pretense that they actually believed any of the socialist \*\*\*\*\* that they've been mouthing for the last four years because it's trendy online every defense that they mustered of her as one that's been mustered against criminal scum \*\*\*\*\* in every \*\*\*\*\* walk of life how a number of people who said 0:28:49 well it couldn't have been that bad because they were they pled down and didn't serve any jail time yeah because they were \*\*\*\*\* rich haven't you don't you people talk about how all the time about how rich people have different justice you don't think that might be more operative to these millionaire's getting a \*\*\*\*\* slap on the wrist I mean otherwise how do you explain it because the explanation is oh they were targeted by the racist ice and bush administration class not just classic racism until the case couldn't sustain itself anymore ah darn it really they didn't plea down to a better deal like every other rich scumbag does when they get caught because they have good lawyers you wouldn't accept that answer in it for a second in anybody else and that was Michael Tracy's family you wouldn't accept that you wouldn't say you know the police are the ones who said that so what our laws you only extend that benefit to somebody who you think can help you in some way down the line and that means you didn't believe in any of this stuff you never believed in it for a 0:29:50 second it was an instrument it was a tool for your social advancement and people been talking about that and it's been like this this running argument on Twitter about like you know how much can you test for trust people and like I've said on this place I've said that like there's a reason that everybody Wizard resorts to bad faith and that they're in the Twitter such an undirected Oh space and one of the big ones is there are these people everywhere there are tons of them not everyone but how the hell are you supposed to tell how can you tell and so that uncertainty drives everyone crazy and they decide to rely on shibboleths so that's what ends up happening because everyone is suspicious the only people you can trust are the people who mouthed the right words to you the people who know the passwords but of course if you know the passwords you can say anything if it doesn't matter you don't have to believe anything if you know the passwords then and that's what we 0:30:51 have with people all these \*\*\*\*\* of what are the passwords they're not hard and now they're just using them to walk everywhere they want and that's why people treat the place with such distrust and why you can't have an argument there so I would say first horrifying as this all is and as much as it probably makes you want to go on the internet and scream into the void and no one knows me I literally am screaming into the void about it there's really good not gonna be any benefit there because none of the stuff I've explained just now none of those incentives change by

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you owning somebody it's it's it's big baked in it's fixed there's no changing it but now all these people I will just say this who find themselves now just in this position of having to defend Joe Biden as his brain like slowly rolls the clock back and he just thinks that he's in the Senate cloakroom with Strom Thurmond and Jesse Helms all the time and they start doing mammy jokes to one another and and he's doing it in public on a \*\*\*\*\* microphone and you have to defend it that's what race first politics will get you that's what any that's what any non class political agenda will get you because you cannot build a coalition that can take over you can only assert a limited amount of influence within the context of a greater coalition and if Capitol is leading that coalition you're never gonna get anything other than scraps and that's where we find ourselves everybody who has very reasonable reasonable and non-fat faith arguments for why Republicans are worse for their lives why Republican governance is more painful and exploitative and durable for people of certain economic groups it is it is harder but the thing is it's so much it's so bad with Democrats that the marginal benefit you're reaping is not anywhere near worth the amount of leverage you're giving up so what you're keeping at bay is only this much worse than the reality you're gonna have and we know that from Obama black wealth eventual basically disappeared I'll accumulate a black wealth over the last four years a huge chunk of it disappeared after 2008 and never came back that's because of Obama's Wall Street bailout and his entire approach to the housing crisis which was to have it all followed on the on the shoulders of homeowners that meant hugely disproportionate number of relatively recent homeowners African American homeowners wiped out and never came back that so what are you avoiding by hat by by clinging to the Democrats it's only in your head it's a fantasy of what could have been worse but what is is so terrible and it will only get worse because there you have no leverage watch.watch Biden talk and watch you unable to do anything watch him pick clove char for VP which I think he's gonna do because he's unless this freaks him out we'll see how long the backlash to this is but if enough people are gonna defend him to defend their own status hierarchy and their own credibility then if they might decide it's not a big enough thing to worry about because what they are really worried about are those numbers in the Upper Midwest they're terrified of those numbers in the Upper Midwest and if they think Lubbock R will do better for them there then any black VP or P VP VP of any other color than white they're gonna pick her and then they're gonna say what so drill that's that's the gist of what I'm saying here as you can see it's a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* we have no control over any of it no matter what Biden says no matter what Trump says it's still basically a coin flip because the great mass of voters are not moved by any of this stuff but we're just we're just the \*\*\*\*\* we're the little little birds cleaning the teeth of the crocodile that's

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us and hoping not to get bitten hoping we can get our \*\*\*\*\* bodies out over the way when he gets hungry but guess what eventually yet you're a little slow and then you get eaten too but if you have a class first politics you can actually build a coalition that can assert real leverage and demands and pry things away from capital and even challenge capital it cannot be done enough because what is what is your intersection of interests because if you have an intersection of oppression that's that's explanatory I think that's a useful useful rubric to explain oppression but then what do you what's your intersectional praxis what's your intersectional interest point to mobilize around I mean for the most part the one that's the most prevalent the most the one that reflects most the oppressions we're talking about is class because racial oppression is felt by degrees and those degrees are pretty much tracked very very strongly all right so those are a few things I wanted to get off my chest wanted to get off I want to stop talking about it got my gears all grinded up but I have want to get these ideas out just so that I understand them and I have one other thing that I wanted to say this is Matt's movie corner and then maybe we'll take some questions so I finally after \*\*\*\*\* webson months and I said this a couple days ago someone asked if I'd seen drag bike I dragged across concrete no because I was doing this waiting game to see what it was available on some streaming service to see for free I was actually about to give up last night and \*\*\*\*\* just click on the thing and watch it even though and pay for it it was it had it would have come to HBO which I have so i didn't have to pay actually for it so I watched dragged across country before last night and I gotta say I think it's his best film I've liked all three of the Craig Saylor films I really and I really liked brawlin selling out cell block 99 I think I might even like this one more Mike D'Angelo the critic said that sailor is kind of trying to be the modern day Don Siegel and I think that is precisely correct that is his game like if you asked him who he's trying to be even if he didn't know the real answer is he's trying to be Don Siegel just muscular you know beaten potatoes American reactionary exploitative exploitation \*\*\*\*\* you know like the white male it you know unleashed in a world that never made or it doesn't get to make anymore you know smashing against the confines of society and doing so in the most violent way possible so I think he really pulls it off in that movie and a lot of people got mad at it because it's his most explicitly political yet because he made the first movie bow tomahawk and some people muttered a little bit because it has like these beastial Native American tribes people cannibals as the bad guys and you know he makes pains to distinguish them from other Native American tribes but people sort of whisper a little bit I don't know man that's a little problematic then he made brawlin sell at 99 which has Vince Vaughn going to war with the cartels and has a lot of racially coded language and it has kind of a you know a magnet flare to it even

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though it's all very subtle oh this one he just lets it out he has scenes where the cops are literally just sitting around going damn cell phone cameras won't allow us to do our jobs thanks to the damn media and they're like yes true and he's got these little vignettes that are just like they might as well they could be short films directed by if TP USA had any talent behind it and but it's all shot in like the house style of sort of post post-millennial like prestige programming and it really made me realize that of all the people who tried to resurrect the exploitation genre in the 21st century and try to do exploitation movies like postmodern exploitation movies he is the one who gets them the most one I think because he is a reactionary and what he gets the thing that is that most of these people who do neo exploitation don't get which is that exploitation films are inherently to one degree or another reactionary specifically vigilantism \*\*\*\*\* or I mean cop \*\*\*\*\* is \*\*\*\*\* its reactionary anything that's about somebody getting fed up and doing an insane amount of violence on people outside the law is reactionary in that it it credits like violence as a solution rather than any kind of socially cooperative endeavor towards the resolution of conflict that's not terrible and doesn't mean it's a terrible but it's unwatchable I mean people think that now because we bound up our politics in our art so much that we can't get them straight and we're all anxiety riddled about it all the time but it says it's it's a it's a reactionary genre and therefore the best people to make it our reactionaries and the way that he like threads in the right-wing stuff and those in the movie which is also by the way filled with incredibly good deeply felt like social observation and commentary and texture because it's not vapid it's not it's not dogmatic that stuff is in there because you can one of the big problems with trying to make a neo exploitation movie is that you can't shock people the way you could with exploitation films because people have seen everything we're all desensitized violence doesn't do anything - doesn't move the needle how do you make violence move the needle anymore and Sayla realizes it has to be in contrast to something the violence has to come as a contrast to the other things in the movies that didn't used to be the case because the movie was a contrast to everything else but now everything is movie so the it has the contrast has to come inside the film itself and so the contrast of this of this stage sort of Paul Haggis II vibe with just explicit reactionary content it shocks you a little bit it jars you just the way that like the the very quiet measured tone of all of his movies makes their explosions of extreme violence shocking and jarring it actually does jolt you the way that these guys anybody making like ironic exploitation movies doesn't really get around they don't really grasp the needle of it and that is why even though I would not actually want her to do this because no one should got no one with talent should go near Marvel it's just a giant machine that sucks talent it leaves it's just correct uncreated dead-eyed husks in its wake because

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they see God like it's like the \*\*\*\*\* hot lighthouse they go to Disney and they see the frozen head of Walt Disney in a vault and it's throbbing and it has like black eyes and they stare into Disney's black eyes and they come out a husk because they've seen into the heart of the dream machine and they know that it is actually the \*\*\*\*\* mind of Satan so I would not wanted to actually do this because it would destroy him like it's gonna destroy everybody who does two \*\*\*\*\* with Marvel film wise but he is the only person I could think of who could possibly make something good out of the Punisher right now because if anybody saw the Marvel that the Netflix Marvel Show with Joe Barron Thal which is \*\*\*\*\* one of the big reasons is CGI blood which 0:43:7 is of course out of here and something I know that Zeller would never allow by the way they didn't just do CGI blood on that show they did CGI muzzle flashes on the guns which is just the \*\*\*\*\* lowest level of chintzy \*\*\*\*\* why am I even watching this I know Saylor wouldn't do that but what but the other thing that made that thing bad and unwatchable is that it spoke they tried to make \*\*\*\*\* Punisher woke because they have this thing that has a context the Punisher as a context of like coming out of the reactionary ferment of the 70s the same thing they gave us death wish Dirty Harry and all this other stuff because of the hot huge dried violent crime racially and the huge rise of racial anxiety and racial friction he pops out and and there is no way to make you can make him the villain I guess if you wanted to be woke you cannot make him the protagonist the traditional protagonists of something and make him woke because vigilantism like that is reactionary inherently going 0:44:8 outside the bounds of law to use violence against someone you individually not as some sort of some like revolutionary process of changing the mode of production or it's a social order but as an individual that's I'm sorry that's reactionary he is Frank castles are reactionary and just because you \*\*\*\*\* give him what Blackwater and proud boys to kill that doesn't change that fact and but the guys that make these shows are all good liberals and so they're very nervous is very anxious about that so they work backwards I guarantee you when they said we're doing Punisher and they're only doing Punisher for money none of them under and Punisher out of inspiration they wouldn't do Punisher nobody would it's a \*\*\*\*\* comic book they're adults they wouldn't do any of this \*\*\*\*\* if they wanted to they're doing it because it's where the money is and the money says this is the thing people like so we want you to make more of them this is the thing that came out of this specific cultural moment this is the thing that this is the thing that stands in for a load of male 0:45:10 anxiety and a certain hinge point in American history an expression of like nihilistic violence to over social conflict what are you gonna do with it oh well okay well that we can't make it back because that that would be bad and people would wash it and then they would want to be like him it's like they want to be like him anyway idiots

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you made him blow congratulations did it stop \*\*\*\*\* fascist Nazi cops from putting the \*\*\*\*\* Punishers thing on their on their on their vehicles to stop serial killing psychopath Chris Kyle from putting it on his \*\*\*\*\* flak jacket he's not Bo the fact that they've appropriated his symbol shows that you're the one appropriating him you're appropriating him by making him whoa he can't be you either you have to deal with that back you want to make him the villain that's like one choice or you have to take him as he is and they're not comfortable with that and so they have to reverse engineer sailor would take Frank Castle as he as he was and that would be I 0:46:11 would make for viewing that would make people go oh my god it would be like oh that's a bad idea but unless you're accepting the tip of your worldview and you're willing to put that on record then you watch something and then you do it or you believe what it says discreetly not socially but discreetly like obviously we're all we are all nothing but like the ik ruins of our media consumption but not that's the accrue ins honest on an individual level you cannot be you cannot be moved into action by any one piece of media which is the thing that nobody can get their head around no all media has to be good all the time because then we will all we will all be watching it at the same time we'll all get the same message and the Care Bear stare will just burst out of our chests and we will all live in harmony forever and the thing is that's the only thing they have is as a model for social change because if you do not class politics like this like if you say America is indelibly racist and therefore 0:47:13 we can't change capitalism then all you can do is like Hector people and make art and do posts until there's so many art and so many posts that everyone just at one moment everyone from the irredeemable or enough people I guess they would say not but like to 51% we'll all just snap in to undo mutual understanding that's their only that's their only hope so like I so yeah I really like dragged across concrete late this poet post a punish mal is honestly on a roll great performances I haven't seen all of it but blood father was really good and he was really good at this hacks are Ridge has some of the best \*\*\*\*\* just grody ass violence I've seen in a movie in a long time and if he does make a use the one a director who if he actually does remake the Wild Bunch I'll allow it because he's the one guy who kind of gets Peck and paws 0:48:15 like psycho religious ecstatic communion with film violence because I think for most other purveyors of film violence it's either wrote or sublimated misogyny or a joke and it is not any of those things for Mel Gibson it is expiation it is salvation which it was for Peckinpah so thumbs up for dragged across concrete and yeah if you're gonna make an exploitation movie and you're a left winger you can you just have to leave it at the door you know you just have to take it as it comes instead of trying to I'm trying to actually when I was in high school I read a biography of Sam Peckinpah you can tell this was before the internet that I would never imagine now reading a

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biography of Sam Peckinpah but I did because there was nothing to I was trying 0:49:16  
I'm trying to check to see if Peckinpah was Catholic can't remember I don't think  
he was he's like no his family was like Western pioneers so I don't think so but he  
certainly had that Catholic fixation on a blood the so yeah if you you you could be a  
left-wing egg maker of exploitation movies and somebody says the purge the purge  
movies are actually an interesting case because their premise is such that like that 0:50:18  
they do have a actual left-wing text which is also possible like the text of anything  
can be any politics you want it to be it's the subtext I'm talking about I'm talking  
about it's it's uh it's it's heart and that's why the third one that's why uh Election  
Day is so weak at the end because they go live they go live at the end because they  
can't handle the the implications of the genre they're working it and also they use  
\*\*\*\*\* CGI and for me you're not doing you're not making exploitation unless you're  
using squids I know that CGI is cheaper now so therefore squibs are actually the  
luxury Cadillac a list thing but I'm sorry you can find somewhere else to cut you  
can always find something else to cut if they could put squids and surviving edge  
weapons you can find the budget for squids in your movie they did squid some \*\*\*\*\*  
haha we are looking to do that script reading actually I should bring up Network 0:51:48  
I don't know they might not want to do Network but I would like to do Network  
maybe they think that now I would I think they would find that they would think  
that would be too too self-centered of me although you know he's not the main  
character really it's William Holden could definitely see but we are probably gonna  
do Miller's Crossing if we can get everybody on board I think I think we've we were  
trying to figure out like the Terms of Service whether that would be a copyright  
infringement but apparently if you just do it and don't like leave it up there's not  
any weird way that's gonna get brought down so we're gonna try to do that guess  
which character I I'm not playing a Leo either now I think how can the Coen brothers 0:53:1  
make incredible insightful films and then be lives because art and politics aren't like  
there's political insurance and there's artistic truth and like that artistic truth is like  
a prism of all truths and any piece of art is only able to get like one or two refracted  
rays right of the prism and maybe it might get a little bit of political truth in there  
but it's mostly gonna be personal it's mostly going to be experiential and aesthetic  
and it's and it's gonna be abstract and then you have to build from that you have  
to actually build a personality and like a \*\*\*\*\* spiritual sense of yourself that you 0:54:2  
can then build politics on top of you can't just have it imported to you directly like  
\*\*\*\*\* a firmware update from the every movie you watch these things have lives of  
their own might be like what we're all trying to meet my god it's just nice when you  
consider how collaborative film is a genre how many how many minds how many  
efforts how many decisions are made the idea that any of this stuff has there's any

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coordinating anything you need to grab you just have to be open and this thing is you might not find any and that's fine too but you have to be open to the magic basically the the moments of grace the sublimity of any piece of art because the it's not necessarily going to be resonating on frequencies of the political but there are other frequencies of truths and beauty that exists and that can be expressed by almost anyone in any place Rudy roll Rudolf Wolff Rudolf work Wurlitzer yes I didn't notice from Cincinnati yeah all what is alright this is an interesting question this cuz it's so weird what is the governance ownership of chapo LLC anything is socialist in its structure well I don't know what that means what I mean we all own it equally so I guess that is so that's like owner-operated or like worker operated because we're also that what the thing is is that we're not we're not workers but we're also not capitalists we're craftsmen we are we are this cottage industry craftsman of a bygone era like that is that is people want to know like what's the podcaster Miche at least like the the ones who do self like direct distribution like us as opposed to ones that have an ad network or something it's it's it's would you like my layers I like I'm a I'm a Cooper basically we're all like word Cooper's and you come into our shop and you buy our barrels or not but we made the barrels and then we get the money for the barrels that's it we're not socialists because it's not it's a pre-modern form of uh it's it's it's a it's a it's a remnant I mean over time it'll go away like all don's capitalist social relationships will go away but it still exists in in fragmentary form I have seen upstream color that guy's wild he just did an interview where he said I basically can't do movies anymore I'm sick of \*\*\*\*\* trying to make money get money off of them to make them which really should remind you I mean how can any of these things that you get that make that spent when you see filmmakers of genuine talent just give up because of how hard it is to raise money for things that have like an actual vision behind it how little does must people care about and like a basic artistic like sense of ownership sense of care how little must everyone care when they're making \*\*\*\*\* you know Avengers how little must everyone care in order to put up with the demands of that much the requirements of that degree of investment you would have to just turn your actual artistic investment into the face you know a little \*\*\*\*\* Colonel so how could the thing coming from that why is stephen king's twits tweets Oh dog \*\*\*\*\* I think because he's an old guy trying to tweet more than anything it's not a form that uh that's that's that he came into it's a form for people with a completely different social experience we didn't lie old people in general are I mean and the thing I don't understand about the people who cling so hard to the idea that politics must be expressed in art and it has to on a moral level like if you push them why does it have to be this way first it might be something about how well you know it hurts it hurts people of this groups to see

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things that aren't sensitive to them but at the base it's know people see this bad stuff and then they have the bad thoughts and if enough of them see the good stuff they'll have the good thoughts and I don't understand how you can have the 2016 election happen and not realize that that cannot be true or if it's true it's true to such a way fractional degree that all the pressure in the world in that direction is not going to move anything because the entire culture was arrayed against Trump every cultural output was against Trump I might do a Spanish Civil War episode we'll see it's good like I said my hope my goal would be to get everyone mad at me uh hunter 1:0:57  
on October is one of those great man that was a real stretch in the late 80s early 90s of just some perfect action movies really it's not I don't want to I sound old but that \*\*\*\*\* I'll say if they don't make them like that anymore just perfect little propulsive thrillers the same time is like die hard and uh stuff predator good check it out on frantic time Crimson Tide's also good I think hunt for Crimson Tide also better than 99% of Ridley Scott's films so I want to get another another map strike one for Tony Scott what's happening on my own on what we did which is a delightful little chapter I might read one quick chapter to end tonight I don't know I got to see if I my next 1:1:59  
chapter will be the town-ho's story someone that someone had the that one was very weak I think it's cuz it's kind of it's really overcast today and kind of gloomy I think a lot of people are outside oh wait a minute never mind sometimes it'll go it'll get her out a little bit and then I think they get a little embarrassed that they stopped and then they'll all kind of dare each other to go back up I will read Ulysses I'm just not I'm gonna read I'm getting I'm trying to go through the 20th scent I'm trying to like go through levels of like semantic facility yeah I feel I feel very comfortable with Moby Dick I'm gonna go to gravity's rainbow which I've always felt harder a harder time getting I went through a major kurt vonnegut phase when I was in college I 1:3:16  
read like not all of them but a good chunk Galapagos is really good breakfast of champions also very very good but I like most people the first one of his I'm the bread was slaughterhouse-five in high school and it's one of those books that does a thing to certain people not everybody but you if you're in the right frame of mind and if you have the right demographic background probably it hits you it's different and it really does make you start thinking differently someone wants me to read the leash or I these Oh somebody wants me to talk about the Demiurge alright I'll see if 1:4:43  
I can find this thing and then I'll talk a little bit about the Demiurge so it's in the Gnostic Christians were early Christian sect they believed that the material world was essentially created by an evil spirit that intervened between God and eternity to create a false version of the world that we all live in in material bodies created for the purpose of keeping us from each other and from God most importantly and that it was our duty in life to try to transcend that category through concentration

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of will and faith and spirit gnosis as it's called to understand that higher truth and 1:5:44  
I think that that's a useful metaphor for the way that we all live in a reality that  
is really constructed by an evil demon that evil Dean being demon that evil demon  
being the collective historical weight of all humans who came before us the history of  
all dead generations weighing on the minds of the living we live in structures that we  
are born into that we did not have any hand in creating and those those structures  
are deformed like our expect our meet our expectations of things our ideology that  
we operate under our expectations of other people our reward systems are deformed  
they are there they're bent away from harmony with nature harmony with other  
people harmony with God they are bent towards rudeness and and hatred and and  
exploitation domination fear misery because of the intervening because of the failures 1:6:46  
of generations of people to see the world as it really is because of all of the all of  
the things that they have to deal with that others have placed on them so that's  
the Demiurge and thing is is that we can we can transcend it we can we can we can  
bring the Tim The Crooked Timber of reality closer to it to an even keel but it just  
takes a lot of \*\*\*\*\* time and a lot of faith and and a lot of will and those things are  
all sapped by the culture we live in the demo is basically directing us away from the  
holy and towards towards selfishness but all but selfishness is at the end of the day  
self-defeating because we can have nothing without each other ah my favorite chapter 1:8:24  
I'm not sure yet which one I really like the most but let's do the leash or here it is  
oh yes this is very good well it's so short that's so perfect it's like three four perfect  
five perfect paragraphs some chapters back one Bulkington was spoken of at all new  
new landed mariner encountered a new bedford at the end when on that shimmering  
winter's night the Pequod thrust her vindictive boughs into the cold malicious waves  
who should I see standing in her helm but Bulkington I looked with sympathetic on  
fearfulness upon the man who in midwinter just landed from a for years dangerous  
voyage could sow unrest ting Li push off again for still another to patch to astern the  
land seems scorching to his feet wonderful as things are ever the unmentionable deep  
memories yield no epitaphs this six-inch chapter is the stone 'less grave of Bulkington  
let me only say that it fared with him as with the storm-tossed ship that miserably 1:9:26  
drives along the leeward land the port would fain give succor the port is pitiful in  
the port is safety comfort hearthstone supper warm blankets friends all of its kind  
to our mortalities but in that gale the port the land is that ships dyrus jeopardy she  
must fly all hospitality one touch of land though it but graze the keel would make  
her shudder through and through with all her might she crowds all sail off shore and  
once in so doing fights against the very winds that fain would blow her homeward  
seeks ah flashed seas landlessness again for refuges sake for lauren lee rushing into  
peril her only friend her bitterest foe ye know ye now Bulkington glimpses do ye

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seem to see if that's mortally intolerable truth that all deep earnest thinking is but the intrepid effort of the soul to keep the open independence of her sea while the wildest winds of heaven and earth conspire to cast her on the treacherous slavish shores but as in landlessness alone resides the highest truth shoreless this indefinite is God so better is it to perish in that howling infinite then being gloriously dashed the Lee even if that were safety for worm-like that oh who would crave and crawl to land terror of the terrible is all this agony so vain take heart take heart out bulking ttan barely grimly demigod up from the spray of the ocean perishing straight up leaps aye apotheosis that's actually a good chapter to read right after talking about Gnosticism because I feel like that if you want to understand like what I mean by like the Demiurge achill nature of reality this thing if the glimpse all deep earnest thinking prayer meditation communion with our understanding of the infinite which that's God in any language is but the intrepid effort of the soul to keep the open independence of her see while the wildest winds of slave of heaven and earth conspire to cast her on the treacherous slavish Shore because we have to live in this world and living in this world distracts us and pulls us away from our understanding of our mutual interdependence and in fact our mutual identical miss and it pulls us off of that beam and that that is and then we make a world that is demonic and we make that world and all collectively we are the Demiurge so will you are the Demiurge I am the Demiurge the Slayer is greater and smaller extents we're all building a world that makes it hard for people who are living in it to find God whatever that means to find transcendence from this seeming prison of isolation and confusion and loneliness and fear this do doomed to die doomed to eternal night without ever alright guys I'll talk to you soon

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hey guys I'm out here guess what guess I got it we're building it baby we're putting 0:1:1  
this mofo together not gonna cook it tonight I don't know if I'm gonna get to do  
it this weekend I was trying to I was thinking Thursday but uh sadly I think it's  
gonna rain and if it does I'll probably have to postpone till next week but next time  
I have freedom I've got my chimney somebody told me to get so I got that and I've  
got got some Kingsford got some Kings food for cats gonna do it up first though we  
got to put it together so we gotta find when we do hickies we gotta put on these  
things I like to think that the charcoal is still made by secretive artisans who go out  
into the forest and chop down trees and burn them into coals secretly plotting to 0:2:2  
overthrow the kingdom of the two sicilies anybody get that reference anybody gets  
that reference congratulations to you you went the all right guys here we go brain  
like whoa jack I don't know if that's good or not is he stupid he could also be very  
smart though right rogue jack or is whoa Jack always dumb because the thing is  
is that like so there's the brain lit whoa Jack where will Jack's stupid and that's  
considered earnest right that's that's sort of considered to be him I always think of  
the brainy whoa - as sarcastic the brainy watch actors are never earnest you never  
earnestly employ the brainy well Jack but you do employ only earnestly the dummy  
dummy dummy spa brain limo Jack making me think that Jack is inherently dumb 0:3:13  
no this is not gonna take that long it's it's I looked at the direction that's actually  
pretty straightforward and not just not that complicated I mean look what I just  
did no I did the first step already done already done look how good I am one of the  
things that motivated me to actually I got this thing over the weekend and what  
really motivated me today to build it I was kind of like do I really want to do it I  
don't know if I'm gonna have time to grill even before next week it was seeing the  
discourse today by being a fool that I am and I don't know I mean I kind of have the  
excuse that it's part of my livelihood hilariously enough but going online and seeing  
that we're having the same arguments exactly the same arguments that everyone  
was having before Bernie and then nothing has changed at all not even another you  
could change you could just repost all your old posts and the same people would

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reply with the same posts why why would you do that what you can't be because 0:4:16  
you think it's gonna change anything the fact that you're still doing it proves you  
know nothing will change so why are you doing it you'd ask yourself that question  
well I put these guys in these guys these directions are very helpful they tell you how  
to do it and then how not to do it and that's actually good for people like me I tend  
to have bad instincts with putting things together and I end up going like no no this  
is right and then now it's a disaster there okay you got to do the whole wall first life  
does come with an instruction all right I got the arms got the arms ready please don't 0:5:50  
yell at me just because I don't know how to buy buy okay buddy don't go judging  
my my grill purchases I'm I people need to remember I'm a grill novice I've been to  
many a grill but I've never been the grill master I'm elect I'm a late capitalist baby  
man and as a result I have an Arrested Development now I'm trying to correct it by 0:6:52  
reclaiming my male heritage that's right me and bronze ain't pervert are gonna get  
a podcast together those are that's irony in case anyone was wondering oh shoot did  
I do it wrong no I did right and we're gonna know this sucks about the big green egg  
- that thing seems way too fancy it does so much stuff well it's just I don't \*\*Music  
playing\*\* I'm gonna do it yes max weber grill one of my one of my favorite nerd 0:8:7  
tweets that did the max weber grill for the slow cooking of hard meats i do want to  
do corn but sadly my grocery store does alright okay I think this is working I need  
corn this is New York if the corn desert I know if I were to go home there'd be corn  
everywhere but sadly would do maybe baked potatoes right potato summit in the 0:9:10  
foil fish would be really nice used to do that when I was a kid fish in the foil with the  
lemon very good all right next what do we do after we snap these puppies at all right  
now we got this triangular thing here here we go do the delicate dance of connecting  
this I would I would like to try to smoke something I know that's a little ambitious  
but I'd like to try rub Mayo before you wrap him up I bet that is good then you  
can do a ello days afterwards oh okay I got it I got it this thing not doing this isn't 0:10:16  
going well I'm being proved to be a silly boy in my in fairness to me I am trying to  
do it and talk I don't want to leave so much dead air so I'm not not as focused as I 0:11:18  
would oh that's like okay oh I get it now I get I did wrong yes I'm faster you have a  
point man all right now we're cookin all right now look I'm teasing this out all right 0:12:27  
I might cook something I might cook something I don't think I have enough time I  
might I don't know I I have this available to cook right now or some Nathan's Hot  
Dogs it's a thing I forgot to take the steak out of the fridge so I freezer so I can't  
cook it today that's the problem all I got is Holly got us some hot dogs but what  
am I gonna do just I'm here by myself right now am I gonna eat a bunch of hotdogs  
and then just we go one man was gonna start with one steak and I was gonna be 0:13:28  
like banging put a steak on the grill eat it myself like a guy in a p-wave idiot or

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like a red pill man going his own way I own people with my carnivorous lifestyle but I miscalculated I forgot to unfollow them my mistake I have so now I'm stuck I'm sorry I just can't bring myself to do that so I think it'll come it'll happen there will be great there will be grill streaming besides think of it as sort of like the way that those dang Hollywood studios will draw things out at the end you know how they had to make to Hunger Games Movies out of one book getting as much grill content as I can out of here I am on that grind you guys saw the tweets you guys saw all the the political economy of Chapo takes that that displayed our reactionary goal to the world I gotta say it is pretty funny having people have the exact same arguments that got resolved along the exact same axis when people basically just got bored and stopped talking about it I mean has anyone do you ever noticed that but that's the only way these things ever end is that people just get bored doesn't that make you think it doesn't they all of the talking isn't but I gotta say there is I wouldn't say that we ever encouraged this but the simple fact is like the charge that were the tempos are grifters or whatever that means never really made sense because it's not like we were saying hey give us money and we're gonna elect somebody to a high office or hey give us money and we're gonna like start a new like some new paradigm for something it was hey give us money you can listen to an episode of us talking and that was always the deal and we explicitly said that was the deal and we said from the first episode like the thing we were most worried about was giving people the idea that you can do politics through consumption of media and we said don't do that but the thing is we've talked enough about how and I've talked a lot in these streams about how there is no such thing as political action outside of the internet for most people they can't conceive of it they don't have anything in their lives that feels even vaguely political and so they're going to make that assumption even if they're not even conscious of it they can say oh yeah I know it's not real I know it's I know that this is about politics but it is it is because what else is politics it's not like there's a lot of practice in your daily daily life that you can look at and say that was a political act most people are living their lives they're trying to keep a food ahead of trying to either find a job if they can't or or you know keep their head above water they're not really eight and they wouldn't know what to do if they wanted to and even the ones who do want to find themselves alienated from everything and so they seek the only community they can find at the click of a button which is online because in their lives it's too difficult the questions are too hard but the fear of rejection and the fear of getting a alienating people is too high and also the return is so low what are you gonna do talk to everybody in your life about politics and then all they all just stop talking to you the internet is there you're gonna find it and then going there is going to define your own conception of your political identity and

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so even though we said it's not politics to listen to the show and even though I'm sure most people who who listen to the show agree with that in principle I think for all of us that myself included there's an element of self-deception there just because there's no alternative you know and and that is why when like the Bernie campaign Hovind of you is like a real nationwide moment that could potentially have no shifted 0:17:40 the understanding the understanding of basic you know political reality by more and more working-class people it was it was worth doing and our our role with our role related to the campaign was because we think this is a good thing we want to tell people to do it but it's not politics until they do it you know there has to be that that alchemy that decision to get off the couch and listening to podcasts can help you determine what that is by exposing you to things like hey here's this candidate here's this campaign here's this thing you could do and then you can follow that up that provides the context and that provides you with motivation to get up but the act itself is the real political act the attempt to impress your will on the world it's not being impressed on the world on the Internet we collectively impress the world on the internet but our individual contributions are basically non-existent all of our all of our meaning comes from our actions and so we benefited from that delusion 0:18:45 and we suffer from that delusion so but I I will say and of course if their people don't want to believe this they won't it was never an intentional it was never an attempt to mislead there was never an attempt where we were saying ha these idiots don't think this is politics we knew it wasn't politics we never thought it was we knew that what we were doing was creating these Frenchness a friendship simulator basically for this new group of you know underemployed millennial mostly at the time people who were wildly alienated from the political world because of it's failure to live up to their expectations of it and who went online so well I really don't think that any of those 0:19:47 criticisms are right because those people who believe them are at a fundamental level captured by this fantasy in a way that even pointing it out infuriates emblem they need us to be political because they need podcasts to be political they need posts to be political they need that or else their identities it will be undermined I mean the person who is saying you know why are you I wish left us posted harder about defending North Korea than they do about defending Chappell Chapas it's like well okay what if they did why would that make you happy what what about that would make you happy and make the world better for you even just individually because you can't be delusional enough to think it would mean that anything would change that any of those regimes oh look they're able to cooperate against the hegemon more effectively thanks to those posts you don't really think that what you think is those posts about chip will make me mad and the post about North Korea make me happy I would like to see the papac by it's like to see more happy posts please 0:20:48

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I would like to see more posts that validate me that's that's what everyone wants but that's just what you're looking for you're looking for for identity formation and invalidation I've got to get a hammer and a I'm back here we go now I got to put on these little doohickeys to keep the Bentley garage yeah the Beltway garage has been closed with that who knows what the future will we now have we have wheels we got some wheels on this bad boy this guy oh no anyway this is well looks like now there we go the kettle the kettle itself 22-inch er the classic here will be feasts and delights of the senses and the saw alright next we put this plate guy yeah I get that we asked to check your questionnaire to get people to hand see because I know you can't see me while I'm getting in this but I'm an honest ly kind of honest honestly kind of happy cuz they suck what why is it bad yeah there's this hubcap thing I gotta hook it out at the bottom here I might have to get a little awkward well that's the thing is I think they're kind of mad that I'm not grilling today but I guess that the spirit moved me and it was a little too and it was didn't have time to get my steaks thawed and also I want I might make a nice marinara sauce tonight though might do that kind of been feeling like I went home wha I mean that is a good point actually if I wanted to be up my ass here and let's do it let's get up my own ass for a minute oh the reason I should show the reason it's good that I'm streaming building the grill before I even think of grilling on the stream is that you can't skip steps some of the key things that's why you end up on the internet all day thinking you're doing politics because you look for a place that will be emotionally route validating without stopping to realize how far you abstracted yourself away from your actual day-to-day life so you can't just eat the hot dog or the steak until you have built the grill put it in the dank coals lit up the dang coals heat it up the dang coals it's all necessary and the act of doing it impregnates it all with more meaning building a grill makes you appreciate the grill more what is happening to my brain that's a good question I've been asking myself that same thing and I don't know people have opinions that's for sure people got a lot of opinions I don't really know yet the jury is out in my opinion I guess that is my only opinion is that the jury is out \*\*Music playing\*\* I'm gonna do the I'm gonna do the pie plate later it's not that important now you got your classic now you got your classic setup here your classic American all-american setup yeah I want to do corn I would like to do peppers I've actually found it like those blistered peppers are really good and they'd be really good on a grill well somebody says don't do beer can chicken I don't know I don't know I have some other thing is I have a question snakes in my freezer I got to get through before I think of doing anything else I got those a bag bad boys cooked I also have some pork shoulder that like I said my dream would be to to smoke that one but I know that's work that's more ambitious I'm gonna need a little more time to be sure that

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I can pull that one off and then they got to keep things branded very clever but I 0:29:2  
also would love to do the beyond sausages because I've been eating more of those  
Felix is basically kind of guilting me into it because I don't really at this point even  
have you can't even have much of a flavor objection because those things are damn  
good and I think they'd be good in the drill so I'd also like to do some sauce holy  
SH and those are patties are good too oh man lamb kabobs that sounds fantastic oh  
how am i learning in the stakes I think I'll probably do it the marination man ate  
that bad boy all right now I'll go through both probably do this maybe overnight a 0:30:6  
couple hours I I mean they're really good so I don't I'm not wob stirs I have done  
I did a grilled lobster tail it was phenomenal that's a I mean honestly the fact that  
Hank Hill will used was it was a propane salesman you could kind of look at it as  
an interesting case in ideological formation you know because Upton Sinclair had a  
famous quote where he said no no man can understand something if his paycheck  
depends on him not understanding it and so if you're Hank Hill II you know I don't  
know how he got into the propane game but if he didn't come at it from love if  
he came out it out of necessity over time he would convince himself that propane  
was better even though in his heart his his \*\*\*\*\* Texas heart he knows that's not 0:31:7  
he knows that it's all coals so he's literally like lobotomizing himself to to reduce  
the cognitive dissonance of alienating his labor on behalf of an inferior meat grilling  
method he is that he is a sham his his unmanned and all of his masculine virtue  
signaling is just a hollow pathetic attempt to Dannette to reclaim agency over a life  
that is essentially as a serf in on the properties of mr. Strickland \*\*Music playing\*\*  
I mean the main thing is is that it's not I don't have anywhere near the space back  
here for a girl for a \*\*\*\*\* all right now it's time to screw the handle guy to the 0:32:12  
grill grill yeah and the funny thing is is I know that those like beyond burgers and  
\*\*\*\*\* they're probably just as deadly but at least I'm not hurting other animals  
just me and I so you get through you get through certain levels of enlightenment 0:33:14  
like there's one level of enlightenment where it's like oh my pleasure doesn't have  
to come at the expense of these animals then there's another level where oh I can  
get something that's similar but it's still killing and then you get to the point where  
you say it doesn't matter that it's killing me at least it's not killing them and then  
you get to the point where you'll realize I don't actually have to eat this salty thing  
to enjoy to enjoy my life that I can I can find pleasure in all experiences if I apply  
myself to them of the right mindset all right so I got this guy on here yeah there's  
a little wingnut guy little wingnut I gotta find my little wingnut now I don't mean 0:34:15  
ben shapiro boom drop the mike mike has been dropped now I'll probably like move  
through the ranks of the animal kingdom just like Felix has away from bigger will  
bigger more expressively faced more sympathetic animals like it'll be hard for me to

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ever really care about chickens the way that the chickens are exploited of course yes but like the Platonic the kind of the idea of a chicken getting killed in general never giving up my oyster so I'm never giving up my little did I not get that peace or am i forget to bring it out screw I can't do it I hope I didn't lose it somewhere very huh I hope I didn't lose the screw this is not Wilson's once again not rebounding to my benefit as a he-man yes yes I am a Wisconsinite but love oysters but I am a coastal Wisconsin I remember the call of open ocean is is deeply part of me as my being as anybody who grows up next to the next to either of the great oceans in the world because because Lake Michigan and the Great Lakes are inland oceans in the sense of you stand before them and they have the enormity of the sea you can't see across them they contain they consume in fact I might read from Moby Dick on this point oh yes I will read from the man himself on the in describing a character known as steelkilt he refers to him as a lake man Ishmael is talking to some Spaniards in Peru about the experiences of a ship where there was a mutiny one of the mutineers the mutineer leaders named steelkilt a lakeman from buffalo and they asked him what those words mean and he says on the eastern shore of our Lake Erie Don but I crave your courtesy maybe you shall soon hear further about now gentlemen and square sail Briggs and three-masted ships well nigh as large and stout as any that ever sailed out of your old kalau too far far manila this Lake man in the landlocked heart of our America had yet been nurtured by all those agrarian freebooting impressions popularly connected with the open ocean for in their inner flowing aggregate those five freshmen those grand freshwater seas of ours Erie and Ontario Huron and Superior in Michigan possess an ocean-like expansiveness with many of the ocean's noblest traits with many of its rimmed varieties of races and of climes they contain round archipelagos of romantic isles even as the polynesian waters due in large part are shored by two great contrasting nations as the Atlantic is they furnish long maritime approaches to our numerous territorial colonies from the east dotted all around their banks here and there are frowned upon by batteries and by the goat Lake craggy guns of Lac des Mackinac they are her the fleet thunderings of naval victories and intervals they yield their beaches to wild barbarians whose red painted faces flash from out their paltry wigwams four leagues and leagues are flanked by ancient and uninjured forests where the gaunt pine stands like serried lines of kings and gothic genealogies those same woods Harbor wild Africa beasts of prey and silken creatures whose exported furs give robes to tartar emperors they mirror the paved capitals of Buffalo and Cleveland as well as Winnebago villages they float alike the full rigged merchant ship the armed cruiser of the state the steamer and the beach canoe they're swept by Borean and dismasting blasts as direful as any that lashed the salted wave they know what shipwrecks are for out of sight of land however inland

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that they have drowned beautiful of many a midnight ship with all its shrieking crew thus gentlemen though an Inlander steelkilt was wild ocean born and wild ocean nurtured as much as an audacious Mariner as any and for and etho in his infancy he may have laid him down on the lone Nantucket beached to noose at his maternal sea though an afterlife he had long followed our austere Atlantic and here can template it it is was he quite as vengeful and full of social quarrel as the backwoods seaman fresh from the latitudes of Buckhorn handled bowie knives it was this Nantucket or a man with some good-hearted traits and this lakeman a mariner who though a sort of devil indeed might yet be inflexible firmness only tempered by that common decency of human recognition which is the meanest slaves right thus treated this steelkilt has long been retained harmless and docile at all events he had proved so far thus but Radney a doomed and made mad and steelkilt Edmund Fitzgerald exactly know the Third Coast I remember I did it I said I tweeted something about coastal Wisconsin the other day and people freaked out and I honestly do feel like there is something cultural different about living by water and obviously it's you know it starts with the fact that people have to go buy water because you need water to live and to get things from one place to another absent an absence mechanical power but there's something I mean what's how it's it's weird like it's the only part of the non it's really the only part of the country the coast that routinely voted Democratic even though it's it's demographics are pretty much the same as the rest of the seething mass of square state reactionaries I'll take your word I'm still trying to figure out what nuts yeah Jill Jill pair is great I know it's from Buffalo and the funny thing is it's the same accent to Rochester Buffalo those people have the flat nasal vowels of the Upper Midwest from Michigan across to coastal Wisconsin and then you get in you get past the coast and it turns into the Fargo accent which is real and is associated with the inland Squarehead Scandinavians who make up and that's the thing I mean obviously these terms are all arbitrary but the Midwest even though I have a pretty strong opinion about what I think the definition of the Midwest is I think a strong argument can be made that there are different different Midwest sand and that state you know straight like Indiana to me is less similar to Wisconsin then you know northern New and that is why Ohio is such a weird one and honestly it's why it's the most Midwestern state Ohio is the art is D Midwestern state and it is because the northern tier is is that it's on the water it has even the same even the same settler group the the Western Reserve in northern Ohio was settled by the same Congregationalist experience from New England who settled Wisconsin and Michigan and then the southern half was settled by butternut southerners from Virginia and Tennessee in Kentucky and that is the Midwest you know because Indiana is much more butternut than that Ohio is then you got Illinois which is

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basically entirely butternut except for Chicago but then like Wisconsin is not really butternut at all and that's why I think it was reliably more democratic because these things have residences that echo through history or at least ahead of contributing role anyway so Ohio has everything whereas not all the other Midwestern states have almost that perfect balance of the things that shape the Midwest the the the first migration like settler migration patterns before you know subsequent cuz obviously then you get the Germans you have the Germans and you get the German triangle between st. Louis Cincinnati and Milwaukee that's the but that's all laid on top of the first generations who set the like cultural firmament that then got built up the pot butternuts are were the name for settlers and recent emigrate and who had moved to the Northwest Territories of Ohio and Illinois and Indiana from Virginia might move because everybody just kept moving kind of straight across once this once the Northwest Passage Northwest Territory opened up to settlement after the Revolution because we were mostly fighting for the right to keep expanding past the Appalachians which the British said no to because they didn't want to pay for it so everybody once they started moving they moved basically straight west so New Englanders settled northern the northern chair for Scott of the Midwest and the Tidewater and and like border south more there's border southerners did the lower tier of the Midwest because like you got a state like Wisconsin which is almost entirely which is all which is pure New England Congregational then you got a state like Michigan and Missouri which is some people consider the Midwest and in some definitions I guess you could say that's arguable but that's all butternut but what they have in common is then that overlaying of German immigration from the mid 1800s and that German immigration by the way is the only reason Missouri did not join the Confederacy because once the secession started the German citizens of st. Louis essentially which was the only major city of any size in the in the in the in the in the state immediately mobilized militia forces that were able to drive the pro-confederate a political faction out of out of the cities and they then allowed the Union to like march in those anyway I could talk all day about the Midwest the Germans hated the slave power because they saw it as as they saw it as class domination they saw this rich dominating poor and just because the it was black people today it would be white people if things were different which as I've discussed on the show at the very high levels of planter's society is what they thought they thought why are you having these dumb Irish immigrants running around your cities and paying them you know pennies to live in tenements and working in factories when you could just keep them keep them in a humane conditions under control and but but like the overlay of race and and and the fact that so many people were directly or indirectly related to slavery as an institution in the south chain made that impossible to see but the

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Germans showed up and they didn't have any of that they didn't have any investment in slavery as an institution they didn't have the ideological the ideological structures that grown up around slavery so they just saw it as exploitation as another element of 0:48:5  
of workers not just some of them thought of it as workers against against capital but a lot of them were thinking about \*\*\*\*\* the way that Prussia just marched back into the Rhineland in' and and in poveri a- and snuffed out all the attempts to to create a unified germany instead he had these \*\*\*\*\* does Lutheran psychos and Prussia ruling Catholic Rhineland and nobody was happy about that but they saw the same they saw the same pattern folk yes because because and the Irish were the opposite because the Irish were assimilating into the United States which means that they 0:49:11  
were lower on the labor pool lower lower lower on the labor and social totem pole and had more interest in maintaining a racial distinction to keep them on the right yeah I'm talking about Carl Schurz little sure said it was kind of got shitty after the war but of course the king of this is my boy August Willick somebody told me that they were writing in August village biography which was a project a long time ago I wanted to do but I was stymied by German and frock tour and then I started doing the podcast and I was like I'll just talk about him all the time that's the way less work but if he does it I hope I hope it comes out I would love to read it it's funny 0:50:36  
I've tried learning dude III had a German my entire collegiate life I just I can't I mean maybe now would be different maybe I would take a different approach trip I think my elasticity is \*\*\*\*\* I just don't have a brain for it it's similar with math I think that there's \*\*\*\*\* in my brain where there just got some bad wiring in some places are another related to symbolic orders and like abstraction and stuff because you could do very good abstract reasoning but not along not if it's outside of the the terms of English language if it's not English language my understanding of what the symbols mean just kind of goes away I can't hold them in my head long enough to move them around and that's true of math and foreign languages I really don't know why it is I mean part of it is not as lazy but it also was very very difficult seemed harder for me oh man the Garibaldi and the Civil War thing is fun I mean it's not 0:51:40  
as real as people like to think it is it's the deal that's not like Garibaldi was almost Union General what happened is somebody offered on behalf of the of the America but not authorized by Lincoln is the thing offered him a general ship and and he said I'll do it if you say that and slavery and then Lincoln said no and honestly it was probably more of just a way to get out of a thing that he didn't want to do anyway I mean he had never in the first place but the thing is is that the war that Garibaldi would have fought is a war that the United States couldn't have authorized in 1861 because it would have been a Revolutionary War and the American and the American position from Lincoln to from Lincoln debt everyone signing up to fight to

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everyone on the homefront for the most part except for radicals was relatively was not revolutionary all because Garibaldi would have done the things he would have taken the the contraband strategy of you know Fremont and Butler and and turned 0:52:43  
it into a kind of I mean he was sort of a pow he would have turned it into an army like a like he would have like I talked about with the idea of Toussaint rolling through the underbelly of the deep south out of French Louisiana and just collecting troops as he moved obviously that has logistical problems but it also has benefits but it would making ending slavery the central goal of the war from day one and entrusting arming and in the authorizing the idea of arming and training ex-slaves immediately it's one of those deals where the conditions the actual material conditions without a lot of it but it is a cool idea to think about certainly go Felix I don't think is vegan 0:53:44  
yet but he's pretty close by worry though is that he basically just eats replacement meat instead of meat and like you guys have said that stuff has got a lot of sodium what working sounds really good I've always thought that would be fun but it I'm I'm very physically disinclined in a way that I think especially I don't want well I consider my best practical skill ooh that's a toughy I really I'm pretty good driver 0:54:45  
I guess I am pretty good driver some some disagree but I know I'm correct I have tried pottery I think I would have to to go into it into a with a very open mind and I think I could do that now I've been trying to draw a little more as the thing cuz I used to draw a lot as a kid before I got horny basically and used to draw Civil War battle scenes big ones like three or four pieces of paper like a cyclorama at Gettysburg I've looked at them as an adult I'm not terrible I can't draw hands like no one could draw \*\*\*\*\* hands if I could be a correspondent for any war what would 0:56:0  
it be well it's got to be the Spanish Civil right come on Madrid dodging the bombings with Hemingway and Gellhorn and \*\*\*\*\* John toss Paso and oh yes the hundred years war that is a good one mostly because it's most see it's very few battles you 0:57:1  
know you got your Agincourt and watches and shut but it's mostly seizures and then just going out and burning down a village just doing gregor clegane in the trident \*\*\*\*\* chevy Shaye's hey we're gonna do some war what is that just gonna stab some peasants and burn a bunch of wheat and then you'd have I think one of the most interesting things about the Hundred Years War the jacker a where peasants like you keep getting your ass kicked and we keep creating Stamper that's for these \*\*\*\*\* British \*\*\*\*\* what are you doing like what is this what does this whole aristocracy thing doing you guys are supposed to be badasses you know I like Knightly Knightly Authority it comes from military prowess like that's that's who got that's who the that's who the second estate is and so they had a huge peasant revolt massacred the \*\*\*\*\* out of a bunch of fat Lords for getting they'll keep forgetting them killed and 0:58:2  
then they they just got their asses kicked no no respect for Henry the eighth he was

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a button masher or I'm sorry Henry the fifth Henry the fifth was a \*\*\*\*\* button masher he just hit he's hit Welsh longbowman over and over again like I wouldn't respect him as a it's like he's like the guy who plays a street fighter it just does a Honda and just does the hand the whole time I'm talking about me because I am a bad video game player and a button masher so yeah if you're as good at war as I am at video games you I love Mothman in fact what I would do something about moth Nana specifically the book the Mothman Prophecies which is so good and weird and 0:59:8 it still amazes me the movie that they made out of that piece of \*\*\*\*\* amazes me a terrible movie John keel is like an all-time weirdo come on like an Americans like classic and they had Richard Gere play him as just this sleepwalking douche just like all the different theories I would like the thing about Mothman is it's not just Mothman the Mothman stuff was happening at the same time as an insane bunch of weird-ass alien stuff and not just Close Encounters you know of the second kindly people having long conversations with aliens people going out into space and coming back or at least claiming to have people getting visited by men in black it's like it's just it's a prism of all of that jet age of paranoia in a small West Virginia town which then had a yes I would like to do some more about bossman the alternative 1:0:13 dimension theory of aliens that's the only theory that makes sense I doubt that any civilization would get to a level of advancement allowing for actual interstellar travel through space by itself but it possible to imagine one getting to a point where it could like interpose at its own will direction through the quantum space and then into another area because obviously we're gonna multiverse yes that's infinite it's exploding it's coming out of everything yeah there's there's multi it's it's it is a Rick and Morty annoyingly is basically right no time travel just dimensional travel that is 1:1:17 what actually would be but then the thing is that could technically be time oh I'm sorry they have I'm talking about space travel both of them but either space travel or time travel would be essentially dimensional travel not actually going through time from one timeline to another or space from one place to another I don't think either one of those are possible through any kind of technological advancement but going through either because if I go through the quantum space and find another parallel dimension that started a little later or a little earlier then you're at a different point in time and if it's similar to my world in almost every other respect it's for all intents and purposes I'm going back in time but what this means and this is very important is that time travel cannot work like it does in Back to the Future or looper or anything where if you do something to yourself in the future after you come back it does something to you like where the guy's hand gets cut off and then 1:2:18 his arc is kid version arm gets cut off and his on gets cut off or when they fade out like in Back to the Future nope every time you go back you are creating a new

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reality there but the one you came from is the same nothing has changed you cannot change the future by going back in the past not for the people who experienced it only for different people in a different dimension so there is no so that resolves the whole grandfather paradox thing you create a new world where that person didn't exist you go there you're not there and you can hang out there you so you if you if they ever develop time travel it can just be really for entertainment purposes only you can't change anything you don't even need Timecop because it's impossible it'll 1:3:19  
it might \*\*\*\*\* up other dimensions but the one you're in nothing will have changed the clapping should be beginning shortly yeah exactly you're not traveling through time you're going to a different dimension that happens on a different time scale but is otherwise the same so it has the same people and this is the same historical development of humanity I'll hear it a little bit it's quiet this is the quietest it's been that I've noticed I think people are sick of it you know what it is I think people are sick of it hear this not clamping anymore sort of the live version of wanting to go to Lake of the Ozarks or Red Lobster or something it signals that even they are running 1:4:20  
out of that sense of self-worth that comes from denying we're not going to be able to ignore the second wave but I think we're going to try to be normal through it and that's going to be very weird because I really don't think they're gonna do another shelter-in-place I don't think they can muster the will for one but people are still not gonna go out as much because they're still gonna be afraid of getting it so that's a weird limbo and I don't know how viable how long you can last yeah everyone's 1:5:49  
rollin I think the antibody test might help if that becomes more widely available and they're ramping up actual testing for this thing itself so who knows I don't is there this name everybody is there some sort of mean making fun making it pretending that I'm a weeb is this happening people keep making weeb references here I don't know and I and but now I'm actually my guess is that's I bet that honestly I think 1:6:52  
most of that \*\*\*\*\* UFO stuff is \*\*\*\*\* the fact that it's it's part of this like this it's wrapped up in a TV show I mean come there will Nino demmed convention in July so I'm not going because it does not gonna exist because it is not going to be in the interests of the party the party is the Democratic Party's interests are not served by having a convention because it will look like things are normal and their whole deal is gonna be mister not normal made everything not normal we have to stay home can't have a convention not to mention the fact that they have an actual split the party a little bit they don't want to exacerbating Trump the other hand has to have one because if even the Republicans are staying home that undermines the entire thing that he's been saying for the past four months but at the same time how how 1:7:54  
much are these ritual people willing to just to risk their lives because these people are a little you know they're I think a little less cool a drinky but I don't know I

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think maybe that generation is gone maybe they're all who they were all kool-aid all the time and they are all gonna just run into the law of death and if they do that I will be there I will I will go to the Charlotte Convention if it happens for sure no like how do you beat that how do you how do you how do you not go to like the plague convention how do you not go to the orange rapist game show man the Chito himself presiding over obeying arena filled with carbuncle er jackals all coughing in each other's faces and some sort of weird death ritual well outside the economy is in ruins and they're stacking bodies and \*\*\*\*\* refrigerated trucks that's \*\*\*\*\* that is Bosh and not the show on Amazon and I gotta see it eat I'm probably not gonna die I think I don't know I mean if I've had it by then maybe I'll do it if I haven't had a pair then maybe I won't but I don't know I'm kind of getting to the point where I kind of think everyone's gonna get it oh I will definitely be well well well Tinka church to go to that rest assured Biden might refuse to see that's the thing as a Biden I refuse to debate Trump especially if he's up in now that would be very funny for a Democrat to do that because that's the kind of \*\*\*\*\* that they finish fetishize and love so would be very hard to justify it in a way that didn't just reveal oh his brain doesn't work and he doesn't want to talk but if it's in the set necessary they'll figure out a way they always do they always buckle but the main reason it won't happen whether one of them's gonna say no or there's gonna be some third wave that a second wave thing that just knocks the whole thing off the front pages and we just have military rule and one way or another we're not we're not lucky enough to have that debate a world where Trump and Biden are the nominees is not a world where you get to alright guys I'm sorry this is mostly done the only other thing I don't have the only day I haven't done is screw the handle on but that'll take two minutes when I get this bolt and if I can't I'll go buy one so that's step one the grill is basically ready it will be fully prepared fully functional it'll be a fully armed and operational Death Star in time sometime I think next week I do have a chimney thank you for whoever first suggested the chimney I made sure to get one I'm all set I'm gonna start grilling I'm hoping to do a steak test steak next

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and we're back I know it's been a long time since I wrapped it you guys as Jim and Carrie used to say but uh \*\*\*\*\* has been going down as you know and honestly the main reason they didn't haven't really been streaming is because I didn't want to say anything that everyone else was saying or that was misinformation or that was speculation I didn't want to add noise because it seemed like there was a \*\*\*\*\* ton of noise because I mean we've talked about how this quarantine was slowly being unraveling as people realized that no help was coming and that the nothing was undergirding anything anymore that we really are that we're really there on our own that there's nobody coming and how that situation was do that was sustained due to the fact that we were all apart we were all segregated by employment and race and quarantine and didn't and no one knew what to do and no one knew what to rally around and in that moment as I mean the reason that quarantine czar we're already talking about being wrapped up even before this I said Cuomo last a week ago was announcing that they were gonna start unraveling the quarantine in early June here in New York without you know any compensation from the loss of life or income or the failure of to the fit the complete failure to do anything about this so people already wanted out and in and we're coming to the realization that they were going to be coming out and that all of that time indoors had been for nothing all it was was the time for you to wait around and lose your and have nothing nothing does for anybody and for a hundred thousand people to die without anyone really even noticing or saying anything about it and so on that \*\*\*\*\* video of that pig just sitting on the guy's \*\*\*\*\* neck for eight minutes and staring into the camera I mean I understand why they thought they could get away with that you know like a lot of people kyun on types of \*\*\*\*\* are obsessed with the idea that there was some sort of false flag that the guy is the Ben Bailey from Cash Cab or something because it seems so it is so outrageous even compared to your other police shooting videos because of the the the cold-bloodedness of it the complete a complete lack of any humanity in it the not even emotion just impassive almost Borg look on the \*\*\*\*\* guy's face and that's why people assume a lot of people assume this had to be some

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sort of scam that said to be some sort of provocation but I mean look at where we were look at what we've been putting up until that point hell me you know like I said the US Senator telling people who are out of a job which is what 40% of the population at this point almost that hey \*\*\*\*\* people in Hell me nice one or two \*\*\*\*\* good luck and that impassive look that just willingness to be filmed murdering someone it comes from the same realization that's filtered throughout every level of control of the society that like we're broken we're broken people and there's really nothing we're gonna do about it and maybe two months into the Brett maybe two months into the quarantine that would have been true but we got to a point where people got to a point where it just it wasn't it wasn't gonna do it anymore they weren't gonna be able to put up with it anymore because that sweet suspension that most Americans even poor ones are in in America where you have this massive police apparatus designed to keep people cowed but you also have some thin layer of material and creature comforts and also the in hope that you could potentially improve your situation through striving right over the \*\*\*\*\* all of that is gone all that's left that the the the the carrot coronavirus destroyed the carrot is all those left is the stick and in this and right in your face and the thing about that is is that the stick loses a lot of its coercive power if people don't think that there's anything to lose and that's where we are now and so people people \*\*\*\*\* did something and I think one of the big reasons that it's that the protests spread so quickly outside of Minneapolis after that first night of love fighting was seeing that you could do a thing like burn a \*\*\*\*\* police station but you could actually do it something that had never really been dead before and so now people are doing it all over the country and the question a lot of people are and you've seen at least I've certainly seen this paralysis this this everyone wasn't in stasis and now everything is moving we talked about how that that's how it works you get you get into a fixed position something intercedes it breaks open the consensus and those things are fluid again in a different way and like we were in a bubble we were in this quarantine bubble that popped and it was gonna pop at some point and this is what was gonna pop it and this is what popped it now what's gonna happen next is a real question and no one knows and I feel like one of the big reasons that some trying to makes I'm trying to be clear here it's very difficult because obviously this is a fluid and and dynamic and and incredibly dramatic I don't wanna get on my hobby horse about the internet but like looking at people trying to make sense of this thing online really reminds you that you can't make sense of anything online it's not designed to do that and it can't do that because so you have the protests at a mill course along with those you have burning of buildings and cars and and looting and and immediately that becomes a moral question that people have to adjudicate or feel that they must adjudicate

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because that's how we've been trained to understand politics as observing situations and then informing opinions about them and so the question becomes who's doing this looting is it is it anarchists is it anetha is it the cops is it ray Jones provocateur is it regular people who are frustrated is it good or bad because if it's good then we should help or there maybe we should be involved if it's bad then we should shut it but that is an irrelevant question I would say the answer to the question of who's doing it all those different options yes I mean we've already seen video of cops smashing windows themselves and smashed cups piling up bricks cops clearly think that allowing things to get burned allowing things to get smashed last night in Manhattan Soho in the Midtown got smashed up and all those awful stores got looted with cops blocks away in giant pie joint groups clearly that's because they wanted it to happen because they think that if these protests are are destructive enough that America's middle class propriety will overwhelm any sense of any sense of injustice any sense of anger at the failure of the status quo to provide for anybody and not even prevent them from joining because they probably weren't gonna join anyway most people aren't going to join rather they're gonna look the other way or even oh be okay when the live ammo comes out or the the mass arrests start as in like filling stadiums and \*\*\*\*\* with people like that's clearly the the the hope of the police and what sustains that hope is the fact that so many people want more than anything to be right before they do anything because the internet gives us with a fantasy that we can know what the right thing to do is in any situation that we can have enough information about the dynamics of a fluid situation like a nationwide spontaneous outburst of protests that we could determine oh these people are doing it for X it can only result in this therefore I should either involve myself or sit it out which is why you see a lot of people on the first night saying this is the revolution this is happening we will take over obviously that's delusional but they need to tell themselves that this is it to motivate them to do it now the other hand you have the people saying oh what are you doing don't you know corporations actually love riots they think it's cool who gives a \*\*\*\*\* what they think it's branding it's PR they're not involved unless you think target has like shooters out there doing their own looting it's just ask covering because at this point it is just a series of protests that don't have any connected demands or organization as because we don't have a left of this country we don't have a movement opposed to capitalism at any level all we have our discrete people who whose alienation they process in discrete ways and it's and so black people because they are a separate group within America and are treated as such and live as such have any more acute understanding of that alienation that will lead them to take step take a stand collectively in a way that is much harder for any other groups to pull off but that's that doesn't mean that whatever this is can't

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become something more than it is and the thing that's gonna make that happen is people have to \*\*\*\*\* just make the choice to except that they can't know that you can't know where anything is gonna lead you want to be able to say to yourself by doing enough post reading okay this is all adventurism there's no politics to this I'll stay home then okay congratulations enough people do that then you've ensured that that's what's gonna happen because and but especially for white people there is this Court this uh this crisis of what is my place in this what is my place in this contest do i I don't want to crowd out black voices or whatever the hell and that's why you have this cockamamie blackout thing today but one of the reasons that people 0:12:27 that there is that divide and that that this this protests happened along racial lines before they happen along any more abstract class line is because of the segregation of American life and the only way to change that is through action the only way to build the connections the word that gets thrown around around a lot here solidarity to create organs of deliberation decision-making and coordination that are going to be necessary to push back against whatever is coming next that's gonna be built in the streets it's going to be built in the process of doing things it might not be but if it but it can be and it's only will there so I think more than anything people need 0:13:29 to give up any idea that they can outsmart this thing that they can figure it out but they could have a take on it that is all-encompassing and so that only leaves your your need your morale and and just for your own so personal preservation because what we're staring down right now is a is the complete collapse of any social order other than pure coercion the the Terminator face be revealing itself completely and the only thing being left the the carrot completely going away for everybody so that is your thought as someone who is more removed and and and protected for the worst deprivation of this collapse than people in the streets that's not gonna last the profits are still going away they're still eating the seed corn they're still selling the \*\*\*\*\* popper well copper wiring and stripping the pipes it's only gonna get worse but the budgets for cops are only gonna get bigger because it's the only public 0:14:30 service that they need until of course they could privatize that completely but for now that's not on the table and if we're going to defer going to stop them from doing this essentially the only way to do that is to build collaborative organizational power against it which does not exist and cannot be built by the internet cannot be built by posting cannot be built by hashtagging cannot be built by Instagram post it can only be built by experience it can only build by because right now guys more than anything I'm \*\*\*\*\* scared I'm scared for what they're gonna do because they 100% think that if enough windows get smashed then they could \*\*\*\*\* roll tanks in the streets and people by and large will allow it to happen and the the 0:16:2 only way that's not gonna happen its if we don't let it happen and of course that

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doesn't mean anything now and it can't mean anything now because we're not in this situation we're not responding but every day that people stay out there it's another day the power can be built I'm not gonna say I think there's gonna be enough I really don't but that doesn't change the math at all because winning and being right or being right at some acting means something because only through action 0:17:4  
can we find purpose and more importantly only through action can we find effective counter action effective attempts to stop them from doing what they want to do and you're already seeing that you're already seeing the possibilities that emerge in these situations and with the thing that they need is bodies the thing they need because at some point if there's enough people you find out that maybe that negotiating position that seemed completely impassable it's not quite as fixed as it seemed because at all 0:18:7  
because it depended on an assumed passivity among the population that is that can be disrupted and changed change the the the change the power dynamic change the degree of of leverage I mean obviously the next step the step that would genuinely help prevent the kind of crack down and reassertion of like a new order of pure coercive of urban essentially open-air surveillance and coercion would be some sort of labor disruption as in obviously strikes but also the disruption of the ability to continue functioning this is before the economy to function now of course it's hard to 0:19:15  
get any more specific than that one because things are still happening at least these formations are still in the process of being formed but but you can see the big formed they \*\*\*\*\* took over a hotel in Minneapolis and they turn it into a homeless shelter and yes of course with the with with the owners allowing them to do it but that still speaks to a degree of coordination outside of official channels that looked impossible just a couple of weeks ago and that makes you wonder what could be possible but it's hard to say anything more specifically one as I said because it's still fluid but two because there's going to be a hell of a comeback crackdown coming and the fact that so many people have their entire lives online and have their entire political views online and their entire political actions online is going to be helpful to them in 0:20:17  
that respect so I don't advocate anything specific because every situation is different every protest is different the composition of every group of people who is are in a given situation is different the response of the police officers is not always identical the responsible bystander gerson and the unengaged is different what I do know is that the only way to prevent this from just being another another milestone on the road towards of collapse not of the states or the state's ability to to control life but rather our ability to live in any way with any dignity with with it with any control of 0:21:18  
our own existence the only way to stop that that from happening is to prevent them from putting a cap on it the way that they want to and that means first foremost and only right now on at this point being out there if you can and supporting if you can

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in any ways and in the way that you can and the internet is good to the degree that it helps you coordinate actions and tell you where to go and what and what people need but it sure \*\*\*\*\* is not going to tell you what's happening it's not going to tell you who the good guys and the bad guys are it's not going to tell you the morality of anything it's not going to tell you what what tactics are going to be the most effective or revolutionary and which ones are actually you know those are really neoliberal no one knows so I would say to anyone this includes me that as scary as it is it's also very exciting and you know a new world is being born but just what kind is is what kind of world it is is one that that nobody knows and I mean the trajectory has been pretty bad so it makes sense to assume it's gonna just get worse but if you don't want it to be you at least have to know to be able to tell yourself and to tell your loved and so someone on Twitter the other day said uh said how does this fit with the grill pill and it's it really does it really does echo the idea that you've got to go out I mean you got to do something near you and if you're anywhere near a protest that's a thing near you that's a \*\*\*\*\* thing near you now the problem is is that this is basically an because of the way that that cities have been racially segregated and the way capital has been shifted throughout urban areas so yeah you have these these city centers that are now surrounded by by reactionary suburbs which is a reversing of the dynamic that persisted in say France where which is France is essentially the country where the model of the the revolutionary spontaneous riot that becomes a that coalescence into an actual the revolutionary movement was essentially born and then the reverse is true there the middle of the city is where all the swells lived in the suburbs were over all the workers lived the red belts around Paris and that's been reverse the United States but the thing that also has happened is that those same urban centers because of specifically because of gentrification they're also the places where all the all of rich people's money is stuck in real estate so there is still vulnerability there there still is there's a lot of money in these cities there's a lot of of investment and that is a point of leverage that can be exploited once again I don't know how I have no idea I just know that that they're gonna that that the option of just the option that happened after 1968 which is essentially just a strategic retreat for of state resources and white populations from cities and then just malign neglect coupled with a massive you know police investment that's harder now I mean my god how my god half in Manhattan in the 80s half of half of the buildings in like south of Houston were \*\*\*\*\* empty they were really were squatting squatters warehouses there's very little actual money on the table in those places now I mean all those buildings that got smashed up and Soho those things are all filled with empty apartments that all have billions of dollars sunk in them from the global elites to park their money so that's the consist significant difference and that's means that

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it's gonna be much harder for for them to just do a strategic retreat which would require a retaking and re-establishment of law and order but so far that has not happened but like yeah like the cops just let all that hat looting happen yesterday because they want to terrify all the Upper West and North Side people who run the town the people who really have the money and the people who really call the shots not \*\*\*\*\* Bill DeBlasio the walther than the Wall Street people they want them to sign off even if they might have urban liberal sensibilities but that's only possible if 0:27:29 if the people who are under that threat are a small enough group and if they're if they're alone enough if they don't have enough support but yeah I don't know what's gonna happen I just know that everybody's got a responsibility to to to do what they can because this is what we got the same way that the Bernie campaign was was what was happening and was the shot and was was the process was that was the movement this is that and it might not it might not be organized enough for some it might not have enough concrete goals and I do think those are things that are wildly necessary but like I said they're not gonna be built by scolding like it's gonna be built by cooperation and by participation with I will say though that um that I am 0:28:32 surprised by how resistant people are to being cowed by the by the moralizing that usually accompanies any kind of property damage and that is provoked intentionally by the police for that reason because there's less to lose and because we've seen our institutions completely fail us at every \*\*\*\*\* level so what the hell a bank an intact bank window speaks to a a sense that you have a you know you have a a functioning order right and that it's one that you can participate it but if that order doesn't 0:29:37 if that order ceases to hold any real imagined imaginative power of if it ceases to stand for anything good if it ceases to if it ceases like everything in the country right now ceases to provide then what do you give a \*\*\*\*\* if it gets broken what are you getting a \*\*\*\*\* and I think that's what people are kind of realizing is that the horror they might have once had for this stuff is dissolving in the fact in the face of the system's complete callousness and incompetence the overwhelming callousness and incompetence that speaks that is a yute is now felt more and more keenly by more people than any time in in my life we're not and people see that it's the cops really 0:30:38 more than anything because for every video of some smashed windows there's a video of a cop pointing a \*\*\*\*\* bazooka at someone's face or taking someone's eyeball out with a point-blank shot from a rubber bullet everywhere because it sure \*\*\*\*\* hard to talk about bad apples when every police force every metropolitan major police force in this country is simultaneously rioting but I don't have a lot of illusions that what's ever going to come out of this is going to be some sort of permanent change I think the best hope is that it builds like I said structures that can move forward from here 0:31:40 like people love to compare \*\*\*\*\* to revolutions of the past people love to compare

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\*\*\*\*\* to revolutions of the past and in fact you've got entire political tendencies that are essentially revolve around recreating of the 1917 October Revolution but I would say that the thing right now that that this historically reminds me the most of is 1905 in Russia because the Russian Revolution of 1905 caught everyone by surprise including every reform movement every Socialist Party every radical none of them were involved in the leadership of them none of them had anything to do with the planning because it basically was no planning but over time systems emerged the concept of the Soviet was and that's what this feels like now that but it certainly 0:32:45 means that these structures that emerge from 1905 could emerge here because you had a government in in Czarist Russia that was that lost all legitimacy due to its incompetence lost its ability to project itself as a provider of security or safety bred anything got their asses kicked in in Japan and and I can't think of a time that more reflects this current moment just in terms of the the general dawning sense that this government in this system is at base function incapable of doing what it is supposed 0:33:47 to do at least what we all are told it's supposed to do and we all convinced ourselves as what is actually supposed to be done it's supposed to be doing so I don't have any kind of real health that this is going to be the revolution whatever that even would mean but if there is going to be any coherent and effective counter mobilization against this slide towards bare face techno authoritarianism it's because you know if you want to compare to 1905 and then assume 1917 whatever that moment happens is going to come a lot faster than then 15 years later that was also on the knife 0:34:50 edge and very well takeover and so that's still certainly in the cars but and I think this is important there's nothing about the protests themselves in any sense that is going to make it inevitable what's gonna make it inevitable is the declining rate of profit and the collapse of of civic institutions the sniffing by the way it's not because I'm on cocaine I have Haller geez thank you very much and it's a little damp today and that tends to make them worse ragweed maybe that's what's is it maybe and the scariest these cops are I mean they also are just fat suburban i'ts at the end of 0:35:51 the day I mean there's only so much work they really want to do you know I mean they don't have dreams of countenance panic Dominion they have dreams of wealth you know adding another and that's the thing about Americans is that you know we don't we're not really built we're not gritty we're not our you as much as we fetishize that stuff the reason we do that is because we know we're all soft pudding boys and girls we know that I mean we know we buy trucks to drive around with and we never take them even off of a \*\*\*\*\* highway we never take them anywhere other than a Starbucks I mean we do that for a reason we do that to Jessica I believe these guys stack up these \*\*\*\*\* hockey pads and and guns so that they can act and feel 0:36:53 like they're tough but no but they aren't and then what that mean what toughness

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is essentially is the willingness to sacrifice yourself a lack of concern at the end of the day for your physical well-being their physical harm and and your your material surroundings and that does not exist anywhere that's and the thing that builds that sense is having less to lose but hopefully another thing that can make you believe that is having more to gain not for yourself though and I think that's a thing that has hamstrung politics in this country as the world has become disaccharides and as we have become more and more consciously and unconsciously devoted to to a pleasure as an end to itself is that you're probably not going to live to see anything good in this world none of us no one listening to this no one watching this no matter what happens is out there with this protest is likely to see anything like a significant revolutionary change in their lifetime but that doesn't mean you don't try because the people who come after you the people and and that is something that has to be rediscovered and so the feeling like you haven't have anything to lose might get you out in the street but I think what's gonna get you keep you in the street is the dawning realization that there is something to gain but if you focus on it for in then here now and that's what it seems to me so many people who like saying this is a good change anything look at this the corporations are saying they like it that is based on an assumption that whatever you choose to do you have to believe not only is it going to be successful in the short term it is going to bring about some sort of significant revolutionary change for you and if that's the standard nothing will meet it nothing will meet that standard because that's not how it works sometimes it works sometimes you're there holy \*\*\*\*\* but that steel falls but you can't assume that anything you do it's like those guys who spent an entire lifetime building a cathedral but by the time they're dead all all that's up is like one flying buttress they still did it it's it's the medieval cathedral and you got to think of it that way we all have to think of ourselves as coming together to build something that's not gonna be that we're not gonna be able to live in so we're a build like Moses wasn't able to go to the promised land you're not gonna be able to live in the and the thing that happens and the thing that will build that is detaching yourself from pleasure as an end to itself which was the greatest and most I guess inevitable byproduct of capital hyper accumulation is that it it disenchant the world and replaces enchantment with with stuff and if all you have a stuff then the only thing that matters is stuff I'm not talking about you have to live in a \*\*\*\*\* you know in a shed and will lie on a bed of rusty nails like cherish em skis what is to be done protagonist saying that you cannot operate politically from the assumption that you will live to see the promised land and a lot of people if they the weighing action and the sense of control over their lives versus the danger of doing that that's the deciding factor is oh well that's not going to it's probably not gonna work anyway I know that's in the my past I know

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that that's the thing that has kept me indoors it's probably not gonna live work  
anyway but nothing is probably gonna work until all of a sudden oh \*\*\*\*\* it is and  
it just the thing that makes the difference is people keeping pushing people not going  
home people people making a leap of faith like so as again as has been here before 0:42:23  
my advice is log on to the degree that it helps you know how to log off and what  
to do when you log off but I just I found myself this weekend just getting staring  
into the goddamn Palantir just and and feeling like the \*\*\*\*\* mercury poisoning  
entering my bloodstream the paralysis said it the analysis paralysis of wait a minute  
what is going on who's a lot who's doing the looting let's go who's who wants this  
to happen we're the provocateurs and if you get stuck at that level then we all know  
what's gonna happen but the thing that's gonna prevent that is it's a lot easier to  
make that leap when there's less to comfort you when there's less material stuff to 0:43:26  
to indulge to imagine and the fact that everybody's been indoors for three months  
and so much of their their life that used to give them pleasure and just diversion is  
no longer there that's but yeah the cops are loading up bricks the cops are smashing  
things the cops are allowing looting to happen because they want a blank check  
and of course no matter how much they have it ha every \*\*\*\*\* scumbag on TV  
is gonna give it to them when it Khan comes and this NBC will give it to him  
CNN I'll give it to him all these Democratic governors and mayor's who are aghast  
Trump are gonna carry it out and the only thing is gonna so as scary as it seems 0:44:37  
and I am genuinely scared of what's coming with the \*\*\*\*\* cop with the military  
mobilization \*\*\*\*\* drones and and I mean I would not be surprised if there was  
it's not a concerted effort to start rounding up ringleaders especially now with an  
tyfa being called a terrorist organization but if we lay down for it then we're gonna  
lay down for everything I mean yes so there will be there's probably gonna be some 0:46:0  
sort of Marshall honestly the fact that today is a primary day is very funny to me  
and the fact the idea of any of this being resolved through elections is very funny  
so much so that I'm becoming more and more convinced that we might not even  
and I do like the fact that you're already seeing demands come out of this which 0:47:5  
speaks to the the the effect the heat the community-building effect of this kind of  
thing because you know uh last Thursday it was it was smashy smashy but we're  
already seeing significant formation around the idea of reducing police police force  
size and budgets which is a hugely which would be huge because the reason they  
do that \*\*\*\*\* is that for fun or aesthetics and it's not even really because the cops  
have politicians over a barrel it's because that is how you keep these \*\*\*\*\* property  
values so high it's it's how you maintain order in these cities that have been slowly  
and steadily stripped of all non social networks and social functions and safety net 0:48:6  
so saying way fewer cops and hey how about this wait if you were guns on cops that

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is a genuine challenge because to accommodate that you would have to put a \*\*\*\*\*  
ton more money into making cities function as social spaces that doesn't involve  
coercion and incarceration that doesn't put the problem in jail and provide revenue  
streams for private prisons and \*\*\*\*\* and that is not in the cards as that's not on  
the on the but it is hard to imagine this happening in any other context than a  
three month quarantine and I mean I talked down here on the other streams about  
the slow steady dawning realization that all of this quarantine wasn't for anything 0:49:7  
but a lot of people especially in cities especially good liberal people in cities who  
believe in science and have this sense of a public good that involves not getting old  
people sick with a potential virus they stayed home even though nothing was being  
done to make that quarantine mean anything this gave people the excuse that they  
needed to go outside this is this was a thing that superseded the virtue inherent in  
staying indoors this was finally a way to get outside without feeling guilty about it  
and that you could look at that cynically or you can say now they're in the streets  
and now they could make a new choice what's the what's the moral thing now what  
is the community-minded thing now that the cops are out there cracking skulls and  
shooting people with but yeah I mean if you want to keep on that 1917 405 \*\*\*\*\* 0:50:28  
I guess Biden would be like this stupid right the the mod the moderate PM who  
comes in and oversees you know a bunch of executions and imprisonments but but  
also acknowledges you know the importance of transition to democratic I will be  
up going out to a protest as soon as this I was out last night I'd been out I'm not  
going to talk about what I'm doing for a number of reasons I'm in New York City 0:51:29  
for one of them and these cops are legitimately Psychopaths and I'm not going to  
be posting about it I'm sorry I'm not going to be validating anyone else's opinion of  
me by by by trying to prove that I'm a good person but I will be going to a protest  
after this but beyond that I'm not gonna be broadcasting anything so if you want to  
audit my my behavior for virtue that's up to you I'm not going to provide you I'm  
probably I will I will level with people that I'm probably not going to pick too many  
fights with cops because I am disabled as it were but we'll see I will say though that 0:52:40  
Joe Biden telling the cops to shoot people in the leg is perfect liberalism and more  
proof that we have reached the the end point of both political parties trumpet by  
and represent the terminal the terminal decrepitude of the two major parties and  
they're there in their own ways their own different ways that are determined by their  
different social bases they are revealing their utter impotence in the face of processes  
that are completely beyond the control of any political faction or even the political  
class at I think police unions the day with police unions is I think you limit what 0:53:48  
they can like organize around you know like two big things that police unions love  
to organize around are preventing oversight and resisting residency requirements to

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things that make it much easier to have a police force of suburban maniacs who kill with impunity unions should be able to do something Oh someone points out there's actually one more perfectly emblematic liberal response to this even more perfect than Biden saying shoot people in the leg and that is a fact that former President Barack Obama wrote a medium post the format of people apologizing for getting me to has now been used by Barack Obama to tell people to chill out amazing impetus reveling in impetus I mean Trump Trump is infinite little bad they had to shoot up there to fire a bunch of people it's \*\*\*\*\* Anglican clergy members so that they could have him waived the Bible in front of a \*\*\*\*\* church and the S David Roth point out that leaked audio of him talking to the governors he sounded like a pissed-off guy calling in to Mike franceska show about the Giants like that's why fixating on Trump as always is the chimera and a fail is a failure of analysis because he is as much and in the sea as the rest of these people Layton their response to Corona was determined by the nature of the American economy he was not determined by any ideology and the response to this as you see unified police unified forces democratic governors Republican governors democratic government mayors almost fell across determined by the niju reassert power the authority in these cities none of that is determined at the political level but if you're sitting up if you're sitting sidelines for this and you're waiting for something better I guess I think that's what people are saying you know like a lot of the people who were poopoo the Sanders campaign and are now in the streets they were waiting for something better and a lot of the people who like Bernie and now are skeptical of of the protests they're also waiting for something better and in both cases the answer is this is what we have this is what's happening this is the movement this is where things are fluid this is where opposition is an organization is being mounted and so if you want things to change if you want to assert any control over the world then you must do it through what you use in front of you if you wait for the perfect perfectly class-based political movement to appear it's that's not that will never happen and all you will have to keep yourself comfortable as things get worse and worse and worse is your own sense that you're smarter than everybody else and that's cold \*\*\*\*\* comfort let me tell you but the thing that's really most striking is the absolute collapse in institutional legitimacy we've talked about that and we talked about how Trump is a symbol of it now that but this is the most stunning example of it is the fact that the the playbook of everyone getting horrified at some looting and then deciding to condemn it didn't happen this time because more and more people have lost all investment in any of these institutions political or otherwise and that's the first and most necessary step for anything to get better because if if you are invested in these institutions they will at the end now the scary thing is is that the only institution in American life that has not lost

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all of its legitimacy is the military yeah ooh and that is why the other person you got to look out for if we're talking early 20th century Russia comparisons of course this is all facile and meaningless where this is a completely different situation but if you want to have fun with it if you're looking for who's Trotsky you're looking for who's Lenin emerging out of this 1905 moment and you know and moving into the future you got to wonder who's who's carnal love who are Denikin who's Kolchak because the military is the only institution with any kind of bipartisan legitimacy in this country because so many people's family members are part of it and because it has been able to maintain a non political stance relative to the political process 1:0:3 and almost no other institution has been able to do that everything else has been politicized and of course obviously the military is political but it is not perceived by enough very many people relative to other institutions as political and that is why if things get worse and if this becomes a prolonged struggle and that prolonged struggle is happening in the context of a prolonged economic crisis oh and by the way a continued pandemic that will continue to kill people at now probably much higher rates and the military might be the only thing that can unify people or at least enough people to reestablish and that's a scary thought every thought is scary 1:1:5 right now but none of that obviates there to anyone's moral strategic imperative to grab with both hands the world in front of them and try to shape it for the better I hope everybody stay safe I hope everybody find something that they could do that can make them feel like they're contributing and I hope that fear over tide will turn into something else maybe maybe hope we'll see all right guys I'm gonna be going see how the flippity-flop I think I'll be doing more of these in the future I think we might be going back to daily daily streams but we'll

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accident host mode we are out of host on ladies and gentlemen we are go for launch we are in this zone we are all all right we're here we're here folks yeah I'm thinking we're back yeah yeah hi folks we're back we're back in Brooklyn it's nice 0:1:16 so far although they say it's gonna storm like crazy again today I don't know if that's gonna happen though people are still out though god bless them I was out yesterday we'll see what happens how's everyone's doing how is everyone feeling percentages where are you at what is your marbling are you are you dread marbled with excitement or are you excitement marbled with dread shout off fifty/fifty I think that's the reasonable thing honestly just because as I have said everything is up at the damn air I mean there should be you should always have more dread just because 0:2:20 the trajectory as it is and power differentials as they are and the culture as it is and the neoliberal subjects that we are the likelihood is that things will end in some sort of reaction and reestablishment of the salves quo but the hope really should be of how how much has been built what kind of structures or even just consciousness is built by by the events and that is still way up at the air that's the thing that people really need to get their head around is just how early this is they have not done anything to stop this the only thing because people are trying to find a way to be outdoors again that doesn't feel selfish and also a way to assert humanity in the face of what looks like a thoroughly dehumanizing non I know I tell everyone to stay off 0:3:25 the internet but I of course can't I'm latched to the wheel and lash the mast so I got to go on there I got a look at this stuff and it gets me all I guess be bummed because I see the things that everyone sees that make you feel despondent and you see the brands you see that the woke brands talking about how they love our lives and how they respect a black culture regardless of how much how many how much slave produce is involved in their their company's bottom line you've got DeRay and obama out there trying to create some sort of touchy-feely compromise for everybody and you've got things like those white people at the protest literally bowing down before black people to ask them to forgive them for racism all of it is wildly wildly cringe and so i don't blame anybody for feeling that cringe because you know given

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the situation we're dealing with the given the the the the in real-time collapse of the 0:4:27  
entire economic political and a lot of people wish that we had something else wish  
that we had a different movement wish we had a movement that was more that was  
more specifically economically oriented and to that I have a joke it's an old joke that  
I'm sure a lot of you have heard and it's a physicist and engineer and an economist  
are stranded on a desert island and the only thing they have to eat is a washed-up  
can of corn that they found on the beach but they don't have any can openers I mean  
\*\*\*\*\* I \*\*\*\*\* it up they don't have anything open it and the physicist says let's put  
it in the fire and see if it bursts and they go no they'll burn all the kernels and the  
engineer says no well we'll get a piece of wire trying to pry it open then the economy 0:5:30  
said economist says all right so assume we have a can opener that's the joke joke  
is that economists demand perfect conditions even though the world doesn't work  
that way and trying to figure out your politics on the Internet has a similar effect  
of being an economist does which is to fixate you on theoretical concepts that don't  
relate to reality and the fact is is that if you sit around waiting for that perfect class  
first movement to emerge it's not going to it sure \*\*\*\*\* isn't going to merge off  
the internet it's not going to emerge from people battering their arguments down to  
perfect razor sharpness and then using them in battle upon the planes of discourse  
and then enough people are going to come around to your point of view and everyone  
decides simultaneously to act on this new idea that is I hate to say it a liberal way  
of thinking about how change happens you go to war with the army you have as 0:6:33  
Donald Rumsfeld said and the army we have right now is an army that was roused  
from slumber by the grotesque and public violence of police specifically violence of  
police against blacks minorities because lack of informing minority communities are  
systematically disadvantaged by capitalism need to be and as such need to be more  
policed need to be more control and that means that that alienation that we all feel  
towards the system is more disenchantment from political and economic authority  
then there are more broadly throughout the culture because there's other things that  
people have to grasp onto there are other ideas there's the flag there's there's there's  
the political party system all of which give people a sense of some sort of control  
over this stuff that it's much harder to feel when your only real interaction with 0:7:36  
the state is through its most violent stupid evil \*\*\*\*\* agents and so in a country of  
neoliberal atomized subjects that was always going to be the most likely place for  
sparks to fly but it doesn't mean that it has to stay that way and I think that's  
what people who get locked into the internet analysis machine miss is that there is  
nothing that says that this has this movement this this uprising whatever you want  
to call it has to maintain narrowly focused on issues of police police misconduct or  
that a police reform agenda can't be the leading wedge of a new movement that is

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broadly challenging to capitalism one of the and I think some of the proof of that is that we have already gone in the span of a week from the vacuous anarchists demand to abolish policing of a Polish police which is meaningless in an occur in a capitalist system you that is that there's no more perfect definition of putting the cart before the horse than that one that is that that's that's the kind of thing that withers away as a state loses its coercive class character you don't do that first because you still have a capitalist economy and you have a but now you're already seeing that turned that that sort of adventurist anarchist slogan being refined into an idea around ideas around defunding and disarming police which is an actual concrete agenda that would have actual concrete effects many of which are going to would be challenging to capitalism significantly so because you know the managing these these public spaces managing these these urban centers that are now the only place where America's elite and the world elite can can sink money in safe investments that's all depend on police power and the degree to which austerity has ravaged the budgets of municipalities and cities and made it harder and harder for people on the margins to survive that money has not just gone away that money has gone to the police it has been a tidal shift of resources from from social services to police you've got police taking up over half the budgets of a lot of the big cities in this country even if like a city like Los Angeles has wildly fewer cops per capita than New York does about half as many and it's still it still takes over 50% of the municipal budget a significant reduction in the number of number of police number armed police and the amount of money spent on policing by definition is gonna be a read tidal shift back towards towards or it can be anyway if it's directed that way toward social services because unless you're cutting taxes while you're cutting unless you're cutting municipal taxes while you're cutting police budgets and no one is calling for that they better not be then that money is gonna go somewhere and it can go to somewhere actually \*\*\*\*\* productive that actually creates community durability viability and autonomy and an ability to to to create more importantly than anything creates a sense that the political process has meaning in people's lives the idea that they could actually get something from the state get something from their City instead of just getting a \*\*\*\*\* gun to their head instead of just getting told to move along instead of just being policed that it matters like actually something to be there's a positive element to the state project that they that people can participate in and the concerns about policing turning into a private concern that is a real issue you know I mean there's these you can't fire all these guys and just expect them to just you know go work at McDonald's or something especially well there are gonna be rich people willing to pay them to be their private police but for now anyway private police do not have an authority to exercise violence at the level that public police do that the

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public servants do and that's not something that we that will just change that's something that has to be changed and presumably a political political project of a political movement that is effective at the level of reducing policing would also prevent some new system of being being imposed whereby private police have now the authority to exercise deadly force that publicly state none of this is of course determined none of this will happen one way or the other all of it is determined by us collectively how we respond how we act and how we organize ourselves in the face of repression we're already seeing now a shift in the level of authoritarianism that is now being accepted I mean obviously you had Trump threatening to call him the cops calling the military before kind of backing down on that but today a judge in New York state ruled that the NYPD can hold anybody that they hold that they that they arrest at a protest no matter what it was for they could hold them for more than 24 hours which is a violation of habeas corpus and that's so that they can get people off the streets that they could Ketel enough people in jails to to prevent them from continuing to exhaust the cops which is what they're doing right now so we're already seeing the forces start to be marshaled and the question is going to be how we respond and I don't know how but I just know that there's a that we have a worth there is a mass disenchantment the fact that the fact that a police station got burned in in Minneapolis last Thursday night and that would did was not responded to nationwide by some collective gasp some collective freakout that we are gone too far it instead helped ignite nationwide protests that says something I think and now we don't know what it is yet but there's there's something in the air as they used to say the likelihood is that as the quarantine is lifted as people are able to go outside certainly as public accommodations open up the degree to which people are willing to put time and effort into something like protesting is going to go down and there's going to be a subsequent lack of a reduction in in a number and size and intensity of protests but you can't discount what responses are going to come from the overreaction of the police and of the state which is also happening there's a dang cheeto in the white house and my mind honestly my greatest hope here is that is that the segregation of American life that makes working-class activism so difficult and may have meant working-class mobilization so difficult the fact that there is this genuine stratification not just by class but specifically by race in this country that that stratification creates this entire complex of anxieties and neuroses around race that are then played out in public that this could actually that this process that this this protest wave could help break that down do it agree to to make the possibility of to make people feel on both sides of the divide that there is cooperation possible that there is a common interest that police that the police are really there to \*\*\*\*\* at the end of the day control us all and that our awareness of their coercive and

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authoritarian power over us is uneven than often depended that dependent upon race but more than anything dependent upon class life by what neighborhood you live in by what the police assume of you when they come and it's harder and it's harder and is that why everybody was posting David Dee's cartoons today did he die did the \*\*\*\*\* chemtrails finally get him was the chemtrails there was a GMO corn I gotta say everybody who was talking about like Oh Biden's done for him because Biden's a stiff and it's gonna be 2016 all over again I mean that might have had honestly think Trump might have got reelected if the appeared emic hadn't happened but at this point the real problem for Trump is that he is too stupid not to realize that when a thing like for example a bunch of mass protests against police brutality breakout that it is in his interest to appear a impartial mediator and to not appear to be on this one side or the other because that means people who are not fully committed to that side are more likely to blame him specifically so that means there's probably going to be plenty of suburban white people who are horrified by what they're seeing and are dropping their monocles while they watch their TVs at at rioting who nevertheless see Trump as responsible which is all his fault or largely his fault because at the end of the day he is just a dumbass I mean sure he's smarter than you know the average political reporter but he still does not have I guess it's the self-control he doesn't have the discipline to hold his \*\*\*\*\* water ever because as he imagines himself as the president that means he is the embodiment of the state and that means any protest against state overreach that or about people like supporting him like the like reopened protests were he and his only reaction is to is to fully defend himself and justify himself and do \*\*\*\*\* like send pepper spray out against peaceful profesh first so he can wave a Bible around so the no matter what a horrible \*\*\*\*\* comes in the next four months or whatever until the election five months six months eight months I don't I literally don't know when is it twelve months from now is it a year from now where am I who is it I'm smelling toast no matter what happens it's all gonna continue to stick to him it's gonna it's like a big sticky chocolate covered baby rolling down a hill that was just mowed and he just keeps getting the freshly cut lawn clippings all over and of course he's not going to acknowledge the results but I don't think it's gonna matter I think the the stuff with espera and Matt especially proves that those of us who sort of assumed that there is not really any any real buy-in at the top levels of the military with Trump specifically like Trump personally is is I think I think that's been borne out I think that if Trump will probably say the election doesn't really isn't legitimate if he loses but that only means anything if if he has anyone with guns to support that claim and I think we're seeing now that you know barring some wild intervention that's not going to be the case because these guys like I've said are pretty unimaginative

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bureaucrats which means that they like most bureaucrats most people at high levels of the media in politics they have this childish belief an investment in the political process as it exists which means that they don't see Biden as a existential threat that they they have not drunk the kool-aid whereby Biden represents some sort of communist attempt to take over America he's just another he's just another member 0:21:4 of the team he's another he's another professional political operative in the political classes job it is to manage the American Empire and he's surrounded by the people who have shown in the past their willingness the bility to go along with the program and so that means there's gonna be no taste at the top levels to go to the mattresses for Trump they'll just say okay okay Donnie and then they'll they'll tell him to leave and because he's a big fat baby who more than anything is afraid of being humiliated he's not gonna even put up a fight he'll walk out they'll call his bluff and he'll leave now what his supporters do is another thing but my god we're already seeing how \*\*\*\*\* weak these people are these people have \*\*\*\*\* every one of them as may ar-15 and where are they doing now what are they doing with it they're not even going to the cities to try to \*\*\*\*\* do the Boogaloo for the most part they're posting about how if someone comes to my neighborhood I'm gonna shoot him okay what if they don't what do they don't come to your neighborhood what are you gonna do you're 0:22:5 gonna complain you're gonna whine about it there's a video of a protest going past a bunch of suburban crackers with guns and they couldn't even make eye contact let alone even yell anything even though they had \*\*\*\*\* machine guns in there I know they're not machine guns assault rifles in their hands so they don't have it they're too soft so there might be some isolated violence but there's not gonna be some sort of significant put resistance now if Biden gets in there and the economy continues to be in the traitor and coronavirus continues spasmodically and and civil unrest continues now you might see at the state level like sabre-rattling at the level of you know maybe a secessionist movement but honestly that would probably just be some governor trying to be president in 2024 trying to put down a marker to be the guy to run against Bible because everyone's too soft and more than anything they're just not imaginative enough at the end of the day they're just \*\*\*\*\* hogs but as 0:23:11 that as must be pointed out predictions are very silly to make at this point because all of these conditions that obtain right now that lead to that outcome they might not obtain two days from that they're sure should probably not going to maintain a month from that and so who the \*\*\*\*\* knows it's gonna be wild baby these are the most interesting times you could really anybody has seen in a bit but the the thing without the army guy is coming forward to sign up for the first time push back against Trump I obviously it's absurd to say that their job is any different than the cops job their job is to do in the rest of the world with the cops job is to do on

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America's streets which is maintain the rule of American Capital and world capital 0:24:16  
but the job has those jobs create different cultures around them like for one thing the  
actual military is much more diverse than America's police forces and beyond that  
the fact that they do this outside the fact that they do this in Iraq and Afghanistan  
it creates around it a ideological cocoon whereby the justification for doing that  
justification for lighting up a car full of people of civilians and Baghdad or Kabul  
is to defend the home front as to defend a certain idea of America that is abstract  
because they don't have to deal with it whereas cops who more and more have taken  
that Imperial mindset and applied it to the country this country they don't really  
have that they don't have that buffer zone that justifies their actions their buffer zone  
is much more likely it's not protecting America against the world is protecting their 0:25:18  
suburb against the city the bad city that they work in and that leads because it's  
closer to the bone and because that that sense of threat is closer it means that their  
willingness to countenance authoritarianism and suspension of democratic processes  
is greater whereas the army guys the military people sort of have a noblesse of leisure  
about it now of course if crisis gets hard enough they'll throw out the window that's  
all goes out the window if the crisis becomes deep enough but if it maintain some  
if it's some political crisis it's merely at the level of politics as in between Trump  
and Brighton between Democrats and Republicans there is no constituency to back  
Trump because it's the same thing to them generally for the most part now for the  
cops that's like if there's if there's a military coup it would be if there's a crisis 0:26:20  
for the election say like if there's a if the election happens and it's truly disputed  
on both ends and there's no accepted winner it's there's not going to be a coup on  
behalf of either candidate it would be sort of a Thailand style deal where military  
comes in to to adjudicate this political squabble because we in America genuinely  
think in both on both parties that the military is a non political entity and that  
means that they have a credibility to do that that would be higher than on behalf  
of one party or the other like if you had a military coup if you have a like if you got  
40% unemployment two million dead streets still combat zones between protesters  
or oh my god maybe even insurrectionary forces at that point who even knows and  
the police and there's an election that has a none conclusive result I would say that 0:27:22  
a plurality of Democrats and Republicans would would be relieved by a military  
takeover but only if it was on behalf of the military and on behalf of the United  
States and not on behalf of one of the political I haven't done a Q ;A for a while  
if you so yeah I'm done I'm done with I'm not gonna try to prognosticate anymore  
today that's the limit of the amount of predictions I'm willing to do because like I 0:28:24  
said the conditions that are going to determine events are not predictable I've got  
a I got to put on my knee and Malcolm in Jurassic Park hat here never repeat and

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vastly affect the Pelosi will not lose come on she represents one of the richest districts in the country could she be like I stood as House Speaker the house may be but but 0:29:27  
the real the real moment that we know that this this phenomenon happening right now will have genuine lasting impact is when it starts affecting labor when people start coordinating work stoppages and denial of capital intensive spaces that that's gonna be the big shift and that's happened before I mean 68 is the obvious example but the thing that's on our side compared to 68 is that is that our political party the left political party in America is so attenuated and so removed from any kind of legitimacy for anyone besides you know sort of the most neutered suburbanite that their ability to sort of negotiate out of a revolutionary situation the way that the 0:30:29  
Communist Party did in France is going to be also attenuated but not necessarily it could I am very excited about Reagan land I cannot wait to read it I really if I I kind of say it's a bummer that Pearlstein doesn't like me but because I still think he's the greatest story and even if he's at the people are freaking out about Blackwater in DC but there's a lot people don't realize how many armed federal agents there are like \*\*\*\* forest rangers Bureau of Prisons US Marshals ATF Treasury the Department of State has a security service like there there's armed guys I mean almost every 0:31:31  
one of those agencies that they could put a uniform on and throw on their I'm not saying that doesn't mean that they I'm not saying that they aren't Blackwater I'm just saying that absence of insignia does not inherently mean that they are well yeah there's \*\*\*\* postal the thought of writing a book people to ask him ass about a book and I got a say my big problem was writing a book is the printed word really does feel dead you know feel like \*\*\*\* he gone Spangler Brent is dead it just feels like everything is moving so fast now that the idea of like sitting down to write something that then people are gonna what read on their Kindle or buying a bookstore it just it feels a little 20th century but that doesn't see the thing I know the reason I'm 0:32:49  
not that freaked out about Tom cotton is that I really think the thing that electric Trump and the thing that has bound the Republican voter base to him is not any policy it's not anything to do with specific even really even political ideas let alone policy it is a style it is an effect and it is a mastery of politics as a spectacle and all these guys that people talk about as the heirs to Trump they are trying to piece together like out of the chicken guts of his public statements and \*\*\*\* and policies a coherent political ideology but that's not what get people in the door you know now that might change you know I mean if crisis conditions persist people might get even Republicans you might get much more fixated specific agendas but but if 0:33:50  
that doesn't happen once again we're in the land of if then because of how fluid everything is it's not gonna be some \*\*\*\* dork it's not gonna be some Harvard nerd with a giraffe neck it's not gonna be some wine swilling \*\*\*\* from Missouri you

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guys know that Josh Hawley is known for his wine collection and it's his on a philia the Yale that this guy is trying to be like like lonesome Rhodes for the 21st century and the \*\*\*\*\* George Wallace 2.0 and he's a wine swilling \*\*\*\*\* fancy lad who went to Yale he's not gonna it's not gonna pop people talk about Crenshaw but honestly Crenshaw is more media savvy than those guys but he is media savvy in the old way he's media savvy in the way that appeals to the media Trump does the opposite Trump makes the media pissed and that's what appeals to people because they hate the media and I honestly don't see anybody on the Republican bench in office who fits any of those criteria like I said if it's gonna be somebody in the political arena my guess would be it would be some red state governor who like starts trying to threaten another sport Sumter and does like a like a 1860 style brinksmanship with the federal government over you know health care mandates or you know federal spending or remittance of taxes or weapons enforcement or drug enforcement and then that is what builds the supports are around him is his status as the guy that people can rally around against the hate of Democrats and party power way more so than anybody in the Senate what oh did you see you hear that stem-winder on c-span that Holly put on about like about outsourcing gives a I mean I put down jr. as a possibility before any of these \*\*\*\*\* you know like Don jr. is sort of like the that's the false Demetri showing up disorganizing left-wing ideas in rural towns to where that organizing is worth it organizing is more worth any organizing is worth more than \*\*\*\*\* you know not in a in a unconsidered way not not sort of not flaunting not without consideration I mean it needs to be around specific issues and the more that it can be specifically around class honestly one thing I would really like to see is if people do live in relatively downscale communities of that are more white than aren't that don't have a lot of I don't think it should be that hard to connect the treatment of cops by black people to the treatment of poor whites because cops kill a ton of white people every year but those deaths are felt at the level of race because there is not an alienation there's not a conscious alienation between white people the United States as a political project whether it is for black people it stands in for oppression that is felt and the the echoes of are still present every day white people don't have that but they are still oppressed and still shot and still abused the hell out of by cops to the degree that they the cops can get away with it and that largely has to do with their inability to fight back their lack of a rich dad or the lack or the fact that they got counted found in a town where the cops expect people to they don't respect people and are willing to assert any violence against them so if you have poor white relatives or you're you you live in a poor white community you're poor white yourself you don't have I don't think you should have to do a lot of convincing to make people not like cops and to think that instead of this being

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one more case of racial guilt from rich white people went to college trying to make themselves feel better this is a recognition of that the cops are there to beat people and see a lot of poor white people probably do deeply love cops but not all of them you're not gonna get all of any group 19:05 baby and the thing about 1905 is that it ended in defeat for everyone everything got rolled back it was only meaningful in retrospect and that is the thing I think the code that paralyzes people more than anything is that they don't want to risk their lives they don't want to spend their time and money and energy and emotion around things that are gonna fail because then what was the point but it was doing it that was the point it was always doing it that was the point the the journey to sound like a \*\*\*\*\* Hallmark card is the destination in the sense that it's not only where you get the purpose and meaning it's \*\*Music playing\*\* I people abolished police thing I understand the argument of wanting to have a maximal position because you're negotiating but it's really a question of who you're talking to I guess because you do kind of lose credibility when as soon as you're challenged you admit that you don't actually want to abolish cops because then people wonder well what are you like maybe you look fat less as the thing that's the danger with the abolish cops thing is because anybody nobody really thinks that nobody realistically thinks in the near-term without some sort of collapse and recreation of the American system and even then down the because like Camden Camden New York exactly like what Camden New Jersey what Kanda did they did not abolish the police but they did fire their entire police force and replace them with people who did not get do not want to be psychopathic murderers they wanted to help them that actually wanted to help people and guess what crime went down police files went out in Camden has not had a riot and Kennedy's never had much demonstrations so that's a model but it's not abolition but I think people want to feel that they're part of a revolution because once again they want to feel like they're gonna win and so saying something like abolish the police feels feels radical and challenging in a way that means that their effort to get that is his revolution and that makes them revolutionaries and I understand that you need that individually personally maybe to motivate yourself but that's different than it is an actual because you get to \*\*\*\*\* you can't do things like get take down cops guns from that seems such a huge \*\*\*\*\* move it's that it and it would be so dramatic and it and more importantly it would require to work so much more investment an architecture of social and community organization and a safety net like the cops you can when you drop them when you cut out the safety net and everyone falls into the pit of hell that creates social problems that have to be dealt with at the state level what policing and prisons do is mean that you can just write a check every year and forget about it you don't have to intervene in the economy in any way you don't have to regulate

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the markets in any way the thing will be taken care of by the application of those much police force as it's necessary to maintain property values if they don't have that ability they can't throw everybody in jail and they can't intimidate everybody with guns \*\*\*\*\* maybe you actually have to invest some money into maintaining communities so that they don't \*\*\*\*\* become they get the situation where people are radically alienated from the community from the sense of morality and willing to do anything to survive or just not even caring about your \*\*\*\*\* moral concepts because what have they ever gained that because and I think that's the thing that people who shy away from concrete demands miss is that a demand is not ever by itself it always has things that are invented within it and assumptions and necessities around it that spiral out from it and a reduced reduced disarm police force that is essentially a social work workers well that's gonna require either a shit-ton more social workers or a shit-ton more social services for people who need social workers either way you have changed the distribution of resources in the country you've empowered genuinely as in given people more control over their lives and what jobs they can do and what jobs they can seek and what what what lives to pursue at the low end though at the lowest the most economically disadvantaged parts of society instead of just shoveling more money at cops and ignoring the problem because that's the only way that we have convinced ourselves that that the state can function because if you think you can just do that one thing and it's not gonna have knock-on effects then you don't understand how these things work and you have because prop frankly probably because you've been arguing online too much you idealize and isolate all ideas and all policies as opposed to seeing I kind of like it I don't like the way of wings out in the back my hair someone said my hair looks nice thank you I do like that I still have a little coiffure although it's going away but by the by but like the way that it does this after a certain time I don't know why my hair like curls out I get these little guys here in the back and I can look silly yeah I'm I've been sittin it like Nicholson in the shining levels of hair loss for a few years now and I'm crossing my fingers that I can hold on for a while because I mean he looks good in that movie \*\*\*\*\* everyone he's the come the helicopters are out I will say the helicopters I've seen in manna and Brooklyn and are not nearly as low as I will not be doing anything to my hair I will not be shaving it and I will not be applying any sort of chemical or drug today here I stand I can do no other I'm just getting a little kind of weather away part of my broader my broader plan to come to terms with my finitude with my own my own insignificance my own my I don't even know what you Glacius is saying I don't care at this point I have stopped caring completely about all op-ed writers all journalists really of any kind all commentators all podcasters everyone is squawking from the sidelines everyone is justifying their own inaction or justifying

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the state's actions either way pay no mind list to the degree that I don't have to 0:47:34  
but I don't have to talk about another show and I try not to think too much about  
I have an embarrassment kink don't you have to be embarrassed for it to be yeah  
Matt Matt Iglesias yeah I'm sorry if I did not make that clear someone was asking  
about Madi Glacius I don't care I don't care what that egg-headed \*\*\*\*\* the only  
thing I care about naina Glacia says is that when people say we look alike which  
thankfully since he's shaky he took the coward's way out when he went bald and he 0:48:35  
shaved his head unlike me so now we don't look anywhere near like but we don't  
even have the same head shape I have a nice broad \*\*\*\*\* middle European has a  
square head and he's got a perfect oval they're answer just saying strategy of tension  
in Italy I the thing the thing that I think is different about that whole deal is that  
the strategy of tension was part of a decade's long program to keep the Communist  
Party out of power in Italy there is no similar threat now and before the Floyd murder  
there was no real even looming threat of a left-wing organization of any kind along  
any axis so unless you're thinking that there's some some like scheme to justify a 0:49:36  
crackdown then I don't see the point although honestly I am very skeptical of all that  
because the nature of this thing is that it doesn't need excuses for anything when a  
necessity emerges we have so foreclosed other possibilities that we do it like look what  
happened with the kovat oh \*\*\*\*\* our service economy our service based economy  
has been destroyed because we also stay indoors what do we do well we could redirect  
economic resources outside of markets not even a possibility not no one in any level  
of power would even think it and more importantly very few people on the ground  
would consider it either so that means there's no need to justify doing that and that  
means if the next crisis comes along and the next brutally horrible inhumane practice  
like the one that has already left a hundred thousand people dead is probably gonna  
lead to millions dead in this country within a year that was signed off on without 0:50:39  
anybody even arguing it even in the August new york times this is why oh my god  
jerk me off for eternity with the new york times the rope but we need the robust  
the marketplace of ideas was anybody in the New York Times suggesting hey maybe  
we don't have to go maybe we maybe we can suspend the economy for a minute  
maybe we can experiment with with not commodifying everything every moment of  
the day since we can't create we literally can't create economic activity right now no  
didn't appear anywhere which means when the next things comes on says well now  
we have to sterilize the whole the homeless or something it'll be framed as a necessity  
because we've already foreclosed alternative so you don't need to push it along you  
don't need to create a crisis to justify something every crisis justifies the response  
because the alternative has been destroyed both practically Vincent Bevins talked to  
this talk very well about this the way the Cold War existed to destroy alternatives 0:51:41

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to capitalism and ideologically growing out of that reality so that's why unless I see like concrete evidence I don't buy any of this \*\*\*\*\* about about provocation now individual provocation individual cases like cops breaking windows cops cops burning their own vehicles yeah for sure because they think okay that'll justify it but that's in the context of a protest that's already occurring that's not creating it and even then it's small-time it's some \*\*\*\*\* hot dog Nick \*\*\*\*\* they could go smash the window then I'm gonna get to waterboard somebody pay no mind idiot am I worried about the protests being co-opted yeah of course and a lot of people are pointing to derail Obama to co-opting it and all these awful brands tweeting their support as proof that it's not a threat but all that proves is that they're \*\*\*\*\* scared and they feel the need to protect themselves they feel the need to protect themselves 0:52:43 from anything that might come from us because the other way around the idea of like well because these brands are saying this is good that means it's not a threat to them that necessitates them having some kinda greed of control as opposed to them responding to a new situation and trying to cover their asses because they don't know what's gonna happen and they want to stay clean they want to make sure that nobody's pissed at them and of course they're gonna do that but it doesn't mean it's it's only gonna be as effective as we let it that that strategy of co-optation and and reduction and moving away from radical asipi moving away specifically from economic concerns that'll work that a degree that we allow so assuming ahead 0:53:45 of time that it's not going to fail assuming ahead of time that it's all been co-opted assuming a Halle founded oh all it did was they took they gave the cops like net guns and now you know half of them are black water that might happen but it's and frankly even if it does in that happening we could still create durable institutions that have an ability down the line and further points of conflict and further points of crisis of asserting a new unified opposition like the potential is there in every moment the potential is there in every moment and that is what is lost online because you're not in a moment you're in a realm of ideas and in a realm of ideas you can create a perfect model of what's gonna happen based on what's happening in front of you well because of X Y ; Z then Q R and X are gonna happen but that forgets that between those two points in time a bunch more things are gonna happen that you can't predict that aren't in your model and they're gonna change the conditions so 0:54:48 that's why all this stuff get only gets worked out in the streets and everybody trying to \*\*\*\*\* gamified ahead of time to protect themselves so that they don't get their hopes up so they don't look like they're they care too much they don't get cringy is on a fool's errand they're deluding themselves really more than anything because time is the element that's missing from all internet \*\*\*\*\* Tom political are given time defense happening over time events happening changing conditions creating

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new events that were not predicted by the original set of conditions that then create new conditions that then at every point moving you further and further away from the model that you created of events that was frozen and fixed and not moving and that is the dialectical process because that is part of that one of them big dialectical pressures is between time and Matt obviously ideas and matter but also time in space things not only in themselves but things through time things change through time by entropy and by chaotic interposition of other objects that damn and I'm the LaGuardia flight path but this has been more robust than yeah like the degree to which people can find out that they have that they can depend on one another and that they that like their armored nests and their isolation and their misery can be alleviate alleviated and that by helping other people they find that they have helped themselves and vice versa and that those connections what they do is they create they create an incentive to maintain connection and then over time and Trust which is the basis for all organizing along all up the reason that they say everything has to be a market relationship the reason that libertarians and the Liberals have insisted that all relationships mostly market-based it's because the assumption is that all of us are isolated from one another inherently and completely but that is a that's an imposition that that they that is not the condition of humanity that is the condition of humanity in the specific matrix of late capitalism that we live in now that makes it hard to break away and it means that a lot of that means that your attempts to resist it are going to be contained within a neoliberal framework because that's what you grew up with and that's all you've known but a bunch of people together doing that at the same time like I said changes conditions greater the pressure the greater the conditions are shifted and that gives breathing space and that gives moments where you can refine oh I am NOT a monad we're not almost isolated in fact that's an insane idea my sense of self and worth cannot it's not self generated by by by posting my way to an identity it's by finding myself in a context of other actual people and giving and taking in equal measure and then getting back as you give and finding that it is a virtuous cycle of engagement where you gain trust and you gain affection and you gain purpose and you gain the ability to organize and strategize because you don't have to get through all those baffles those layers of who is this person what were they from what's their agenda here are they a neoliberal are they is they are not see are they are they woke all that all that happens is because that that that that veil exists because we only know each other virtually and overtime you will figure out oh this person's for real this person's full of \*\*\*\*\* then you just stop dealing with that person and you deal with the people who aren't full of \*\*\*\*\* all right wrapping up here guys got a I mean the PERT someone is two disagreeing with me about predicting the future buddy I'm not gonna stop I always end up \*\*\*\*\* I always in

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saying I'm not gonna predict things and then somebody asked me a question and I go off with a \*\*\*\*\* tangent I read a Harry Turtledove novel I trust me I know that it's impossible not to do it and then it helps you think but it only helps you think that the degree that you can reel it in and maintain maintain a a real clear-eyed sense of the the I will be grilling soon soon it's gonna be storming I guess the next couple of nights I would have grilled tonight but yeah cuz like I came out and it was nice and sunny and it's already getting they say it's gonna storm all night there's a tropical depression coming so when the tropical depression is over though the grill is set I'm gonna do it I've got everything I've got a steak I'm gonna throw that puppy on there so I promise that next nice day when I know it's not gonna rain there will be grow stream and I guarantee you it'll be anti-climactic because after all this talk and all this meaning it'll just be an \*\*\*\*\* cooking a steak on a grill probably badly realistically it probably won't be very good I've never done it before I'll probably ask for advice from the more experienced grillers in the chat and maybe that maybe we can crowd crowd we can crowd coordinate our way to all right I'm probably gonna sign off here in one minute very done I got to go eat get some food and get indoors cuz it's definitely it's a grill it's it's a it's a it's a Weber it says it's the oh it's the big all right guys I will notice though since the protest started the clapping has stopped and it really does tell you something about how people wanted to feel useful people wanted to feel like they were doing something good while they were just Altaf eyeing and now there's something else to do and that's need that needs this impotent need goes away it really does show that a degree to which we fixate and gravitate towards empty gestures to alleviate a sense of powerlessness but the only thing that alleviates powerlessness is seizing or claim attempting moving towards taking power or at least challenging existing power formalized ritualized actions we'll never do it and that's why nobody's clapping right now because they've been out there at least a lot of them I know I've seen them coming going to Barclays because I live very close to the basically the epicenter so I've been out there a couple nights and there are there's people are like flowing like a river so no more clapping in your house now we're clapping in the streets and that's much better because the cops doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* if you clap in your house but they will \*\*\*\*\* kick your face in if that you clap too much in the streets alright folks stay frosty

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ah ah there we are ah hello everyone roll and roll and roll and roll and what we're a roll and roll and roll and roll one day limp Biskit will answer for 911 I hope I'm in the cosmic plane if not on this one eventually there will be some reckoning for the irresponsible role they had and calling down the cosmic forces that led to 9/11 and then the war Iraq and the war on terror hey guys it's a very rainy today it's the tropical depression or whatever today is the day it finally happened it's been very annoying cuz I never know how to plan my stuff and what to do and because I'm always waiting for the rain to come in it has not come and now it's finally happening it's raining but this weekend is gonna be nice they say which is bad news for the NYPD we'll be out there don't know where yet but we will see but I want to keep doing the streams and when it gets nice again as I promised girls stream incoming but right now it's literally raining at the moment and I was thinking since this feels for me anyway like a moment that service to spend many time in this moment of tumultuous shifts not inside it's raining time to do what I like to do best which is look backward so I was figuring instead of commenting on what's happening right now and it anyway specifically look we're starting off with some sort of dissertation on the events of the day of the week I was thinking that maybe we could talk in history historical parallels moments moments that rhyme as George Lucas would say moments that people want to talk about so I'm gonna start sort of by asking anybody on the stream anybody in the comment section and wants to drop a question what questions do they have and I'll see if I could answer them or at least talk through them and around them about historical moments that that they let's see what I got I won't be able to talk about all these of course because that's not I don't know that much about that much 1848 it's the first one someone says in 1848 is a good one to start with because 1848 was a very similar situation in that it was the unplanned spontaneous explosion of a long simmering resentment and dissatisfaction around a very sudden and dramatic shift in material conditions in two ways one you had the rise of industrial capitalism which was driving people to \*\*\*\*\* miserable conditions and cities and also even more importantly because at this point there's still work that

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many industrial capital workers there weren't that many laborers yet as a percentage of the population in cities they created competition and conflict with the dwindling and under siege artisan class and then so you had this shift in the mode of production and the way people work very similar to the way it was sort of the first rung on the ladder of of coercive rearrangement of working conditions because before the mid-1800s there was so much land in common that there was always a ability to all else failed subsist on the land which gave you bargaining power in any specific job 0:4:11 that was greater than the ability of the of the boss to get you to work for them if they weren't paying you enough you could say \*\*\*\*\* off and grow Terps of course enclosure acts all that we all know that was gone by the a by the mid eighteen hundreds so people were being forced into labor arrangements and wage relationships and that the artisan class the the individual self-employed manufacturer which was sort of a legacy of feudalism it was still a prevalent employment in cities but it was very precarious is the thing and there were a lot of very poor artisans late there were the poor artisans drove the French Revolution there were still plenty of poor artisans and cities throughout Europe in 1848 but then even the rich artisans were were in conflict with the state over the shift towards free markets away from industrial from local protectionism and the dropping of tariffs that made home crafts less less competitive 0:5:13 in the market and so there was this pressure on people to behave to to to work in different ways to be more coerced into labor to have less control over their own working lives parenthetically people always like to talk about well what because so much of our understanding of politics because of neoliberalism and capitalist ideology shaping our responses even our alienation from it we tend to go to standpoint a lot when we talk about ideas and so obviously people want to talk about podcasters on the Left what are you you're not working class especially if you're making a decent amount of money from it and it's like no not podcaster suspect specifically anyway US podcasters like us who work who get money from directly from their listeners were artisans we are we are those like the guy making making like stockings in this house like that's us it's it's it's a pre capitalist mode of production and that's still 0:6:19 embedded so even now that's still embedded within capitalism because nothing is totalizing but anyway there was this push away from that self that degree of alien of control over one's work but even if you weren't making money even if you were poor you saw a control of your own working conditions which is means you were less alienated than somebody who had to work in a factory at the direction of somebody else but you were being pushed in that direction people are being pushed in that direction so you just the way now after that has been totalized after wage labor became totalized under capitalism eventually though the deal broke down where the initial deal of okay you'll work for me and that'll be it and you I will be your

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employer and we a direct relationship employer employee and then after the rise of rigging that's okay and maybe you'll have a labor union or something or you'll be a manager and you'll have more control of your life well after the seventies crisis after the terminal decline of capitalism after it became harder and harder to bring profits out of old business models all of a sudden they wanted you to not work directly for anyone they wanted people to all be contractors being hired for specific jobs that require that involves and suggests no extended relationship no duty between the two or only one one duty in one way you you owe your employer your surplus labor and that's it your labor power that's it that's all you other and they don't owe you anything at least in in the American sort of labor capitalist treaty for the the day top that happened after World War two and that persisted and was never let down by labor by the way it was only let down by capital slowly and behind their backs there was a relationship there is an implied responsibility of an employer but that cost money and now they're kind of squeezed that out of the economy every job basically made since the economic collapse of 2008 has been some sort of short time part-time or gig job that's almost all of them not even exaggerating that you can look it up that you are literally reproducing one type of employment with another that is even more alienated and more threat there and more precarious than the one before it which is the same pressure that was operating in 1848 but at the same time you have that instead of it just being that like if that is a company economic growth that serves smooth smooth it away because it pains you back it's like yeah yeah you're more alienated now but you also make more money and there's more stuff to buy and there's a general rise and you know living standards and Happiness and you kind of be buoyed up and it's okay that you're being alienated more from control of your workplace or control of your labor hours but in 1848 there had been a continent-wide agricultural crisis the potato famine that people remember from Ireland did not just affect Ireland it affect the entire it affected the entire continent of Europe and it essentially decimated peasant ability to to live all throughout the continent but in addition to that they were all it was also severely cold harsh summers because this was the tail end of the Little Ice Age and they and there was huge failures of crops all throughout the staple crop fields of Europe which of course caused in the cities massive Rises and costs of everything specifically foodstuffs then that meant that poor people couldn't eat and wealthier people were spending more of their money on food everybody was pissed off so you're gaining you're losing control of your workplace and you're not even getting any money for it you're betting paid money that is worth less because you have to spend more of it on the food that you could you have to eat no matter what that's an inelastic good and now what do we see now we see this exact same slow motion and serf rien surfman t' going along with

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the collapse of the economy literally all those gig jobs not even existing anymore and so what happens a spark lights off a explosion of resentment that is seen by others and it's spread Strava cockman now of course you wouldn't have to guess where the more revolutions of 1848 started they had to start in the place that was continental Europe's first revolutionary crucible I mean this is this is why history is so great you know like if you read about the French Revolution I mean you say okay so that happened and then there was a continent-wide reaction and then Louis got the Bourbons got reinstalled and then you could ask that person all right then 1848 later on if they didn't know anything about Europeans who you know in 1848 things pop off again where do you think it started where did it start last time France the most populous country a country that was not developing economically with the insane speed of the UK and that did not have the UK's imperial resources to fall neither 0:11:25  
am i feeling all the worst effects of change and very little of the benefits boom and annaroo in a tradition of of successful revolutionary action you've got to go out the streets more likely to go on the streets if it you know it's worked I mean that's I think why so many people are paralyzed now and so many people want to go to the computer to find a reason not to go out and not to support not even to even not even support the demonstrations because you don't to be disappointed and you look at that you going oh like look at the record of these things they don't work so this isn't gonna work either but of course that depends on how many people are involved and how people respond to change to the conditions and the reactions of the state and things like that so in France well the reasons revolutions kept working one of the reasons they were so effective one of the reasons the way they were able to Rio for the Bourbons after they were installed and then overthrow the early artists was 0:12:26  
because they knew going out worked and so they went out more and they were more likely to do it and more likely to stay out and so everybody in Europe saw the flames rise in Paris and what do you know everywhere people were pissed because it was a spontaneous route for a volt that had no coordination that was essentially carried out by the same act the same class of people everywhere but everywhere but distinctly separated meant that there was no unified purpose behind it so in France the main art demands were for the overthrow of of the orally honest and the installation of a republic and then the right to work for industrial workers which included artisans who were not being engaged for labour and in depressed economy in the German 0:13:28  
cities it was those things but more importantly than any of them the thing that they thought was necessary to get any of them a journal a unified German state now we might look back on that and say you know what you guys really you actually need to look back on your math someone \*\*\*\*\* up big time because you know God love him everybody thought that was a good idea at the time even Marx but looking

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back ooh unifying Germans turns out not to be a great idea there's a little too much blood and thunder in that line I don't know I think it's something about the language the language has this sort of I don't know there's a there's a mystic bloody mindedness to German it's almost compound words they should be separated is all I'm saying the like the bishoprics and stuff and the Prince touches those that was again elected type II you know margrave's and land graves and \*\*\*\*\* that was a better scenario unifying that but anyway they thought that they thought the only way we're gonna get anything is if we get rid of this patchwork of stupid \*\*\*\*\* 0:14:30

fiefdom with you know individual royal families and duchies and and Archbishop's all of whom were reactionary all of whom had commanded greater or lesser degrees of absolutist control over their populations unite under one enlightened constitutional monarch and the thing is is they weren't wrong in seeing that as a worthwhile goal the same way that the United States now in a similar situation is wildly hindered by wildly hindered by federalism wildly hit them because I mean I we don't have to say worry about the unified cuz we're already there and we're already doing you know we're already doing a terrible job but like there it's clear at this point that the states aren't helping anything so and by the way I'm not being a linguistic determinism is 0:15:32

or idealism languages are the way they are because of the surroundings the actual environment that the people who develop the languages existed in so they are an imprint from a specific physical moment in space and time so that's what they're carrying with it the language is just a marker and a reinforcer of it and over time it gains power we as the original conditions are less and less there to reinforce they reinforce on their own but they said they they have an effect okay there nothing is a simple base superstructure these ideas are not as simple as they appear because they are also at a certain point they become reinforcing feedback loops that require one another and that if one wasn't there it wouldn't have operate the same way but anyway you need aliy they wanted Italian unification in the US in the in the Austrian Empire those sort of the rump remnant of the Holy Roman Empire that wasn't totally 0:16:33

severed by Napoleon they the individual nationalities wanted their own God and they wanted their own places the Hungarians wanted their own country the the Bohemians wanted their own country and so all of these revolts happened without really any coordination they forced the hands of their governments they were there was an initial capitulation and then eventually reactionary forces just waited for one thing for the urban middle class to sell out the workers which they did very quickly because they weren't as interested in a social revolution they wanted just political reforms to reflect the Enlightenment values that had become pervading in the middle classes and then once the working class has sort of been demobilized by disillusionment and 0:17:34

all that was left were essentially the students and some of the wealthier artisans they

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rolled them up and so there's plenty of reason to see parallels between 1980 and 48 and now the same spontaneity the same lack of a coherent organizing principle but I think there are also significant differences and one of them is that nationalism at least the way that it affected those conflicts is no longer relevant and in this era I think the closest thing you could say would hold the place for nationalism as in a thing that is within the movement of a movement that is that is potentially a conflict point is race and but the good the good news is is that all of these different revolts that happen in Europe their geographic location discretely is what reproduced their separation you know you had the Czechs in Prague you had the Hungarians and Budapest you know you had the Romans and the Italians in Rome and Florence and stuff and so that they were separated literally by geography and so coordination was rendered impossible as and because those real goals were also either sometimes we're in conflict with one another or were totally irrelevant to one another like for example the Hungarians wanted a independent Hungarian state but there is also an overwhelming demand for Hungarian to be the the presiding language of Hungary but the problem is Hungary was also multinational and there are a bunch of Croat sand and Serbs in the territory of Hungary Moldovans who didn't want to \*\*\*\*\* speak Hungarian and so that created a civil war within the was in the war itself but in this case that that racial divide is reproduced inside every city and inside every movement which means that if it's going to be resolved it can be resolved at the actual point of contact which is a very good sign yes the chrome apps are actually the ones who rolled up the Hungarian Revolution ban yellow cheek I saw a statue of him and when I was in Croatia a five-star pimp if ever there was one because it's because if that is why class is so important and that's why economic issues are important if anyone wants to win because think about the crow hats right the crow hats were also subjects of the austria austrian empire they want there wasn't it there was crashing nationalism there was a sense of Croatian identity but also they were part they were under the subsequent heel of the Hungarians so when the Hungarians say we want to be independent of Austria we want an independent Hungarian speaking country what is their appeal to the crow hats to get them to instead of taking the orders of the of the emperor and crushing them uniting with them what do they give a \*\*\*\*\* in fact that's directly in conflict with their desires there has to be something that can commonly unify everyone who is in a position of oppression to push together and that requires empathy but it also requires self-interest because they should not and don't have to be at odds they can and must in fact be together self-interest and and altruism need to be unified one of the big problems with the fact that so much of the left is wealthy and operates from a sense of morality is that for wealthier people the reverse is true in fact they don't feel that they are operating politically

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unless they are operating selflessly their morals require self-abnegation to operate 0:21:44  
because they have money because they're not oppressed and so to the degree that  
they run things this is degree to which they're not going to be necessarily interested  
in alleviating anything not only one at the material level because they benefit from  
the arrangement but two from the psychic level that they develop they they derive  
their sense of good conscience from the fact that they are that they give their money  
for people who don't have it and that they vote for people who will take money from  
them for people who don't have it or whatever or they care about issues that affect  
other people that's and that is I mean you can have people like that following the  
train as the as the lower push will always will but they can't be in charge so that  
is why if we have any hope right now it is that this movement coalescence around 0:22:47  
issues of radical redistribution and I really do feel like I don't agree with anyone  
who says that oh this has a key idea Paulo over it therefore it can't work that's  
idealism that's that's what happens when you spend all your time online everything  
exists is these frictionless categories that never interact and they're totally polarized  
because you're engaging exclusively in an anti dialectical polarizing diet dialogue  
with one another that you say oh it's got the icky stuff on it it's therefore if you  
can't be good that is that is the delusional idealism of online argumentation if these  
things will be resolved they will be resolved on the ground and as much as anything  
else the challenge is the pervading order I mean are you gonna tell me that \*\*\*\*\*  
policing is not a significant part of the global capitalist order and yes of course the  
danger exists the a danger of course exists that this all ends with the police being  
defunded and it just means that Bezos builds Robocop or something or that there's  
a black water of the streets obviously that's a \*\*\*\*\* possibility but that was going 0:23:49  
to happen anyway we're on the slide for that this might accelerate it but it's also the  
only thing that can interrupt the constant the prospect that could interrupt the the  
inexorable movement towards that inevitability you're not saying anything by saying  
oh a bad thing could happen because of this no \*\*\*\*\* bad things are basically all  
that happened the question is do you look at the thing in front of you the thing that  
actually emerged from these actual conditions as opposed to something you imagine  
might can emerge in conditions that aren't real they're in your head then I don't  
know what if I could tell you because that's the only thing that's gonna stop this  
that's the only thing that's gonna interdict this Avalanche and if if it does end with  
defunded police but funded \*\*\*\*\* Blackwater of the security agents well then then  
we \*\*\*\*\* up somewhere and then we could correct the \*\*\*\*\* up in the future that's 0:24:50  
always what it is the idea that there is some victory you can have that is untainted  
and complete that's insane that that's literally uh that's millenarianism that's that's  
that's eschatological utopian madness and it's only possible because you're thinking

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of these things as discrete battles you're thinking of everything is a discrete event that is unconnected to reality because that's how you can think about something you have to disentangle it from its context right or else you can't look at it otherwise it's embedded but in real life everything is embedded and so you can't know until you find out so you have to find out sorry but you have to there's no way you can reason yourself into saying that I'm gonna stay behind the computer because if you are you're looking for a reason to stay behind the computer and that means that you don't actually care about politics you care about being on the computer and talking about politics is one of the things that so ask yourself that look yourself in the mirror 0:25:57 and say do I really care about any of this political stuff or do I really like basically because I don't know what else to do with my time I don't have a thing that I can invest in that will die if any promise will give me back any psychic pleasure this is the thing I know makes me feel good and I know that like politics is like one of it like I just eating it you from a big internet stew every day and it's different seasonings and so like the salt and pepper are politics and video games and the \*\*\*\*\* the the garlic is is pornography well this actually the broth is pornography who are we kidding and essentially I like I like this I like this delicious pozole or whatever it is and and and one of the things that gives a taste is the emotional zing I get from arguing about 0:26:58 politics and if that wasn't there the soup wouldn't taste is good I wouldn't want to eat as much of it and since I don't have anything else to eat then I want my soup to taste as good as possible and that might be that's a lot of people and the thing is that's okay I don't blame anyone for that I am NOT trying to make having political opinions the sum total of someone's morality that is what the internet tells you to do I don't judge anyone for that I don't judge anyone for trying to cope with this world however they can but don't \*\*\*\*\* think that you're doing politics at the end of the day you're seasoning your goddamn soup and if you're okay with that that's okay but don't lie to yourself because it'll only make it harder for you you'll only be more miserable but maybe you're not maybe you like being miserable maybe you're a sicko and of course this applies to everybody everyone's eating the soup when they're on the Internet just a question of how much time are you spending eating the soup I of course love eating the soup that's the reason I love politics because it's the delicious 0:27:59 zing because it gives me a sense of purpose and and I virtue and identity and and and discernment but I also know that it is not a meal it's a fantasy meal to get way too involved with the metaphor so the question is how real is it to you and it will be to a degree commitment is to by degree but there are also those inflection points and if you have decided I'm going to ignore condemn or mock from a position of superiority and superior knowledge this uprising or whatever it is then you have made that choice you have the Internet is the the that's your entire foodstuff is that

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\*\*\*\*\* is the chunky soup of the Internet and that you really love those you love that politics you love them well you get that in there oh you get that politics in there in that gumbo Oh Mon Ami oh ma after you right now you like my gumbo that's fine 0:29:1  
but if I put that politics in that gumbo oh my lord Oh Mon Ami you gonna slap your mama cause she fall for Tromp alright so that was 1917 I believe they meant a function of revolutionary success or the weakness of the regime I think it's pretty clear that the Russian Revolution succeeded because the fact that Russia was not a modern state like the creation of a modern economy doesn't only create alienation the way Marx saw it it also creates accommodation and in co-optation within a system over time and I think that's nothing again are estimated just because he was 0:30:2  
not allowed to see it carry out it's one of those things where you can't even say he was wrong you can just say he lived at a place in time and then he wasn't alive anymore that's not a criticism it's just an observation but Russia even though it had the appearances and a lot of the capacity of a modern state in its real self was not it was a medieval it was a medieval society that had had the 20th century drop in a slap in the form of the Eastern Front and that meant that it was much easier to overcome resistance because resistance was essentially just coming from a inbred \*\*\*\*\* royal family and a small layer of civil servants and everybody else was either a small number of workers and then a bunch of disinterested - alienated peasantry that's not that's not that doesn't describe any contemporary culture any somebody 0:31:12  
asked about the Iranian Revolution that waning revolution is always a really good warning call for the left because it is often forgotten but that was originally a popular uprising that involved a lot of leadership from the urban left-wing the Communist Party and like radical students and that over time they slowly were removed from power isolated and then eventually massacred by the Islamists headed by LeMay so keep your head on a swivel ah the Easter Rising the Easter Rising is a lot like John Brown's raid in that it's a good reminder for people who fixate on the efficacy of action now you don't want to do things that might backfire worse but I think a lot of people talk themselves into thinking that they support things they oppose things 0:32:13  
because they think the backlash will be worse than doing nothing but a lot of it boils down to they don't want to risk their lives for something that's not going to succeed or doesn't have a chance to succeed and I think both John Brown's raid and the Issa rising were conceived by men who did not expect them to work they did not in both I mean Patrick Pearse said as much he said that what is required was a blood sacrifice I mean of course he said that he was a Catholic mystic psycho whistled on his way to the exit to the firing squad but they accept but they were also a recognition is that only some sort of dramatic interaction with the status quo was going to shake the the the stalemate open and break out of an unsustainably of

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a morally unsustainable situation and they were both right they all died but they were they were all right because within ten years of both of those acts there was a free Ireland although obviously it was still part of the Commonwealth but it was on its way to being free the Queen wasn't on the money more and slavery was abolished and so those actions which it would have required to lose true delusion to think would have succeeded John Brown going into the woods to successfully roll up an entire revolutionary battalion that would I guess America the northerners would just decide to like jump in halfway through and help him out or that that the that the the seizure of the post office and \*\*\*\*\* estate Stephen's Green was going to kick the Brits out of Ireland after five hundred years but what they were gonna do is they were gonna they were gonna change things and honestly the guy who I respect the most obviously for doing that was Connolly because Patrick Pearse was he was born wanting to die he was a Catholic psycho he was a blood he was like the worst kind of lay of of like Mel Gibson's style mortification fetishist the kind of the kind of Catholic for whom life is discussed as a vile and should be scorned and fled from us so of course he whistled to the \*\*\*\*\* firing squad Connolly was a \*\*\*\*\* communist Connolly Denis he was going to heaven kindly didn't think he'd be hit sitting at the right hand of God strumming on a \*\*\*\*\* harp but he knew that his people could be that he knew he couldn't stand to just live an entire life watching as \*\*\*\*\* England just squeeze the life out of his entire country he would not have been happy to see what happened after after the Civil War though I'll tell you that man place just turned into a \*\*\*\*\* whoo this is a bummer did entering the nuclear age of mass destruction in 1945 create a permit technological steady-state that human determination may never be able to overcome I wouldn't say if that's true it wouldn't just be the nuclear bomb I would say would be the nuclear bomb the combustion engine and the Internet together might have done that but here's the thing it might have done that but we can't know it has any more than we know we live in a simulation right because it won't it could only be validated in retrospectively we can't know so just like with the that's the question of if we're in a simulation you have to act as though you aren't because it's the only option so you have to act as though we can overcome technology we have to act that way even if we can just like we have to act like we aren't the matrix even if we are because there is no alternative and that isn't even being yeah exactly nobody's the quids a cataract the internet makes people think that they are because it gives that illusion of total total information because if you if you really in interrogated people they would admit sure I know that I don't really know anything I just know what the internet tells me but you nobody acts that way people do not act like that people act like they have been able to glean enough of the real the real terrain of reality to to grasp like the nettle of truth and see backwards and forwards through the prism of

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history you can't you can't do it none of you can and if people say they can they are literal frauds they are \*\*\*\*\* charlatans but that doesn't mean you can't act you have to act but that has to be that only comes from reacting with the world it cannot be which casts through the internet it cannot be reasoned with so many people online 0:37:29 basically played both sides of a chess match and then say ok this is what's gonna happen no you have to play the opponent on the action in an actual match you can't assume what their moves are gonna be and that's how people act on when they talk like if somebody says oh it's just gonna end with rubble cops everywhere they have played the chess match ahead and have decided how everyone's gonna move they might trust that that's true but you're a sucker if sundae's saying marx did what I'm talking about yeah Marx is one of the most one of the singular geniuses in human history he's a top time Brent all-time brain you're not I'm not you can't assume you 0:38:30 are he could do that because because he had the commitment to it then because he got enough reinforcement from the world around him to make him think he was on doing all that \*\*\*\*\* on the Internet you're not struggling the way he did to do it you don't have \*\*\*\*\* you don't have to stay up in your little your little Garret with with a \*\*\*\*\* lamp on covered in pustules you haven't eaten in a week you got to write another letter two \*\*\*\*\* angles from the sendee of 20 pounds hunched over no you're in your gaming chair with an air conditioning on and you're \*\*\*\*\* cruising the web and you're not even doing the work are you in the \*\*\*\*\* uh are you in are you in the British Library poring over the blue books of parliamentary inquiry no you're \*\*\*\*\* freeze that you're looking at posts I've read 10,000 posts that doesn't make you marks and it's not just because he was smarter than you it's because he was willing to suffer he was willing to do things that weren't fun to get there you're only doing fun things you're eating candy for dinner we're all eating candy for dinner 0:39:32 on here did you if you could do this if the meager outcome of your posts and your ideas about politics could sustain you in a \*\*\*\*\* in an attic without air conditioning and writing for ten hours at a time under lamp light or whatever then okay I would like to see what you've written but if you're doing it in the comfort of a life that it's otherwise so alienated it's the only way you can even find because marks did not do what we did because he did not have a computer he did not have any air conditioning you don't have a checking account I mean you didn't have a credit card these things mean things are different like the conditions of life changed the thoughts changed that the the vocabulary so direct comparison across time is impossible and 0:40:33 of course the the to cloak is your on the internet right now and it's like you got me I'm scared I'm just one guy I have to measure my commitment against my designer to maintain my comfort and I'm probably and I definitely wanting I'm wanting of where I would want to be ideally as we all are but I have to actually look at it I

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can't I can't go in here I can't dive in here to try to escape from that feeling because to quote the Bible the wicked flee would none pursue it you're gonna chase yourself across the internet to try to escape from that feeling and eventually you're gonna have to act in order to deal with it or you're gonna have to further delusion all right 0:41:43  
so anybody else to another am i man I try not to be mad anymore actually you know when I get mad like this I'm really not talking to anybody on the Internet I'm really yelling it past me I'm yelling up the me who wasted a lot of time trying to do all the things I'm describing and just gotten felt worse and worse over time so that's why I'm like oh god you \*\*\*\*\* idiot you were such a \*\*\*\*\* idiot that's really what it comes down to so I'm not really mad at anybody but me but the thing is I have to forgive myself and everyone has to forgive themselves too because if you're 0:42:44  
too filled with self-loathing you can't you can't do anything I am NOT a finished Civil War buff I didn't know such a thing existed I wonder if they I don't think of my Satori moment is wearing off I think it's being Mexicans Pearlstein I've said Pearlstein doesn't like me he just doesn't like the show because we're rude to his friends I mean that's been and he's like he is constitutionally a liberal he has a lot of faith in America's political institutions which is honest because he is a political historian like he doesn't really do he doesn't really do material analysis like when he talked he talks about Nixon and it's almost entirely in the context of Watergate and 0:43:46  
stuff and very little about Bretton Woods system breaking down and and you know in his book about Reagan and not a lot about not a lot about Volcker and stuff it's all kind of just seasoning so he has a lot more faith in like political processes determining outcomes so that you know and that means that he's really good at writing about him because he does the work and he's got the nuanced understanding and and he's done the research so their volleys they're very fun to read and they they'll teach you a lot about how public politics functions but not really integrated into like a broader material analysis and that's fine that's how most people are most people are only gonna get a partial partial description of any historical process I mean my god of course so they're very useful to that end but I think that because of that he doesn't like our rudeness and he also he's a guy who gets published in a lot of the magazines whose writers we have made fun of and who get mad at us and have blocked us on 0:44:49  
Twitter and probably have complained to him at parties about us and he probably was like oh like why are these people so truculent so that's too bad Veon Zapata man that was something Mexican Revolution there's actually a book by that name being spotted by a Frank by Frank O'Neill I think it's mean the revolutionary dynamics of the 60s failed due to their class character more than anything I mean it was a middle class uprising of middle class students people who literally didn't even have jobs yet people weren't even integrated they hadn't even been got pop bought off with like

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professional jobs or whatever at that point they were exogenously the economy so that's bad I mean the problem now is is that there's a similar exhaustion II here just because there's less necessary work being done as we now see I mean you can if you can have 20 30 % of the population stopped working overnight and things just keep moving then that does undermine the ability to to strike capitalism at vulnerable points she caused it to potentially stop functioning ah abolition of police unions okay now that's interesting because yeah I think a police abolition I do think is kind of childish I understand why people feel the need to to have it as a as a it's a totem but realistically it's obviously not the beginning of any real demands police unions are different but at the same time it's difficult to say everyone in America should get you know collective bargaining except one group of people like I said on the show before I think maybe radically limiting what unions can negotiate on would be good like I said not allowing them to to resist something like residency requirement or civilian oversight or taking their \*\*\*\*\* guns away I still know community-based policing is man I still all this stuff when he it ends up like boiling down to either its cat music like banging pots and pans in front of somebody's front room for littering or or I don't know what I think you we have not yet reestablished enough of a communal relationship with each other to allow that kind of thing to do anything other than eventually be alienated and abrogated two specific groups of people and then you're back to having the cops you have to recreate a social fabric for anything like that to work it emerges from a new social fabric it isn't it isn't it doesn't create one out of whole cloth I would say it doesn't cover my shooting negotiation where broadly because a lot of those things aren't things that other unions care about like the postal workers union don't care about getting able to carry guns or whether or not there's civilian that there's some sort of oversight for them were there for that for if they did something fireable it's just what they would do for fire ability is different programs like Cohen tell pearl and MKULTRA never ended what are they doing now that's something I've thought a lot about and it's scary to consider I don't know I mean that's the big what if like what if this all cuz we talked about this on queueing on me and well there was an article in the Atlantic by the woman who when she was a teenager believed in Illuminati stuff and now doesn't and she has this paragraph where she acknowledges yeah there were things like MKULTRA and whatever but but the thing is she never talks about what happened at the end of any of those they get found out years later nobody ever gets put in jail no none of the agencies to carry them out stop being funded nobody gets more accountable so why would anything change we get this mantasy of like the fact that it was discovered ten years after it happened through a limited hangout means that that it was stopped I don't know I like thinking about that because that's another one where if they really did

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perfect-perfect the gumbo then we're all dancing to their puppet tune and we ceased to be to even have a delusion of independence or even our free will was compromised beyond beyond reckoning beyond saving but same thing with everything else you 0:50:5  
have to assume you can only operate from the assumption that's not true and every point it's like yeah this sucks it sucks not knowing but it's the not knowing that makes you act it's it's the not knowing that that pushes you through the doorway because you have to make a leap of faith that's that's where human consciousness do I actually believe in free will free will is absolute in the subjective sense you are free completely but your actions are completely and fully determined it's just that that doesn't matter because you don't know how you can't see everything that is leading you to your decision you can only sense even vaguely a few of the almost 0:51:10  
infinite specific and specific and events and encounters and and influences that led you to make a decision you can only your only vaguely aware of a handful so that means that that ignorant is the degree to which you operate from freewill because you don't know why you're doing what you're doing you don't know why you're doing what you're doing so you have to so you you can't use that as the way to do the next thing because you are ignorant of too much of it that doesn't matter but that also doesn't change the fact that outside of you subjectively as if your entire actions charted with a full understanding of the influences of what any of them know they were a hundred percent completely determined no free will at all but none of that means anything it has no influence on the subjective reality of free will it's both the the girl in the Taco Bell that the girl in the ll old El Paso commercial so why not both girl is one of the great sages of human history because both basically 0:52:16  
all of the binary questions that have the deviled philosophy throughout history the answer to all of them is both the only question I mean the fact that you the fact that your body starts doing things before you even feel the fact that your body starts having starts doing things before you're even aware you're making a decision which is true means yeah of course free will isn't true but you don't notice that you're not there for that seven second second delay you're floating on the top of that decision-making pile you're you know you're hissing it with the steam out of the vents and you have to make sense of it you have to make sense of what you're doing you have to retroactively Lee makes some sort of justification for it and that is where morality 0:53:18  
comes in that's where all of our moral physical psychic and emotional somebody says sterner I forget who it is but somebody once said to me that they think that it's very funny that sterner was so hated by Marx and famously Marx wrote more words condemning sterner than sterner ever published himself but butts Turner's 0:54:19  
description of humanity is is man at the end of the process that Marx sketches out man at that point is Stern errs man it's just that in under capitalism we cannot be

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that and we have to get out of it and that means we can't act like that either because it's not in accordance why do we hate North Carolina so much I don't hate North Carolina it's a weird question I mean anything we've ever said against the South has been a joke because people from the South keep bugging us to tour there although less lately ah although I honestly at this point I would love to tour anywhere I would love to tour I would go to the Antarctic MacMurray Research Station and I would definitely like to tour Canada Trac jakub's over there I'm not wearing it everyday now I've got a little too self-conscious about it so I don't know if I the only way I could wear it earnestly as sometimes I'm not wearing it it's warm now and that's the other thing I will say that somebody mentions all the Confederate statues that have been pulled down I do think that I was always a little disappointed by those protests that were fixated on removing the statues because that is literally a symbolic issue and more importantly none of the map very few of them actually succeeded at removing any of the statute but now with a broader a more challenging critique that actually hits it significant structures like police interactions with urban areas those \*\*\*\*\* things are going down we're getting pulled up like mushrooms like what how about this how about we get our ways and it's like \*\*\*\*\* we didn't even say anything about the Confederate stashes of course allowing that to be satisfactory is wrong but it's amazing the kind of symbolic bonuses and side effects you'll get as knock-on effects of a broader and more challenging and debt Jubilee obviously I said Michael Brooks said it on his show that I was on on Tuesday and I agree completely wholehearted we need a jubilee all across the board debt obviously all kinds and then even the psychic debt of the internet although all the dead weight of our old opinions you know just so that we could shrug them off and of course oh they were gonna be liars and not banks who fraudulently get acknowledged again no no that guy's bad though these people are bad they don't deserve Redemption okay though you they get their Jubilee you give them the Jubilee if they're still bad and they still acted bad faith then you can condemn someone from a position of understanding not through not by everyone just fighting the ghost of each other someone said my beard is lame and they wanted to believe I mean lame is weird it's mostly from laziness but sure fine see there you go absolved everybody used to said anything bad in the past I was all of them but that makes the responsibility going forward to to honor people's faith in you for giving you the benefit of the doubt and then if you don't at that point you will be right you can be righteously rejected alright this will be my last question someone says do you feel like people are focusing too much on the term grill pilled rather than actually what being sent on these streams I mean to the degree that anyone is focusing on it as a as one it called - it's not caring about anything that's happening around them or as a meme then yeah I mean that's inevitable though I

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mean I can't sweat it too much I can only say what I can say and hope that some of it filters through the \*\*\*\*\* that the giant baffles of \*\*\*\*\* that separate everybody from everybody else online alright guys I'm gonna go but there will be a gril stream soon first a nice day you're gonna do it I'm very excited bye bye

*Triumph of the Grill*

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hey guys you guys watching it's here it's here it's happening it's really happening  
this is real life this isn't a dream you know that's right guys what is it oh yeah that's 0:1:6  
right it's time we're grilling tonight so the deal is I'm gonna just do a little test I  
just put some burgers till I get the \*\*\*\*\* off of the grill so got a steak here I've got  
eight a yummy looking guy I know meat is murder and uh we need to eat less beef  
but damn it well it's they're gonna have a little bit more oh so you know trigger  
warning for participating in the bovine Holocaust I agree but I'm weak I'm a weak  
man anyway so we're gonna get these coals good in this chimney which by the way  
somebody recommended on here that I get a chimney so I don't have to mess with  
lighter fluid very thank very very thankful this thing is honestly idiot proof which 0:2:9  
is great because I'm an idiot so you just dump the clothes in here you life some  
newspaper underneath it and it just gets them all cooked up and then you dump  
them out and they're ready so what I'm gonna do is I'm gonna be I'm going to be  
what do you call it going to be preparing a steak after the fashion of my good friend  
and America's favorite Italian American comedian Mike Racine one of the best chefs  
I know him and will are really kind of the two best cooks I know and he gave me  
this this way to cook a nice piece of beef where you of reverse sear so I'm gonna do  
indirect heat for about 10 minutes get it nice and kind of gray and then boom put  
it right on the fire for however it what doing the Viva see here out here in this place 0:3:13  
we're doing the reverse see here get up out of my face thank you yeah we're doing  
good we're doing good guys trying to have a way to put this thing around so I don't  
have to hold it actually you know what I got a UH I got a thing I'm gonna get little  
help hold on get it back sorry feels a little Blair which right there I'm sure that was 0:4:36  
kind of traumatic so sorry about that guys I got a little so what do you guys what's  
up what do you gotta say guys I'm not gonna really take any questions about the  
protest movement and everything because I just recorded a one-on-one me and Chris  
for Chapel this week where I kind of tried to make sense of everything I've been  
putting together in my head and on here for the last week or so into something kind  
of synthetic and a unified field so I really kind of spent on the topic and in fact now I

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feel really kind of relieved because I feel like I finally expressed what I've been trying 0:5:37  
to get at and I hope I hope people like it I'm sure it'll be divisive I hope it is I hope  
some people get passed because if they didn't then I didn't really express myself all  
enough but I feel good about it so anything else you guys want to oh man Oh laughs  
alms assassination I mean isn't has it there been like a kind of a revert a slow-motion  
drip by drip limited hang out about South African intelligence ship over the last  
decades like they let slip the stuff about killing Ruth first and then they let slip the  
stuff about beating Biko to death and let slip the stuff about the germ warfare and  
the nuclear weapons plans but it all kind of just went over by the by the way the  
same way that CIA over time limited hang out there stuff you know and considering  
what they were up to in the 80s I mean that entire regime was going through a  
complete nervous breakdown because they were so under so much pressure and and  
they were so terrified of losing that they went absolutely ham they they had bad 0:6:39  
torture camps in the middle of the the veldt where they had they were barbecuing  
people they assassinated people all over the world poison people that there's there's  
accusations in a cold case Hammarskjold documentary about the assassination of  
members role in the Congo parenthetically that there's like a South African front  
intelligence company like a front medical company created by the South African  
Secret Service to none of that stuff would surprise me the assassinator poem would  
have been totally in their wheelhouse of what they were up to bad guy cuz Paul really  
what Paul really was the the the point man for global apartheid divestment he's one  
of the guys who organized what otherwise would have been a much more difficult  
task of getting everybody on board you know because otherwise South Africa you 0:7:40  
could have leveraged different sides against each other you know triangulated oh I  
ain't had chargrilled oysters and I am feeling I'm just thinking about though Oh  
Mon Ami you get those in there like you get them trouble would stop oh you pulled  
a boner in there you crotch a bra delicious stuff ma'am ooh I want to get some char  
grilled oysters out there I think that might be a that might be one if I can get a hold  
of salt if I can get a hold of some fresh oysters I think there's a purveyor around here  
might get some oysters get up Hef do you like backpack full of them break them up in  
myself put some butter you get that garlic Bordeaux you put on there and then you  
just bought it on that file you get that cool fire going here you just cared oh you put  
that board you cook that boar out down there ship because oysters you get really are  
never as good as the ones in restaurants because they get you know they get fried 0:8:41  
a place because that's where it's the mark-up is highest so it has to have a certain  
quality level that you don't necessarily have to have if you're getting a wholesale so  
wholesale oysters are not gonna be as tasty raw I mean there were always three is one  
of the best most perfect foods in the world but only if it's fresh only if it's the right

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kind rolling right ton of you seasoned otherwise they're still great fry them up oh my god oh my god fry was too old a po-boy with therefore I what's the end oh oh oh oh slap your mama but the chargrilled oysters are also phenomenal I had them in New Orleans we kill em little em'ly you pull over gone there you you know all I could do even with a Oh child I still put them horseradish on there you know I'm gonna spring 0:9:43 that horseradish in there even with that boy I put that horseradish I like that ten ooh that tangy horseradish it really opens it up I gotta say Cajun food is probably the best American food way I mean what's its competition I mean Southern cuisine is great very heavy though the barbecue is its own weird nerd fiefdom that honestly is kind of alienating because of how sectarian it is it's like all right get over it though brisket pulled pork shoulder sort it out I don't care it's all fine just what's in front of me I'll eat it settle down like what else like New England like lobsters really good but you know they do better seafood in the goal even though the oysters aren't is good which is why they are usually better at New Orleans if you get a mic rider or char-broil because the Gulf oysters are not as good as the ones that the North Atlantic or or especially especially the West Coast Washington you might be losing weight I don't know I think I've kind of looked like I've looked eating less during 0:10:55 quarantine so I think let's sorry sorry about that all right where's my all right here we go alright alright so now put yeah and then we cover it so now we can set and 0:12:15 forget that one for a bit until it's time for the reverse here it's not hot enough some people are saying all right I'll get some more he told me 10 that's how when I put out put it on he told me I'll leave it on longer - I'll leave it on longer - I need you 0:14:38 guys to help me so thank you for that advice like I said this is this is literally my first time doing anything more complicated than a than a hammer so thank you guys I hope you enjoyed the view of my butt **\*\*Applause\*\*** medium-rare is usually what I get it's really high-quality meat I might go I might go let me go rare I don't know usually medium rare though seems like that's the ideal way the Colden path it's all about finding the middle path and everything that is that is the righteous path but it's the the fourfold path and that's medium-rare baby mwah I had a Easter's in Portland they were great I think my best port oyster experience so it's probably 0:15:39 Seattle does Washington those Puget Sound's boy boys or I think maybe the best boys I already salted it I rubbed up the steak the steaks all rubbed up thank you somebody asked me about Buddhism was that I didn't I saw so I thought someone asked me about Buddhism if they want to Oh No messages are being deleted is there a mob war because the mob going are the mods going to war oh that reminds me um I'm gonna leave this in longer than I would have if I had more hotter coals to begin 0:16:41 with but could you guys sorry you said a 15-minute timer yeah give me a 15-minute timer so I'll know to check actually no I'd like to check in like five I don't have a

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watch this is Mike and my computer's over there so if you give me a five minutes I think there is an internal chronometer yeah Buddhism is great it did change my life too it's good stuff it's the closest anybody's got it's the closest to the route that anyone's ever got all the way because you know no one is ever has all information in any kind it's impossible so it's only it's only a shadow of who could be but it's the deepest to the root closest to the root really that guy knocked it out of the park old sin hearts of Gautama real yeah real Ted Williams type producer theologically just one of the one of the absolute conversation for greatest of I've not been to a temple because I haven't been really able to rededicate myself until like I have this moment while walking in quarantine so I haven't been anywhere like I haven't even been able to integrate the idea of being outside into my idea of my my day-to-day life I mean it's my routine has been so prescribed now it doesn't even occur to me to do the kind of things that would have just like everything feels gone everything everything feels very far because did the idea of going anywhere navigating physical space like oh where do I gonna do take a Kluber what am I gonna to what what am I gonna do take take take the train like these are all recipes for Corona Corona Vail maybe to a population Corona feel you I mean never mind pop well welcome to Corona Ville population you somebody is going ham in the chat apparently getting put into time out they have time out how old are you people are you all babies are you are you the age of those \*\*\*\*\* kids that that Felix used to kill in fortnight I will be really pissed if you guys are those little babies if you little bottoms need to be spanked that is very disappointing to me I thought I was engaging in some sort of you know quasi Socratic dialogue with an audience of adult peers not not knaves and infants ah I've been pranked pranked by I mean obviously when we talk about the way that modern uh post modernity infantilizes first world's subjects such as us it's fair to say that yes you are all babies emotionally intellectually as am i we are all we all have third grade emotional and intellectual reading levels because that's how they like to keep us as little perpetual budding pubescence who need to satisfy every new eruption within them with a purchase the ideal consumer this is like the HMDA that the consumption machinery of a \*\*\*\*\* young person is like it's like adrenaline that you get like a hummingbird burst because your personality is so unformed you're so anxious that you're so vulnerable socially that purchasing becomes the anchor for identity and you grow out of that or you did you used to grow out of that but as the stimulation increases your ability to prolong that that awful agony continue increases and this the capitalistic reward system incorporates that into its profit projections and all of a sudden you have elongated adolescents for everyone under the age of 50 because we've never ended that state of post-pubescent anxiety because I'll tell you guys everybody asked me to recommend books I am a fraud I don't read the books

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I'm all grabbing words things like an infant I'm grabbing towards these ideas and then people say oh that's an that and I'm like I bet it is that makes sense I feel more like this stuff is drawn from the ether than from any kind of accumulated rational understanding of the world that I've absorbed it's very hard to explain though all right five minutes let me **\*\*Music playing\*\*** it's not really it doesn't look like it's 0:21:57  
getting much cooking it still has to cook catch more with these holes so I'm not really gonna start looking at it until the coals get more we might not even it might might I might run out of phone battery before this thing is done I have to accept that but I want to make if it doesn't work I'll just stick to Nathan's Famous hot dogs and oysters which I think I'll be able to do relatively easily just get a big flame you gotta make sure that it's kissing flame and then just watch those babies just soak up that Bordeaux on I mean not the young Sergio Leone I guess thank you I don't really know what he looks like he's certainly a talented director he had so many wonderful films what is best Balkan nation Serbia number one number one sitter via no I mean 0:23:0  
I'm from Wisconsin right so I have a I have a bulk in I have a I honestly do it for as far as an American can because I'm from the American Balkans I have a Balkan sense of of state identity so I have to go with the bulk of state that Wisconsin is and we talked about this the other day and we came up with some stuff and I think thinking on it I think the true answer is Serbia it all starts with Serbia is Ohio that cannot be defeated I think Croatia is Michigan then and I'm so Slovenia is the best baltic country because I am from the Slovenia of the the problem is what mmm **\*\*\*\*\*** the problem I have is Minnesota has a really good claim for being the most lavinia of 0:24:1  
the balkans - that's my problem Matt Illinois Illinois is not Slovenia Minnesota could be Slovenia I mean obviously I like the idea of Slovenia being Wisconsin because then you got the scissor connection which is cute but I think Minnesota might have a better claim on being Slovenia than Wisconsin does and then I don't know what Wisconsin is it's not Montenegro for sure it's not Bosnia I think Indiana is Bosnia but it's not maybe it's not even in the Balkans maybe it's like maybe Wisconsin this uh maybe Wisconsin's Bulgaria or something maybe it's Bulgaria Oh Romania that's it Wisconsin's Romania nope nope you know what switch it and it's perfect 0:25:6  
Wisconsin Slovenia **\*\*\*\*\*** Minnesota is Romania drop Mike that's done we did it guys that's I will not hear a discussion this is 100% correct I know it's not bulken but we're talking to the region because there aren't there isn't it there aren't enough perfect analogs because the upper tier is different than the rest of the Midwest and it has to be reflected in that it's got to still be Slovak as a thing that's why I can't be Greece oh **\*\*\*\*\*** Romania isn't Slovak god dammit this is Tarek this is really difficult well that's the thing is that Wisconsin is literally checkol shod the Czech Republic I mean if you want to talk about direct come you know that bohemian

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those Bohemians moved to Wisconsin so it is literally in terms of the population that he came from Bohemia which is now the Czech Republic or Czech yeah so if you want to go with that and like allow yourself to stay Slovak and move out of the Balkans proper then Wisconsin can be Czech Republic and then that leaves Slovenia to be Minnesota it's all very complicated and made up is the thing and stupid and a waste of time but at least it's not hurting anybody yeah I realized Romania wasn't Slovak I bungled that they got literally Romania a Romance language i bungle it I'm a bundler I have sinned I've seen before the masses looks like good going hard tonight last night I was out and just bumped into a giant I just stood out on folk on you know what this is going well it's uh he warned me about this it's like it's not a very it's not appetizing it's like kind of grayish brown like but that's that's the layer you want it to be when you throw it on for the sear so I think we're on track here if I get it on the other side the way I got it on that side and I can get it hot enough in the I don't know what the internal temperature is I know I don't have a don't have a thermometer my friend I'm doing beef because beef is like the lowest risk that I'm gonna die beef is generally the least likely to give me a \*\*\*\*\* bug or something that's why I'm picking a nice USDA prime piece of beef so that I can air because I don't want to get too vibed out on this the whole point of this is to be chilling right to be like applying oneself to an object but not to the point of internal stress and if I can right now like if I was without you guys if you weren't on here I would have one but this is too many things for me to enjoy at any level any of them if I hadn't if I had a thermometer to this mix it just throws off the equilibrium so I can't do it I understand your concern and I'm trying to maintain that Zen posture that balance of all of all forces and I that means you have to know what to drop you have to know what you can lose and in this case because I'm gambling that a nice piece of this is really good - this is like mail-order \*\*\*\*\* is is not gonna have a parasite in it I'm willing to roll the dice in order to have a good time and to maintain the chill and Grille attitude because a large part of it is that old cliché accepting the thing you know the ability to change the things I can change accept the things I can and the wisdom to know the difference I mean that is a cliché but like David Foster Wallace was 100% was correct when he said all those clichés that they use in like drug rehab and \*\*\*\*\* they are true and they do have profound meaning the problem is is that if you only learn them from the outside they're totally tinny and hollow and cliché you have to learn them from the inside you have to actually go through your life experience to the point where you get enough understanding of something that it ends up being translated down to a little pocket version of that idea and all of a sudden that cliché has meaning and helps you move forward in your life positively I'm not saying any of it is good I know that 12-step is a scam and that Alcoholics

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Anonymous is it's just a Christian cult I'm just saying that those cliché phrases have meaning if you build it up got the copter snorting the copters keep stirring the sauce keep stirring the **\*\*Music playing\*\*** why did you do that Karen Karen why did you do that we needed that money they **\*\*Music playing\*\*** we're really giving me really really good once y'all compass I always have to stand for Goodfellas there's too much about it that I don't deeply expect to okay someone's saying a isn't a Christian cult I'm just saying what I've heard I have no idea I'm saying I have no investing in these things being affected just that the be there is an observation we made that really profound life-changing truths Barban all when expressed that's all I'm saying the real ship moves you off of your can and sets you on a new course you it when it comes out of you it comes out in in flat cliches because if everyone else understood it the way you did they would all be like that everyone has different levels of understanding in different vocabularies and they clang off of one another and so you just say the thing that's most easily transmittable which because the other person has not experienced what you did to get to where you are it sounds like a cliché it sounds meaningless because they have to do the work to get around into it and make those words mean something **\*\*Music playing\*\*** I don't think it's gonna be bad I don't think it's gonna be great or anything but I think it might be okay so you know this was I mean my best ones are not gonna be on here you know like when I'm really like it look the whole one of the chief grill Hill philosophies is don't do two things at once only do one thing at a time so I'm already violating key grill pills Scripture by doing this but I felt like we all deserved it after all this talk and all these journeys together on all these youtubes and all these comment sections just a nice communal thing so for one time really I feel like this will be fun but my best grilling is gonna be when I have the undivided it's just me and the grill me and the grill and the fire and the quietude or the conviviality of a friendly friendly eventual combats that day ever comes I think it's coming soon I think I think the I think the containment seal on the quarantine has snapped I think people are gonna be back out pretty quickly in fact you could almost argue that **\*\*\*\*\*** okay you guys want to get really galaxy brained insane I want to put a catastrophe on this right now okay this is insane this is like total speculation I actually kind of feel sad saying and that's saying it doesn't feel like it kind of is irresponsible to put this in the world sort of Roku's oscilloscope style Basilisk however you say it but it also I can't get it out of my head now that I'm thinking about it so we've talked about how the sewer economy is broken right because of coated and there's no other way to recapitalize the American economy the other than the consumer sector because I thought we have left we've stripped out all the other in stress structure and sold it off and and and out sourced it so you can pour all the money into this hole but there's no bottom to it so it's never

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gonna start piling up and be useful and so something has to be done to change this dynamic because you can open doors we've talked about this you can open it back up that's only gonna confess some people to go back outside mainly people who are ideologically resistant to the idea that there is even a virus ie conservatives people who lose their own ecosystem of knowledge their own epistemic tree that say no this isn't even real I want to put my hair down I want to eat the cheesy dip and fit person funky beats so they break containment first because that's barely anything is ready there's still a big mass and people not even liberals but like regular normal people polecat was messing with my train of thought that completely the \*\*\*\*\* helicopter just destroyed my side of the train of thought you guys got to tell me where I oh okay yeah now I'm at thank you so so you can't get people who believe in the virus to go back shopping because they think they might get sick because they believe in science they follow the regular mainstream epistemic trees they're like yeah I'm not gonna go on hurt myself so even if you open up they're still not gonna go out you need to break the seal you need to break the enchantment of the scientific consensus around kovat you can't do it piecemeal because you don't have time so what if you create through a domestic patio type situation a provocation designed to stoke a series of escalating Civic disturbances that essentially give a lot of these urban liberals a moral justification for stepping outside and back into the consumer economy so that now when they open up everybody's out there and you can restart the engine I'm not saying that it's true I literally just made it up but tell me but that's one of those like matrix questions where even if it's true you still have to act the same way because you can't know you know how can you know how can you know it's no way to be truly unless somebody drops a big bag of documents and even then it would probably get absorbed into the question of oh is that a false flag is that fake is that a deep faith is that a Russian op is that is that is that is that a government spook op trying to tell us it's the government's booked out how do you get around that you know so you got I'm not saying it'll work either by the way you might the damage might be too deep but that's I think a possible outcome this is everybody's finally they open up again they're like hey I was willing to risk it to go outside to walk around and get a protest for \*\*\*\*\* hours how much more now that I've already broken the seal of containment I've already violated that sense that good no because the thing is all of that was sustained by this terrier around Koga the idea that everyone will die of it this will kill everyone even if you look at kovat it will kill you you think it's 1% it could actually be 15% it could be a hundred and fifteen percent it had to be that the stakes had to be that high to keep you indoors to keep you a good person for risking it so going outside means well I value these issues I value police brutality I value the police state I value fighting back against these tyrannies and racism I believe in

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those values more than I'm afraid of this spreading this virus so that means that you have to tamp down in your head how much you fear the virus so from now on you're not as scared of the virus which means you're more likely to way going out to a bar wouldn't it be nice to go to a bar oh my god oh my god sit down restaurant maybe okay go to a karaoke night because that and now the theaters been shrunk to size nothing's changed in the science you didn't find out oh it actually doesn't kill you no it still kills people still killing people it's going fewer people because of shelter-in-place and now it's going up again because of a relaxation of shelter-in-place but this is literally the process I was talking about where we get used to hundreds of thousands of people dying this is how we end up gaining complicity in it this is how at the end of this we look back and say holy \*\*\*\*\* 700,000 people died and we were all kind of okay with it because we all felt like at some point we weighed the risks and said it was worth it whether it was because we wanted to go to Fuddruckers we wanted to end racism one is a more lofty and mayor and Meritus goal but they are still both shrinking your sphere of your fear of the disease and also the degree to which you think of it as deadly the degree to which you're going to notice the number of people who die from it because you're gonna start to because she went outside you made that choice so when the bodies start piling up you've been uh you've been now before you weren't when we were all locked in waiting for the government we weren't we were we were good people we were good people who were following orders well for the best of everybody because that's what science told us and we know science doesn't care about political beliefs but now that we're out and we've decided to it was worth the risk and he said if people die we're gonna measure it against that and we're gonna be like we made that choice because we thought it was worth it but now we are we are inculcated not work we all have blood on our hands now it's like it's like murder in the Orient Express we all did the murder oh damn spot and there's nothing no way out of that mass now and now they normalized the death of maybe a million people who knows on me because now we're all feeling complicit in it in some way I'm trying outside the sphere now I'm gonna try to see it try to see it know it's not not long I'm at my ass this flat I'm a white boy I'm a thin ass flat I'm a flat ass pfl all right I have a surrender at any plan for this thing to be great than to be right off the bat perfect hit but I think I will be able to make it tasty it'll probably be a solid B but managing expectations between the screen and the grilling for maximum personal enjoyment so I set my sights low now if it's better than that I'm delighted and if it isn't I'm not disappointed as much I can just enjoy the ride to worry about it spilling advice from yours truly - thou art as I said I'm sure that it is fully cooked in even if it's a little not steak is one of them these dangerous I do have a loan slow project I actually would I saw somebody pointed out how to do the

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snake method to smoke with the 22 kettle 22 inch kettle and I have a big hunk of pork shoulder that is in my freezer and I was thinking that I could put that baby in the smoker well you know I know you got to put the tray of water in there next to it you just put it in there for like 12 hours or something I could definitely see myself doing that that sounds a lot of fun yeah because I looked at I look it's amazing how all this stuff is I was I was a little intimidated by the charcoal because you know I'm not naturally gifted in these kind of things and was worried it'll be a little hard to manage and you know maintain temperatures and things like that but there's a lot of it's a lot of idiot proofing in these I mean they're saying asymptomatic people think about that they're saying asymptomatic people aren't aren't contagious now 0:45:2 remember how that was orthodoxy that was one of the big things that people yelled at each other to convince themselves that it was good to stay in that it's you could have it you could have it it'd still be giving it to people you stupid that was the justification for for condemning others and for for feeling better about your your shitty decision to say inside which sucks but now I mean if it from the beginning you could honestly say I don't feel sick I'm probably not gonna get anybody else sick and people couldn't say that's not true it would have been much much harder to can force this entire this entire thing this is what you can't do conspiracy theory stuff because it's way too easy to create these things out of whole cloth so I just made up that thing about restarting the economy right well I could connect it even further back they also did the Cova thing as a as a false flag that's like I guess not as not 0:46:5 as made up but like as an engineered a virus but then also in addition to that false flagged up in the point of like hyping the crisis and juking the the science at the top levels to create a consensus around this is being super terrifying because there was a super big crackdown coming in capitalism like the the American economy was at the end of its elasticity it was gonna snap and things where everything was wildly overpriced and maybe this I thought was this you could just you could short the \*\*\*\*\* market like you could do a a class-wide like global 1% shorting of the market well you get as liquid as possible and then \*\*\*\*\* just drop the whole thing to the goddamn guard floor and then build it back up with you know that faucet of public money the global cash pile and then you have repurchased at essentially pennies on 0:47:10 the dollar and the thing is that's very compelling and persuasive narrative Lee and and if you really think it's too elegant what you end up doing is you start looking for ways to justify that and then you get that so you get that that that bias towards confirmation that people have confirmation bias and before you know it you've you've transcended reality but the thing is there's also a world where that was a hundred percent true everything I just said is how it happened we don't know if it's this world though and we can't assume it is because it's proof unprovable all we at the stake

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is not a shoe I don't have a very honestly pros and rillettes I think you guys might 0:48:11  
eat throw on this while I eat steak it's look I just flipped it it looked good I think  
another three or four minutes on the side I think it's gonna be good and even if it  
isn't there'll be a nice crispy exterior that'll be worth the tongue among them I got  
that I mean going to **\*\*Music playing\*\*** I'm gonna roll the dice a bit off the alright 0:49:22  
guys I know this is a very men going their own way dang just a piece of steak on a  
plate but like I said trying to manage the number of balls I'm gonna competently be  
able to toss and a side was gonna be way beyond my paygrade so we'll take a look  
at this guy that's my boy t-bone Saddle Creek I believe Saddle River or something  
like that sound off in the comments if you think it looks good and me on dudes isn't  
really good I have yeah look at it oh I got a nice goal I'm with you guys here how  
good am I gonna do this when I'm be able to focus look at this guy mm mm ah oh 0:52:3  
boy that's delicious and the beauty of these Weber's is now I just let the burp coals  
burn down a little bit then I put the top on you took those events and it seals it  
in its self so elegant so interesting and I was able to put it together in like minutes  
hmm no ketchup on steak her name's is good horseradish really probably my favorite 0:53:6  
I wish I had horseradish in this damn house they don't have any at my grocery store  
I don't know why but um no no ketchup ketchup is um ketchup is too much of its  
own star you know honestly I think that's it people think ketchup is too fat is not  
fancy enough but it really is this is ketchup it's too much of a scene stealer because  
it is so richly delicious it's such a perfect Toonami and it's still like resident it draws  
attention away from what should otherwise be the focus on the star of the show  
that's why you put on something like a burger which is not nearly as you know mm  
man I killed this I can't believe I killed this I thought this was gonna be a disaster I  
never did the reverse here before like I said it might be a little at some points but I'm  
rolling the dice because you only live once and you only grow once oh my god is you 0:54:9  
only grow wait a minute that's not even a that isn't even anything never once never  
mind I'm distracted man this is so good I realized that as I sit here you know in  
my decadent backyard with my my boudoir compliments backyard grilling and fine  
steaks my full David Brooks Ian embodiment as an American white male American 0:55:12  
consumer of middle age but I should say one thing about class then I said on the last  
somebody said that when I I talked about how I think chapo and other people I cost  
to podcast where we charge directly to the consumer I would be technically not not  
workers under capitalism not not petty bourgeois are you really even and certainly  
not capitalist they are artisans a preeminent capitalist form that's still embedded  
unevenly and eventually will be done away with I mean look look at you guys see  
how Spotify is trying to buy up all the big podcasts they bought Joe Rogan they  
bought last podcasts on the left they're gonna try to do what George Hearst did to

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the \*\*\*\*\* gold claims of Deadwood and roll it up under one big thing and then the artisans will be gone just like what happened in the woollen trades and and in the 0:56:13  
in the 1840s in Europe well we're still there for now we're still embedded in it for  
now at this point and the thing is somebody said that that's trying to like absolve  
us of our class position because it doesn't address how much money we make the  
thing is income is independent of class that has a correlation but that correlation  
does not begin at the level of class it is it's like it's super structural it's the income  
is super structurally related to class class position is one's personal relationship to  
the means of production the labor sells its time and labor his labor time capital is  
buys it small blue Schwaab is like a small hole you know cell self exploit s' as well 0:57:15  
as exploits the labor of others all that stuff they all make more and less money but  
that's independent but it correlates highly with being a capitalist because that's the  
thing you get you can extract the profits out of the system you extract the surplus if  
you're on the top of the exchange of course you're gonna you're gonna have more and  
more importantly that's so like if I'm if I'm an artisan I am NOT part of capital I'm  
not a capitalist as long as all the money I'm getting for my artisan work I spend on  
myself then I just put through my hands I don't buy anything I don't hold anything  
I don't buy land I don't become a rent here I don't buy stock I don't invest myself in  
the economy I don't do that I am I am NOT even if I'm making millions of dollars  
I am not part of capitalism I am an embedded relic I am an artisan but that's not  
what happens the more money you have eventually you buy things with it that's  
what it does so you buy land you buy lauranmatt more land than you need you get 0:58:16  
passive rents from that land you buy stock now you're an owner in a company that  
purchases the labor power of others now you're embedded in capitalism so you are to  
some extent invested in capitalism's for maintenance but that's independent of your  
role as an artisan it all flows out of them income of being an artisan if you're a poor  
artisan you I think this has been a great stream guys good talk good bats I think  
we've got somewhere with some of this stuff and the stake in this world I realized  
by the way today we recorded an episode where we talked about the protests and  
everything well it's the first time we've actually directly like talked about the streams 0:59:17  
and I wonder how many people listen to the show don't even know about these I  
hope there's an influx of viewers because I really feel like I'm getting at something  
here and I like the feedback penny buzu a person does not have a fully extractive  
relationship to the market like a capitalist does he is but he also exploits capital  
which puts him in a balanced position between the two major classes which is why  
the way that the petty-bourgeois goes depends on who has the balance of horses on  
their side they tip towards the winning hand that's what happened that's what's  
traditionally happened that's certainly what happened in the like the idea that we 1:0:21

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personally drove away the Warren voters by being mean to them this wildly idiotic and undiluted I'm afraid they were as soon as Biden's hand was strengthened by the the DNC Obama intervention and the entire suburban white Democratic electorate the the six-figure plus management types make up the backbone of the party decided on mass on Biden it was all over but the fighting about the shouting the Warren East is were tipping to the no longer being nice to them or Mena all right guys I'm gonna finish up the steak I think and log off soon I think it's been like an hour right I'm feeling really good doc I'm feeling like I'm entering new levels about I'm unlocking new levels here the introduction of the actual grill the imitation like this is even in 1:1:23 miniature when talking about the imminent is a ssin of the grilling concept from a what do you call it a metaphor to a direct physical intervention in my life that's right the material manifestation in front of me something that I interact with with my senses not just virtually my senses that I feel touch build up feel invested in to the degree that I right and now this space feels different like this place with the grill is a different place than it was without a grill I want to do different things with it it changes my life it expands my social circle I'm gonna have more people over here with this drill once people start doing that which it's not going to be long then I would have without because why do I want to sit back here just like a bunch mutts when we have the drift so I know it's a very facile exact example but I really do think that that a lot of this stuff is fractal and it like you know a small example does 1:2:24 shine a greater light and and if you look close enough you can see the connections so I'm gonna finish up this blue delicious t-bone right now and then I'm gonna go in oh no I'm gonna do yeah finished Moby Dick I think the book that whale is nuts a hab though he's I like to cut of his jib as they say goodbye

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I just said he was a lid Trying to be a descriptive not Not pejorative Are all filled in Your cultural context And that's why Trying to communicate My difficulty is trying to translate across Different Different symbolic orders people have different Words that mean People By one person Translate Ideas very hard We're lucky we're able to do it at all So I have grilled sent the grilling of the steak And I'm planning on going after the stream today Just want to focus but I got a Thang Pretty cool Very satisfying And delicious Easier than it looks Father and Uncle sort of happiness you know Masculine abilities Child appeared almost magical And then When you grow up essay As a stuntman child you never really pursue them Partially cuz you feel like you have to earn And then eventually do do them any like this isn't that hard I build a fire in a building fire not hard Grilling with charcoal not hard But I do want to get more ambitious I want some seafood And I really want to do I want to smoke something I want to smoke a big thing I found out about the snake method with the What does pues of coals without you got to put a tray of water in there I think I got it I got a plan for oysters Gunsmoke that Smoke on that wound Pig The smoke that loud Pig Allowed long Pig Brisket is so hot I had so few brisk Professionally cook I don't think I'm going to have a lot of But I mean It's cheap so I can give it a shot Yeah see that's the thing I got to figure there's got to be a lot as they say hello Steep learning curve Cuz I'm a lady You can keep Experiment What's going on guys What if you want to talk about Pretty pretty Relax today No particular agenda is nothing How big is grinding my Gears of Peter Griffith with Scion the Family Guy everyone's favorite show I knew someone was going to ask Really really Powerful Descriptive teaching colleges for exactly how We serve band conditions If this absolute Thing that you look at It's happening in front of you Sarah when rock climbing total knowledge of everything Right Because everything is stupid Fingertip obviously we can do anything Pretty well to make it certainly we will we know everything well enough that f\*\*\*\*\* opinions How many people rap so much of themselves on opinions about foreign policy and things happening countries they've never been to Because of Express their access to information I'm so the chance of

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happen Cross the country most the people commenting about it one way or the other or not there So I have heard Everything that everyone has heard that it's like a Will power Bastion of of Communalize living Glorified Park Infrastructure added Collectively That it's a mad maxian hellscape SoundCloud rapping dictators like a v s naipaul story I'm of course certain that most the information I'm getting about it is not Correct or is motivated in some way or another by the people who were offering it certainly all the stuff about how scary and dangerous Tristan amplifying that The stream comes out the stream of information about jazz comes out Perspective on things like anarchism versus Communism or no Reform Judaism versus Revolution or electoral isn't versus direct action or people who have Different strands of leftist infighting They're going to come to the Chaz with their predetermined Time or the first green shoots of Avo Revolutionary tradition Rihanna work in Paris, Mia And They're operating off of the exact same information on face And they're doing the same thing Without knowing it which is Every piece of evidence that they see that counter Man's their idea of what the chance is is subject to rigorous brutal Street Who said this Where does What was the motivation I wish I was not a cop what's going on What you already wanted to think about You I mean I'm sure you'll give it If you're trying to be a serious and Getting your takes perfectly sharpened You're not going to get anywhere near The scrutiny But you gave The information that was against what you thought about Chad And so that means that You have People Fighting over Chaz on the internet Literally Fighting over to Caricature Puppet version Something that's been discussed Chad over And of course that's always the case But to see it happened right in front of us and to see Results of the conventional wisdoms Immediately coalesce And how's the same informational stream Is tailored To one or the other It doesn't give you a lot of Hope for the internet I'm balance better for social organizing Because Serious always owe you can get information to people Air filter It's been controlled by Privatized corporate interests if it's directed towards Prophet Acculturated away from being able to True from false information So I would say I don't know enough what's going on I don't want them nauगत National Guard I don't think that it is a any kind of real commune I don't I mean apparently they're not actually occupy any buildings And they don't have Independent access to things like electricity Sewage and stuff like that and if you don't have that ability You don't you're not really independent in any way for You are so pure there sexually the sufferance of the state would be withdrawn at any moment I mean that's not That violates any definite meaningful definition of Independence If you give me rescinded at any time Unilateral Then you don't really People actually claiming it They're just there Hopefully pointing out that this is One more unprecedented thing in a year of unprecedented things Which means that the old assumptions about what's

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possible Are not holding And it would be foolish to hold onto in fact given how fluid everything is and I agree with that It's just that that doesn't necessarily Arkin only deposit Direction If it can make a mean unprecedented in every direction Yeah that's That's very good picture of the of the farm they have Like and it does look like the Matt Damon potato Poop Farm. Inside the whole thing In the Martian The question of self-analysis in Enchanting yourself towards a goal Is it this is more complicated You can say People need to believe in order to act and that's a hundred percent sure you have to believe Now part of that is motivated by Self-assertive love Universal love That allows for your personal body to be sacrificed for the greater good Since we're not really spiritual culture much more of it is I want to do good In the world Make things better Things get better And that's a completely different animal And that is much less less harder G22 How few options for changed seem to be effective or even within grasp that means the people Have less motivation to to to push forward I have to be to grieve self-delusion We have to Alderwood ourselves a little bit Or else nothing can change my definition If you lose yourself too much if your Deliberative process Putting all the effort towards the wrong thing It's very difficult and I don't have an answer Did you do what you balance Your investment in one thing with with your at least awareness of others This person has apologized for making fun of my drilling relative to starve us I wasn't annoyed you put us in direct competition instantly As soon as you're comparing grilling You have lost your now back in the marketplace so how am I going to defeat this guy well there's only so much You're no longer trying to satisfy yourself You no longer trying to Kratom Try to be somebody else Competition Escalated to the market Until you've completely cap cut yourself off from why you did in the first place Everyone looks like this to themselves relative to others Shouldn't put any heat behind it She just be something that you can hang out like that guys better than me of this Or do I not care that much As opposed to being wounded Angry Guilt is a terrible terrible thing to I'll Behavior Because for one thing it can be seated with something short of actually changing Because it can be extinguished through Ritualised Getting on Sarah Paulson being like Yo I take responsibility I feel a little cleanse after that you don't think they feel like they've done some rosaries Like you're washed away In fact Since they're so little positive you know spirituality in people Like you've done something to absolve guilt First of all people have to feel like they're doing anything more Mechanical transactions in the marketplace Is there wasn't racism That would make it That would be terrible for How could they How could they hold themselves above the math wife so they're economically Superior. Same f\*\*\*\*\* and going Social darwinists Social darwinists Social darwinists Pennsylvania Their knowledge of their guilt The reason Tennessee Coast so popular among white liberals Because he actually tells them Nothing can

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ever really get better because racism is so deeply ingrained in America is it's like in the DNA DeCamp There's no there's nothing I hold onto There's no there's no Archimedean lever If your if your if your granite top granite counter table ass White person Who is aware that he lives in a wildly 8 Unequal society and a viola viola Global Marketplace And Society Somehow on the top of this thing through it ThruLok and family physician and whiteness What what what what reason does he have to have those nice granite countertops in so many people talk He deserves those kind of granite countertops Because he recognizes that he doesn't actually deserve Entitlement Because why are things bad because of me because of my granite counter table not because of the relentless Vampiric demand of capital that I am a f\*\*\*\*\* pair Personal virtue The manors of the that's what it's always been and Beyond specific technical skills It's not working Current contacts is anti-racist Value system is anti-racist It's a personal virtue it was that they rose up from the depths of white ignorance Conquer the racism Poor people poor people are being held down Racist white people Racist They can't they keep stopping us from doing good stuff because they just hate Healthcare or even any kind of countertops Look at that now I have now I have literally laundered my Kilt About these granite countertops To the effect of change nothing Network Which I think you did Anybody anybody They thought we're leaving Destruction Was probably I was being pretty face when he was going to intervene actually As an act that have the UN intervene as an actual Disinterested intermediary in a post-colonial Conflict Imagine The theory about the anti-apartheid Economic boycott Which Was what they recognized Existential threat To apartheid Father cough with pastry cream I'm sorry It's supposed to be the most bass thing but really it shows that you just gave up on the f\*\*\*\*\* homework halfway through Capitalism As a Mode of production Structures social relationships no no no no no Goose Use everybody is a puppet Which one is more plausible Which one is more Which one corresponds to the Beloved Western rational traditions and empirical Traditions that they Evil band of f\*\*\*\*\* Wizards Did you hear that our social relationships are determined entirely Bye The productive forces in an economic Structures of the society we live in Which iron turn entirely detect determined by the Actual environment that we find ourselves in the material conditions AMC resources Tiagra This is easier to understand because because Has August It's when your kids are Capital gets too hard towards the end of this f\*\*\*\*\* math and you say Yeah yeah yeah yeah I need to run up the flagpole here in like that hard just so that you can Harder and bigger than normal Coughlin How to start a Ulysses that I finished I'm going to reread lemeridien next because But with the same sort of like the symbolic order flipped to land Ambiano Moby Dick Year to take place the same year around the same After just finishing What happened to the Jake's at the

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end spoiler alert I think that's the final it's his His resistance to what set represents being finally defeated Well it's I mean I'm probably going to read a number once before I get to Ulysses so maybe I'll wait I'll wait around till next year then get it I should read Gatos I've never I never have I don't have one I have a beard It's moist out enough that it's self cleaning When I forget to do the beard balm Take a while Finally coming in I don't know how it works Unifying or gamifying learning language that sounds cool I've never done it I've decided that I'm just going to go all in on English Cuz my brain can't really divide Literally I have very bad math skills I've read it All the time I never would have been able to finish it otherwise but It's I think it's Very good And I feel like If people Nowadays every all artists directly reflect the current moment You know which is pretty It's a pretty shallow way to read literature not a very useful one and Also Creatively very very dull and static Cuz you already know I mean you're aware of the world around you sing it reflected in writing Is not very interesting Tell you something about All the time I need a butcher Universal conditions because what Most things that are explicitly supposed to be off now are books that are more Timeless they get The game residence retroactively this is all the way to save it What are the best things I've ever read Mid-90s Things to talk about in there at the time we're still They were all Current but they were they were not they were hard to hear Radio station Supposed to just the Thundering they are now But he was biting on that frequency and sell so instead of trying to beef up now Are making now which means Getting residents over time as the predictive power Is increased So I think it's good I have to say Inspire me want to do more for the seafood Cuz I think that'd be really fun but those occupy look See somebody do something good should give you It's about the motivation though Or for an application for the greater good of a sudden Cooperation without even having to say anything Because you're not accumulating negative feelings towards one another and you're not entering Noah entering into a destructive Waste of resources I'm definitely going to watch Like the first time since quarantine drop anything I'm streaming Yes looking forward to I like play more Can you play it on here I don't know I don't know but I don't know how to do I figure out a way to go to the office Maybe someday Maybe some quiplash I might suggest in my chapped lips Twitch stream setup Fym guys Chelsea rivalry is a better motivator than guilt Emotional competition You have to be self-motivated Give me the ties through action They reinforce each other I think the upside is don't f\*\*\*\*\* it's not necessary to try to And like other people's goal other people's motives for anything because how can you ever know You'll never know All you can even come close to proc maybe not even then completely is wrong So focused on that ask yourself why you're doing what you're doing That's it that's all you can ever do Everyone assumes each other's motivation And as a way to

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contextualizar argument Which means you're not really an argument there Engaging in a process of Evaluating A person Like I said it leaves you on totally at the mercy of people who can speak the right words Who can who can mount the shovel s Which means you're Even though you're you have to be wildly paranoid of everyone you end up being the most credulous roof How many people who wanted to dunk on the chest thing Instantly shared everything they saw no matter where it came from what the hell About account been created Tampered with Or Emerge from 4chan or something Everybody Because it comes it's it's it's going through the right shoot What is walking the path Esoteric but if basically comes down to You recognize truth that all Human acts are predestined and predetermined by What came before them There's no such thing as free will in reality Like I have said many times Free Will is inextricably linked to Consciousness so everyone has free will because of free will But From outside Every person's Conditions route its entirety It's not just everything that has happened in the past Because the more Conscious of The more you are aware of The inevitability of the next ACT which is Just another way of saying deciding what to do next So if you are If you develop Consciousness through Make a spiritual practice Meditation Psychedelics Buddhist ritual And get to get closer You are you're making an effort towards getting to a state where you are Aware and conscious of As many emotional and physical antecedents to your decision to the moment you're living As possible which means Easy for you to discern. The path that you should be taking I'm real But you can see it At least the direction it might be headed You are present and conscience in the moment And that is recognizing the path and then That reduces the Emotional feedback the emotional negative the fear The fear and anxiety of of uncertainty that deforms our choices and pushes us Towards towards what is essentially it will still be in But you still have to make the choices and if you can see sort of a direction in front of you even vague You make better choices And I'll make it easier for you to not react to your next choice burden by emotional baggage Which is the real thing that sucks is up is that we are not operating newly each moment What it is Very negative And which we wrap feelings around Beyond those there were not even 95% That fact We have a subconscious association between Ark Our experiences and our emotions The we are not aware of And oppresses US forward Unconsciously Responding to what's happening emotional And we have to Emotional power in the moment The power of emotion in the moment Tudor arch your hand Unemotional Did I resisted Buddhism for a long time because I love the people I love this Things in the universe I can't imagine living in a World Without Love All emotions are still fully self in an inaccessible Not Drivers of your behavior You are not driven at least you're driven lasts Do I have a New York I mean As long as I have the right Environment around me it was specifically people That's all I

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really care about File Delaware where I think the best best human The Methodist human ecosystem Exist Pittsburgh Milwaukee Bucks Pittsburgh Charming How do I do really like Open Water I am a coastal boy I'm an inland Coastal boy those river is still really do it for me Pacific Ocean There's a there's something about the Pacific It's a Ruff Bell City which is one of those subsections Venn diagram Rust Belt has so much to feature of the cultural identity of the Upper Midwest it's like a it's like a cousin Copters around again today We have two copies out When I see you I mean everyone's the joke everyone is made of a touch with Jake is that obviously no but he's not losing any Miata video of trees free book sharing Services because no one reason s\*\*\* and I want inflammation Basically frontman for some sort of Lars Ulrich Ian anti Napster More popular writers who don't want to get dragged for Filth The power of human delusion there's a real chance to check when they take stuff Standing between him and my career in The letters of the word of literature is The Fray You might really think that once they can't do this anymore I'm going to feed a stuck its role in and I don't know what is But you'll get to quit it and that's how people have it out That it allows us to reality of their situation they will take it Pretty much all at once again Bile is that the internet tells you at every point there is an escape hatch there is a The way out of this conundrum material can you find yourself in if we work through they could be a Kik Applying to a higher level of traction on the internet wing and that is That's the that's what traps assault and it's amazing how many people can view them Materials can see that every element of the internet is designed to give you hints Navigation to alleviate boredom every every the satisfaction of your life by keeping you on the internet Pornography for your last video games for your for your unengaged intellect Why the hell but in every point it's only there to do some further to maintain your Investment in the internet as the market left one and it says a consumer platform Why would politics be any different why would the why would that it is not Reinforce the same structures that is designed to reinforce for every other human dissatisfaction I think it's because people think they could Mark the machine and you can do it once in awhile but it's a house always wins type situation Because you're on there so much there's no way you can keep up your garden long enough to not eventually get swept up I'm doing Pretty good guys thanks thanks for asking I hope you guys are all doing well today it was muggy and raining out today but it's nice as Chris Oh my God Virgil and I have become a says we need a bandage after it's version of the internet I talked about that Yes he's okay in fact we're worth worth hot But this I just had to just reminded me of a very good idea that we had together and it was People can't handle the internet come to the conclusion You creep by creating a mentat for Bennett Jesuit High class of people whose job it is Who are selected for the purpose of absorbing the internet and

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then They could be trusted to translated to the rest of us through more You know right it Oral tradition new art Class of interpreting instead of the material world interpreting the internet for people so that they don't All lose their mind and I think both version I agree that we can both YouTube we both must It is our destiny to be members of this class but that there needs to be a real screening process And we need to orient ourselves around happiness differently to Acknowledge that yes technically you were losing freedom but not being able to go the internet But you are gaining weight a lifetime Human connection for gaming Especially because instead of instead of sporting out all of your animal Table Unutilized human potential Could you call that a sense of Freedom we don't allow people to sell themselves into slavery nor should we Do not allow people to make a free choice to to destroy all of the could make them into a better person Complete were spiritually attacked person Tell if they can alleviate from Moment The Suffering of being a human by constructing a Metal version of humanity a puppet that they can manipulate across cyberspace The Picture of Dorian Gray style shriveling up there Shriveling up but there's Good stuff on there and it's very good for me and and owning and Very fast prescription list Forum Communications but you have to have a certain Handle it Mostly can't It's Your Ship cannot beat everyone that's going to say anybody And we should not allow it My favorite building Good question I don't think I have one cuz I'm not really an architecture guy I don't have a lot of knowledge Brutalism like art deco I really like the Chrysler Building in New York And also the Brooklyn Historical Society is like I'm going to have to He's now that I'm feeling more more but I'm going to watch this one just to see if I didn't start speaking tongues halfway through it Oh man When you think about what they did what they did to Madison Madison Square Garden Penn Station to Penn Station Just like Penn Station is like an experiment in human spiritual how much will you take Just squeezed into is a test to see people live in a Habitrail How long can they exist as characters from Metropolis before they just start chewing on each other Like rats cornered in a f\*\*\*\*\* edge up in the sewer pipe Very bad place very bad very bad juju there no thank you Union Station Ice there's a lot there still some really nice train stations in this country Downtown train station Philadelphia Union Station in DC We were just at the one in Boston that was not bad but Penn Station is absolute Garbage dump I have talked about the police about previous PVC tubes Obviously that's everyone's Tad airport should be hard at this as well Trump really ordered the Army to kill everybody and I said no I don't know if it's that dramatic but there was clearly pushed back On an organizational level for the military against Trump when he attempted to call Which tells me definitively really and I already thought this was true Absolutely Trump cannot do any kind of suspend the Constitution Crackdown not have the election

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The people who would have to carry out those orders won't do it and It's not cuz they are it's because they have no investment in Trump Trump is just some guy who's passing through the Republican party has Necessary ties to the Pentagon And the perpetuation of that system the duopoly is much more useful to them then what Norm's in governance For Trump Threaten them in the least I got is going to give him more money and let him more people What would be the percentage for them to do it now if you have some sort of like Prices of around and watch like saying we have a 20 mm Pepsi look at Absentee balloting even in the middle of the pan and have 12 hour late Because it's affecting and those results are called instantly Mobilizing You guys are about to stop Within the poll And then maybe couple years down lifelike all right you guys is everybody cool down Have enough of these necessary like institutional barriers to Military rule in that. Gone away can have another election As as as as what they imagine themselves to be and what we all imagined But once again What actually is and how people perceive it have nothing to do with each other It is how they perceive it actually Dictates how they respond politically The people the vast majority of Americans have faith in the military Because they serve you what is non-partisan That is why it's the only bipartisan least supported Institution That doesn't just mean those people it means the people who make up the military they're wrong Of this Buchwald class dictatorship They actually think that I political False consciousness Operate Everybody Because nobody People are only aware of how do you spell economy Or the mode of production or capitalism or class Wonder translated into things like political party into things like nation state I've said before that are most likely outcome of an application of democracy Some sort of officers coup along along the lines of Thailand Or or or Neutralize Is not Material It is political Like This whole second Civil War thing is going to be fought in the minds of the people imagine it would be flat between The population Government policy And more enduring structures of the state Like the military Equestrian Before I Say I Do Excuse me It did not create the modern nation-state system Post facto justification for later Figures you're redpilled on the Treaty of Westphalia Accelerationism again I don't know what it means Because Unless you're Talking about things like voting for Trump or something This is confusion about material about about About Base superstructure Observing that the only way the things are going to get better is if Cultural and political Deadlock That's just a recognition of the conditions were that we're in crisis of capitalism is in crisis The line is going down is that accelerationism I don't even know what That are meant to Because it doesn't seem like we're describing the same phenomena Accelerationism Identical to two Analysis At the current moment Just describing what the conditions are I guess that's why I don't get Actors Black Panther I 100% think that those are

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people who are trying to get clout For the gram I don't think Why the hell would you hire real actors Devon looks like Ben Bailey from Cash Cab Television to become even more famous as a different guy Even without changing his face Doesn't make any f\*\*\*\*\* set Why would you Why would you pick somebody who can under you know actor wear brand ambassador If the point of it Is troll I guess then Fair on you but it's the point of it is to actually Exert influence on I mean Is there anything that would midi mediate against People Taking this moment to Booster brand Is there anything in our culture that would Now they're only currents in the ocean that would Basically ensure that that would happen Is Flo from Progressive I mean I'm not guaranteeing anything All right guys One more question and then I'm going to I'm going to start grilling over here I know this isn't a question but I do agree Floyd from Progressive Flo from Progressive not Floyd Flo from Progressive has been able to get it for the last 40 years that she's been on television Caveman can get it The pig on the jet ski Get it You know what I don't know I don't really care and more importantly What is the what's the point what's the question about the value Just like the conspiracy theories Conspiracy theorizing is attempting to create a narrative around the world Doesn't make sense right because we don't have enough information Fill in the blanks And then that reflects Operating at the class As a stealth class dictatorship That is reflected in the conspiracy Conspiracy of the moon landing is basically we're too stupid to have done that It's like with the it's just a it's a less racist version of Ancient Aliens Apocalypse God dammit I'd rather think we can f\*\*\*\*\* do something like that Cuz I don't know how the hell we're going to do anything else matters if you can't do that All right I'm going Syfy happy grillings Happy dance Happy chilling to all a good-night

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very how I'm out we're here we're starting there it is hello folks find a Donald Pavan ladies and gentlemen about me miss you how you guys doing beautiful day today it was very uh kind of overcast earlier but it's nice now so having a good how are you good time how's everyone doing there was something I think happened on Saturday I think it was a tweet by it was a it was a interview with Joe Biden I think he talked to Trevor Noah and it was so just striking to me when it when it happened 0:1:1 and what he said that I felt I need to talk about this but I also needed to grill so I ended up grilling instead but I feel like it's two days later and I feel like I still need to talk about it so what's his nuts Oh Trevor Noah right he was on The Daily Show and he's now doing his whole police reform stick right hey guys I'm as left-wing as you are now I want to do any of the stuff you say but I want to say I want to do it in a way that will get you to stop yelling and vote for me and stop scaring suburban white people and so mr. crime bill having to reinvent himself says we need less prison we need less jail time and more mandatory rehab mandatory rehab we need to stop building prisons and start building rehab centers now I hope 0:2:2 that's pretty obvious what the problem is there right you've essentially just taken the same building with the same functions and the same staff and just change the name of it I mean the parity of liberalism right just hey would you like a less a less oppressive net would you like a less of a bummer of name for this would you like a more soothing more euphemized name for this thing that is gonna be exactly the same because obviously the question is why the hell these people need to go to rehab why can't like it why do we have to treat this as a it is a place where the state intercedes with with the ability to like put people behind bars imprison people it doesn't matter if you're there to dry out or if you're there to be punished at the end of the day you're being held by the state and there's a reason that prisons were originally called penitentiaries because the premise was you were supposed to spend 0:3:3 your time your mandatory time in prison being penitent thinking about your sins and and I'm just trying to get absolution from them through repentance penitence the penitent man shall pass now rehabilitation centers it's the exact same model it's

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just desacralized and modernized and liberalized because we don't believe it's sin anymore but we shares how believe in disease and addiction but it's a it plays the same social role sin and addiction are personalized X excuses for behavior that is on aggregate the result of the exploitative and alienating motor production and political economy that they're living under that's what it is you have a social phenomenon that you treat as an individual failing what believe in God it was it was sin it was inherent commands inherent tendency to fall towards sin now that we don't believe 0:4:5 in sin we just believe in optimal and set awful outcomes it's an addiction it's it's an illness that we can treat but how do we treat it the exact same way getting people off the streets getting people behind bars dominating them in the whole endeavor in the cliched Foucault Ian sense of dominating their bio power and that really shows how in the current mode of crisis capitalism there is no room for Less prisons there's no room for less police they're not going to do it because the system is only going to create more and more social dislocation more and more alienation more and more discontent as the wheels come off of this \*\*\*\*\* thing which means the need to control that through brutal Authority is going to become it more and more important so they're gonna be just throwing everybody in jail for mandatory rehab if that's what it takes but the same fundamental reality is the exact same is is a society trying to defend itself against the implications of its own exploitative economic structures 0:5:6 by personalizing and pathologizing social phenomena under whatever name they want to call it but both of them are efforts to deal with the fact that the system will not allow itself to not have this at its disposal because a violent crime is one of those things that is an inexorable and inevitable byproduct of social alienation under capitalism can't go away so it has to be dealt with and you can't cede the state's authority over violence because that's what allows a functioning market system to operate its security as the first principle I'm not gonna people aren't give a trade stuff unless they can be sure they're going to be able to keep the proceeds and I can get ripped off that's that's the basis so that's the kind of stuff when they say that it tells you that this is that there there is no reforming it and that is that's both sides 0:6:9 of the observation that you know abolishing the police of abolishing prisons are you know worth pursuing because they're radical and they're now radical in the sense that they're not compatible with capitalism it's just a question of whether using that as the fulcrum is what's going to get you capitalism's defeat I don't think so but it's certainly an undigested ball demand and it'll be it's it's instructive to see what the what the offer what the counteroffer is caused by de is essentially his role there essentially as a middleman between this big group of people who are disabled were alienated and pissed off about the status quo and capital he is the middleman he says I'll talk to these people and then they come to an agreement so whatever heard

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his terms are going to be the minimal terms at least of capital so I think that's why people are worried all of us about the the protests because because there are some things that are easier to accommodate than others by capitalism it's easier to do something like switch the police from public to you know change prisons to rehab centers do something subtle that has the appearance of change that will only further reinforce capital's authoritarian control and the thing is the thing with that though is yeah of course that's a danger there's always a danger you still have to pursue every avenue that is in front of you and those are the avenues in front of us right now but that is the fear you know it's not totally it's not totally bad faith it's not totally justice attempt to to invalidate the the protests or to give oneself an excuse to not participate that is a real fear that's a real danger because you know there is an open question how much pressure is going to be applied before it starts to gutter out and how sophisticated the the attempt to co-opt and and recuperate the the the issue of police brutality and over policing at but yes it's very funny hearing hearing pied and be like mandatory rehab okay so you gotta go what is that they mean that means there's a guy with a gun comes to your house he puts on handcuffs so you can't go away and then he makes you go into a building where you have to stay until you're done being rehabilitated there's bars on the windows you can't go home like the prospect of hey how about people just do drugs and if they need help there you make it very very easy for them to get it like free and highly available and you allow people every point of contact possible with social services that could ameliorate their addiction how about that is that an idea sure but it's an idea that would require this massive public investment that the thin margins and the terminal people are asking about Matt Taibbi and I'm this is not a Bajoran you can claim it as if you want but part of the grill pill for me is I mean I'm obviously on Twitter less than I used to be I post less than I used to I spent less time on my timeline than I've ever done and part of that is that I there I I refuse to follow certain stories if I know I have to like make sure what's going on in a broad sense that I could talk about it on the show and hear but there's stuff that I just on principle refuse to pursue and anything involving media like meta arguments I don't care for not interesting to me irrelevant to me deck chair rearranging on the first order you're talking about Canaries in the coal mine but they're in their death throes banging their heads against the cage walls and each other accusing each other of being the reason that they're so I can only claim that you know I think Matt's a pretty damn good reporter and a couple thing and the premise that there is a hysterical self-reinforcing ideology among the media class is unimpeachably true and anybody who's trying to pick a nitpick it without confronting the actual charge I think is giving away the game it's just that the thing is is that they would admit it you put them under truth the truth truth eliezer most

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of these media people admit yeah of course there is but the next phrase is it's a good  
hide line it's a good consensus I love Big Brother so I don't care that there is a very  
stifling hyped by consensus that is enforced on social media by members of the actual  
media people who can get fired basically the people who are have decided to make 0:11:21  
that place their break room and it's true it exists but they don't want to even give  
that away because they haven't because they haven't proven to their interlocutors or  
the I'm looker that their priors are correct so they can't just say yeah but it's good  
but that's what they mean and a lot of they are yelling at ie bein trying to nitpick  
specific points it seems to me to be about avoiding that question like just say you  
you just say it's good don't act like it doesn't exist don't act like everybody in this  
media class whenever any issue comes up especially along very tense racial gender  
lines that you don't know instinctively what would get you in trouble if you said it  
and therefore even if you think it you wouldn't put it down see they can't say that  
because in their the fiction the fiction of their their world nobody ever who is good  
has those thoughts no but they don't even think wrong thoughts it's not a question  
of enforcement they've fully assimilated it and of course they have because they're 0:12:23  
all insisting it to each other they're all out the \*\*\*\*\* Mexican standoff none of them  
can admit that they're not it because if they admit that the hey maybe sometimes  
I don't think this stuff and maybe I don't say this because of that they're out they  
broke the circle they're done for that's obviously true that's like but the thing is  
you can't talk about it because obviously nobody inside will say it because they're  
outside if they do and they can't they don't listen to anybody outside because they  
can point to X Y or Z surrounding and distracting facts or bad associations to nullify  
the criticism that's why it's an anti D electrical nightmare space and where you can't  
learn anything there because all anyone is doing is preserving their place within a  
hierarchy and it's the most fraught and it's the most hysterical and it's the most  
absurd of the media because they're literally have their jobs on the line it's not just  
personal clout or like it is for a lot of us so of course it's like it's frenzy I mean like 0:13:24  
David Graeber in debt talks about what other things that made the country stand  
or so cruel so notably cruel in colonization and conquest of Latin America is that  
they were all basically debt peons of the crown or some \*\*\*\*\* merchant house or  
group of nobles they were all wildly in debt and even though they were all noblemen  
and it was just this galling horror to be just hounded across the continent by this  
\*\*\*\*\* debt and that's the same way with these media people they're more vicious  
and ferocious because their lives depend on it the lives they want anyway if they and  
this is what I mean by a Shibboleth like they have to believe that everyone truly  
believes everything they say because the only way you can judge anyone is what they  
say because there's total bad faith assume do you assume everyone is out to get you

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or a Nazi or whatever unless they say the right words that means the words have to mean something that means you can't just say the words that not meaning them 0:14:25 because that breaks the whole thing apart it destroys the fantasy it destroys the the like the ideological justification for its reinforcement psychic psychologically and so when someone says that well the good news is they would only say it if they don't if they're not fully in the group right they would only say it if they've already been exorcised a little bit because then they don't have that to fear which means of course they'd say that and so every response is just some version to get a load of this guy and you wonder well why would you even just say lol or this sucks why would you do that so that other people can say yeah to and you can remind them that you're on the right side and they can all remind each other in the comments like that's why everybody brings up these people they hate so that they can reinforce to the group that they're not that as wide as poisonous and absolutely enervating place to talk 0:15:28 to anyone and you shouldn't do it you should hang out with your friends twitter is for hanging out with your buddies and your friends I understand that Klout is the difference between life and death for many people now you know I understand that the difference between your GoFundMe succeeding and you getting chemotherapy and you're not getting it and you \*\*\*\*\* dying on the job is whether or not you have enough clout to get a GoFundMe so it's life and death even for people who don't work in media but for people who work in media it's even more so I've yet to seen anybody arguing like Nathan Robinson who it's like it's actually good I mean he came the closest I guess to any of these people to have to just say it's actually good to have a stifling conformity of thought like that even though you're not enforcing it power that's the thing they think it's good because like any you know and it's true that like a communist or socialist state would have a reinforcing hegemonic cultural like 0:16:29 standard that would be enforced through informal and formal channels and through manners and things like that of course it would exist but we don't live in that \*\*\*\*\* country we don't live in that society this \*\*\*\*\* is just pounding into a base of pure hyper exploitation that's only getting worse that's that's that's that's the that's the firmament that your culture is banging on - so you're not prying at the bricks you're reinforcing them you're stamping them in even tighter - use a like all you're doing is alienating people from the idea that there could be an objective truth like you don't think people notice this \*\*\*\*\* the way the Trump gets like treated by the meat you think there's nothing that the media has responsible for the reason that nobody like nobody who voted for Trump believes that kovat is even a real thing even though it's killed a hundred thousand people I mean obviously these are things that you're not always contributing to and they're gonna exist anyway but you make them worse they've made them worse on purpose because they needed to signal it to 0:17:31

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each other that they were good people because of the the crisis the American I'm a great American identity but yeah because but the thing is because the people who hate the media and say it's \*\*\*\*\* up or all right wingers oh well I guess we're actually good even though the \*\*\*\*\* media is one of the most easily analyzed categories of the cultural matrix when it comes to like Marxism like like that's what we need people talk about the pace in the superstructure like the media is one of the absolute prime movers of creating a hegemonic ideology that means a capitalist ideology that means that the media is capitalist that there is no objective center that they're operating out of and so that there's this weird defensiveness towards the press that comes when it's attacked by the right and it's like I get that to an extent you know because they are attacking them for saying things that are true you know or sometimes but a lot of it is like they're mad at things that are true where's the Pope you should be mad at them for all the things that are false but I think you end up in the long run doing more damage to the cause of breaking through these ideological blinders and then you know spreading socialism by a lying with the awful media against everybody say no the media sucks it try to like reframe how it sucks because you can't get there from here you can't go down and get get us we mean if the Sanders campaign didn't help prove that I don't but because we're in the media we have some media people also are literally in like their jobs are abstracted to the plain of pure representation like their job is to represent what happened so it's very easy for them to see the world as representation but it's not experience that way for most people who don't have that lifestyle you who actually work or even people who don't work but just don't spend all their time online and you have to get to those people some way I still don't know what way it is but the share shift doesn't involve taking the side of the \*\*\*\*\* media when if the media is right you're wrong you know that like the way they frame things if the media is really an arbiter of reality with any kind of trustable guidelines that way then you are wrong because the world that they tell is not the world where you see but I'm having the mint chocolate Soylent but had it like a head start like three times it's not good I'm always trying sometimes I'll try a new one just to see if it's different but I'll have the same kind of yeah there's an aftertaste it's no bueno not for me but hey dad we don't have to have dinner maybe I like a hard-boiled egg rather a soft-boiled egg I do you like those more you got to get somebody said the stock market is detached from the economy I don't know maybe it's replaced the economy in some way you know the entire economy is is is I do hope that this Supreme Court decision today doesn't do what I think it's designed to do honestly which is reassure colicky liberals that the Supreme Court is a salvageable institution and I think that's John Roberts's job and I think every relatively liberal decision that Roberts issues is part of a strategic give-and-take where they give a

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little bit and almost always on social issues if you'll notice very rarely on shape things like voting rights or corporate governance of regulation at all so all the stuff that protects like the vital organs of capitalism and and the maintaining political power of capitalism through the Voting Rights stuff they're willing to give up anything else really within reason because they don't want to become so politicized that even the center of gravity on the Left moves so far that even regular Democrats have to essentially promise to pack the court or abolish it or something because they are vulnerable to that you know it would not be difficult to render the Supreme Court obsolete expanding the court does only requires two-thirds of I believe two-thirds of the Senate and you might say oh that they'll never get that but hey if things get bad enough and they get their \*\*\*\*\* together as a party they could you know it's not impossible and they want to make sure it never happens they want to be sure that when they're a lever a liberal government gets back in and starts doing things like trying to do Medicare for all they cut it off they stop that that invasion of state oversight and state management into the economy and that only happens because they tampered people they tempered people's frustration with the court as an institution with the strategic handoff of certain things because it's not really the skin off of the ass of any corporate power that that they've extended title the Civil Rights Act that way and as everybody has pointed out as long as you have at will employment every state allows you to fire people for being gay you just have to be not a bunch of enough of an idiot to leave a paper trail or evidence that you that that's why you did it so that could be indicated in court because otherwise there's no case if you just say you're fired they can't do anything but now you how many how many articles are we gonna get about Wow Roberts and Gorsuch surprised again what are we seeing a moderation on the court which gives more leeway to every \*\*\*\*\* liberal who wants to say no no the Supreme Court is a vital part of our institutional framework of checks and balances and remember Earl Warren he was cool I say make the Supreme Court the size of major league baseball and instead of deciding things they just play baseball games and then like they can assign winners and losers to the cases based on who won the game it doesn't matter it's not connected to anything what are you even why are you here how did you get here now judicial review like half the \*\*\*\*\* in the Constitution presumes a nonpartisan nature that democratic governance is basically incapable of ever producing because you never have totally unified class interests in a country that styles itself a democracy even within the capital class it's absurd because there are different industries with different desires there's a city in the country the gentry and the Indian and the early merchants they're always there I mean my god these guys came from England England I already had a civil war which even if they might have remembered at this being above religion

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was really driven by the growing economic conflict between the urban centers the 0:25:42  
merchants trade based urban centers of England dominated by the Puritans and  
the landed gentry of like post feudal land holders who were the Tories the Cavaliers  
because Protestantism corresponds with degree of economic complexity in Europe  
and then in the United States because your Protestant isn't needed to be able to fit  
into your pocketbook it had to be small enough to fit in the pocketbook and that  
means it had to be like based on very few simple concepts and that made it hostile to  
things like icons things like cathedrals things like pure ecclesiastical bureaucracy you  
needed to be sit around a table with your stupid bowl cut because the rest of your  
body and mind the Langer and the can the godly presence of all the religions of the 0:26:45  
medieval religion a medieval Christianity there's no place you have you're moving  
too fast you've got too much to do you've got too much energy to devote to the  
material world and reproducing wealth so you your religion has to fit into a little  
lobe in your brain one book one chair one outfit yes it was also started due to the  
colonization of Ireland as it was a classic over at crisis of overextension the same way  
the French Revolution was because remember so the fret of the English Civil War  
started when the King needed money to fight Ireland after the I'll or Irish revolt  
France had to call the Estates General because of all the money he'd spent fighting  
England and in the American Revolution in both cases it was an attempt to extend  
or maintain imperial expansion producing a crisis between the two classes of actual 0:27:53  
like tax like sources of Taxation the land what is this I was saying something I've  
ramp gate I mean for me the ramp is never the thing with Trump the ramp is very  
funny but the thing to me the Trump to give away from me to Trump which he also  
did during that speech is this when he has to he asked to use two hands to drink 0:28:55  
because you should never need two hands to drink it's really easy looking and it is a  
sign of neurological degeneration because the gears are starting to slip and it takes  
too much like neural dexterity like hand-eye coordination and microtransactions to  
guide a liquid in your mouth without fearing like a failure and you need it hand  
you need a hand so something's wrong something's wrong with Trump II but that's  
been true for a while I just don't think you might have mad cow disease honestly  
the guy eats a lot of beef and it's not like he stopped in the late 90s when there was  
the Parkins there were that Parkinson's when there was the mad cow outbreak and  
he loves going to Scotland which is basically just a giant island made out tertiary 0:30:1  
syphilis is funny I love the idea that his doctor knew he had syphilis but he knew he  
didn't like hearing bad things about himself so he never got around to telling him  
just cuz Oh God cuz or he told him he didn't believe him no no way there's no way  
I have the best blood there's no way I've got some lists it's gross it's disgusting I  
would have syphilis yeah I can't believe that too because how many times can you

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tell it but it'll just eventually you just got to give up especially since he probably didn't pay you it's like \*\*\*\*\* this guy he didn't even pay for the trip for the \*\*\*\*\* blood test he can \*\*\*\*\* have his brain turn into a melting snow cone Syria is a great movie one of the better Iraq war era movies I would put up there at the top really good actually I mean it gets I know it got criticized for being too kind of 70s hard on a sleeve lefty and that it's too simplifying but and yeah like the story of you know the good westernizing Sheik who gets blown up by a drone because he wants to sell oil to China or something it's a little too just so but it gets at the reality of America's role in the region much better than anything I can imagine it's it starts in the right place and that it function it's like Washington is the is the fulcrum here everything moves along that axis because it has become the strategic and like tactical battle space as they like to talk of it where you know because America's economy is promised on petrol dollars therefore control strategically and tactically of little significant oil production places is essentially it is national security when they say that they're not lying at least the state as so the oil is still cheap Iselle cheaper than milk I think get yourself some oil get yourself a nice frosty mug of oil down at the old citko - two bits two what happened to a palma game you just you watch Obama gate ain't going away folks no people are fighting about the Marquis de Lafayette in my men she's uh gosh the men she's I can't handle all know Obama gate was just it was just spy gate that was the same thing it was the idea that Obama had spied on Trump Watergate style by having the FBI look into I think Michael Floyd and Paul Manafort that's the premise and the thing is if well you could say it's like Watergate but the real difference is forget all that other \*\*\*\*\* it's that one you had a divided government where the president was a different party from Congress and to the \*\*\*\*\* was on tape saying let's obstruct Young Justice and not in a I'm gonna make a quid pro quo over the airway in a I'm going to give these guys a suitcase of a million dollars and illegally raised slush fund campaign money and you got to do wonder what had happened if you just \*\*\*\*\* destroy the tapes they probably would have kicked him out because back then people will still believed in all that \*\*\*\*\* it's kind of adorable when you look back at Watergate and you look back the way it was portrayed and media and the way it was talked about it was pretty wild there were people who supported Nixon all the way though Ronald Reagan was primed among them he was one of the most prominent Republicans who never turned on because famously the thing that made Nixon decide finally to resign was Barry Goldwater coming to the White House and saying it's over sir but Reagan never \*\*\*\*\* lost lost faith God Hillary Dorson eliot engel is so good she's just she can't not be the worst she can't not do the worst and be the worst did every moment of her life it's I don't know if she's trolling at this point if she knows what she's doing it's kind

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of impressive she's she's an a have like figure and we are at this point the Whale and she's trying to that's actually brings me to something I wanted to do so I finish Moby Dick again and it is great it's better than its reputation it is not a classic it is a vibrant brilliant piece of work one of the most deal like spiritually of theological II interesting and I think evocative books I've ever read and I do want to read blood meridian next just to feel that it's like the BLT the cold side of the hot side the desert side of the and the water side but I wanted to read here the last my favorite chapter of the book which is the last chapter before they spot Moby Dick and you decide in the go for the chasing and it's Starbuck is talking to a hab and he almost convinces him to give up the chase the symphony it was a clear steel blue day the firmaments of air and sea were hardly separable and that in that all-pervading Azure only the pensive air was transparently pure and soft with a woman's look and the robust and man-like sea heave with long strong lingering swells as Samson's chest in his sleep hither and thither on high glided the snow-white wings of small unspecial birds these were the gentle thoughts of the feminine air but to and fro and the deeps far down in the bottomless blue rushed mighty leviathans swordfish and sharks and these were the strong troubled murderous thinking's of the masculine sea but though thus contrast II was in the contrast was only in shades and shadows without those two seemed one it was only the sex as it were that distinguished them aloft like a royal czar and King the Sun seemed giving this gentle air to this bold and rolling sea even as bride to groom and at the girdling line of the horizon a soft and tremulous ant motion more seen here at the equator denoted the fond throbbing thrust the loving alarms with we'll horny I think we can all agree tied up and twisted oh dear gnarled and nodded with wrinkles haggardly firm and unyielding his eyes glowing like coals that still glowed in the ashes of ruin unn tottering Ahab stood forth the clearness of the moon lifting his splintered helmet of a brow the fair girls forehead of heaven Oh a mortal infancy and an infancy of the azure an innocence II have put up sorry Oh a mortal infancy and innocency of the observe invisible wing of creatures at frolic all round a sweet childhood of hair and sky how oblivious were ye of old Ahab's clothes coiled Colima clothes coiled whoa but some of I seen little myrrh Miriam and Martha laughing I D elves heedlessly gamble around their old sire sporting with the circle of singing locks which grew on the Marge Marge of slowly crossing the deck from the scuttle they have leaned over the side and watched how his shadow in the salt in the water sank and sank to his gaze and more and more that he strove to pierce the profundity but the lovely aromas in that enchanted air did it last seemed to dispel for a moment the cantankerous thing as soul that glad happy air that winsome sky did it last stroke and caress him the stepmother world so long cool forbidding now through affectionate arms round his stubborn neck and did seem to joyously sob over

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him as if over one that however wilful and erring she could yet find it in her heart to save at the bless from beneath his slouched hat a have dropped a tear to the ski into the sea nor did all of the Pacific contain such wealth is that one we drop Starbuck saw the old man saw him how he heavily leaned over the side and he seemed to hear his own true heart the measureless sobbing that stole out of the center of the serenity around careful not to touch him or be noticed by him he yet drew near to him and stood there mayhaps turned Starbuck sir Oh Starbuck it is a mild mild 0:39:44  
wind at a mild looking sky on such a day very much such a sweetness as this I struck my first whale a boy harpooner eighteen forty forty forty years ago ago forty years of continual whaling 40 years of privation and peril and storm time forty years on the piddle to see for forty years as a hab forsaken the peaceful land for forty years to make war on the horrors of the deep I in yes Starbucks out of those forty years I have not spent three ashore what I think of this life I have led the desolation of solitude it has been the mist masoned walled town of a captain's exclusiveness which admits but small entrance to any sympathy for the green country without a weariness heaviness Guinea coast slavery of solitary command when I think of all this only half suspected that's so keenly known to me before and how for 40 years I have fed upon dry salted fair fit emblem of the dried nourishment of my soul when the poorest Landsman has had fresh fruit to his daily hand and broken the world's fresh bread to my moldy crusts away whole oceans for that young woman-girl wife I went in past fifty and 0:40:47  
sailed for Cape Horn the next day leaving but one dent in my marriage pillow wife wife rather a widow with her husband alive i widowed that poor girl when i married or Starbuck and then the this madness the frenzy the boiling blood and the smoking brow with which for a thousand lowerings old Ahab has furiously foaming Li chased his prey more a demon than a man I I what 40 years fool fool o fool his old a have been by this strife of the chase why wherein palsy the arms of the or and the iron of the Lance how the richer or better as they have now behold old Starbuck it is not hard that with this weary load I pair one poor leg should have been snatched out from under me here brush this old hair aside binds me it blinds me that I seem to weep locks oh great never grow but from one out of ashes but do I look very old so very very old Starbuck I feel deathly fate bowed and humped and so I were 0:41:49  
Adam staggering beneath the piled century since paradise God God God cracked my heart stave my brain mockery mockery bitter biting mockery gray hairs have I lived enough joy to wear ye and seem and feel the sand tolerably old clothes stand close to me Starbuck let me look into a human eye it is better than to gaze into sea or sky better than to gaze upon God by the green land by the brights hearthstone this is the magic glass man I see my wife and my child in night I know no stay on board and on board no or not what I do when branded Ahab gives chase to Moby Dick that

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hazard shall not be 9 no no not with their away home I see in that I owe my captain  
my captain noble soul grant bold heart after all why should anyone give chase to that  
hated fish away with me let us fly these deadly waters let us home wife and child 0:42:50  
to our Starbucks wife a child of his brotherly sisterly play fellow youth even as nine  
Sarah the wife and child of thy loving longing paternal old age away let us away this  
instant let us alter the course how cheerily how hilariously oh my captain would be  
blow Wow on our way to see all that non tucking again I think sirrah they have such  
smiled blue days even as this in man tuck it they have they have I have seen them  
some summer days of the morning about this time yes it is his new nap now the boy  
vivaciously wakes sits up in bed and his mother tells him of me of cannibal old man  
how I bored how I abhorred upon the deep but will yet come back to dance him  
again which is my Mary my Mary herself she promised that my boy every morning  
should be carried to the hill to carry the first glimpse of his father sail yes yes no  
more it is done we head for Nantucket come my captain's studying out the course  
and led us away see see the police face from the window the police hand on the hill 0:43:52  
but I have glanced was averted like a blighted fruit tree he shook and cast his lasts  
endured Apple to the soil what is it what nameless inscrutable unearthly thing is it  
what cozening hidden lord and master and the cruel remorseless Emperor commands  
me that against all natural Lovings and longings I so keep pushing and crowding and  
jamming myself and all the time recklessly making me ready to do what in my own  
proper natural heart I Durst not so much as there is a hab a hab is it I God or who  
that lifts this arm but if the great Sun moved not of himself but it is an errand boy  
in heaven nor one single star can resolve that by some invisible power how then can  
this one small heart beat this one small brain think thoughts unless God does that  
beating does that thinking does that living in that I by heaven man we are turned  
round and round in this world like Yanis went like wandering endless by heaven man  
we are turned round and round in this world like yonder wind less and fate is the 0:44:53  
hand spike and all the time lo that smiling sky that was unsounded seed look see  
on albacore who puts him in who puts it into him - who was to do when that judge  
himself is dragged to the bar I'm sorry look see on albacore who put it into him to  
chase and Fang that flying fish where do murderers go man whose to doom when the  
judge himself is dragged to the bar but it is a mild mild wind in a mild looking sky  
the air smells now as if blue from a far-off meadow they have been awake making  
hay somewhere under the slope of the Andes Starbuck and the mowers are sleeping  
among the new moon pay sleeping i toil we must me way we all sleep at last in the  
field sleep I and rust a bits cut green green grass as last year sighs flung down and  
left in the Hat cuffs swaths Starbuck but Blanche to a corpses hue with despair the 0:45:54  
mate had stolen away a hub cross the deck to gaze over on the other side but stared

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at to reflected fixed eyes in the water there fidella was motionless Lee leaning over the same rail a hab needed to grill at the end of the day a hab needed to chill and to grill that was what he needed he needed to turn that whale bone leg into some sort of snap open grilling contraption and have himself a good time on the deck of the Pequod have himself a hoot and a half with a jug maybe that's what I do I already kind of have the Ahab situation that I have a leg that is completely numb so it feels the way that a ABS like would feel like it's it's it's tingling because of my spinal injury so I have the phantom pain but it's just there's a leg there which is better I must say because I can use it but yeah I have that I never decided to go kill a giant majestic whale over it weirdo but I can't say it definitely affected my life in a lot of ways kind of limited me for a long time and traumatized me in ways I wasn't able to recognize at the time but that's what life is for to work that \*\*\*\*\* out I want to do yoga but like I said I'm kind of disabled I mean like a disabled yoga I might start doing that something I guess yeah what would mean what my white whale be I guess the Democratic Party maybe from hell's heart I stab at thee for hates sake I Spit my last breath at thee I mean I'm trying to get rid of vengeance as a as a motivator but they are certainly an institution that needs to be destroyed Democrat Oda Linda s no question I mean yes capitalism but you know it's like bin Laden talks about with the near and the far enemy the Democrats that are actually within striking distance in of course that might not stay the same I mean we honestly could be in a freefall in which case party politics is gonna take a backseat to anything else pretty quickly but some people I don't know like I've I have no idea we really are in a you know in a in a wonderland of black swans black swans are \*\*\*\*\* all over everybody it's the burbs with just black swans we're definitely in the cool zone there's no question about that like one of the big things that's gonna that's the big I honestly think the biggest x-factor that nobody's really talking about because it's too terrifying is how bad is uncontrolled kovat gonna be because it's hitting we're gonna be hitting uncontrolled levels because nobody's gonna be able to get everybody back indoors again and does that cause so much sickness does that overburden the medical system so much that critical infrastructure can't be maintained that's the question that I think is and we're not gonna know that for a couple months and that is why August is going to probably be the most important month maybe in American history because that's what all the money that has been going out goes away all the federal cash that's also when I think fictions go back into effect and it will be when the the first wave of fully developed nation wide almost freely transmitted Corona is going to be hitting the economy that's going to be a spicy spicy meatball and I have no idea what the answer is because those variables are still two up in the air I don't know enough about the epidemiology for one thing but it's I am fairly confident though that one

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the money side anyway that they will end up extending unemployment insurance and \*\*\*\*\* like that because I mean the fact that minuchin said they're not going to do it they're not gonna say it they're gonna say they're not gonna do it until the moment they do it they're gonna say we're not gonna do it until a minute before they \*\*\*\*\* put in into the Senate because they want it to never be seen as something people can take for granted they never wanted to be seen as a new entitlement so it has to be an emergency outlay and the only way to emphasize the emergency nature and 0:51:4 the fact that you're doing it on your own terms and not being demanded of it you're not giving in to Anam and you're doing it because you've decided to do it because look it was gonna pass you didn't you didn't make us do this we did it on our terms because it was necessary that means it's not gonna be there again if we don't think that's necessary it's ah we so I think that's still going to happen because if it doesn't that's more hassle than it's worth I mean at that point you have to really do believe George Soros is trying to bring about an actual collapse of the America America for some weird protocols reason if there is anything like a capitalist class with a self-interest that it can execute it will it would not want that to happen and it would have the means most importantly to prevent it in the form of big cash payments but the X Factor then like I said is what if everybody's too sick to spend the money or work in the see the cruelty and the point thing to me I think that that can be a 0:52:14 misleading catchphrase I think it has certain applicability to Republican policy and rhetoric because that has the benefit of appealing to their base in the political realm but the cruelty is not the point of capitalism profit is the motive pride of capitalist cruelty is the inevitable main byproduct of profit but it is not what it is seeking it's the effect not and of course that makes capitalist crueler and crueler and crueler because you have to be cruel to execute that kind of monstrosity but you're just you're serving the logic of the system because capitalism inevitably the the capitalist 0:53:17 singularity is which is the one in which all humanity is subverted to machine logic all humans reduced to machine organisms of GI geo of stimulus response with no species being left and you got to say though if humans were that then there wouldn't no be there would be no more cruelty at all the end state would have no cruelty because machines aren't I mean our machines can you be cruel to a machine you can't so the very final end state of techno capitalism if it ever were to comment before the system collapse it would be cruelty free it would be like a cage free farm fresh egg or a free-range chicken because you can't be cruel to machinery that's what we'd be at the final end state of capitalism no more capable of being being hurt than a yeah 0:54:23 I think that's Nick land and I think that's a classic example of deluding yourself to try to cope like you see the trajectory and you say actually it's good instead of this has to not be what we end up with and we have to do anything we can to stop it no

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matter how cringe it is or how dissatisfied it makes us as we watch reality we turn into hyper reality in I really don't think it's I don't I think I think saying that it's cruel on purpose is reversing the order of operation all the ideological formation is around the things that are required of the system its justifying a system that you're maintaining so yeah capitalism hurts poor people warm it hurts people of color more it hurts vulnerable communities more here's some digitus communities more that's because those are the people who are because of their position in the economy that is their role to play and a carrot is aligned it's reproduced by culture but like the sum total of misery and exploitation is is the byproduct of the machinery and that means that people operate the machinery over time grow cruel grow and are selected to be people who find those people disgusting and under them so that they're happy carrying this stuff out instead of sad but it's got to get carried out either way see what yes like capitalism the allure of it is all the psychic benefit oh you get to push around little guys and you get to do all this stuff but that's just about how it that's how it recruits people to do its bidding it's it's it's a pheromone mist for sociopaths the way that like there's that parasite that gets into the brain of the mouse to make it not afraid of the cat this machine is the thing moving the machine is doing it it just needs people to \*\*\*\*\* actually carry it out and those people then have certain values that make what they do okay to themselves and then that creates cultural super structures that justify so what you're describing that pleasure that cruelty that is a big part of capitalist practice that is the end and so that's when you have to ask things like will they bail us out before the entire economy collapses in all the mutton all the fantasy numbers on the boards all those fake numbers and those servers that is the sum total of wealth on this country mean nothing like somebody tripped over a \*\*\*\*\* cord and the power went out and all that went away do you think they want that they're not that liquid yet I think they're in the process of trying to get to fully quiddity honestly and you can argue like my whole conspiracy about this account this whole koba thing and then the the short the George Floyd protest is a like it controlled opted to short sell the economy and get liquid so you'd be able to have long term investment in a like a post-crisis world but they're not that liquid yet the money's still all made up it's still still on Ledger's it's gotta get turned into real infrastructure and they haven't done it yet to my knowledge unless there's like unless there's way more space colonization than they say or there's a Hollow Earth or something I don't think they're there yet so they're gonna want to keep the numbers meaning something even though it'll make fewer people suffer that's not the point the point is keeping the numbers to mean something well Hollow Earth is least acknowledges that the world is round so it has that over Flat Earth Oh Thurlow weed is awesome there no Thurlow weed as a base it's sort of like a

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Karl Rove type figure he was a roving political operative one of those guys in early America who looked around the village said I don't want to \*\*\*\*\* stand behind a donkey my whole life I'm gonna make it to the big city and see what I could make it myself you know because basically anybody who could read one book that wasn't the Bible would be able to get a job and if it was the Bible you could get a job as a preacher like Abraham Lincoln read a book became a lawyer they're loyal through a little weed ran out and said hey everyone here is an insane fanatic in upstate New York which was true the burned-over district they called it it was the heart of the Second Great Awakening and the house of the home of the Mormon where Joseph Smith found the plates homo Mormonism and he found it in the fertile soil it was ferment of like anxiety with the shifting economy of the the new merchants I'll State and that's why he helped found the anti-masonic party and helped run it to Congress they actually had a bunch of congressmen which is pretty impressive I'm just a just a platform of not liking Masons but then they got folded into the Whigs first to know nothingness and then that wakes and Thurlow weed ended up becoming like the Mormonism is fascinating I would like to talk more vulgar isms I appreciate it because it's one of the it's the obviously it's the one religion that acknowledged the need to Americanize Christianity and it was the first to do that but then it was that happened to the second in the 20th century with like evangelicalism I created a new that Americanized Christianity - that's a two-step process but of course because the Mormons broke off earlier they're better that's why I Felix is very very correct that Mormons are who heave Angelico's think they are they think we're a good Christian we're a good Christian family with good values it's reflecting and we're blessed by God it's like you have a house with like 15 mortgages on it a a online porn addiction that has seen you go to the hospital of dick abrasions like three children all addicted to different drugs they steal out of your cupboard and a job you know selling used jet skis - like military officers whereas the Mormons are all living in five million square foot homes with 15 children and jobs the guy has a job is a like a marketing guy like the company that takes the swear words out of movies and all the wives all have multi-level marketing schemes where they get together their child finished basements and sell each other that's that's the dream that's what the evangelists think they are and they're just a bunch of Scientology ISM is like a 20th century attempt to take that same need for an American religion and to adapt it to the time and the time their being the the the post-nuclear moment where God really did die like God God obviously was on the table for a while but I think it was World War two to really put the bullet his head especially in the United States and and that nuclear era created this like whole does god-sized hole that he could fill and it would have needed I mean it's called Scientology for a reason because that was an era where faith was being

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directed at supersonic speed almost from from God and from the spiritual realm to  
the technological where where all the faith now rested in science so another world  
class hustler another another true pimp of the spiritual hustle my man Elrond all 1:3:51  
right guys I'm gonna go gonna try to do more this week maybe once a week or not  
try to do another one tomorrow

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oh man did you guys see all those chips on my face that's embarrassing oh well i was 0:1:6  
now i got to get the chips out i got to have a basic standard of hygiene here or else  
i'm gonna start spiraling can't have that they are the classic ridged sour cream and  
onion chips y'all like that that's one of the most classic combinations you can have  
yes virgil's back virgil's back on the show so no more asking me about it ever again  
food crab chips are good too but they my bowdangle does not have crab chips uh 0:2:19  
someone asked about the portuguese carnation revolution which is very fascinating  
uh story because it's i think to my knowledge anyway it is the only um certainly  
in europe unless of course you count the bolshevik revolution talking to you robert  
service so that's an interesting thing because uh so it was in the 70s it was uh the  
tail end of the era known as the estado novo which is the corporatist authoritarian  
government that had seized power in portugal before world war that was headed not 0:3:20  
by a member of the military but by a damn nerd by a college professor professor  
salazar and professor salazar ruled over this quas this harmonious sleepy uh coastal  
country with a steady firm hand later he was joined by francisco franco who sort of  
ran a similar deal in spain over that exact same time same time period now uh when  
franco died in spain what happened was his chosen successor juan carlos the the uh  
heir to the throne that had been vacated when the monarchy had been overthrown  
before the popular but he didn't want to do he didn't want to keep doing fascism 0:4:21  
he said it sucked and he was helped by the fact that etta had blown up the bosque  
separatists had blown up uh the the general who was supposed to be the guiding  
hand after franco died they set off a giant bomb under his car and the car went over  
the top of a church they called him spain's first astronaut but anyway the upshot is  
is that juan carlos didn't want to do any more authoritarianism and so he started to  
transition to democracy and at one point in the early 80s there was an attempted  
coup by the military to bring back the dictatorship uh and they seized parliament  
and read a pronounciation pronunciamento about how and did it all in the name of the  
king of course uh and he went on the radio and denounced them and the whole thing  
fell apart but anyway in spain uh or in portugal uh salazar like franco died after a long

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illness but hilariously with salazar he went into a coma after a stroke they assumed 0:5:22  
he was dead and just moved on with the continuity of government and then um when  
you know it salazar came back to consciousness uh and they kind of pretended that  
he was in charge until he died while not actually letting him control anything but  
they actually because of that because they had the that little interregnum to make  
sure uh the estadon almost attempted to keep going after the death of salazar but  
their big problem was they were unlike spain it meshed in some very long a bloody  
and expensive colonial wars in the portugal's colonies they had portugal had had a  
significant before world war ii kept it after the war because they were non-belligerent  
uh and gave it up piecemeal as they could as they were forced to basically uh in 1961 0:6:25  
they actually uh they lost their little weird nugget of east of western india when uh  
when india just invaded them and essentially dared them to do anything about it and  
they really couldn't so they just kind of complained about it but they went away  
but they were fighting these colonial wars in angola and mozambique in southern  
africa east and west coast uh and it was going poorly like all those bush wars went  
in the 60s and 70s and usually what happened is that the mother country decided  
this isn't cost efficient effective anymore and just gave up the french indochina and  
algeria the brits in kenya and malaysia and that was the model but they were holding  
on tight because they didn't they had they had not transitioned to democracy they  
still were this military dictatorship that therefore didn't have the kind of uh popular 0:7:26  
vulnerability to to changes in you know the the mood of the people that uh one  
of those other governments does i mean obviously that's not the final say in what  
governments choose to do but public opinion is a real thing because you can only  
massage the you you can attenuate democracy to the extent that you can maintain a  
facade of its uh of its existence so if everybody is against the war in your democracy  
you've got a problem then you have to rectify it some way less of a problem in a  
dictatorship so they kept fighting into the 70s uh and eventually a bunch of mid-level  
officers decided that this was \*\*\*\*\* they've been reading some marxist theory and  
they got it in their head that they were gonna uh decapitate the state and uh they  
did it they they coordinated uh strategic takeovers of all the main power and media  
headquarters and all that stuff went on the radio and said we're in charge now uh  
and that was basically it it was almost bloodlust and one of the first things they  
did then is cut loose the colonies almost immediately um but the reason that i have 0:8:27  
been mentioning it lately and that uh uh but anyway no i wanna so they were like  
it was a kind of like cuba in that it was a left wing of a military movement this  
from within the mill this was a military uh uh movement from within the military as  
opposed to in a in a rebel military the way castro was but it was so inside the military  
that's like junior officers corps of radicalized uh uh leftists came together but they

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were varied in their ideologies some of them were hardcore communists and others of them were more social democrats or whatever and so when they took power there was an immediate crisis of like what kind of government were they going to impose and eventually as you kind of assumed was going to happen in the context of where they were and when and like their vulnerability to other countries and \*\*\*\*\* and like the world markets uh and portugal's economy in general being relatively uh poor uh they they they hewed away from any kind of state takeover and managed to move 0:9:28 towards democracy and you know there are some leaders there were some leaders of the movement who years later said they regretted ever even doing it because it was a waste of time and it just uh gave people fantasies that the regime held but the reason i've been mentioning it i mean if you imagine a near future where america's critical infrastructure is put under unsustainable strain and democratic norms and niceties are suspended in some way to some degree than the only people really realistically in a position to organize any kind of uh military movement like that would be necessary because politics has been replaced by force you know the the facade of politics has 0:10:30 been revealed has been dropped revealing just the armature of force which means you need to have force you need to have actual force uh and the only people are going to be in position to do that uh on the left would be people in the military because they in terms of having training at literal physical proximity to power structures there's nobody close certainly nobody in the political class and it's not like there's enough of a robust labor movement to to but the problem there of course is that the service academies where all of the big all of the officers come from are these absolute fat headed uh mediocrities these these \*\*\*\*\* cows who just got selected by what the 0:11:31 system is designed to select the most mediocre yes man who will just do his part to maintain this ridiculous edifice this world bestriding military colossus that just exists to provide this perverse keynesian pump on the economy without giving anybody anything they could use ah like that's all it is it's just a giant make work program it doesn't matter if they can win a war the wars aren't to be won anymore wars are just to have where's there to keep on the back burner to slow and slow like you're cooking brisket so in that case you don't need it what do you need you don't need napoleon you don't need you don't need \*\*\*\*\* a ulysses s grant you don't need some humble son of the soil who fights his way across the country rising with the ranks and showing his his absolute mastery of the moment until his talents are revealed 0:12:32 why you're not trying to take richmond you're just trying to get the bills banned you're just trying to get bechtel and \*\*\*\*\* raytheon they're \*\*\*\*\* uh vague to get the money from the saudis keep the whole petro dollar blood wheel turning it doesn't matter if you're good at it because nobody's paying attention so that means those guys are not going to really be in any position to even on their own behalf \*\*\*\*\* class

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solidarity seize power that's where the hope is maybe junior it's always junior officers like the the the military coups that you saw in like egypt and libya uh and and uh portugal the free or were free officers movements of young junior officers like colonels and stuff and i always respected gaddafi he seized power when he was a colonel and he was 29 amazing and then he ruled for over 30 years and he never gave so the 0:13:36  
hope is there's maybe some people yeah our military i mean like the the i think the enlisted people are generally pretty good they're let to the left of uh i mean they're way to the left of like cops for example uh they're actually relatively diverse as a group of people uh you know they gave more money to bernie sanders than any other candidate in donations in 2020 it's not monolithic i mean there's obviously psychotic death culture within it because it's a psychotic death cult but there's also a huge civilian more civilian-facing infrastructure of it of people who do not seek out horror but because it really is one of the very few significant uh sustainable nationalized 0:14:37  
jobs programs that provide any kind of economic uh mobility for people below like middle class like in this country if you're any if you're if you're working poor there's basically no chance you will have generational transition out of that state uh even the middle class like that's the hyperdrive and it almost never happens and one of the few things that can provide any of that is the military because they hire everywhere regardless of whether or not the mill closed so there is i mean the bolsheviks were the spine of the bolshevik revolution but you know everyone's so split up that even in a crisis everyone's probably going to do what's easiest which is to follow orders so the question is who can plausibly be in a position to give those orders and i honestly 0:15:38  
don't think it's going to be some sort of blood and soil thing i think it would be more like a pakistan like you go to the px to get your groceries every week you know like there's mandatory service and \*\*\*\*\* and uh like you gotta do corvae labor you know like build ditches or something for covent bodies but then they also like run the economy and like like actually uh own capital which is true of the militaries in egypt and pakistan they're actually huge uh investors in like industrial capacity and real estate uh and whole industries i think there's like a flower monopoly i think by the egyptian military or the pakistani so that that and then that would be distributed 0:16:40  
sort of uh through the veins of its actual military members and then down through their families and stuff and then like create an economy based around that like like like uh like camp uh obviously i mean i've been very critical of china i don't think it's i think it's a puzzle one dictatorship just like the united states is hashtag real talk but uh i'm not a psychotic shot and a hater i realize that in the long run china and the united states will have to merge at the political and economic level like like one currency type \*\*\*\*\* like that's going to happen it's just going to question of what the terms are going to be so it's i have no problem uh so yeah i got to go with china

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over uh over india on that one although they're probably fighting over like somebody who had like a coffee mug ring stain on a map and now they both think that happens 0:17:41  
all the time the chinese they actually had a war in the 60s they went to war china and india for brief period uh i don't think it's going to escalate critical support for the nba mlb players the the owners are disgusting cast of vampires these dis human pigs who just are so so besotted with their own sense of entitlement that they've decided that they'd rather not play baseball than play it on terms that aren't their total mastery and domination of of the talents of people who are far better than them in every respect people who actually contribute to this to the game people want to see as opposed to sitting tick-like on top of it sucking \*\*\*\*\* blood from it we haven't 0:18:42  
moved we the society has evolved beyond the need for mlb owners and they need to get the \*\*\*\*\* out of the game nationalizing sports is uh that's a no-brainer and it's not like it'd be difficult oh you got it you would have to you would probably have to do like a salary cap but remember this is not so that the other half goes to uh that's that's not a salary cap because it's not going into the pockets of the owners you can think of it as a tax you can think of it as a wealth tax which you should be willing to pay right in a just society so you'd have to have a salary cap but then you just have everybody you just have like a board of directors who hires a hires management and then they do do what every other team does which is basically what the packers do okay somebody wants me to do the rest of uh europe with the uh america because 0:19:51  
i said the midwest is the balkans app we've already established that appalachia is the caucuses uh all right this is interesting and then of course like everything west texas can be germany how about that texas is is germany because it's the size of all 0:20:55  
these other regions and it has as many parts of it within itself because like there's pride like uh like east texas is like bavaria and then like west texas is like prussia so yeah germany is uh germany is texas the north the whole northeast is \*\*\*\*\* france and maybe a little spain uh italy is the south the step is the is the west and then scandinavia is the west coast the northeast is france and then new england is england obviously so i'm talking like pennsylvania uh to like through new york that's france and then new england is england that makes perfect sense eight ancient rivals new 0:21:58  
york yankees red sox that's nothing on uh on uh on the hundred years war \*\*\*\*\* battle agent court i'll take that any day over uh over uh game seven of the 2003 alds florida is turkey and greece like depending on yeah think of the mediterranean as the caribbean or caribbean is the mediterranean so uh the south is italy and then florida is past the aegean the mid-atlantic that is the low countries that's benelux delmarva 0:23:0  
made with hope delmarva is benelux yes new orleans is venice correct very good see hawaii is like uh malta or something and what is the vatican graceland baby new england is old england and the british isles so it's also ireland the whole thing because 0:24:2

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it's not that the thing is is that england and ireland as much as people they may hate each other or whatever it's basically the same countries i'm sorry it's the same pasty skin it's the same hunched over beaten down feeling both countries have the same exhausted sense of being passed by uh the same innervating weather the same sort of dreariness of the soul and like kind of uh i mean ireland they're much more cheerful 0:25:3  
the people are nicer but the vibe is very similar uh it's just like there's some parts of uh of new england that are nicer than so that's why as much as you want boston to be ireland i'm sorry boston's too miserable to be ireland boston's got to be england that's how badly you irish \*\*\*\*\* up you turned ireland into england when you moved here because boston is like \*\*\*\*\* uh is is one of those bumper ass uh english cities where everybody just and if none of this makes sense remember it's all absurd and ridiculous and means nothing but as i've also said it's not hurt nobody uh oh i'm 0:26:23  
just staring at this i'm getting transfixed i'm sure this is always very riveting when i do this but sorry i'm just wow good stuff oh god somebody asked what kind of board games uh virgil made us uh has ever made us play i think i talked about this uh on the show but i'm not sure when we went to net roots nation in philadelphia last year there was a at this in the swag merch area which was way inferior to the one at cpac they had this video these like activist board games board games were supposed 0:27:26  
to teach you how to be a better activist one of those called like it was weird i don't really remember how it went but it was you were fighting so that was the that's the one name he also in iowa last year made us play or earlier this year made us play the uh game of thrones trivial pursuit i think so ah i'm hoping to stream some games 0:28:28  
soon i would play white frailty the board uh somebody asked let me try uh i gotta make a sad admission here somebody asked how many criterion collection dvds i own for one thing i'm not really that kind of guy i appreciate fine films sometimes but i mostly watch \*\*\*\*\* but even if i didn't i don't own any dvds anymore it's just i moved too much it's too seductive to just have everything in the cloud even though i know i don't really own anything anything can be taken from me at any moment and that's scary but it's a price you pay i'm probably gonna just cut off all 0:29:30  
media and just uh evaluate what's going on in the world through augury watching where the chickens feed and when the crows thing secret honor is the greatest movie about nixon ever made with the best dixon in it phillips uh phillip baker hall one of the greats but he doesn't even really do an impression and they don't give him any makeup or anything he just plays the volcanic wounded animal gremlins two should 0:30:31  
be criteria release absolutely masterpiece yeah i am getting today has been very bad for allergies i uh it's been it's it's it's been getting worse this week yeah everyone who hasn't seen gremlins i didn't see never really here that movie is amazing because it kind of came out while pizzagate was still something that was uh idiots like me

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thought was mostly a joke but it seems chillingly plausible now i'll say that \*\*Music 0:31:32  
playing\*\* hearing chimes like i don't wish it was an ice cream guy oh that's a great  
question i had never thought of that because i've given up hope that it'll ever happen  
who would be the ideal director for an american tabloid film very good question let's  
think about this that movie has been dangled in front of me forever i remember like  
in the 90s it was uh tom hanks was going to produce a mini series for hbo it never  
happened even after la confidential it's a bummer because that's my favorite one of  
his books it's the first one i've read i'm a big fan of all of his stuff but nothing's ever  
topped the experience of reading american tabloid for the first time it was one of 0:32:34  
the most important books i've ever read in terms of shaping my aesthetic oh my my  
historical interests uh my politics uh uh my uh you know my approach to narrative  
a lot of things it was like what i thought you could do in a in a novel uh and so i  
would love to see a movie version of it even if it would be bastardized because allie  
confidential is a really good movie but it still isn't a patch on the book um and i  
but the best part is i think i can understand why they did what they had to do with  
l.a confidential because the plot of l.a confidential is absurdly complicated i mean  
it's that's part of the point but it's also just the idea of putting even a fraction of it  
on screen not realistic with american tabloid i think you could really do it you can  
really tell that story in a way that wouldn't compromise the story arcs because the  
big problem with uh uh the big problem with l.a confidential is the way it just ends 0:33:35  
in a big stupid shootout that just cuts the gordian knot of all the plot strings and i  
don't think you'd have to do that with american tabloid and so i've often thought  
about casting it like who should be in it but i hadn't really thought of who would  
direct it i think let's think of the obvious choices first the first name that comes to  
mind the but i don't think that would be ideal he gets elroy's obsessiveness i don't  
know maybe it would be maybe maybe i'm thinking too hard maybe it's just fincher  
maybe fincher is the one because the thing is i guess it's because i don't really like  
fincher that much he's not i don't like it as much as a lot of people do but i have  
to say that for this material he's kind of ideal but let's keep thinking uh the cohen  
brothers no no no no no not the koch brothers uh elroy doesn't really have a sense of 0:34:36  
humor as the thing and i don't think they could ever really pull that off that's one of  
elroy's strengths is that he never winks he has full full \*\*\*\*\* like fixated north star  
intensity on telling the stories he has no time for frivolity some of his short stories are  
funny on purpose but uh the novels are not funny and that's not that's good if they  
wouldn't be as good if they were and i can't see the code brothers not doing it like  
uh no country for all we it's got two double beds we don't give out that information  
about and of course one of the funniest bits in cone brothers history in the famous  
coin toss scene with the gas station guy goes uh who else paul thomas anderson 0:35:38

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someone said he doesn't really do plot and an american tabloid movie would have to be very plot heavy it would have to get in its character stuff at the edges and that's not really what paired what pta does so i don't think i don't think that would be a good good one zack snyder that's kind of funny i don't know uh soderbergh is an interesting choice okay soderbergh is interesting because he can do like genre \*\*\*\*\* like easily you know i mean he's he's he did one of the all-time great elmore leonard adaptations and uh out of sight i think he could he could vibe with elroy he's also got the chili thing uh so he's definitely on the list michael mann yeah i don't know i think he might be like he might be hostile to the plot stuff but it's just too plotty because he's his movies really don't move in that kind of linear way i mean the heat is almost three hours craig zoller oh man ooh now that's an interesting one craig zoller i don't know if he could pull up well now he didn't tomahawk see he could definitely pull off uh yeah all right he's definitely on dan gilroy is a good idea too town girl is good andrew dominic not bad this is some good ideas here not tarantino not eastwood uh i just finished lodge 49 uh i really liked it and i thought the last the end was great but god damn it i really wanted another season now that i'm done i'm really kind of annoyed because as much as they don't need another season because the show is able to you know leave you with a sense of satisfaction no matter what because it's you know it's it's it's it understands itself as a cyclical story even though it might get another addition to it but still man i i really like those characters and i would like to hang out with them some more for another season or so but people people are too dumb there wasn't enough prestige \*\*\*\*\* in it for people to watch it there wasn't enough uh dumbass indulgent like ooh this is all very serious and rigorous and this is real this is cinema while you're looking at your phone the whole time every one of these \*\*\*\*\* shows is designed to be watchable you're watched looking at your phone god damn it how about some coffee uh so there's cheeto in the white house i'm stuffed up this is not good what is the most effective allergy medicine it's not the one i took today that's for sure i thought it would have \*\*\*\*\* worked these damn bowdangle uh sawdust yeah how you guys always make fun of jesus how do you know he's just not allergic huh it's not necessarily tooting on that yayo you might just have some dang red weed i am not buying the ps5 no what would i do with it i don't i don't game i chant gabe shan't be happening i have i we have a we have a gaming pc for me to work on if we ever figure out how to \*\*\*\*\* stream from our office i'll play crusader kings or something there or roll a ball around in the katamari demasi game and stream some of that but i champion gaming on a console i shan't be gaming upon a council you can't make me do it oh man i usually the thing is i usually don't take medicine i usually because it usually just hits in the morning and then i'm fine and so i just got to ride it out is having kids immoral

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no of course not it's it shows that you actually believe that you can that there's a future it makes there's nothing wrong with egoism is just an observation of the self as it exists but you aren't yourself as you exist you're oh you're out you are all yourselves together at the same time and how do you manage that that's the only question that matters how do you manage all those other isolated singular egos how do you manage them because that's uh virgil wants to do a good beltway garage suit but i gotta know i gotta say i don't know what i'm gonna talk about because i have completely checked out on the presidential race i mean i do not care i mean obviously it's not hard for that to be the case because everything that's happening seems very irrelevant but i have genuinely fully grill pilled all my way through by any of my concern and personal i don't really know what's going on it looks like mine's gonna win but i mean i don't give a \*\*\*\*\* honestly booker in kentucky is interesting it would be nice to see him get the nomination because it's obviously very unlikely that mcconnell will lose but if things fall correctly this could be an unprecedented landslide election i mean you're seeing certain signs of enthusiasm on the anti-trump side and a huge shift among democratic voters the potential to see a return among black voters to 2016 voting uh or 2012 uh voting participation amounts which if that all happened you could see a real genuine landslide it wouldn't necessarily extend that far down the ballot because obviously a lot of it will be about trump specifically rather than the republican party but mitch mcconnell is a very hated individual he could very well get some of that uh backsplash and you want it honestly won't really matter who he's running against so you in terms of you know because they're gonna win either way get somebody there who might be slightly better than the other one and booker looks a lot better than amy liberated up alberta baby wigs it build the pipe build the damn pipe where are we going to build the pipe when are we going to get serious in ottawa and start building the damn pipe \*\*Music playing\*\* i am patio man jesuit patio mall and this is my patio land and i am the god who surveils it all is under my domain from the ikea folding chair to the weber 22 22-inch is michael jackson truly canceled he's dead that's exactly that's as cancelled as there is no cancellation that transcends death i'm afraid somebody asked he keeps asking about oliver stone's nixon which is an okay movie it's pretty uh it's got a lot of great performances though although one of them is not really anthony hopkins i don't think he's very good i'm not gonna lie and not just because he didn't have a good uh handle on an american accent which he absolutely does not he sounds \*\*\*\*\* welsh always same way connery always sounds scottish \*\*Music playing\*\* but a lot of the other performances are great they really nailed the casting james woods as haldeman i mean um who should correct the chris daughter movie me baby me no i i will be directing the uh the stephen paddock movie uh daughter harmony corinne could do a

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good job soderbergh actually i think if you read dorner's insane um manifesto where he shouts out like hillary clinton joe scarborough gianna michaels that talks about 0:48:37  
like uh todd phillips thank you for the hangover films and it's sad that i'm not gonna  
get to see the hangover three i think it's gonna be wonderful when you complete  
the trilogy sir before he goes out to kill a bunch of cops and go down in a blaze of  
glory when they set fire to the building he's in that's like that's it's like a normie  
just purely snapping and the informant does a good job of safeties would be good  
for a daughter movie oh yeah michael b jordan is gor as uh as daughter okay even  
though i look like i'd actually like to see the hughes brothers come out of retirement 0:49:38  
to do a dorner movie what was the last movie they made dead presidents is so so  
yeah the hughes brothers give them movie i don't think john carpenter wants to okay  
somebody asked about dems i bet because i started talking about causality and you  
know how all action is predetermined and totally protested and unchanging but you 0:50:41  
still have free will because you are not aware of the degree to which that is true uh  
and so you'll say oh that's on that show so i started to watch it and i gotta say man  
i cannot take alex garland \*\*\*\*\* i cannot handle this super ponderous just overly  
pretentious crisp frosty thing that he does it just rubs me the wrong way i don't get  
more pulled in by it i get more alienated by it and then i find myself looking at my  
phone and then i'm like i told myself i wasn't going to do this anymore so that who  
play the tsarnaevs uh well felix will play a amalgam of both i don't have the rhoda  
that's that that's one of the only things that isn't sneezing is one of the only things 0:51:42  
that i was not a huge annihilation fan either time to air it all out british sci-fi guys  
and me don't really go too well together i guess you'd say him and uh ridley scott can  
go jump up my butt 28 days later is okay but he didn't direct it it would have been  
worse if he honestly i know people love dreadnought with dread is a uh cult classic  
and i certainly have to see the appeal i watched it like two weeks after i saw the raid  
and i just like this is this made me wish i was watching the rain guy fighting his way 0:52:43  
through one building it's just i know it's not fair to compare them but i couldn't  
get it out of my head and so i can't really judge also i want a little bit i'm sorry i  
want a little bit of build world building can i get a little bit of world building the  
whole concept is that it's the near f it's some cyber future where all the the entire  
world has been sandblasted and the only places left are these little antarctic mega  
cities and then crime is so rampant overpopulation is so out of control that they've  
gotten rid of having even a complete a an actual legal system one man judge jury  
and executioner and in the movie that don't really come into it at all because they  
get locked into the thing the whole time like the design of like those modular uh uh  
housing complexes was cool but you know give me a little bit of the actual what's  
it like in there what's the deal it's it's it's supposed to be a far future dystopia i'd 0:53:44

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like a little bit more of that now the stallone version \*\*\*\*\* up because they did the bad thing where you go to see a movie about a guy who's got who's got a job and then half of the movie is them not doing that job because they are been framed for something i hate that you you want to see the guy be the thing you don't want to see him not be the thing it's judge red not prisoner dread but anyway at least you got more of a sense of like what what the society was like i mean it was dumb like the council of judges \*\*\*\*\* very stupid but i want a little bit of that i want a little pequito moss of that portfolio so that's why i can't even really get behind dread even though many people love it spilling all the tea right now spilling the tea all over the place i seen csa uh the confederate states of america movie it's not great uh it's very 0:54:50 low budget is one of the big problems with it but it's got some interesting ideas and all i uh and also i don't think it's really plausible that the confederate states would have taken over and imposed slavery in the entire united states uh it would have been more like in the hairy turtledove books where they become regional superpower rivals and end up fighting in both world wars against each other all right guys one more question i think that i'm going to split thank you guys for talking was a good 0:56:2 time somebody asks how to stop behavior loops uh it's hard it's impossible to tell someone because they have to find out for themselves what works but the principle of all of them is slow down i know it's way easier to say than to do but when you learn why for the inside it'll i don't have an eddie pot i should get all right guys somebody asked me if uh somebody gave me the advice to get a gun uh huh yeah 0:57:7 that's hilarious

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### *Uncles Without Borders*

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that was fast it's usually not that fast i make sure this is working i gotta watch  
this playstation commercial first there we are there's me there's me on the line me  
online who to thunk it me online sounds too complicated hello uh that day's okay 0:1:1  
i guess it was kind of muggy and overcast earlier but then the sun came out which  
was nice i'd spend the evening out here now that yes i'm going to teach you how to  
log off while you're on the computer and while i'm on the computer and while we're  
on well where well we are all on the computer lol at the end of the day everybody  
just loves being on the computer and who is to blame them information stimulation 0:2:3  
all reachable at the touch of your fingers all you have to do is hit your finger you  
can get picked up and taken on the information superhighway by digital ed kemper  
who will cut your head off and put it in the trunk of his car when he shout out to  
the homie maddie gatz who uh is apparently doubling down on the idea that his  
that he has an adopted cuban uh son which is pretty funny and you know what  
if it's all true sure i would believe that too why am i going to disbelieve anything  
could happen in this world i mean yes it doesn't seem likely it seems more likely that  
some sort of weird perverted deal especially given gats's background but you know 0:3:4  
what wouldn't it be weirder if it was true and isn't the best understanding of this  
current moment that the weirder the truer so maybe he's 100 right and he did adopt  
a cuban boy who he has now raised who was also part of the house page program  
and who he referred to only previously as his helper i do kind of like the idea that  
that he did have this son who he kept separate from politics you know for maybe  
for virtuous reasons you don't want especially since he's an unmarried man people  
would raise eyebrows he was like no i'm going to save my beautiful young nephew  
son hector from this nester from the slings and arrows of the outraged internet mobs  
and the sleuths and the investigative journalists and the fake news media and then  
all it takes is one bad clip where he gets owned for not having a non-white child uh 0:4:7  
to go like actually no i do and here he is uh either way it's funny you you you win  
no matter what even if it's as stated and nothing he's saying is not true it's still  
hilarious this is my son and partner hw playing field that's funny my son and helper

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prosperous little business no i would hope i would like to see uh maddie gatz could be the president i could see that happening i i definitely have more faith than any of those weird mutant congressmen than any of these nerd senators who are supposed to be synthesizing trumpism into a coherent ideology like anyone in america gives a nestor and pollux yes they're going to be in uh face-off too uh china india is pretty 0:5:8  
pretty pretty pretty wacky huh hand-to-hand combat on a giant uh gorge people falling in like it like \*\*\*\*\* temple of doom hitting each other with like metal studded rebar or something wild einstein famously said that i don't know what world war iii will be fought what weapons world war three will be fought with but i know that world war four will be fought with sticks and stones it turns out nope world war iii also sticks and stones awesome i would love that you know because obviously the conveyor belt for uh economic growth in both india and china has broken so their 0:6:11  
hope of like allaying a social conflict through economic expansion is over so why not just have a giant \*\*\*\*\* brawl why not just do a gangster new york style showdown with like a million guys on each side and see who wins you'd kill fewer civilians and it'd be well india has announced that soldiers died i mean china is always close fist close-chested with information so who knows how many chinese guys died i wouldn't be surprised it was only the chinese military is a little bit more formidable than the indian generally but uh making indians mad at china instead of muslims is probably 0:7:12  
good for their domestic muslim population although you think that they could bond over their similar treatment like hey you guys put yours in camps and we lynch ours come on why what is our what what what are we but i don't think it'll amount to anything i mean the fact that it's literally hand-to-hand combat indicates that there's some awareness of the the risk of escalation and that nobody's nobody's tipping over into it so remember when the indian pakistan were going to go to war like a year ago this stuff's not going to happen until it happens uh and when but no man knows the hour of it wasn't a year ago all time has stopped to mean anything we're just 0:8:16  
in this is an interesting question at what age did you become yourself hmm i don't know if anyone has ever themselves i don't know if a self i mean a self isn't a real thing obviously the self is an illusion uh coping with the exist the the fact of your accumulated memories or whatever and experiences all that \*\*\*\*\* in your head that you you imagine that that's itself but it isn't really i guess the question is like when did i become self-directed as opposed to just just going with the flow i don't know if i ever have i mean i'm trying to get there but i'm not sure if i'm i would say that the 0:9:36  
grill pill uh attitude towards death is that death is not black it's it's not blackness it's not like the end of sopranos it's it's it's not a light turning off it's light going on it's it's re-communing with the entirety of existence of which you are inextricably bound and which you are a part of but which you falsely think that you're separated

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from for the back now virgil should be back um i think i think he's he's back now i 0:10:40  
mean obviously it's probationary because we haven't talked to him in a while so but  
he was good on the show on monday so i would love to do another lively solitude i  
love a good uh i love a good drawing room uh romance somebody got mad at me for  
saying that ohio is serbia because they were insisting that ohio is germany and they  
have one strong piece of evidence in their favor and that is that germany and ohio are 0:11:42  
both weird in that they tend to they avoid the tendency to have one very large city  
and then a bunch of smaller ones and that they have a bunch of medium-sized cities  
and no one big one which is the way which is also true of germany which contrasts  
it with the rest of western europe uh but i'm sorry uh you can't get at that balkan  
animosity without uh matt have i ever taken have you ever taken psychedelics uh  
i've been i don't think i've done dmt somebody gave me something that they said 0:12:43  
was tmc but i don't think it was i've had ego death before but not through dmt and  
i'll tell you that's something having your having your consciousness dissolve having  
your awareness of your corporeal form be uh completely removed and then slowly  
reconstituting yourself at like an atomic level you feel like dr manhattan uh only at  
the end of it you don't have a giant blue penis which honestly if you're not going  
to now i know you don't need to have drugs for ego death obviously but it certainly  
makes it easier for a western subject to do that because the type of focus and presence  
of mind necessary to transcend you know the moment that you're in is i'm trying to 0:13:51  
meditate yeah i'm i'm not really getting any better at it uh just in terms of you know  
being able to kind of clear space if i had but i want to do more i would like to like do  
with other people you know in some way but right now i just still feel like i'm stuck  
in this weird limbo where it's like the the quarantine seal has been broken but the  
illness certainly isn't gone and people are still aware of it and public gatherings are  
weird i don't know this whole moment just feels so odd so singularly weird also i did 0:14:53  
see that trump owned uh owned uh juan guadito by calling him the beta o'rourke of  
venezuela which honestly i think we might have done at some point he might be a the  
tracksuit is uh is still there but it's warmer now i wear the tracksuit because it was  
the spring and it was chilly but now it's it's it's warm i always got to keep minimal  
layers during anything after mid-may due to ah the beautiful venezuelan generals he  
loved them too much i don't want to go and kill those i do like that bolton wrote this  
whole book to try to discredit trump as a idiot uh deleton she's not serious about 0:15:54  
foreign policy but all that's coming out of it that anyone cares about is his hilarious  
just dumb ass anecdotes where he's getting horny for one guido's wife or something  
which is as it should be because his laziness and lack of vision on foreign policy is  
one of his blessings one of the few things that are good about him relative to the  
average the ellen john thing was very funny you can imagine him trying to score with

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like tiffany amber thiessen in the early yeah brazil is brazil is or brazil is the america of latin america brazil is the america of latin america uh france is the is the america of europe i'm still not sure the american of asia is no no no no uh brits people say 0:16:55  
it should be the brits should be the america of the uk and they are fat and stupid like we are but they don't have that messianic nationalism that we have they lost that after world war ii we the french have a vision of themselves and a vision of their country that is very similar to ours in terms of its india is probably the united states of asia yeah but it breaks down there because you've got you know it's the difference between the the clone it's development different like development levels and stuff are italy is like us but like us in the future italy is future america after it's completely 0:18:5  
broken down and all of the residual uh uh all the residuals uh civic religious stuff is just been completely obliterated and it's pure gangsterism and we're certainly on that trajectory it won't be long but i think there's still a few more oh man the masks 0:19:7  
thing and uh the mask \*\*\*\*\* is so amazing i mean when you see the way that that got turned into a culture war instantly uh it really does tell you that there is no chance for this polity called the united states to solve any problem i mean unless unless you really do believe there's some sort of demographic destiny and you know all the old people dying and and the younger people being less tribalistic and tv adult but i don't know if that's if there's any reason real reason to believe that uh but it certainly indicates that there's absolutely no there's no solving anything because because people can't agree on even what the problem is and i'm not even talking about it in abstract terms in terms of like a concrete crisis moment so now you've got mandated hamas in california but then the governor of uh oklahoma i guess is 0:20:8  
telling cup cities that they won't get uh state money to combat coronavirus if they mandate masks so it's it's fun it's like the five obstructions with federal government with uh with but i think it's because uh i mean why would we have any kind of every force in our cultures is towards towards not just atomization socially but atomization epistemically atomization of point of view whatever one of those one of those corn states corn and fossil fuels nebraska there you go the one that's uh the one that's governed by one of the guys who owns the cubs but my idea that like china the 0:21:17  
united states are going to come together into some sort of weird political union it's it's premised on the notion that there is a there is a enduring global marketplace i guess at a global economy and a global elite because if that's the case and and maintain a global capitalist system if that's the place you're going to have to start finding more and more points of efficiency to to focus on in order to make up the loss of profit from the general decline of the rate and that's going to mean replacing the competitive state framework between two big chunks two big huge economies the world's two biggest economies that essentially work interdependently one another in

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practice but are politically separated that creates a whole bunch of inefficiencies that over time are going to become less viable if they want to maintain a capitalism so there's going to have to be some sort of free trade uh framework between the two 0:22:18 countries and that can only work where in a situation where there's been a some sort of political um modus of enemy the only alternative to that would be some sort of war between the united states and china which is not impossible i guess but uh seems to be much less likely the big thing that just concerns me is not even about china it's just i mean we're gonna see half a million dead from covid within a year right i think that's pretty assumed now and that just doesn't happen you know like you don't just forget about it you might even think you forget about it you might stop talking about it but the reality of that many deaths doesn't go away and the need for someone to pay for it doesn't go away either and if there isn't some sort of conflict with an outside force that we could blame this on china being the number one culprit and i don't think there will be then we're all gonna take it out on each i think the 0:23:28 way that you become unblackpilled is to one detach yourself from the certainty your certainty of how things are going to end because you don't know nobody knows sir \*\*\*\*\* nobody on the internet knows i don't know no man knows the hour of the day and the reality of that is freeing uh and of course the other part is finding things in your life to try to build around as opposed to trying to wish cast into the future about uh about what politics is gonna look like in five because there's no way to know and all all fixating on a doom outcome does is give you permission not even to stop thinking about it that's the worst part about the whole black pill thing if black people meant oh yeah i'm just gonna stop talking thinking about politics and just like live my life that would probably be more that would be better for people 0:24:29 than what they do which is that they organize their life around this sort of doom concept that they're not doing anything about like how many blackfield people are preppers how many blackfield people are significantly trying to figure out a way to you know have a to survive some sort of coming up apocalypse or have made the choice that oh things go to hell i'm just gonna kill myself i don't think most of them do i think what they do is they use it as a as an ad hoc justification for anything uh but what that usually ends up being is self-indulgence in a self-destructive way i think having a kid honestly people ask about having kids i think having a kid is a good uh antidote to the to to blackpilling because you have someone you have to be there for and you have someone you have to imagine a future for and you know people have had children in every condition possible in this world now and in the past 0:25:30 and assuming that you can't bring someone into this world is is once again assuming a degree of foresight that is foolhardy you you can't know things out that closely you you can't have any kind and even if it happens the idea that there's going to be

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some sudden apocalyptic culling of human life seems very unlikely of all of all the scenarios that seems like the least likely we want and so in the meantime you have to live and denying yourself essential parts of life to prevent some future calamity from happening will only ensure that your life is stunted has there ever been a realistic uh oh this is a good one actually this this i can say something i'd want to think for a while uh has there ever been a realistic and satisfying solution to nepotism 0:26:31 this is something that bakunin said pukunen suggested and i'm always with marks over bakunin in their conflicts mostly because marx was speaking from the mid 19th century and bakunin being from russia was speaking from like the 16th century but but kunin's insight that inheritance is one of the foundational pillars of exploitation under capitalism is absolutely true and if you can't if you couldn't abolish capitalism which i think you could uh the only way you could make it work in any way like it's supposed to in any of the schemes and theories of of pro-capitalist ideologues is if you abolish inheritance completely in every way like you cannot transfer any money or property or capital of any kind to your kids or anybody you don't get to pick you die it 0:27:32 all goes to the state all property and the funny thing is you can't really argue against that on any kind of liberty grounds because you have free liberty to make as much money as you want uh once you're dead the idea that you get to carry out or that the state should carry out orders on behalf of a dead guy regarding like the disposal of huge so if you wanted to get rid of nepotism uh without abolishing capitalism a good first step would be just making it impossible for people to inherit wouldn't that lead to people spending all their money before they died okay what's wrong with 0:28:33 that builds the economy what you don't have is you don't have generational wealth being transferred you don't have people able to rest on their parents pile of money to be able to uh explore creative endeavors like that's why all the holly everyone in hollywood now when any kind of position of creative prominence is somebody's kid because the only people who can afford the risk of attempting to do an artistic life are people who have backup who have a and if you didn't have that then maybe it would be less reproducing exactly it would be basically legislating the veil of ignorance and 0:29:35 if you're going to do you know liberal capitalism you need to do something like that to even come close to approximating the way that this system is supposed to work the way that the the relationship between an employer and employee is supposed to be an equal uh negotiation which of course is a hilarious fraud because of the existing debt ledgers everyone carries around with them but they are passed on from generation to generation they would have to be wiped eternally wiped \*\*Music playing\*\* why 0:30:38 do the british people get mad when their celebs dodge taxes and we don't well the important thing to remember is it doesn't change anything that they get how hot are the venezuelan generals i haven't actually taken a look i haven't taken a look at

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any of the handsome venezuelan generals i'm going all right i'm going to see some  
oh and by the way the other thing that goes with all of that money being taken  
to death is that there are uh instead of inheritance there is a \*\*\*\*\* safety net so 0:31:39  
the idea that oh uh you know somebody who is in the prime of urban years dies  
their family is left without anything no it just wouldn't be provided by this this cl  
essentially clan style of of resource hoarding it would be administered by an agreed  
upon framework all right uh does anybody know any uh venezuelan generals i could  
look up because all right i'm going to the wikipedia page for the venezuelan generals  
all right uh it looks like the guy in charge is vladimir pedrino lopez can i take a look  
at him you know he's not that bad looking uh he kind of he's got the silver panther  
uh sort of a george clooney thing and like a less attractive clooney he's okay i don't  
think he's handsome as our generals i'll tell i'll tell you that i think our generals 0:32:40  
are much more attractive all right and then there's admiral remigo ceballo so let's  
check him out or sebeo rather uh yeah he's all right i mean i gotta say i've seen more  
handsome generals not gonna lie i've seen hamster generals they're no joe seastack  
i'll say that but then again the admirals always were i'm gonna get yelled at now for  
saying that the venezuelan generals aren't that hot i'm betraying critical solidarity  
with the venezuelan bolivarian revolution by not saying that their generals are the 0:33:41  
i don't know why amber mentioned the uh in wisconsin you know what uh what  
native american tribes live there by uh what casinos are there because there's the  
monotony casino in milwaukee there's ho chum casino even though half most of the  
town names are native native words you don't learn a lot about them people keep 0:34:43  
asking when bind is going to announce his vp pick but they generally don't do it  
historically until right before the convention so it'll be a while if they if they i've  
never been to foxwoods no i've been to the monotonomy casino in uh kamala i think  
i think i think kamal is a safe choice so that's probably who they're going to go  
with because they're looking at those polls and they feel like they got this thing in  
the bag so they're going to do the lowest risk maneuver they can't and they and a 0:35:44  
presidential campaign vetted uh senator is a good one even though nobody likes her  
she doesn't excite anybody just like him tim kaine they figure they don't need that  
and honestly they might be right i mean the way things are looking now i really don't  
see barring a complete collapse by biden and like physical and mental which i think  
they're gonna keep him zapped up on enough anticoagulants and uh giving him like  
ground-up rhino horn and adrenochrome and and donkey tranquilizers that he will  
make it through although i do kind of think that he will not debate trump i'm i still  
kind of have a i have a feeling that there's no way we get the trump biden race that  
we all want or the trump buying debate that we all want so i was for a while thinking  
that trump wouldn't debate biden but i think he will because hey sleepy joe would

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be great to own him biden i think has a real danger about what if he has like a pants 0:36:45  
\*\*\*\*\* moment what if he has a a real wool gathering like stockdale and 92 thing  
where he just kind of clips out that could genuinely risk him so maybe they figure  
out a way to say we're not debating trump we're not going to platform this fascist  
like think about that if biden said in september we're not going to debate because  
we don't want to platform this uh this fascist monster how would the how would the  
media respond to that they would say he's right because how can you argue after  
having spent four years making that argument about platforming how do you say  
that he's wrong especially if you're rooting for him you don't he would get he would  
get off he would get a media reprieve for being the first pres presidential candidate  
since i think nixon to refuse to debate all i know is there's no way we get it there's no  
way we get a great debate like that either they switch him out somehow because he's  
he's literally dying or or he cancels them i just can't imagine i guess oh god there's 0:37:47  
one more even worse option one more even more depressing option and honestly now  
i'm thinking it's more even likely than that is that they do debate and it sucks they  
have a debate and it's just boring they both read for the prompters they hit their  
cues none of them go off on tangents none of them start really riffing on corn pop or  
hanging out with cheryl teagues at the model cafe and it's it's just another political  
uh debate that would be the uh and that would be the grimace possible outcome and  
that's why that's why i think it's probably gonna happen more likely than anything  
and that's why we're not gonna get the the sun's debate as much as that would be  
amazing trump don jr versus hunter that would be that would be truly transcendent  
maybe in four years when don jr runs for president and then maybe because we know 0:38:49  
biden's only going to do one term maybe he annoys his son as a successor like he  
wanted to do with bo maybe he just says \*\*\*\*\* it he's 82 years old he just learns it  
up and goes here we're giving it to we're giving all that \*\*\*\*\* to uh we're giving the  
patrimony to hunter that would be great that would be wonderful we would love to  
see it i don't think they're going to do i don't think the the election will be postponed  
i just don't think that it will be have popular legitimacy and people say well that  
happened in 2002 but in 2000 we were at the end of the 90s boom the tech bubble  
hadn't even burst yet there were no conditions for anybody to do anything other  
than kind of mutter vaguely that that was \*\*\*\*\* if that happened now in the middle  
of what will still be happening which will be pandemics and civil unrest i don't 0:39:51  
know what happens but there is a chance everyone's just too tired but everyone's  
too tired to give a \*\*\*\*\* about an election because their concerns have transcended  
the theater of politics and politics has become fused with their is george saunders a  
liberal probably i think so yeah i think most writers are most artists are the ones who  
aren't nazis it's fine very good though what happens yeah what happens if turnout

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is less than 50 which i think could very well happen uh nothing although virgil we'll be talking in an episode soon about this virgil is very convinced that there's going to be like a big surge in turnout uh in november sort of constitutionally liberal or left or anti-republican who kind of tuned out in 2016 are going to \*\*\*\*\* like make voting this time a priority uh and you know maybe i have no idea i have i've given up prognostication on we'll probably talk more about the senate because the senate is pretty interesting and i think it would be pretty pretty funny if biden won in a landslide got back the senate and then did nothing in the middle of a in the middle of a great depression level economic collapse like extended unemployment for an extra six weeks or something and that's it other than that he's the hunger chancellor i'm glad booker is doing what better than mcgrath and i hope he beats her but mostly just so that if the unlikely event that you have some sort of massive wave election an unprecedented big surge which once let's say like i said is not unheard of and not impossible that mcconnell could lose and in that situation you want a better person than mcgrath certainly to be the people keep saying they're not going to extend anything past july but i really don't think they're going to let that happen in an election year because at the end of the day these people are politicians and the money is free money right there's no real extending unemployment extending the checks it's not really another than like in in a vague sense of offending uh uh uh sort of uh in offending like the mores of the the the manners of washington and their weird fixation on deficits and stuff uh it's not actually gonna cause any real conflicts and it's going to be what the business community is to want because you need to have \*\*\*\*\* consumer base to have in a consumer economy so people need money and you can just print more there's no inflation right now so the idea that they're just going to say no we're not going to extend anything at the end of july and we're going to precipitate after we've already seen this massive wave of of civil unrest now just doesn't seem i don't understand what would stop it from happening and the only thing people have been able to tell me is well they want to make some sort of evil cruel point no they want to get reelected and their their bosses want to make money and that's going to depend on they're still being in united states which might not happen if you stop paying people in july with a covid once again out of control what they're going to do though is they're going to wait until the very last minute to do it they're not going to do it until until it's the midnight up so that it's on their terms anyway maybe i'm wrong on that but i just don't see what would be the the material intercession that would prevent them from just cutting more checks to keep i mean they still want to get reelected yeah exactly july 31st at 11 58 they'll like put through more checks because they don't want anybody to get used to it the world is both incredibly boring and incredibly exciting absolutely because

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we're in a moment of deep crisis and we recognize the crisis and we're all in awe 0:45:13  
of seeing verities that we've taken for granted our entire lives crumbled before our  
eyes but the lived experience of that is looking at a \*\*\*\*\* screen for most people  
their base will yell at them they love money everyone loves money the base doesn't  
give a \*\*\*\*\* no one gives a \*\*\*\*\* on their right wing no one gives a \*\*\*\*\* at all  
about the deficit no actual conservatives except for a few cranks certainly nobody  
nobody in government and very few people who vote actually care about deficits  
and the only people who actually care about deficits are democrats because the way 0:46:14  
you know what people believe in is how they act and democrats in power cut cut  
budgets republicans in power spend because republicans don't really believe in devas  
the deficits that are bad or to be avoided or have any kind of long-term bad effect on  
the economy and i think the reason for that is that republicans also believe in this  
country more as in they believe in the endurance of american military and political  
influence and economic and industrial and all that they believe that america will  
never not be the first among equals of world powers and as long as that's the case  
there really is no danger of some sort of uh debt crisis in america because who's  
going to call it in on behalf of whom as long as america is the dollar denomination  
for uh the dollar's nomination for the world energy economy and as long as the us 0:47:15  
military is the guarantor of market stability everywhere in the world there's gonna  
be absolutely nobody to tell us we can't borrow money anymore because if we need  
it then that means this country needs it to stay up to stay open and they need the  
country to stay open and they and republicans believe that deeply you know as part  
of the armature of their ideology that america is this enduring internal creature uh  
they lie and say otherwise because you know that they they want to game it to  
their advantage and they want to use it as an excuse to not fund social programs  
and to maintain wealth disparities democrats on the other hand i think are more  
skeptical of america's enduring role in the world and they think there is a there  
is a situation where these deaths could get called in and so you should be wary  
about running what's going to happen when massive hurricanes start destroying the 0:48:27  
east coast in a few months is that how do you say something like that with total  
confidence no wonder you people are \*\*\*\*\* black-pilled you've all convinced yourself  
if things are gonna happen like \*\*\*\*\* meteorology are you \*\*\*\*\* kidding me i mean  
obviously climatology is like a science but like who the \*\*\*\*\* knows what kind of  
\*\*\*\*\* hurricane season we're going to have you're just like yes the entire east coast  
is going to be destroyed by hurricanes in three months you're just telling this stuff  
to yourself so you can like get off on it or something or excuse why you're ordering  
taco bell for the okay the forecast is an above average hurricane season all right how  
does that correspond to east coast destroyed by hurricanes i just think that that's 0:49:29

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very indicative of the general black pill concept you you extrapolate wildly from current conditions without knowing what future conditions are going to enter how future conditions because things are never the thing the moment you're imagining is going to have things in it that you can't can you cannot predict by definition because it's the future all those things are here now and they're going to determine it but nobody knows because nobody has perfect knowledge maybe someday you'll have an algorithm that will tell you every every element that goes in every decision you'll have a perfect model of the universe you'll have mintaculous and you can make a million dollars in the stock market every minute and uh and you can you can become you could have the oculus and fernum from 13 ghosts and just see the facts in the future and exist if i had five minutes with trump alone what would i do with him 0:50:31 i'd probably make out with him he would freak out it'd be hilarious and i could get freaking cheeto dust in the worst job i ever had was one i had briefly i worked for a company that would contract to do inventory for real real uh retail stores they would set up a thing where there's a like bar codes on all the products and you 0:51:32 would have to run all of them on a barcode reader and then it would tell you how many of xyz products they have in stock it was really bad for my bad back i have a pretty like a herniated disc that's like the size of a \*\*\*\*\* uh catcher's mitt and it really really did the number on my back i had to quit actually because it was regis yes it was regis that was it yep oh man barcode satanism was so cool that the movie naked talks about that david thulis has a whole thing where he talks about the the the barcode thing i don't know the whole the whole revelation seems so cute now that was that was literally a millennial movement like the whole left behind 0:52:33 evangelical notion does anybody believe that anymore do even evangelicals believe that anymore best job i've ever had well what do you i'm sure they still believe that stuff evangelicals but it certainly doesn't seem like it has as much of a i honestly don't even think trump would contest the election i mean did you see that tweet where he said or that interview where he said they asked him what if he loses and he says oh you know probably goes through something else he doesn't like being president i mean that's clear if he has an out i think he would take it his question 0:53:34 is whether his supporters would accept it and at that level the question isn't really like his supporters is an aggregate group because they're mostly lazy suburbanites i mean like are there any state governors who are going to kind of try to take a mantle of denying the uh the legitimacy of the election because these guys can control uh national guards and stuff that would okay see all right someone says i'm not sure 0:54:35 about extended unemployment i think it's philosophical no philosophical esophageal they want to make money all the ideology stuff is is trellis it's all it's all uh it's trellis it's ivy it's it's decorative you can't make money if there's no we're already seeing an

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uptick in the unemployment now even after the bounce back uh and the degree to which spending is completely correlating to uh access to this federal money means that it's absence especially in a time when you've lifted uh protections for renters and stuff like that i just don't see this percentage in it i guess is my saying i think anybody who's talking about these things ideologically and says oh this goes against x y or z principle is principles uh yeah see that's the thing as somebody points out is that restaurants that we're opening are now closing again not because of any organic stay-at-home order but because everyone's getting sick and even even the even the psychic rupture of the of the quarantine mindset where would i like to live in if not here i i've said before but i think pittsburgh would be cool northern wisconsin my my home state is mind i do not hate the south it all became a joke because southerners got too demanding about us coming there is that then we decided to troll them it is too warm for me i will say that the south is too humid for me to be humidity is my nemesis in life the pacific northwest is nice but there's that fault line kind of freaks florida is one of those states where i honestly cannot believe anyone even ever goes to their own volition absolutely baffling me just the air dense and thick slabs of of condensed hot water that you're just kind of swimming through t-shirt shops palm trees everything that was naturally beautiful just bulldozed under to create subdivisions for dying uh old people grim grim no thank you palmetto bugs flying cockroaches no thank you check please matt gatz no thank you rick scott good lord you guys have \*\*\*\*\* elected skeletor to that governor and yurts are cool i've i've gone to i've rented a yurt a couple times and i gotta say the yurt is a good is a good those mongols knew what they were doing so it's a good way to it's a good way to chill now okay they might set they might reduce the amount of money they give people i wouldn't be surprised at all if they did that and then see if it's enough and if it isn't throw some more but i can see them definitely like tacking back on the amount that they give uh but it they're still gonna have to be another there's gonna have to be another tranche i have not eaten an olive garden in a very long time olive garden is really actually terrible i'll stand for a number of the of chain family restaurants and darden group restaurants texas roadhouse isn't bad out bakes red lobster is pretty good i mean especially if you're not close to the coast it's not bad chili's fine applebee's okay but olive garden is dreadful the only good thing at olive garden are like the \*\*\*\*\* calamari and the breadsticks that's it the idea of eating an entire plate like an entree at olive garden genuinely nauseated like that's one of those situations where i would have to be paid to go there because yeah i could have apps at olive garden but i am not sitting before a plate of their pasta oh god this portions are so big oh boy i'm getting nauseous just thinking about it i haven't even eaten well if the economy is in an unstoppable death spiral then what are you doing in

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your house i guess and that's the question i should ask myself i'm cooking a little bit  
i'm grilling certainly perkins is definitely better than denny's but i'm going to admit  
even as a midwesterner waffle house is better than either waffle house is by far the  
best do you think the thing is they got the gravy you know and you can get it on the 1:1:50  
hashbrowns any way you want poor bill oakley i would love to talk to him again but  
he's been having to just like eat food that people quarantine what see this is what i  
think is most likely to happen right here what if things just sort of plateau and even 1:2:52  
the perpetual weirdness is absorbed into malaise that's what's going to happen until  
it can't happen anymore and that's when i talk about that's why you can't be black-  
pilled or anything because we are clearly in a critical decline phase of the american  
experiment there's no question about that but those decline phases can last a very  
long time and they can end very abruptly or they can sort of be soothed out like the  
cycles of modern historical empires that have lost their their preeminence like the  
dutch and the british the spanish they did not involve a wholesale like uh collapse of  
the polity that they um originated in you know but they um but they also were not  
the point of a global market which the united states is for the first time but i i i all 1:3:55  
you can do is is is look after the moment look at what's around you uh i said this on  
the jackman uh stay-at-home thing i did yesterday with amber about the internet  
but i wanted to run this guy buy you guys political activism the act of like trying  
to create a new political world in this country trying it's like building a ship right  
everybody comes together and through the trial and error of doing it and with some  
with some uh blueprints you build a damn ship you trim the you trim the keel you  
you learn how to stand up the masts uh and at the end of it you have a boat that 1:4:56  
could go on the water and maybe get you somewhere and what the internet does  
is the internet tells you that it's teaching you how to build a ship there you spend  
all that time on the internet thinking you're learning how to build a ship but what  
you're not that's not what you're doing what you're actually doing is you're building  
a ship in a bottle you're building a perfect little boat little glass guy totally intact  
it's not like you learn how to you know how to uh do one job to make a boat you  
learn how to make an entire bow entire ship you're not just learning like the one job  
you need to cooperatively learn to get a boat in the water you're you're making an  
entire one but it's it's a little tiny model and when it's time to go out into the world  
you don't have a skill that can be applied to the task of building a ship you have  
this ship in a bottle everybody comes out of their houses and they're all there with  
their ships and bottles and what the hell do you do with those and that's it's just 1:5:59  
it's the it's the sacrifice of temporal context that makes it's so hard to even know  
what's going on in the world when you're trying to construct uh a world out of the  
detritus of the internet is that you are you are idealizing you're creating ideal forms

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even if you don't know you're doing it and i've certainly done it and continue to do it because there's not a lot of alternatives and then you try to use those to navigate the world around you but and that's why as scary as the world is the demand still exists to engage with it because you can't outsmart it as much as the internet makes you think you can't **\*\*Music playing\*\*** i'll ask once answer one question before i go 1:7:0  
what kind of crazy new deal public works project would you like to see the obvious answer is trains and that's a good one uh but i don't know maybe zeppelin's would be even more fun zeppelin's charging stations and zeppelin paths all the way across the country a stately and refined way of travel through the skies zero emissions and it's less uh infrastructurally intensive than building railroads would be flippity-flop

*Assassination of Mayor McCheese Under Direction of  
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Ah Hi guys. Okay, the vast of night. I couldn't find out if I was on Twitch because I was checking, because I had to show me a commercial because I'm not a twitch member. So I still see the commercials. So apparently there's some movie called The vast of night. Well said it wasn't very good, but I'll probably see it at some point. Anything with anything that's coming out new to streaming that has anything close to Hollywood production values. I am just absolutely cabinet for this point. Just anything. That's why I know that Christopher Nolan is dying to get tenant tenant in theaters and have everybody see it on you know, a fucking IMAX with 40 glasses or whatever the fuck. But if they just put that shit on Amazon, like your computer for 20 bucks, it would make a billion dollars in one day. Yeah, that's the thing. I love going to the movies, but I can't see it happening anytime soon. I might see 10. And I don't know if they do bring that out in theaters, maybe I will go fuck it. wear the mask, whatever. Do this social distancing in theaters, although Honestly, I don't know how viable any of these concepts are. You're literally like by limiting entry into places like restaurants and movie theaters, you're limiting revenue in an environment in which they're still having to pay price, rent, and pay overhead that were factor that factor in that level of revenue limitation. Ah, all right. So let's talk about the fireworks thing for a minute. So yeah, I obviously heard a lot of fireworks this last couple of weeks, I saw somebody lighting off pretty impressive ones just in front of me on the street a few nights ago. It hasn't been too intense late at night in my neighborhood. So I don't know what others experience are. But I haven't seen cops set them off or anything. I saw some neighborhood people setting them off one time, but who knows where they got them? I mean, obviously, there's like a whole range of conspiracy theories, right? There's a whole bunch of different you got, you can go from just, you know, cops are looking the other way while people are selling them more out than they used to. And they're not responding to calls so people can light them off longer to the cops are literally supplying them and carrying it out as some

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sort of some sort of Fourth of July Gladio type operation. I think is usually the case. Bear in mind, I have no idea. I don't have any more information than any of you people have. So probably in the middle somewhere. I mean, the cops are definitely allowing it to happen before pre any previous time that they would not have been allowed to have that many fucking that long of a firework so without a cop showing up. So minimally, the cops have decided to show their show their worth to the to the city by not picking it by not breaking up fireworks displays. And a lot of people say, Well, that doesn't figure into how many there are or how big and expensive they are, how who could afford them and things like that. And how are they getting them all when that doesn't happen every year? Well, I mean, that if you can get a little Freakonomics on it and say, well, because the cops aren't, because like, say X number of people in a given year are going to buy fireworks illegally to fit off set off in the city. And there's always something but they're limited by the fact that they know they're never going to be able to like more than one or two at a time. So there's no point of buying that many. So the demand is relatively static and low. Now, with the cops essentially giving a tacit green light to that you can go hog wild, you can empty out your barrel. Then maybe you want to buy more of them and then that increases demand as as, as it's worth more, to bring more in and In that case, all it takes is the cops just turning a blind eye and all of a sudden, boom, it's fireworks time, thanks to the fact that it's the beginning of summer, people have been cooped up for months. There's nothing else still open. That's like the least invention intervention scenario. Most intervention scenarios we said, that's like, yeah, the cops are the ones actually doing it intentionally a psychological warfare. And as I said, I don't know that I don't know which one is which, but I will say that the question I have, and the reason it's hard for me to care too much one way or the other is besides the fact that it seems like, there's no way for me to know is what are you gonna do about it? If it is? What if it is a conspiracy? What if the cops are doing doing it? What are you gonna do about it? What are you gonna do about it? And the real answer is now Well, no, you're gonna go online, and you gonna say the cops are doing this? It's like, okay, does that change the fact that's happening every night? Does it change the fact that that gets a freaking you out a little bit making you wonder, making you doubt yourself, when he doubt your cause. Because you live in a city and you don't want fireworks going off in your windows. And maybe that means the cops should be around because if they're not, I don't know if I can really live in a city anymore, and I should do like it. And that anxiety has to be like put away and that it's put away in in arguing that it has to be some sort of conspiracy theory. Because that you weigh sublimates, your anxiety, it's sublimates. The very fact that like, there is a there's an absolute tenuousness to everyone's belief system, right? Like people think,

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oh, we need to get everyone to believe X, Y, or Z. And then we could win. Now, you need to have a depth of belief, their belief has to be thick, their belief has to have the thickness to when it encounters resistance, and, and there has to be a sacrifice of personal gain or comfort, in order to advance it, you have to be willing to push through. Well, I I'd say that a lot of the people who have political beliefs right now, and, and, and to the point that they even carry them around is like a signal part of their identity and their sense of virtue. They've never really been tested. They have in the sense that they've never had to put like, weigh their political beliefs against something else that they really wanted. And, like, there's this giddy rush of look at what we're getting in the streets. But a lot of the people in the streets, their commitment to this cause whatever you they even imagined it to be, and not everybody is imagining it's the same thing is essentially free for them. Going out, when you work quarantine is actually all positive, you get to go for exercise, you get to feel like you're a good person, you get to be outdoors without feeling guilty about being outdoors, which is what stops you from going out doing other stuff. It's all win. But what if the fireworks don't stop, you know, and the cops make it clear that they're not around to stop them, they're not going to stop. And all of a sudden, maybe we need cops around maybe police are useful. And it's like, that's the point when abolish the police becomes privatized? You know, that's the point where to find the police means some cosmetic cosmetic trimming of the budget. And then people people who would have said, I'll never settle for that a million years. They've they're settling for it. Why? Because their beliefs have been tested a little bit. And it turns out that their maximalist commitments didn't actually account for having to be sacrificed for Ah, and I think that the whole fireworks thing is part of anxiety attack about that very fear that a lot of people have, like what's going to happen? And it's, and it's a real one. And the fact is, we don't know what we're doing and no one knows what they're doing. And that leads everyone, of course, to start creating narratives, to justify everything, and to to soothe all disquiet. But a long way of saying I have no idea what's happening with Bioware. But it's certainly having whatever the desired effect is, or we'll see, I guess, right. We will see, we shall see how effective it is and how people react to it. And that's again, I don't know. I think a lot of the anxiety comes around the, the, the buried and never spoken of, but, but undeniable fact that whatever we want to call the left in America has no organizational being. Right? It there's no umbrella organizations, there's no real leaders even certainly not leaders who have any influence beyond their ability to persuade, as opposed to give orders to a hierarchy of command. Absent that. I mean, my hope is and the only hope we have is that conditions will bring those organizations and that coordination into being. But we're at the stage now

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where it hasn't happened yet. And there's a lot of anxiety around that. Because people are like, What's going to happen? And more importantly, how do I know what anyone else is going to do when it happens? How can I be comfortable? How can I be confident that whoever was with me at that last March, or wherever the hell or whoever follows me on Twitter is going to be there when it comes to the showdown. And the thing is, without it without a hierarchy, without people you know, and organizations that reach out branching Li to each other to know we're gonna be here and know who we are. There's no way of feeling that way. And that, and that's why you have like this very weird, pointless kind of argument. This investment, this investment in this argument about, like, for example, is rioting or looting good or bad, right? And it's entirely framed by everyone who argues about it as an individual choice, like, should I individually choose the person? Who is should I individually judge the person who is living? Should I think that they're doing a bad thing? Should I think that they're good or bad person? And that's the only, that's the only plane of argument. And when Nathan Robinson wrote that article about how the guy getting canned for linking to a piece of research about saying that riots in the 60s, increased support for republican positions. And he said, that's good, because that was bad research. And it's bad research. because it assumes that it's the writers fault if people don't like riots, and it's not the systems that create them. And that is a completely beside the point. Because there is an empirical question that has nothing to do with the individual virtue of the person who does something about its effectiveness. And the thing about that question is that's unanswerable because there is no coordination. There's no mechanism to if you know, it's good or bad, do anything about it, all you can do is blame, or, or justify the people who do. And so a question of are riots helpful becomes the only thing that matters is the question of its virtue. And like, and therefore, because you're not considering the racism that created it, you and you're condemning the people who did it. Now, there's a second question. They can all everyone who writes everyone who loops can be doing it in what I would imagine a virtuous manner. And I complete I believe that I don't have any moral objections deluded. But I could still be in an objective sense, it could still be counterproductive. I'm not saying it is. But I think it could be. And it's a separate question. But it's, we don't even think of it we doesn't even consider come to our minds, because it's beside the point. Because even if it was, we couldn't stop it anyway. Or make it happen if it was good. Because there's no mechanisms for ordering anyone to do anything. There's no organization. And that is the terror at the heart of all of this that no one can confront. And all of this stuff all this like weird moralizing, conversation and argumentation and conspiracy theory shit. It's all dancing around the hole in the center, which is the lack of any

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direction. I don't think anything happened to Nathan Robinson, I honestly feel like he caught he tripped early to a little hole in the Deathstar of internet com, internet conversation discourse, which is that if you write a lot of words, it is highly unlikely that every any everyone will, or even most people will read them all right, because nobody reads anything that they click to on the internet, especially if it's long. They will probably read a little bit of it. And then what they will do is they will take from it not even your argument but the fact that you sure did put a lot of work into it. And that's a hell of a lot more than anyone else on the internet can say because they're all just doing two character reply tweets and emojis and shit anybody you can write anything more than like 10,000 words, in this moment of like, ultra fried attention spans is basically a like fucking Mozart and Einstein had a baby, like sitting down and writing something that long I couldn't read that and they don't. And so if you can write a lot of words and make them like coherent enough that they don't just notice that the last the last, you know, 50 or Like lorem ipsum, as long as it has internal consistency like it, it reaches, it passes the test of like the Chomsky universal grammar, you know, people think you're a fucking serious, serious intellectual guy. And it worked. I mean, he also had the costume. He had the performance of the accent. He really he armored himself with every Shibboleth of sophistication that we as like downwardly culturally, mobile, half wildly Philistine Americans hate each other, like as friends but still have like a, like a terrified, odd respect for because we feel the lack of culture within Americans. People really need only my hat anymore. Got you people are so fucking fickle. Jesus Christ. All right, I'll take the hat off. Now, how you feeling about this? How's that? Huh? Oh, guy, little belt gentlemen there. Why don't I just create an organization? I know. I really should. Problem is any organization that's going to be an effective basis for mobilizing in this country is going to be around the workplace. And I sadly am about as disconnected from the working classes you can be like in the sense that I am not even of that class. Not a capitalist as I said, an artisan, a pre modern artisan, but what it means is I don't really have a lot of organic connections. I gotta say it's, it's, it's nice. I need a fence. I have one. I have a fence. I think it's at our office. It's pretty baller. It's a it's like from the Syriac lodge of the Shriners. I love that the Shriners are just these cute guys. We ride around a little motorcycles and dedicate wings to children's hospitals. They're the public. They're the charity arm of the Freemasons. You people are aware of that, right? So they're doing high level Moloch worship while writing and then riding around in little cars and wearing a little fezzes now here's the hippos here. Hey, guys. Well Hippo, buddy. Let's get busy. I didn't wear if I didn't wear a fez on an election livestream. Yeah, they're good hats. They're nice. masonry is mostly charitable work. Hmm. Yeah. Well, I guess it depends on what

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you consider charity actually acts because executing john f kennedy in the ritual of the killing of the king, a reenactment of a 33rd degree Masonic, mystic ritual, we actually prevented the earth from being swallowed by a giant space succubus, so it was technically charity when we kill them. Live lacz 49 pill I am. I don't know if I've recommended that show on here yet but watch 49 it's actually really good. It's it is on it was on AMC and so it's got like the prestige appearances but it is defiantly not a prestige show. And the way is to count and that's why it got canceled after two seasons, but it's really good. And it uh, it vibes with like everything I've been saying to kind of uncanny degree. I'm the guy, the guy whose books are the inspiration for the book was I think, Jake Garvin. Or he wrote a really good book of short stories that I just finished called middlemen. That is really, really fantastic. And the show is really good too. I really wish they got one more season. It's it ends nicely and it ends It's okay, as long as it is but I really wish it got one more season. Jim Gavin, that's it. If I could get One historical figure on the podcast, who would it be? That's a very interesting question. Huh? See, the problem with historical figures is you get if they're too far back, you bring them up to your moment. And you can't ask them a question because they're screaming and stare and yelling at the computer asking what what this demon haunted contraption is, you know, they can't have too much culture shock and time shot, they're not going to be able to even tell you anything even remotely helpful. They're going to spend most of the time just being amazed that cars exist. But yeah, like somebody from it would have to be like mid mid 20th century at the latest if you wanted them to be helpful, if you wanted them to have any insight, as opposed to just wanting to laugh at like Shakespeare just crying and staring at a zoom microphone. Somebody asked about Infinite Jest and about what Wallace gets right or wrong about the nature of entertainment, I would say that he gets he understands that the entertainment exists as a way to deal with loneliness. And I think that that is a central penetrating insight. And it's why his book, which was written in the mid 90s, is the one one is one piece of, of contemporary fiction, that feels incredibly, incredibly prescient, and, and of the moment, because he saw that technology was going to give or take our ability to entertain ourselves our ability to to assuage loneliness to a unprecedented degree. And that's where we are now. Like everything in there, the mind obliterating force of the entertainment has already consumed us. Like the number of people who, including myself, have allowed their lives to be derailed significantly, by the pursuit of entertainment. The only thing that I guess he didn't necessarily anticipate was that it because it's shallow. And because it is a over time, it loses its potency, and you need more of it, that it would become more interactive, you know, because it's not just like everyone's watching TV that has destroyed our ability to connect to

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one another or function. or movies, it's because we're on the computer, and that has a that has a that takes it to another level. And that is because entertainment, like TV movies, it assuages loneliness by giving us a simulation of people around us for the time we're watching it, a simulated social reality that we can be a part of, but it is flat. And so the effect over time, loses its potency. What the internet does is it gives you an even more richly textured and more immersive sense of social reality. But like anything else, because it's a simulation, it loses power over time. And that's the thing that has to be remembered Above all, and that's why you have to spend more time on it. And you have to give more emotional investment to the time you spend on it. To make up for the fact that the mere act of being on the computer and engaging in those simulated social realities, loses its ability to assuage the real human need for though stage stationary bicycle for the mind. That's pretty good, except when you're on a stationary bike, you're actually getting exercise. Alright, I'm being recommended the book of the man without qualities, which I've heard of but never read. I will check it out. Do I know anything about Charles Harrelson? You mean Charles V. Harrelson, Woody Harrelson, his dad, the guy who was in prison, a death row I think for exit for the contract murder of a federal judge and is widely by some anyway considered to be a prime suspect in the Kennedy assassination. I mean as soon as you meet I would love I would love to rip few bong, bong toks with Woody Harrelson and talk about his dad, but that probably isn't a good vibe for him. It probably brings up bad feelings, but I gotta say, if it was my dad, I would be like, way into it. I How could you not be? How could you not like people get like, people get hung up on their genealogy if they just come from a bunch of dumb potato humpers in Ireland who never did anything interesting. If my fucking father might have killed Kennedy, I would really want to investigate the hell out of it. But maybe he does and keeps it quiet. And if so then respect to him on that. I don't think there are more humans under Antarctica. That's ridiculous. All he says is apparently his dad and him are on good terms. Did he ever ask his dad if he killed Kennedy, though? Because if they were on good terms, and he like he was gonna die in jail anyway. You think maybe he would have asked he would have answered? You know. I do not think Trump likes being president anymore. I think Trump's entire life because he's fleeing from himself. He's fleeing from his, his wounded heart that has never healed. That he has been flitting from thing to thing in his life that he think he's even admitted this in interviews. His favorite song is is that all there is because he does a thing and it's wonderful if he asked himself is that other is and then he moves on to the next thing. And everyone who says Why did he run for president, he could have just had it. He could have had his mistresses and he could have had his, his his TV show and everything. It's like, Yeah, he was fucking miserable. He's been miserable

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every moment of his life. He is he is in more pain, psychic pain than I could imagine every moment of his life. It's just a brutal nightmare of misery he used his center is nothing but self loathing and anxiety. He ran for President. I mean, partially to screw Obama for saying he was an idiot, but also just as something else to do. And for a while it made him feel better. Seeing all those crowds and all those rooms hooting and hollering at him, and then beating Hillary, he was scared because he wasn't ready for it. But at the same time, high, everyone said he couldn't do it. They said it was impossible. They said I could do it. And then I lied, folks. They never seen anything like it. They saw huge blow out. He was a landslide. He loved it. He loved it. But it all it's all Evanescence. I was vanity. it all falls through your fucking hands like saying. And now he's left at the end of it. And now because he can't do his rallies anymore. And the what he did wasn't even that well attended and was obviously poorly attended. And he probably was happy for about five minutes. And then he wasn't anymore. There was a picture taken of him coming off the Marine One back to the White House. That is the best photograph of Donald Trump I have ever seen. He's got his he's got his tie undone. He's got his hat, his magga hat crumpled in one hand, his scarf like a gut sort of like days stare. Looks as shitty as possible. Best of all, there's a fucking ring of makeup, orange makeup on the inside of his collar. The Cheeto dust is at work. It's fantastic picture. So yeah, so not being president. Maybe that will make him happy. being president and work maybe not being president will work. So I really don't i don't think he's gonna I don't think he's going to and he couldn't admit to himself that that's true. And I don't think that he's gonna like throw it or anything. But I do think that there will be beneath everything else relief. If he if and I think is more likely when he loses because I gotta say, guys, I know everyone's like don't count out all Donnie. Everyone's been traumatized by him owning everybody for three years. But at some point reality intervenes, you know, and I he's, he is really in fucking trouble. Unless he decides to in the very late, late period right before the election to be Donnie Donnie moneybags to do the helicopter drop that they have not done so far, even though it would have really helped us approval. Unless they do some late late inning huge injection of money into the economy. He cannot win. Like, as in there's no path. Like there's zero chance 20% unemployment. He's not gonna win any of those Midwestern states. He's not gonna win. Michigan is not gonna win Pennsylvania. He's not gonna win Wisconsin. It's not going to happen. Because that swing where people were like, let's try them out and see what happens. They have and we see it in the results from from congressional races in the interim, they have decided that didn't work out too well. And there's nobody else like his base there is it's the same people as ever. But it's, it's not enough, it was never enough, his base was never enough to win. It

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was his base plus people who are disinterested enough to not vote, who are generally democrats or two, if they're generally democrats switch to Republican, and that was all a function of Hillary, and Hillary being such a uniquely unlikely character, such a perfect avatar for what people thought of as their miseration. Whereas now like, Biden, to the degree to which he represents anything is a period the Obama years which seem even for, I think, non Democrats, to be a period of relative calm competence. That what they would like to return to, and there's nothing Trump can do to change that. Except giving everybody money because he personalizes every issue about himself, which means the big fear people have that Oh, all the riots are gonna turn people into reactionaries? No, they're associated with Trump. Like, even if they're not, even if they're not woke, even if they don't believe all the stuff about prison abolition. And abolishing the police that your Twitter feed does. They still are like Trump is making this worse. Trump makes it worse. And Biden because like the idea that he's gonna be Mr. antifa. That can't stick. He's 90 year old white dude. And he has explicitly disavowed all the anti fat stuff. So he can't get ahead of any issue because he's the face of every issue, whatever issue is bad. The question of whether or not Trump Trump was facing Biden, and Corona had not hit. And the recession hadn't happened, which honestly is a big if because it looks like the recession might have actually technically started before Corona hit. Then I think he would have a better and he might lose, but I would make him the favorite. At this point, I bet the ripples will probably reflect that. But you he's getting his ass dominated in a way that Hillary never did. Not even close. Right now, if the polls if the polls the polls within a matter of 1% margin of error, if all those states that right now have him with with Biden within like a mark outside the margin of error have a lead outside the margin of error. If those hold, he rots, he wins every state Obama won in 2012 2008, at least. And the fundamentals are gonna only get worse, more people dead from Corona. And now we recognize like all those people didn't show up to the rally and teleca even if they weren't scared away by antiva, they probably do believe that the virus is real. And honestly, the degree to which people believe the virus is a real threat is the degree to which they have to recognize his his responsibility for a lot of the reason we fought the dog so badly. So yeah, I would say that a party a significant intervention, an October surprise to end October surprises, I think that he's cooked. See, Sonny says remember what Paul said Hillary was going to crush him. She never led like she never let him in aggregate you can put points, a few outlier polls if you want. She never let him in aggregate from this far out the way that Biden is. And she's still let's not forget this, she won the popular vote by a significant margin. And only lost in the three states she couldn't lose by a combined 70,000 votes. So that's like literally a coin flip

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basically, in terms of outcome. So it's not like he beat Hillary running away with it. He barely went one and basically a fluke. Which is another thing people forget. Because it is funny to imagine, talk about how she got her ass kicked. But uh, I'm not talking about general. I'm not talking about national elections Anyway, I'm talking about state polls. And yeah, yeah, like there were some national polls that had Hillary up by like 10 or 12, or whatever. But state polling is pretty consistent. Now the whole thing with the fucking mail in ballots, that's going to be a huge, huge contention point. And that's why I can say now no matter what, the other side, whoever it is, is not going to accept the outcome of this election. The question is, what formations will exist to channel that feeling into actual resistance? I mean, we're in a crisis of political legitimacy and happened since 2000. Pretty much. You could argue, maybe since the Clinton Clinton impeachment. I don't know maybe Bork, who knows. But anyway, we've been in a long term slow crisis. legitimacy that is now reaching unsustainable. speed. That means that every election, I was going to ratchet it up, and probably significantly more than previously. And I think this election is going to be a ratchet point of just generalized risk rejection of, of the authority that that has emerged from the proper channels. But I would say this, I think that's actually good news for the left, and one of the few bright spots we have. Because I've been thinking about electoralism lately. And the big argument against doing electoral politics from your your anarchists, who tank us, whatever, have you whatever you want any anti electoral leftist, is that you can't change the system from within they won't let you. It exists to perpetuate capitalism, they're not going to allow you to just take it over. And the thing is, that's basically correct. Yeah. I don't think anyone at the at the level of like, detail thinks that that wouldn't happen. The problem is in America, just saying that doesn't change the fact that the vast majority of Americans who have political identities, don't agree with that, or aren't radical enough for that to care, because the degree to which they want to change things can be accommodated in their mind by elections, because they're not as radical as you. And they never will be. Because you cannot do it through persuasion. And that is the fantasy that the the the newspaper handing out leftist used to use to satisfy myself with, and now that they're online, they can delude themselves even more. Now, with a click of a finger, I can mean I can meme on 1000s of people. Yeah, you can meme on 1000s of people, they're just gonna see it as some more bullshit on the internet. It has no impact. None of this stuff impacts very little of it anyway. What causes impact is things like the person being in a, in a position materially to be accommodating to those messages. I'm talking, of course, I'm only talking about the half of people who do vote. The assumption that the other half who don't are all politically engaged, though, I don't agree with I think they have made a ideological

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decision that voting doesn't apply to them. But I think they extend that to politics in general. If you disagree, you can, but I doesn't seem to me to track frankly. So most people, though, they're like, Oh, yeah, no, they won't allow revolution through elections. But I don't really care about a revolution, I would like to be at healthcare something. And the task for the non electoral list is to get that person on board with revolution, right? To get them past that point of just wanting a little bit of crumbs or masters table and wanting the whole thing. What do you do? Well, the non electoral strategy is to just yell at them until they change their mind. I mean, if I don't know what else, if there's others to it, something, tell me. But that is the argument. It's like, well, you post you posted, remind people that they're wrong, and eventually enough of them will see that and they'll agree with you. I mean, you could try that. But it's like trying to empty a fucking bucket, it's trying to empty, it's trying to bail out your boat with a straw. It's just it's not, it's not cost or time effective. Now, what you need before, you can realistically believe that you're going to get a a before you could even come close to getting a critical mass of people for revolutionary change, to endorse revolutionary change, as in confronting the state to the point of violence and then willing to take the consequences for that. To get there, before you can get there, you need a critical mass of people who have rejected the authority of the states. And what that what you have to get is you get that you have to get enough people to realize for themselves, not because you yelled at that them, that the system won't accommodate their demands. And the way you do that, is you present the system with an electoral outcome that it cannot metabolize. And when it can't metabolize that outcome, it rejects it. And that reduces legitimacy among the people you need to have legitimately real, legitimate legitimacy reduced for. And that means that they're more willing to listen to more confrontational strategies and act those confrontational strategies, because the first option is off the table in their mind, because now they know, it doesn't matter. Now, they know they saw it, they didn't get yelled at them online. They saw it, they saw somebody that they wanted to win win. And then they saw that when nullified

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oh I hate these ad brakes I gotta wait forever to find out if I'm actually on the thing stream or not there's got to be a better way oh wait a minute I didn't click on it idiot now it's the commercial there I am there's me hello I'm on TV on the Internet 0:1:3  
how's everybody doing everybody feeling good feeling good whoo all right uh what's up beautiful day here beautiful day not too hot the backyard grilling zone is got a nice cool breeze running through it you got the sink back here all the trees it's very nice but I do think I should get some more plants back here if I sign up if I keep this place for another year I'll definitely get the trees or get plans for next next spring it's chill zone and it grows off its true so I was thinking about continuing on something I was talking about yesterday talked about statues because apparently that's what the protests are now about getting rid of statues whether it's good to do that I think if anybody saw the stream yesterday they'd know where I would they imagine where I would probably be on that and they're correct this is another example of people dealing with or refusing to deal with the lack of a structure the lack of any kind of meaningful deliberative body that can create policy and then implement it through people who are dedicated to a cause it's all we really have is a bunch of people who are sick of \*\*\*\*\* then are doing what they think will it expresses their their their sickness of said \*\*\*\*\* but the problem comes and this is the exact same thing that happened with occupy is that because you don't have deliberative processes and you don't have discipline within a movement people kind of gravitate towards certain things as actions as goals that substitute for the greater goal that is not really pursuable without a structure like you need a structure to really pursue the kind of huge radical changes to policing that are being demanded right now and we don't have that so people point to people gravitate towards things in front of them that have a concrete meaning that occupy that meant eventually the Occupy movement became about staying in the part it was it was specifically we're gonna stay here nothing more dramatic than that which meant that when when they decided to break it up that was pretty much the end of it and now we're in a similar situation at least it looks like we'll see like I said everything is 0:2:4 0:3:6

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changing nothing is is fixed but the momentary conditions our that knocking over statues feels really good and so people wanna knock over statues and God bless them go for it you know as a team-building exercise what could be figuring out how to pull some stupid chintzy Confederate factory-made hollow \*\*\*\*\* Easter bunny ass 0:4:10 piece of shits sculpture down that's what funniest thing about all these all those daughters of the arrival of the American Revolution Confederate monuments that are up there they're all absolute \*\*\*\*\* they're hollow they cost like five bucks they're mass-produced it was all part of a propaganda campaign at the time at the turn of the century they're not art in any meaningful sense so people are knocking them over and they're having fun and people like hey let's knock over in Columbus let's knock over the founding fathers let's knock over a US Grant which I mean I get what today I wouldn't do that I wouldn't knock over I wouldn't knock over a grant statue but I can't really blame anybody for doing whatever they want because like I said all we're doing is determining the moral morality of the action because the question of whether it's an effective or meaningful thing is beside the point because we couldn't stop them if we wanted to nobody can stop anybody from doing anything because nobody is ordering anyone to do anything because there's no structure the hope of 0:5:13 this Bernice campaign in my mind the big hope was to give structure to the the burgeoning alienation with with capitalism as it's being practiced in this country and sadly it did not have last long enough and then it ran headlong into the social isolation of Kovan to do that and now people are once again trying to re reimagine a practice without without a movement and without coordination coordination is the most important part coordination is what takes the numbers the raw numbers and makes them effective coordination was what makes it possible for you to do thing like shut down the ports like they did last week in San Francisco but that's because that's a \*\*\*\*\* Union and it's a radical Union one of the most radical unions in the country still yeah the dockworkers there Gus halls old union communist party hotbed throughout the 20th century now we the rest of the country doesn't have that and 0:6:15 so something like pulling down a statue feels like it's it's it's doing something but it's not really I mean you could pull down statues as part of celebration of a new power of taking put coming in and changing you know the the cultural matrix the cultural value system but pulling down the statues doesn't make that happen it's a result of the fact that we've totally confused the symbolic illness and the material realms and we really do think because we operate almost exclusively in our lives at the symbolic level that \*\*\*\*\* with the symbolic order will somehow filter down to change the material conditions and it don't work that way changes changes that appear that that occur purely at the symbolic and cultural level will be recuperated always by the material conditions if they don't change so that's why it's always a 0:7:18

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bummer to see something like okay now we're all going to talk about statues and who should pull down and who should go up I'm actually with Matt Bruenig and the idea that there shouldn't really be statues of individuals that's kind of messed up really I mean you're turning this person into a god I mean that's what they did isn't they've been a statue of like Caesar or \*\*\*\*\* Titus or something they were that was part of the beautification of the Emperor's the only humans the only humans that should have statues are fictional characters like Robocop and the Fonz or local heroes like some guy who like assembled a really big ball of twine or you know save some babies for a from a from a well or something I mean my god you know do you really think humans make history individually what are you 12 we are all merely able to operate in the narrow confines given to us by our place and time and births the idea 0:8:22 that any the people individuals make history no they make that individuals make history but not as they please this mark set and but anyway so I don't really care about the statutes either way I don't care if we get rid of every statue David Roth is pointing out they're not even good to look at their base they're almost always the most boring part of any public public art installation abstract statues tend to be much more interesting than ones of specific people but the degree to which the moment becomes about defending or condemning the removal of statues is the degree to which people have given up on changing the actual conditions and turned them into a fight over symbols a culture war is it worth and I could very well see a world where by November the entirety of this moment of unrest and revolt has been boiled down to a yes/no question about like should we get rid of Mount Rushmore or but 0:9:23 it doesn't have to be that way things can change things are always changing I'm just saying right now it's not a good development that I'm not personally terribly thrilled with it and it's it certainly doesn't speak to strength it speaks to confusion and and powerlessness but that is the defining characteristic of Americans so it makes sense I will say that the re-litigating the Civil War and what caused it I'm always up for that because that's one where it's like really a slam dunk like there's no way to argue with it if there's only the only way you can make it arguable is if you decide to pull some sort of rhetorical trick and change definitions or something the sectional crisis in 0:10:25 America that led to the Civil War was caused by a very one thing above all else that on the continent of the United States the land the ritual a black soil that allowed for mass cultivation of staple cash crops not staple crops cash crops like tobacco and cotton was largely confined to the southern states and the thing about cash crops is in a context like America right where you've cleared out the native inhabitants and you have this huge tracts of free real estate as tim the only way that you can get that you can create an economy of scale there that will make growing something like cotton or tobacco that profitable is if you have basically free or low or incredibly 0:11:28

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low cost labor and the problem with that from colonial like a of the perspective of of the comp of the colonizers was even if they wanted to use colonizers to do that they couldn't abundance that kind of abundance in real estate as it were there's no way in hell that you could pay people enough to do the work because it sucks it's \*\*\*\*\* terrible the reason that they were able to put all those rips into the dark satanic Mills is that they did closed all the free pasture lands before that they people had no condition they had nowhere to go all the land was owned they had nothing to do but work in the factories in a colony no no colonists could ever be made to work picking cotton at a price that would make picking that cotton worth picking worth worth creating a profit for the investor for the person who the aristocrat who owned the land because they could just leave they could just go get they'd say \*\*\*\*\* you I'll go over the village I'll go over the thing and I'll just I'll live in the fitnah in the Hills I'll grow corn and I'll make whiskey just like they did in the north just like the small colonists in the north and in Appalachia the person who's doing that that work has to have no choice they have to have nowhere to go so hey if their skin brands them as part of a class that is unfree labor then they don't have any options they have to work for whatever they have to work for for on the terms of their owner as it were because they've been pulled out of there they're where they're from the first generation slaves that no no English language total disorientation across the land and then put into a place where there's nowhere to go because if you're there people know you're not supposed to be and that's the thing that they could never have done to any colonists and that's why indentured servitude kind of went away over time because they say \*\*\*\*\* you and that's where it all started from like everyone West Side West like oh it was a tariff said whatever it's like well yeah but why did the South not want Terrace because they were an export economy because they were exporting cotton like the fillet that was it because they it was a class it was a classic a Latta fundus situation where you had these these decadent plantation owners with no interest in seeing development they didn't care about roads and schools and any of that \*\*\*\*\* they wanted profits for them and that meant low tap tariffs so that they could so that they could pay as little as possible for imports in the north they have industry because they didn't have those huge swathes of bottom land that could be turned into slave plantations people had to work as the yeoman farmers the flinty New England farmers so-called flinty because New England soil is basically rocks so everything that comes out of it all the conflicts all the conflicts that you can point to and say wasn't slavery was X it wasn't slavery was Y they all emanate from that structural material reality then assess the necessity of slave labor to make plantation agriculture viable over time that changes is the mechanics change or whatever but at the in the early stages when you screech the structures that then become reapered

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self-reproducing social orders which the South created very quickly that wasn't the case and so that means that during the Civil War the Union was the progressive side I mean if you're talking about good guys or bad guys that's dumb because that doesn't really apply historically that's not really a thing for the most part and in terms of like grants sweep like individuals can behave virtuously but but for the most part states don't they operate from self what they perceive as self-interest and so you have different self-interest between the northern and sort of political class the hegemonic political class of North in the southern political class hegemonic political class this office remember there are tons of white Southerners who didn't want to break away and in fact fought the Confederacy and resisted it being drafted and and in the case of western Virginia literally seceded from it and those places coincidentally where the places where plantation agriculture was least prevalent because it was too hilly was too rocky wherever there were mountains in the south eastern Carolina's of the western carolinas eastern tennessee kentucky western virginia northern met northern hmm even in the deep deep south there were huge pockets of resistance to the confederacy in northern ie but the America was the progress of the United States the union was the progressive force and I think like there's there is this sort of like too clever by half leftist moves sometimes to say a lot of this actually you see with like black radicalism and stuff that doesn't want to give the white man any credit which hey I understand not want to give white people any credit for anything but where it says oh the north was actually just trying to clamp down and impose like its industrial capitalist hell economy on the rest of the country and the thing is is that that didn't really exist yet in 1860 it was still in it's in it was still proto I mean the vast majority of America of the cotton that was made in the south went to Europe went to England specifically because that's where the industrialization hurt started earliest and that's where it was most intense that's where the the capacity for turning raw cotton into finished linen whatever was was most advanced the u.s. didn't become an industrial economy really until after the Civil War for the same reason that the British did the war is a capitalist is a war tends to in the modern context accumulate capital in such a way to to to boost all of the the present but the present conditions the present progressive moves towards industrialization not like if you have a process of industrialization it is radically accelerated by war by the strike by the state investment in industry that comes with fighting a war we were made into an industrial capitalist society by the Civil War the same way that the Napoleonic Wars are what made England into the paramount industrial power of the 19th century but nobody knew that at the time guys like Lincoln weren't fighting for industrial hegemony they were fighting for the Whig ideal which was the small holding farmer in equal competition with are in an equal position with all other strata of society

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with when it comes to rights and abilities and in an equal position with anyone who would hire him because you could get land and of course this is all based on expert for exportation of Native American land it's all based on the the the and that is the foundational difference between the United States and and the European countries were always comparing ourselves to the cultural all the cultural distinctions come from the reality of a continents worth of land that has been decided is free because the people who are on it aren't really people as they as Tim Robinson would say on they so I think usually they're not really supposed to be here it's ok that's what that's what makes America what it isn't the Whig idea was like I said if you get rid of slavery and then white man is not competing with slaves and this became eventually the hegemonic belief of of white northerners generally including Democrats which is what led to the Democratic Party breaking up in 1860 is that they would not accept a southern candidate they would the northern Democrats would not accept the the southern half of the party dictating their candidate which before they would have been fine with but by 1860 the the sectional crisis and specifically the border war in Kansas had really changed that and and white people white men in the north we're becoming more and more aware of the idea that they were in competition in some way with slavery as a economic institution and so they they were like no we don't want that the Whig idea that Lincoln ended up taking to the White House was you get rid of slavery and every every man will have the freedom to either engage in profitable work for an employer or if they don't like those conditions they can \*\*\*\*\* off and be a yeoman farmer because hey look what we just did with Homestead Act I mean that the Homestead Act was America's land reform agenda the kind of thing that would have been impossible in in any European country without a war and and the thing that led to most of the right-wing coos in Latin America in the night in the 20th century was land reform we were able to do it because the people we were export braiding land from weren't existing stakeholders like United Fruit or whatever in Central America in the 50s they were Native American tribes weren't part of what we consider to be the polity and so they could be pushed aside and that gave this that opened these huge expanses and that created this this notion that hey we can have like an egalitarian the the Jeffersonian model made real but of course over the course of the war to defend that you create this industrial behemoth that pretty much that in the decades after the Civil War swallows everything and then I think what a lot of people do is they look backwards through that lens and say this was inevitable and everyone at the time I knew they were doing this and neither of I don't I hope nobody was thinking that out I'm saying that like slaves couldn't resist their enslavement of course they did but it was sure it was it was a categorically different thing to try to withhold labor as an enslaved person with with

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your with your color branding your position as one as a slave then a colonist who's like hired who would hypothetically be hired to pick cotton and then could literally just walk off whenever he wanted to if he wasn't getting enough money to make it worthwhile to do and there was no and there was no way that could have worked because the thing about those those large-scale cash crop industries is that the actual work was awful I mean cotton wasn't even the worst of sugar was honestly one of the most nightmarish existences possible being a slave at a sugar plantation there's not enough money you could pay a free person to make them do that especially in a condition where they could of material abundance where they could find their I saw this travel stimulus thing god that's so funny just trip here's here's a tax credit to go on a vacation well I do think a Democrat would have come up with that one oh it's so good and of course it's not even a free money it's a goddamn tax credit which means you have to have four grand that you don't that you cannot see until next year in your tax return wild as we know the four kovin will have something like half of Americans don't have \$500 to go through an emergency situation and yet know they're gonna do it so that everybody who is four grand to sit to not be in their bank account for a year or more and to go on vacation when the goddamn virus is still everywhere when it's going like wildfire through all of the red states as anyone could have predicted the whole time we were sitting sitting tight here in New York and all the \*\*\*\*\* rubes were yuk-yuk in the reply was just wait and now the boom could have predicted except everyone that's what's happening so you're saying hey you guys go into the heart of a plague outbreak or come from one to a place that doesn't have one one way or another make sure to mix it up make sure to mix it up you could just give people the money you could keep into the money which would stimulate local economies and that would even if echt places that have a tourist based economy because people still live there and they still have to live you know buy things but it's harder because they don't have income well your place the income how about that with actual money oh dear okay can you imagine can you but mcsally's cooked she's gonna go down as like an all-time loser losing losing and elected to a seat losing it then get up pointing to a different seat and then oh yeah Scott run Scott Brown won election mcsalley was just appointed I do like the idea of giving people four grand that they can only spend on a vacation I mean that would be dumb - you should just keep people money without strings attached you should always just be keep as long as we're in this hell world of Hell economy and you know as long as as long as we're just at the level of demanding you know redistribution rather than of money rather than power for the love of God just give people money strings attached but the idea of giving them people four grand but they have to take a vacation I would love to just see what people did with it people

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who'd never taken a vacation before they're not gonna let that because it's like you either use it or you don't get it so it's like whoo you know \*\*\*\*\* it let's do it and people who've never taken like never gotten on an airplane before or whatever are people who would never think to travel are now doing it where would you go I mean 0:26:56  
yeah like it would be like a Brewster's Millions situation and that would be awesome I mean if we're gonna have we're gonna be wacky have fun let's go all the way like the tax the tax incentive thing is awful cuz yes just it's just the same rich \*\*\*\*\* will go on vacation anyway only now they get to do it for free make people spend the money on a vacation real money like give it to them in a form of like a out of like a debit card that's only accepted at certain places like it's only accepted by Airlines you know the same way like a whit card is limited you can't buy hot food or whatever can only buy airline tickets and hotels and like restaurants in I do love the idea of somebody taking 4 grand to go like just themselves 4 grand to go to Wisconsin Dells and just live like an absolute maniac at the Dells like just tipping tipping tipping the kid at 0:27:59  
the Tommy Bartlett thrill world when you come in demanding backstage access at Noah's Ark to see where they but I think that's that mean that and that would be such a perfect emblematic moment like the country is clearly teetering on the edge of some sort of significant I don't want to say collapse because that does sound alarmist and institutions like these often are more resilient than you think they are the like I've often supported out the world economy still needs America to be the employer of last of the consumer of last resort but it we're still clearly in a freefall away from even the meager status the meagerly satisfying and in fact mostly miserable status quo that we were slowly coming acclimatized to even that's going away and in the meantime just have everybody go on vacation go in a state subsidized vacation like 0:29:2  
like Russian factory workers going to the \*\*\*\*\* Black Sea I'm like a package deal with everyone else on their shift yeah that'd be funny take for granted Cuba then just like give it to the government China has been building counter hegemony has it because it doesn't really seem to me that right now China is basically just at a joined hegemony I mean they have there's still like geopolitical rivalry between the United States and and the US or the United Sates of China but it seems to me that it's mainly over who gets to be in charge of the hegemony which is different than 0:30:5  
like the I wouldn't I want to find like the shittiest tourist spot in America a place where no one would ever go like oh you know what'd be funny go to \*\*\*\*\* go to the goddamn corn palace and swall south or wall drug that's it go to wall drug in South Dakota one of the stupidest chintzy it's \*\*\*\*\* awful lame tourist attractions in the entire country if anyone doesn't know what I'm talking about it's actually a genius of marketing so they're in South Dakota there's one I forget which one but there's a highway that runs along like the southern track of it that if you're going

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cross-country is usually I was going I was driving cross I was driving halfway across Irish I'm from Wisconsin to Washington State and the way to do that fastest is you 0:31:6  
just cut through a highway that just goes all the way straight across southern the south quarter of South Dakota it is the most the most desolate empty stretch of road I have ever encountered in the country and I've driven cross-country several times I've been through Kansas I've been through a lot of very empty up into the high desert nothing is as desolate feeling as it is genuinely like empty you know just fields fields no animals even feel snow cops I didn't see a cop on the highway the whole time I got \*\*\*\*\* pulled over five minutes after I got in Wyoming though so your drive is incredibly featureless and so on the way when you're going east to west there are a bunch of billboards I I don't know like every 50 miles or hundred miles or so say 0:32:8  
coming up exit whatever wall drug wall drug and you just see them as you're driving it's the only thing you see is wall truck exit up coming and you by the time you go through enough of South Dakota you've been broken down mentally so much by the monotony that you've built up while drunk in your head as some sort of paradise so of course we stopped at waldron even though we didn't have to their whole thing was free ice water now we go there and it's just a giant drug store that's like old timey western themed and has like you know the walkways the thoroughfare walkways with you know the wood and it's got the overhang it's like an old-timey like a Western set only it's just a giant drug store with like a bunch a shit-ton of a souvenirs for like the 0:33:9  
Black Hills and \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* like oh look it's it's refrigerator magnets shaped like all the states and then there's a couple of animatronics sort of like a country Bear Jamboree only they do not go on you gotta like press a button and I was in there for maybe 10 minutes and we got out that's like that's \*\*\*\*\* so lame I hate it I want to take my four thousand dollar check from Donald Trump and go to wall drugged just like give it to them and say can I stay here can I just like sleep here in wall drug for four grand and like just take out a wheel wheelbarrow full of stuff they probably but no the pimp move I've never driven through its sense but the pimp move and this is I think what really distinguishes the alpha mindset from the beta and I was a beta at the time if you drive through South Dakota for the first time you've not been to 0:34:10  
wall drive you drive through South Dakota you take that whole area then you don't stop that's the Alpha that's the Chad posture I did I was the Virgin I learned my lesson but sadly I could never prove it because now I know and you often see bumper stickers because they sell bumper stickers say while drunk oh then people get them and put them on their car I think because they have such a deep association now between wild drug and their trip because they spent like a solid day just staring at billboards instead of all drug and they feel like they're now in some way their trip and wall drug are the same and they've never left wall drug they go into the bathroom

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of wall drug and there's an attendant there going you've always been here you've always been with wall drug yeah I stayed at a I stayed at a motel in kodoku South Dakota which is by wild coincidence and I didn't even realize this until years later 0:35:12 that's also where where Michael Clarke Duncan's character has to get picked up by the FBI during the gather the crew montage in Armageddon anyway state of motel there it was one motel in an inner sand on an off-ramp no town it wasn't part of you know where you see like 15 best westerns and La Quinta is or whatever and there's a McDonald's and \*\*\*\*\* friendlies in a chuckle \*\*\*\*\* just off-ramp sinned basically like a \*\*\*\*\* cinderblock low-slung Motel and that's it and they had a screen it had a glass sliding door and it smelled like someone had died in it not been murdered but yeah South Dakota Black Hills are nice Mount Rushmore Lane not just because it's a bunch of presidents on sacred Indian land although that is disgusting it is 0:36:14 also chintzy and shitty stuff like Rock Rushmore really does is the wart like because Mount Rushmore was a huge project of the time I mean obviously it took years it was a massive undertaking it gathered America's imaginations this is an interesting fact going Gutzon Borglum the non-american who designed Mount Rushmore when he was in the United States he became very very taken with southern culture as it were and he helped us he designed Stone Mountain there which is another edging on the side of a bluff of a bunch of lead Davis and Jackson and he joined the KKK but anyway this is like a symbol of American culture right like like when the anglo-saxon weirdo types like with women when the deck went when the Western architecture type guys show their pictures of Don Draper and they're like what we what we used 0:37:15 to have like their idea of culture \*\*\*\*\* like Mount Rushmore and it \*\*\*\*\* sucks it's lame it's really small and it's it's just it's faces on a mountain I mean other than like the kind of ghoulish you know Alan Moore style like evil ritual magic of putting that on the land of the sacred land of a people who'd been massacred by the people on those \*\*\*\*\* on that like there's a dark Majesty to that there's like an evil there's kind of an armbar mark Frye feeling to it that sort of curdled curdled sarcasm and cynicism that's at the heart of authoritarianism the and I literally love to see some tanks well you know what I would like to see if somebody's gonna destroy Mount Rushmore and someone's gonna destroy Stone Mountain I would love it but if it's 0:38:17 like some corporate PR move you know like coca-cola presents Stone Mountain and they just like put Donald Glover there next to them to balance it out or something an outcast that will suck what would be awesome is if those things got destroyed with some good old-fashioned tanker house role in some Abrams tanks set up the shop and just blow them up like that old newsreel shot of that out well that big swastika I think in Nuremberg getting blown up by a cannon you know why that would be cool because if you've got tanks that means you have control of the state

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and you are instituting a new rule at the material level and you're blowing up those old monuments to a dead Society because you are building a new one that is the iconoclasm that I'm would love to see and and the the current one just feels like a very honestly kind of sad substitution yeah all got strafing run of a-10 warthogs with the \*\*\*\*\* rook \*\*\*\*\* but you need to get the tanks first so next time you imagine me I really want to get rid of that statue it's like you really want to get rid of it if you really want to get rid of it you'll do it from a position of authority so that your your you are enshrining a new order a new just order you're not painting over the mossad of a rotten old order which is all we're trying to do see that's why I don't like that like that that's always been the thing that's annoyed me or I guess not even ignore me Hume used me about the content of word tanki either as something that people use as a term of abuse or is something that people solve described with were the tanks what tanks are you referring to there's no tanks 1956 the so they were talking about Soviet tanks rolling into her Budapest new tanks are you talking about now I mean some people would say like Assad or maybe like the Chinese or something like that and I guess like that's an argument I don't buy it but it's an argument but unless you have that belief that like no it's the PRC that's an actual like socialist counter hegemony with billionaires that's doing actual colonialism but never mind they're all secret communists if you want to believe that that's fine at least there's a tank in your mind that exists in the world world that somebody could drive somewhere for anyone else it's like there's no tanks you're assuming a tank so that means that you're like operating from the assumption of a party in power ie the Communist Party of the Soviet Union controlling a state and a geo geo strategic sphere of influence and managing it like in the game Twilight Struggle your ideology is from the position of maintaining that position that is not the current position of the left in this country or the West or anywhere I would argue except for blue maybe maybe you can argue Cuba and I think I mean they have power within their own country but it's so constrained by us you know but they were able to kick the \*\*\*\*\* South Africans out of Namibia so maybe I'll say can't Cuba but like they can't really it's there aren't unrealistic they're at Bastion but they cannot be a counter hegemon cuz they're so small they're too tiny well guys their tanks aren't gonna be able to roll up on our tanks for example we have to take over the tanks we got to get on the tearing down statues somebody's asking tearing down statues is something I would say it can be something if it does what the what's the person writing suggested which is give people a sense of possibility changing to give them a sense that things can be different but if it's just a sense of that once again we're not anywhere it has to arise it has to that feeling that feeling if things are possible has to be channeled into some sort of container something that imply that that where decisions can be where a class

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of at where a plan of action where an actual strategy can be deliberated agreed to and then carried out that has to exist that has to be made so pulling down statues gets people thinking this is worth enough time and energy and investment into into making those structures but then it's useful if it says hey we pull down these statues 0:43:38 maybe that means we can pull down these other bigger statues hey we pull down the statute of these Confederates maybe that means we can pull down the statues of these unions our generals because they were racist too and they killed a lot of Indians as well and and America is bad and then maybe we can pull down you know and then you got Shawn King saying hey let's also start destroying Shawn King is not right by the way if you think Shawn penis Shawn King is right you were either a \*\*\*\*\* or you are like him a cop I'm sorry sorry nope I mean you can argue why that's 0:44:43 theoretically right all day but once again you are building the world's stupidest and most pointless ship in the world's most fragile bottle you're in the real world what is what is advanced how would you go about doing that and what would be advanced by doing it you answer me someone in here who thinks that's a good idea answer me one of the thing is is that people justify that these weird libidinal indulgences by saying yeah but they deserve it and I got it wrote Sean Penn here deserves not got nothing to do with it nobody deserves anything none of us have free will to each other like I said we all have free will our selves because we are ignorant of what is making us do what we're doing but from outside of ourselves looking at everyone else no one else has free will because we can determine why they're doing what they're 0:45:44 doing so getting mad at everybody in talking about deserve and vengeance on a personal level just reifies this all as a culture war because where else can you fight out these sort of battles about about points of etiquette essentially social etiquette you can say that they're important than they are but they boil down to ways of acting in public which is etiquette how do you adjudicate that at any level other than the cultural that's the only place you'll ever be able to negotiate those those those arguments and they won't filter down because anything the challenge is from the from the culture gets \*\*\*\*\* recuperated until it can't by cus of overspill that comes because because people channel it people create a collective will out of out of a class consciousness and affect change by confronting capital by denying it the 0:46:45 ability to extract profit and requiring it to change the conditions in which capitalism operates to either the point but the thing that people shouldn't do and then I see too many people do is just decide to write everything off because of these facts as though we don't live in a highly mediated society as though this isn't always the hardest problem isn't always going to be to read socialize people who have been D socialized by their entire lives and that this is exactly how things would be be challenged like the rejoinder about the protest that is always most baffling to me as

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when people say look look at all these corporations that like it and look at all these brands and celebrities and famous rich people who are co-opting it that's like they're trying to recuperate it that's what capitalism they might succeed but pointing out that God and that's the other thing it's like someone says maybe this makes people feel like you know things are possible but look where the movement is happening like now we've literally gone to another level of abstraction away from actual statues in real physical space to now television shows and not even new ones doing a Cultural Revolution about 20-year old programs that ain't good that's not progress that is more flight from the lack of accountability you factor not none of us are accountable to each other because we've not we have not invested any any symbols or people or institutions with authority over us which we're gonna have to do at some point we're all going to have to if if you've left coalesce isn't anything meaningful this country at some point we are all going to have to submit in that we are going to have to give up some control over our lives some control over of what we do some control over when we do it some control over ourselves to someone else in the form of a organization that will have central discipline because that's the only way you get to do kinky you you can apply force it's through coordination otherwise it just uh no directed force is is destroyed in piecemeal only unified coordinated force can push through you guys never see you guys ever see finding dory my most moving scenes in Finnish cinema history in my opinion it's when towards the end when dory and the Albert Brooks are swimming in a big sea of dumbass fish that are just all going lip-lip and they get caught in a \*\*\*\*\* one of those big ol industrial fishing nets and they're getting pulled up and they're all gonna get Oh God we're gonna get turned into fish sticks and all the fish are swimming crazily wildly and against the the net but by their own instinct and then Dory and Albert Brooks get them to stop freaking out and they go in one direction they all swim down at this in this appointment in the same way and the \*\*\*\*\* net breaks off of the \*\*\*\*\* rope that is that is the labor movement that is the left that's the modern left and when it succeeds anyway and that's the goal that's the entire thing Finding Nemo whatever if you're not pushing in the same direction it's just gonna get it's just your your individual effort will see and that's the thing we can't communicate to each other but the thing is we are I really think a big part of it is it's not just it isn't just that we're all isolated physically and that we don't have like we don't have hegemonic institutions of communication that we can like invest enough belief into to credit what they're saying so that we can build like a ideology that or a building class consciousness like simultaneously by listening the same thing because not enough of us are listening to the same thing with the same amount of credulity that is a problem but I'd say another problem is that we have been too turned into such individuals we we fetishize our individual desires so

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much we have been had it rained into us so much that freedom is our ability to indulge our desires like that's why you see a lot of people correctly say capitalism isn't freedom because you are forced to work you know and and you'd be freer if you had more vacation and you had more control of your workplace also that's true but it only begs the question of what freedom means and the unexamined answer is what I want to do but of course you don't want to do it you want to do Navas want to do what we want to do we don't we do what we have been and that means 0:52:57 that we bound up with our notion of the casaya t we want a lot of things that are coping mechanisms for the society we have things that wouldn't be necessary in a new society we're building and that we can let go of in the immediate moment if we're reorienting ourselves around a project an actual project that we wanted to see executed we can kind of let drop those things but nobody wants to drop it nobody wants to drop it because we don't have anything that we really believe in enough to invest that much faith into to give up something that till this point has really been helping us just helping us live with the horror of the world around us not realizing that if we drop that the work will fill the hole the submission will be the freedom because you will feel fulfilled you will feel the sort of satisfaction that what the other 0:53:58 thing you used to fetishize only gave you a fate a very faint echo of but you have to have faith to make the first jump and nobody believes in anything the problem we all live with it's Norman Rockwell said the name that's the name of his mom that's the name of his famous painting of the was her name the girl who the desegregated I think the New Orleans School District I'm actually favorite kind of french fried I have yet to encounter in a French fry that's better than the McDonald's french 0:54:59 fry I consider that sui generis and a piping-hot McDonald's french fry is genuinely delicious Rubi Bridget's that's the right name one of the most chaotic things about amber is that she likes like room-temperature McDonald's french fries which is blows my mind the hot ones and I know yeah I probably had better like individually but just as a category my experience with them as better than my experience with any other discrete category of fry I do kind of like the string the shoe strings I like them shoe string II I like the crispy I don't like the thick I don't like steak fries I don't like aware it's got like the Pappy potatoey flavor in the middle I crisp I never get fries at 0:56:5 Popeye's because I don't like the fact because I only get the because Popeyes why would you get anything as aside but the mashed potatoes man he ready for tryouts what of his fit whatever the few moments he had fun in his presidency handsome handsome handsome quarterback hamburger party the truck when he got to ride the truck when they put him on the aircraft carrier and he wore the uniform and when he gave the medal to the hero dog those were those were moments that were nice but the thing is he hasn't thought about him since they happened he was happy for

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a second and then he was thinking about how unfair Greta Van Susteren was to him that's and then it's gone so like he doesn't even remember those days I love Culver 0:57:8  
Culver is a great Wisconsin excellence right there butter burgers you know it Oh put the fries in the mashed potatoes okay now you're getting interesting get an extra side all right I might do it I definitely pity trunk-trucks miserable I mean you should you should have like some sort of you should try to extend empathy to every human being because every single person is only where they are through the happenstance of their life what who what and when they encountered people in places and things and because their their response to those that might seem to be self generated was really just a reaction that is soaked that is that was bubbled up in the subconscious that has never even thought of that was beyond thought so even though it's totally determined with but within the psyche it's completely invisible and mysterious so nobody's nobody's where they are for any malevolence within them I mean the 0:58:12  
malevolence builds over time the level of cistern thwarts but it's all in the in the in the context of where and when they they existed so yeah I emphasize with Hitler I empathize with everybody a little bit but the thing is because no one because within Hitler if you're imagine you're Hitler you imagine you're Trump you don't know you don't know how determined you are you can choose to break out of that you can choose war to turn towards good turn towards the truth work turns towards universal humanity turned towards an awareness of like what is what is to be good what the good represents as in like the the fundamental union of all beings the fundamental oneness of all the universe you can turn towards that at any minute and if you don't you \*\*\*\*\* up and so you should be sanctioned and stopped from doing bad things 0:59:14  
and punished maybe you learn and if you don't at least you've been kept away from other people but it doesn't mean that you have to hate personally it doesn't mean that you have to deny someone anyone the benefit of trying to extend your mind into theirs with their experience and try to piece it together I mean Trump's very easy to piece together his dad his parents were monsters because his parents were essentially the the father and mother from the people under the stairs anybody seen that movie Shh the \*\*\*\*\* suit blown away bone holes in the walls just complete Psychopaths who treated their children with monstrous abusive disdain the oh and he had a brother he had an older brother Fred jr. who who could not take it who couldn't take the pressure and because he was honestly I think a better person than Trump in that he responded better to the traumas of his birth and his business his 1:0:15  
childhood left the family ended up becoming a pilot died of alcoholism but that was because he couldn't take what they had done to him whereas Donald just became like the whipped dog and now his entire life has been trying to get this fantasy monster this this ghoulish and if anyone has seen a picture of Fred Trump he is an actual walk

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living ski was a living skeleton to tell him he's good which will never happen and so he's been miserable every he's never been happy that sucks the thought of that somebody who can never have a moment who can never just exist for a second and not be beset by demons by by by insecurities by loathing and fear of others awful 1:1:16  
yeah and French Trump's father did the same to him awful \*\*\*\*\* crypto Nazi mother \*\*\*\*\* the worst of the the the German authoritarian Prussian lineage those \*\*\*\*\* impressions man those Sandy stiff-necked \*\*\*\*\* Bavarians just want a party Bavaria just want to wear leather shorts and drink comically large Stein's of beer Russians want to take alright guys I'm done for today this is a good one Hitler was a Bavarian he was Austrian he didn't start in Munich yes but he never the Nazis never got the majority of the vote in Bavaria or any of the Catholic parts of Germany because of the center party which was explicitly Catholic he ran up all of his big margins and 1:2:17  
Protestant parts of Germany anyway we'll talk more about that maybe in a different episode because it's very fascinating the like the electoral map of why Mr Germany very interesting Wow

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well if you'll notice I'm at a new angle it's because our producer Chris finally brought over his telescopic articulated phone holder so now we can do kind of more face to face as opposed to the weird downward angle let's sort of peel if we POV porn angle 0:1:4 I was using but what this really means is that now it'll be much easier for me to do another grilling stream because the first time the reason I kind of decided I don't want to do this anymore because it was too hard to pay attention to where the camera was keep it up and what's going on in the grill but and yeah I drop it all the time too so now I've got the fence over here I'm gonna post it up on the fence I get a nice bird's-eye view of my head and the grill and we can just go through a whole will do a little grill and chill so I'm so I was doing what I usually do not alone and I was thinking about the monitor and the Merrimack for those of you who don't know what that was it was the most famous naval battle of the Civil War which doesn't have a lot of great naval battles in it mostly running blockade running a like fleets running 0:2:5 through like fort systems like New Orleans or Mobile damn the torpedoes full steam ahead there wasn't a lot of you know like broadside on broadside because the Union had such overwhelming naval superiority so what that meant was technological what work around force multipliers to make up for the fact that they had so fewer ships so many fewer ships and so they did very innovative things like they built a \*\*\*\*\* submarine the CSS Hunley which was designed to be able to scho under water to a blockade ship attached a naval mine and then leave and blow up the ship and they tried it and they successfully blew up and sank a Union blockade ship but at the cost 0:3:8 of the entire boat crew so if those guys had had the if those Confederates had had the faith of like an Isis recruit they might have actually been able to keep doing that if they've been able to found 12 guys ready to turn the crank and blow up in exchange for what I mean it was a good trade one it was like 12 guys in a little metal turd blew up a ship and brought down what like 300 Yankee sailors and completely took out of commission a ship of line and so the other thing they did is they experimented with putting metal iron on the sides of the ships so that the damn cannons would stop just staving in the planks of the wood and sinking the ships and what that led them to

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do was they when they seized I believe it was Newport News in Virginia there was a 0:4:10  
u.s. ship that was abandoned by the by the naval it was abandoned by the US Navy  
as the the Confederacy came closer and it was called the USS Merrimack and what  
they did is they covered it with slanting ironclad iron cladding that was designed to  
be able to absorb the blow of a artillery piece and then hopefully have it ricochet  
offered so the thing when it was a water a boat looked like just sort of a trapezoid  
with guns poking out of it there was you couldn't really were no crew members it was  
all under behind and of course this time US Navy ships and Confederate Navy ships  
all Navy ships kind of looked vaguely like Master and Commander open deck wooden  
sides and wouldn't keel or whatever and folk Souls and such and gunnels all that's  
wood and then the masts and you know the cannons underneath the deck this is 0:5:13  
totally unlike that and so it rolled up it steamed up to the mouth of the James River  
in Hampton Roads Virginia where observing the blockade of the southern ports and  
southern water lists keep them from getting selling cotton in the Europe and getting  
supplies and money and stuff from Europe or anywhere else the ship rose up looking  
like this weird metal block floating in the water couldn't even see the crew it didn't  
even look like it was being manned by people and remember this is a time when  
you know there wasn't a lot people didn't interact with the mechanical reality very  
often there was there was obviously there were obviously trains but train travel was  
still relatively rare people mostly traveled by shanks mare or by horse so this ship 0:6:15  
rolls up and starts shooting at him blowing holes into these boats and they fire back  
but everything just glances off of them and they sink a ship and they they disabled  
another one on the shoal on the another one while trying to escape runs aground  
on a sandbar they're out of ammo they're gonna come back the next day fish are  
off sews imagine your crew on that boat her on that ship waiting a sitting duck to  
get annihilated by this monstrosity this thing that cut looks like it's coming out of a  
different world and then the next morning can you imagine trying to sleep the light  
comes up on Hampton Road and there's the Merrimack but then in between you  
and the Merrimack is this weird little floating teardrop plant-like thing this metal I 0:7:18  
almost shaped with a little a little metal box on top of that much smaller than the  
metal box and much lower and closer to the waterline just poking out like the hump  
of a of a killer of a humpback whale or something and so now you gotta be thinking  
well what the \*\*\*\*\* is this where'd this thing come from I mean you've already  
seen the Merrimack obviously the doors of perception are opening a little bit here  
now where more things are possible on this earth then you said thought maybe but  
now this thing what the \*\*\*\*\* it didn't even look like a boat that everyone caught  
the the classic description was she's boxed out a raft and of course modern readers  
you see that and I go what the \*\*\*\*\* is a cheese box well cheese used to come in

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boxes okay they didn't have plastic packaging for things and you weren't just gonna have like you're not gonna just take cheese off the floor like off a shelf hold in your hand so there came in a little box and add a little one little kid poop poking out a little slip and I'm sure you're holding your breath and then it moves out to meet the Merrimack and then it starts shooting at it and they spend the day just blasting cannon shells off of one another in a way in a way that no no contemporary wooden worship would be able to take and at the end of it there was an explosion in the in this in the gunsight of the of the monitor and it had to withdraw but Merrimack was out of \*\*\*\*\* ammo anyway and it had to withdraw and they saved the boat they saved that the they saved the Union blockade ship that had been run aground and I just think about that sometimes I think about witnessing that either on one of the other ships in the in the Hampton Roads or from the land because there were people there somebody I'm on Twitter said it must have been something like seeing a kaiju fight like I do battle and like there had to have had substantive it had to have felt otherworldly it had to have felt like there had to have been some notion of anyone involved in that moment that something he was shifting that they were and I think about how like those moments have been so hyper normalized that now we don't even notice them you know like we tweet weep anyone who's alive now has seen something on the psychically disorienting level of watching the Merrimack in the monitor of trade blows and Hampton Roads every couple of years probably but there's just so damn many but yeah because I think it's hard to find another moment that disorienting because I mean you are already in a civil war for God's sake so that's so the ground was clearly unstable beneath your feet but they have that kind of thing burst in the middle of it somebody I saw a picture painting that someone Japanese like silk artisan or like the silk or the silk screens or whatever they did like to commemorate historical events and I saw one of of the black of Matthew Perry's black fleet oh that by force open Tokyo to Western trade in the 1860s and the it's it's it's a Japanese style of wood print or whatever and it's got the Japanese looking guys with the kimonos and the samurai swords looking out onto the water and then just a big black trapezoid looking thing no people no no it's like you see this this rolling hill and these these flowingly robed figures and the ocean was the undulating tide and then these brutal angles and this unnatural black it's kind of felt like that I guess what I what I think about that is I just sort of I guess I envy being in a position where those sort of things aren't already predigested you know what I mean like I feel like as insane as everything has been in the 21st century and they've just been getting more insane by like that by exponentially almost none of them really except maybe nine eleven have felt in the moment like they were uprooting anything this gets to what Felix says the idea that everything keeps getting worse

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everything's the work everything's the same but it's getting worse everything's shitty but just getting slowly worse even though it's the same what he's describing is that sense of having everything assimilated instantly by our our our awareness of the hyper moment that we're living in our consciousness of the the flow of the slipperiness of reality is such that things can't really throw us that way because we were instantly assimilating them into our understanding of how the world works these things just become instantly part of our understanding in fact we instantly as soon as we hear about them our brain goes overboard to convince ourself well of course this is going to happen and anyone who is surprised by it Wow what's wrong with you you didn't see this coming well I guess some people and I just like the idea of just being able to stand there on a sand dune and just watch something that has happened on earth and know that you're the first guess at this point you wouldn't want to get that feeling because it would have to be such a tremendous break that you and this is the thing I keep thinking about with the internet like I think I set out here a while ago you know we all just assumed MKULTRA stopped because they got bored with it or the results were inconclusive it just they ran out of experiments and they were never able to do a repeatable thing to create anything that could be useful out of it and that's just what we assumed because you know all the information we ever found out about MKULTRA was on the CIA's terms the initial the initial the majority of the documents were destroyed we only know about MKULTRA because documents in an auxiliary warehouse were uncocks identity under later I mean that doesn't inspire a lot of confidence that we can really say for sure we know what the progress of and what the findings of MKULTRA were and when you think about things like the Manson murders and and Tom O'Neill's book which is really really interesting and offers some tantalizing connections with the MKULTRA and the Manson murders and also litter and among the things he finds among the things he found was a letter from doctor jolly West who was like the \*\*\*\*\* he is the Forrest Gump of MKULTRA and that he's there for all's like the nastiest \*\*\*\*\* and what I like he he's it's he's human die him and he he answered directly to dr. Sidney Gottlieb who was the chief necromancer at the CIA and he's and at one point and this is after a very odd mysterious child murder had occurred at the army base where West was stationed and which he participated in interviewing the suspect who claims to not have no memory of committing the murder but who ended up confessing after to Jack Ruby in his jail cell and after he talked to West he was never coherent again in any other interviews but he wrote a letter to Sidney Gottlieb the Tom O'Neill found where he expressly says I have discovered a way to make people do things that they wouldn't otherwise do he says it and then when you realize it and then when you find out that he was also occupying real estate at the haight-ashbury free clinic where Manson well

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Manson was there in San Francisco in the summer of love and where he was seen and where he took members of the family on a daily basis I mean it's circumstantial 0:16:34 but it's something it's something worth thinking about and the thing that makes me think about is what did MKULTRA turn into and you know you want to get you want to get baroque and you want to get high modernist you could say oh they're like pumping it into the water supply or chemtrails and we're all getting like a synthetic we're all getting like a propaganda dose of broadcast media that is then we're made more receptive to by a perfect a perfect recipe of psychopharmacological ingredients that long research and MKULTRA laboratories and field experiments like Manson like Frank Olson like maybe Jonestown like that city that town in France in the early 60s that is suspected to have been dosed entirely an entire town in France has for years been assumed to have been dosed by acid by unknown people and now recently there's a new CIA document on earth where they talked about field experiments I 0:17:38 mean they did those failed controlled experiments like midnight climax where they had sex workers dosed their clients and filmed what happened and tried for tried to like pump it in aerosolized into a party this is this is like with it with a significant statistically significant sample size of people and like that's why I think that that's a good an explanation for as any for things like the Mothman like when you look at the wild multiplicity of things that people in and around Point Pleasant West Virginia said they saw in 18 since 1966 and 67 it's not impossible to imagine that that was some sort of experiment and this time not just giving the mass and see what happens but giving them acid and then giving them a specific stimulus and seeing how they responded to it see if there was any sort of group cohesion around certain explanations like if they became susceptible to certain entreaties so you get 0:18:40 a CIA guy with a \*\*\*\*\* like a hell it could be a helicopter or a frogman suit and you you give the town enough to LSD and then you see what happens but yeah so if you want to go high modernist you'd say that look I would say you want to get digital with it you want to get you want to get 21st century if the \*\*\*\*\* Internet is that is the acid of the current MKULTRA variant if there is one the exam it's it's not like you have to pull the strings too hard to find the connection I mean the entire internet was a DARPA project it was a Defense Department pursuit I mean yes we get a lot of stuff courtesy of military military in fact most stuff we got in terms of big technological breakthroughs through intensive military investment that gets I don't 0:19:41 think we can assume that that's the only reason that that the internet was pursued like Oh accidentally created the Internet we just wanted to send missile plans to each other it's just when you see what the Internet has done in terms of creating an entire new plane of existence I don't think it's too much to say a new plane for human existence a new place a new dimension for humans to place their anima to place their

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human essence to put their spirit their emotions their soul their ideologies there's your souls their Geist their new mana where they want to cram it and they can put it there I mean it's it's it has the same ability to to shape behavior and manners of thought 0:20:44 as a new religion but more because it's not section sectarian it's ecumenical it's truly Catholic and that it it is perceived as a platform framework like it's just it's just a thing for you to have fun on as opposed to a fully realized social space determined by capitalism and by the state that watch guards capitalism in which we're allowed to play out our desires which are of course totally shaped by the market and and where we can we can substitute human action and human communication and human organization now of course that doesn't mean that people should absolutely shun the Internet I mean acid which the CIA essentially introduced to the United States in 0:21:47 order to see how it could help to make people tractable and and you could argue that the acid influence on the American counterculture was negative in that it moved it alienated people away from the sort of militant solidarity that you would mean for an effective a political movement in favor of individualized like soul-searching but it also had I think positive effects I know personally in my life it has and so you take the good with the bad but I don't think it's anything to anything necessarily too far to just keep in mind that these structures are allowed to exist the way they are for a reason and when you have a straight line up like the demilitarization undergirding the internet it's it's its existence as an outgrowth of the military Keynesian state 0:22:51 I think that's a good reminder you know that's a good way to keep yourself from logging too much on its to know like this is the enemies domain yep you are and there's a total chance that like the forces they're unleashing here beyond they the ones that they can control and that's certainly true of ass like if I was if I if I wanted to do it not just a thing about the Mothman the whole eye point was that there were no be no explanation there would be interlocking narratives that would conflict with one another and reinforce one another none of which would be would be privileged or validated but one of the ones would be yeah it starts as the CIA dosing this town but 0:23:57 then their their their collective will to believe essentially creates a real Mothman like a Tulpa a psychic manifestation of this town of essentially of the Cold War because pleasant was built next to an underground munitions lab that was one of the big post-war or early twentieth-century employers in the area they made dynamite for the military the awareness of global brinkmanship and nuclear a nuclear war and sort of the doom cycle of military buildup they don't have that they're all tweaking of that at some psychic level even if they weren't aware of it and then they get dosed by acid by their own government to protect them from the Russians and give them a boogeyman what if they made it real but it's actually the manifestation of the very state that they owe their prosperity to the dark side the unspoken the shadow 0:25:1

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figure of the virtuous yeoman Republic that we thought we lived in or that we think we live in consciously or at least back then they did probably in West Virginia who knows see if someone says well Hugh become real the same way I mean Hugh you can already argue the cue has been made real I'm of the opinion that the first cue post was probably a joke by an irony person and then the initial batch of proofs were by some hustlin right-wing forum dweller who figured out that they could make money from the back end by interpreting cue I mean there's there was apparently a video of one of these people accidentally logging on to cue using the cue name back when they were still putting cute proofs out and then they quickly realized they were on camera and turn it off and that seems very plausible but think most of the stuff that we now think of as cue cannon was not in any of the proofs like the stuff about JFK jr. that's all none of that is is cubed that's that's a cue Splinter that's that's that's Gnostic and now you've got cue members of cue cue believers are gonna be in Congress in the next session imagine they become an actual faction and they get and there's some member of like the intelligence community who wants enough of their miranne power that he feels safe to come out could be a whistleblower and go in front of Congress and claim to be Q and and denounced the deep state at that point can you say that he isn't I'm trying to think of some of the other good hue Gnostic Gospels things that were pulled out of someone's ass and then everyone decided were I think the thing that all the \*\*\*\*\* about Tom Hanks I think is not from Q because I don't think he's dropped of proof anyone I hear but they're still out there and it's totally self propelling now they're not even responding to the initial signal anymore like once the firm that's the difference between the difference between occult the real difference between occult and religion is that the fact the profit The Fountainhead either the deity or the the representative of the day of the or the wise man who founded it is still alive it's a cult he's dead and this thing's still around then it's a religion if it survives beyond the the the immediate charisma of its founder then it's durable enough to be a religion and I'd say because it's been so long since Q is actually posted at this point given the speed of internet he's effectively dead and Q still around so that means it's because these people are all now operating off of their own stuff like the Bible has been written now they're doing new stuff now they're doing commentaries now that writing their own versions of City of God the Summa Theologica the writing they're writing their own Vulgate they're writing their own their own Dead Sea Scrolls because at the end of the day what Q does is accused provides a psychic balm to the cognitive dissonance of living in a country that you love deeply and that it treats you like \*\*\*\*\* and it sucks that is awful and it's terrible and bad and the thing is everybody's got to deal with that in some way the healthy way is to say it maybe this country isn't that great maybe it isn't being run

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from my interests not for the interests of some global cabal but but by the interests 0:29:12  
of but if you have certain ideological matrix that thought will never occur to you  
and so you have to do mental gymnastics to imagine some some American Mahdi  
showing up to right all the wrongs and put all of the evil people away and validate  
your your suffering your imagined suffering because most these people are not really  
suffering but the less you suffer the more slights hurt because it's all you feel so  
they're miserable they're in deep agony because of the country's failure to comport  
with their vision of it and they fill in the gap with cure like all the things that you  
see are all the public evil is mirrored by secret good which is of course the opposite  
of what really any kind of public good is mirrored by a deeper and more mature 0:30:14  
more systematically a more and so yeah there's their new king all the underground  
pedophile pet layers and yeah one day they will emerge to judge the righteous and  
the guilty and if your name was written in the book of QED you shall have eternal  
life I mean it's just it's just like you could argue that it's like the third that's like a  
Great Awakening type sight it's like the third great awake it's it's like you could you  
could cite starting like maybe in the 70s at the beginning of the moral majority you  
could all you could track this whole revivification of political Protestantism don't like  
decrease AK relized cuz that's the thing like none of these people really believe in  
God they have no spiritual dimension to their life in they're entirely material Matar 0:31:18  
and their vision of God it is is there is is Trump their vision of heaven is the villages  
or Sugarland Texas it's creating the material comfort to live now that's actually the  
pursuit of get heaven and and you could call this like the third Great Awakening but  
like it's a it's a deeper it's a deeper sleep really but it is a ravine implication of  
a new form of Protestantism that has shaken all of its spiritual fetters and become  
a total worship of the self and of the selfs material reward and material satisfaction  
it's it's no I'll I mean I'm sure they'd be mad if I told them they don't believe in God  
they think that heaven is like their \*\*\*\*\* backyard barbecue and that only makes 0:32:19  
sense if you do not have a spiritual dimension as in you do not imagine if you do  
not if you cannot extend like your imagination to a plane beyond this one that's the  
only way any notions of heat heaven or the sublime or God or oneness or unity or  
anything makes sense is if there is another dimension of perception and they don't  
have that so it's not it's not it's not a religion it's not a spiritual pursuit and the thing  
is is that that's it's evangelical Christianity but it's basically truth most Christians  
like most Catholics later like that now most everybody is because the secularization  
doesn't just affect your secular institutions that affects religious institutions as well 0:33:21  
if you're substituting at every level material convenience and pleasure for any kind  
of social good then what room is there for I mean we have defined we have defined  
life as this is the accumulation of individual physical and emotional pleasure you

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could say that's not true but that's well that is how we have defined life liberty and the pursuit of happiness all that all that abstract \*\*\*\*\* that could mean anything really given the different social context in this specific social context has come down to us now as as it must be the consumer of last resort for God's sakes of course this 0:34:23  
is our ideology this country exists to consume that is the war'll of America in the world system is to consume be at the end of the line and eat the \*\*\*\*\* leftovers and so that's why we have instead of having work worker control at because it is it's genuinely true Americans have a have more wealth and Americans make more money than Europeans do by a significant amount and they get instead the big long vacations you know and health care and you could say well it's not we didn't choose this and it's it's complicated but at a certain level because we're still all living this way and we're still all we're not in revolts we've accepted the logic of it at some level because we act it out even if we don't like it we acted out we accept the logic that it is consumption is the sum total of human pursuit no no spirituality can survive that nope no kind of spirituality can survive a world where and that is why socialism is 0:35:29  
is dead and why it's everyone's just breaking their \*\*\*\*\* arms trying to get some \*\*\*\*\* mutt volts into the cadaver because socialism imagines as a baseline a social order where values other than consumption have been brought in where they have been where consumption is balanced and Americans have a very hard time even conceiving of that because they only see it as losing what they have because the gains are theoretical and their social and their intangible so people don't want to give it up and that's why as I said the other the last stream I think it was there's this tendency of people on the left to insist I got to bring my ball I got to bring my my whatever my personal system for sucker and and and pain alleviation is my 0:36:30  
opiate which usually ends up being some sort of consumer desire because that's the country we live in I need to bring that along with me no deal but we're trying to build something where that wouldn't be necessary yeah but I don't know that I don't want I don't know I it's part of my identity now and if I if I give it up then I'm not going to be in charge of making the new world and and people like me are gonna be discriminated against even though we're defining we're talking about something that by definition wouldn't exist so people wouldn't be oppressed because it would not be it we need to go back to Hegel that is correct I gotta say guys the guy knew what he was I mean he's you know you down it's like it is really Marx and Hegel I 0:37:33  
mean in practical political terms political economic terms Marx is where you start Hegel is it's more abstract but like if if if Marx turned Hegel on its head well then by definition Hegel is the other side it's the it's the feet or whatever the fun that's one thing and two sides of it they're both true and his description of the of the of this his notion of humanity as a being coming into consciousness of itself as a species

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the way that a mind comes into consciousness of itself as an individual I think that's the only way to understand it's the only way to put give meaning to it to all this dialectical clockwork way we can describe it's the only way to impart real meaning to it to have it mean anything more than just the bare description of its of the facts 0:38:35 of it bring back the Prussian Empire god no I see that so that's why he started to try to talk politics in its life okay see now this is where Mark Karl takes over because no the highest the highest development of human relations considering that they they they they had a chance to take over the world there for a bit and they really kind of didn't ya know like I said the other night \*\*\*\*\* of the Prussians the Prussians are \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* and speaking of Walter Shai -dl and his his idea of you know Europe 0:39:37 being kind of separate in development than the rest of the world due to its lack of proximity to to horse archery in the step and that's shaping the cultures Germany is another good example the Prussians or the descended the depression-era sacristy anyway the Yonkers of Prussia were the descendants of the Teutonic Knights who settled that region in the the northern crusade against the the old the old bolts the the last pagan remnant and the continental Europe west of the Urals I guess and so it was like a military aristocracy like and and they descended along those lines whereas the party Germans of Varia kind of nestled in the middle there near Switzerland not bothering anybody naughty didn't even really have to worry about the Ottomans 0:40:38 Austria had to worry about the Ottomans and that's why those guys have such huge sticks up their assets in Berlin but in like that Ryan area it's just giant tasks of course demeanor and all of the encased meats you can the Hohenzollern though that's one of the better I like the hole in cylinders a lot I also like the the ruling house of Bavaria that ruled way longer than the Hapsburgs the whittles box it's a somebody's mad about me saying that they settled Baltic well there's a lot of Lutheran German aristocrats in Lithuania how'd they get there yes yes battle of lice Alexander Nevsky 0:41:39 but come on they the electoral makeup of Weimar Germany even though Nazism started in Bavaria that was never there heartland of their electoral power because all the German parts of all the Catholic parts of Germany the most popular party was the center party which was an explicit cap Catholic party that attempted to do its own sort of Third Way Catholic thing of like being critical like capitalism but still being traditional and all that it was it was the lower middle classes and and farmers 0:42:46 with smallholding peasantry our beloved sack of sauerkraut yes the pmc did were the were the were the party I always are the party of fascism that's why I wanted I'm glad that was brought up though because I wanted to say something about fascism there's been obviously very heated debate over the last few years about like what counts as fascism and specifically what counts about us what counts as fascism about the current moment right it's Trump a fascist or the proud voice fascist are the cops

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fascist is what does it mean does it just mean Essaouira right-wing authoritarianism 0:43:48  
or is it more specific it's too specific then it just becomes a historical descriptor  
that has no contemporary meaning at all and then of course there's a practical  
argument which is well if you've got this the if all of your democratic niceties have  
been destroyed and you are now a being directly suborned to capitalism's jackie Foote  
isn't that doesn't it not matter what you want to call it doesn't that mean that's  
fascism if we to think of fascism is like the ultimate abrogation of civil society and I  
would say that that's it's worth pointing out the distinctions and choosing out the  
meaning for one reason and that is that regardless of what people are operating from  
in their head when they imagine fascism the description of it that they're operating  
from when they're imagining a response to it indicates that they're thinking about  
it specifically in the context of its the basic simplified narrative or basic simplified 0:44:53  
model of the Nazis and fashion the rise of to power fascism was you had an embattled  
discredited existing border representing a specific national bourgeois collection of  
capitalists and then you have a rising and radical and militant left organizing in  
and outside of the democratic processes that existed and then fascism filled the  
gap protected the order the state and the class interests that the state represented  
from this mass with its own mass movement different composition more middle-class  
more rural but similarly mobilized similarly able to fight in the streets to control and  
dominate the political zones and they were brought to power by those embattled 0:45:58  
old powers as a way to protect them but the very mobilization and effectiveness of  
fascism at combining socialism this ability to and and mechanisms for mobilizing  
worker or mobilizing people workers like in socialism transferred over to you know  
small shop owners or whoever students but then also with the support and aid of  
the richest people in the society which those left-wing certainly didn't have but that  
put him in a position where they were able to essentially absorb the state because  
they were more at that point the party became more powerful than the state that  
had summoned it to its protection and so it absorbed it and brought it to its own  
ends that is not possible in the current moment that can happen because Americans 0:47:1  
and specifically conservative Americans right-wingers the people who you would add  
the MIT through the petty-bourgeois specifically of right-wingers the people most  
likely to make up a social basis for fascism are simply to demobilized to ever fill the  
gap that way I mean yes the left isn't a scarier or organized as it used to be but  
it's certainly getting militants in a way that's making it harder to conduct business  
and meat but what's happening in the streets what happened in the streets this  
summer if we were in the moment of incipient fascism that people like to imagine  
and the people especially who specifically say that Trump himself symbolizes some  
sort of rampant fascist movement they would be the street would be filled with

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paramilitaries fighting back and what has actually happened you have some pathetic like three dorks of Hawaiian shirts standing around not making I can't Tai Chi eye contact with anybody getting like a couple shots for tick-tock and then going home a couple of insane guys who just come out of their cars to start shooting people but 0:48:3  
this is the country of Lutton of lone wolves shooters we love doing that fun don't we folks no organized counter opposition really in the streets anyway from the citizenry it's been the cops and that's just it is that we can see from the composition of forces that that right-wing mobilized politically politically aware base doesn't exist they've been demobilized they've been essentially intentionally demobilized as part of that worship of material comfort I mean if you love America more than anything then you love consumption those two things are that's one is the expression of the other and so you are you've been immobilized by your own pursuit of pleasure and I don't know if this isn't theoretical look they're not out in the streets there was a march through some suburb and a bunch of them stood by the side of the road looking downward and a lot of people are saying they come here and they can't I thought 0:49:5  
comes here but they're not gonna leave because not only is it because their pleasure pleasure didn't they're also they don't know they don't communicate with each other they don't have any kind of squad structures you know they don't have any durable social bonds everything's on the computer now that doesn't mean that we are not in a moment where there might be a crisis where democratic institutions can no longer protect that jook gooey nougat Center of capital from the people what's gonna fill that gap is the existing and more technologically intensive than it was in the 30s security state in the form of the cops and the military and why that matters is it means the terrain of fight is different it means first and foremost that anti-fascism as an ideological project is less important than then proactive workplace and labor 0:50:6  
organizer along along the axis of labor exploitation and the redress of grievances and democratization of workplace and increase of access to because my god if we're coming to that crisis point the only thing that's gonna stop the tanks rolling from the streets is if there's too many people out there got a couple more minutes here gonna anyone has any questions it's getting had I got some Christmas tree lights up 0:51:8  
here has anybody heard any more about the \*\*\*\*\* uh about the about that yellow King \*\*\*\*\* in Milwaukee because the day it happened everyone was like they just uncovered a police run pedophile ring in this house and the cops like helped smuggle a bunch of guys out of there and there's been no follow up at all and that's weird because you know even if the police are trying to cover this up and even if the local media doesn't want to cover it I would still imagine that the same people who were freaking out and tweeting about it two to three days ago have followed up and that there's some sort of someone pulling on these threads so that makes me think that

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we have reached the point where a escape velocity where we're never gonna find out anything anymore because it takes too long to follow up because we're moving too fast because everything is the next day or maybe the initial claims are being backed up and instead of people correcting them they're just kind of not saying anything I don't know which one's true but I would like to know either way I'm very well any for example it was claimed that those two kids got those things rescued two kids from the house where are the kids that seems like something someone should know that doesn't require the \*\*\*\*\* journal sentinel' the Journal Sentinel Pulitzer prize-winning investigative unit to figure out the committee a mass shooter is pretty crazy I honestly think it's more likely that he just snapped from being a narc which is a classic thing that happens where being in two place being two people at once makes your brain break but I mean I guess I could imagine I just I'm always skeptical on mass shooter \*\*\*\*\* cuz I don't buy the motive I Canada already ask gun control and we have never enacted gun control thanks to thanks to mass shootings and the idea of like oh we need to keep oh they need to keep doing that to keep us off our toes and to keep us disoriented and scared of one another I mean I honestly think it's a little naive to imagine they would have to go through with that we got we have more guns than people in this country as it is do we really like the formula the formula on the dominant on the chalkboard for a culture that would produce mass shooters it checks out you know there's no like extra space that we now if you people have an idea that like no the the mass shooting is like a cover for something else okay but I would need to have an idea of what the other thing is because I just can't buy oh yeah we're gonna shoot a bunch of people or pretend to shoot a bunch of people so people can tweet about gun control for a couple days everything's already everything's moving so fast it is it is so like horrifyingly to stabilizing how can you distinguish between the seeded events and the real ones and I guess the question then becomes what difference I mean I'd certainly think that uh the botched stings are responsible for a lot of \*\*\*\*\* Boston bombing first amongst those my patio is fine let me alone I could I could see the idea of like the gun lobby doing it to get people to bond more guns but that's that's like that's like Oh hallmark invented Valentine's Day level of analysis oh boy oh boy oh boy I got

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hello hey guys I'm apparently last the last stream I did with was the first with my set up here and some people said it was too soft they couldn't really hear it so I'm putting the thing closer to my face which might be disturbing to some viewers but 0:1:1 it's necessary for you to hear everything trying to minimize seeing like transformer box over there which is not really very aesthetically pleasing I honestly should maybe I should turn around thinking about it the background to be much nicer is it low audio again or any gas lighting me am I being gas lit or can you hear me I asked the tracks that the tracksuit will be back tracksuit Leave Act when the conditions change is it quiet I don't know how to turn it up more I only have I keep turning the thing on but then it doesn't go all the way I'm an old man I don't understand these things oh are you people giving me the business I'm trying I'm trying to talk to you people and you're leaving me here oh now I don't know I don't know anymore and 0:2:3 here I was I was gonna talk about the Demiurge we got to talk some more about the Demiurge but now I don't know if you guys can even hear me \*\*\*\*\* bad faith actors that's right why is the mic muffled I don't all right I move what does that mean you're just a little quiet I don't even know what that means oh no I don't know what to do now I'm trapped is there like a volume control in thing here all I can do is mute the microphone all right let's talk to my urge I reason a lot of talk about the different urges it was something I said yesterday or last time we last dream about 0:3:5 how people's religious convictions are losing their spiritual basis even without them knowing it over the years and how American Christians essentially worship material wealth they they worship money and in the United States but the United States is an avatar for material wealth that's the thing that gets the man and you know that those are made those are choices but they're also not choices if you know what I mean their responses to conditions that are omnipresent and difficult to deal with and that reminds me of the Demiurge and the bad energy was a notion of the early Gnostic Christians those sect of Christians who looked around the world they saw after hearing the teachings of Christ and having them accepting them in their heart 0:4:6 the idea Universal love brotherhood abolition of poverty strife through cooperation

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and and love they looked around in the world that they lived in and lo and behold it was not a world where they could live those values you can't live like a follower of Christ in the world that they found themselves in the world is filled with despair or err scarcity terror despair and other people who are hostile to you and your people and what is to be done God says turn the other cheek but it's easy for God Jesus says turn the other cheek sure as hell it is easy for them to say for him to say he's the son of God he gets struck him down it goes to heaven any knows it we aren't we don't have that kind of luxury where our lives are fragile and our knowledge of what is in store 0:5:7 for us is non-existent so we have to we have this instinctive value to our lives and we have an instinctive appreciation and value to the things we see around us that turns into greed that turns into lust that turns us away from thinking about God makes us in pockets a world incompatible with the beliefs that we hold it's impossible to be a Christian the way that the way the early Christians thought of it it's impossible to be a Christian in the world that they found them says it and so the question arises why would God create a world where you couldn't live in accordance with as well and the answer that the Gnostics came up with is God didn't God created a spiritual in the universe in which we are in one we are we are spiritual beings who will inevitably reunite with him in the in the through the frictionless realm of spirit and we will be commune with God than something intervened something called they called the Demiurge this evil demon this malevolent God who trapped us in material 0:6:10 forms trapped our godly spirits in material forms and the world we think is real is an illusion created by the de marriage and that expect to them explain how we could live in a world so removed for a world that could be that would reflect God's desire for humans and God's love and all that and the thing about the haze is that it's essentially correct in that we do not live in the real world at a real world we live in a constructed realm material and ideological that is false that is imagined that is an illusion impressed upon reality but instead of being created by a demon it's created by all of us it's created by every human in live before us and every living every living human who in acts the systems that they find themselves in not 0:7:13 through anyone's fault but due to the fact that we are bound by our conditions but so we live in a demo original reality shaped by the deforming reality of drumroll please exploitation of now capitalism of hierarchy of some hoarding at the expense of others hoarding pleasure boarding material wealth hoarding power that flows from that and the thing is is that the Demiurge achill the the the Gnostics sought to break through right which is what all of us can seek individually and I think what the what what what the Gnostics sought is the same thing that Buddhist seek is the same thing that rule that ecstatic and mystic Christians and Moslems seek that sense of oneness 0:8:14 and community and communion with God which is another way of saying with the

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universe it is a perception of one's unit of the unity it's a perception of of communion with all other living in living beings and then the entire universe which is all you this is all God is and that's all we imagine all that's all God is right is everything and it is a sense of being part of everything as opposed to being separated that's what all religious ecstasy seeks that's what all trans that's all all of those moments are transcendence and there are different ways to try to cultivate that in the self but the world around us intervenes it makes it very difficult for us to achieve those moments because we spend ourselves our lives trying to survive and dealing and also dealing with our attachment to the world around us the desire and greed that 0:9:16 come from navigating world of and that but so there is an individual search for for communion and transcendence but then there is this there is as the species comes into awareness of itself as a species which is the human progression the dialectical progression where which were in the process of unless it's interrupted by systemic collapse due to an imbalance of the forces which could very well happen and it has happened before it will probably happen many more times in the future until one time it doesn't and we achieve a sustainable process by which the the pain and the exploitation of the world is through coordination and through the democratization 0:10:17 of power as equally as possible spread evenly throughout the human population the human speed of species and that gives every individual within the species the freedom to come to those sort of moments of transcendence and their understanding of themselves in the world as part of so we're all in a war everyone on the left is in this blind hacking war with the Demiurge to try to break the power of this this evil god the the nightmare of the dead generations that Marx talked so that's what I 0:11:21 think of the demo yeah my energy is capitalism but it's not just capitalism it's every accumulated institution and institutional thought mental mechanism of sorting and separation they're not evil I mean that but the problem is is just to think of them that way you also have to remove you have to remove your the concept of agency for mothers to divorce the idea that you are fighting against like evil people and accept that people are essentially ensorcelled to one degree or another by this world and that you can only blame someone left or to a limited degree for the degree to which they've been insult ensorcelled because we all have the abilities to cope and abilities to process reality that are shaped by but that means that for yourself you 0:12:24 have to fully embrace your your responsibility because the degree to which you are aware of things this is a degree to which you are responsible for trying to change them to try to push like one thing that's really interesting is like we look at the way that the Trump administration and the various governor's bungled the kovat response which they absolutely did but if we think about it if we accept some of the 0:13:28 data from like if we're not gonna go Alex Berenson and we accept some of the data

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from places like Hong Kong that have dense populations right they're much closer to the initial outbreak of Cobra than us with six deaths so far and their claim is because everybody wears a mask already almost and so when they said everybody wear a mask everyone just did implying if that's true we have to imply that we don't know for sure but if we imply that but that's true if we accept that that's true rather than that means that the most Mahut gist mistake there occurred was not something Trump did it wasn't his idiot thing his baby brain no \*\*\*\*\* object permanence thing about oh well if we don't count the numbers they won't go up and people won't get worried about it it's that they told people and then wasn't Trump who said this not to wear a mask and the first couple of weeks and the reason they said that because because our supply chains are so attenuated and so vulnerable to Chinese inter uh 0:14:30 to problems in China disrupting them and of course that was the epicenter that we didn't have enough mass for everybody are we afraid we wouldn't have them that mass for everybody and the thinking was in a moment when they were worried about a huge explosion in hospitalizations that the most important people to get the masks were first responders were medical personnel and therefore you couldn't have regular people just rushing out and getting them and so they said what's gonna be best is tell people not to wear masks it's not gonna help anyway in fact you're taking it from someone so it would have helped well now we look back and it looks like that might have been about the worst thing they could have said especially since how the \*\*\*\*\* do you tell everyone now to wear a mask when you said don't wear a mask before I mean all those rubes spazzing out and being filmed having conniption fits and and Trader Joe's as traders Joe across the country they are of course change baby of 0:15:31 human human babies like we make him here in America just giant soggy babies but if they yell why was it open ahh why shouldn't we a war mask and now do we wear a mask what do you say and the answer is because we didn't have the \*\*\*\*\* capacity we didn't have the masks and we didn't have the social we couldn't even ensure that the social the universality of like social investment to have any confidence that if they had said wear a mask and we could have had them enough numbers people would have because who the hell you I don't what I'm saying is is that this stuff was not determined by individual discrete decisions as soon as Kovan hit and hit in a context where we have been socially atomized had all universal epistemology is demolished by accelerating culture and media and a decimated manufacturing base which literally would not allow us to manufacture something as simple as a \*\*\*\*\* piece of cloth 0:16:32 on a string in sufficient numbers to ensure that you didn't have a have shortages and hospitals that was all those conditions existed when kovat arrived so anyone making a decision in the context of kovat is and that is what that's the Demiurge like even if you wanted to behave even if you wanted to do the best thing you could

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even if you wanted to listen to the better angel of your nature you couldn't because it's not on the agenda and if you decide to make the the principle decision to like resign or something as an individual somebody also just do it instead that's why the only thing that can break that power is a simultaneous coordinated movement like in Finding Nemo not finding dory Finding Nemo when they're all pushing against the fish net that's the only thing they can overcome those natural restraints metier 0:17:33  
it like obviously the ones in here are head the ideological blinders we have but also the \*\*\*\*\* the actual constraints material constraints that govern every every \*\*\*\*\* decision like when we talk about the presidents we talk about the powers of the presidency we talk about president in terms of discrete decisions that they make and that's the sum total of their presidency and their work there's a president so that we can rank them on the \*\*\*\*\* lists but their choices are in real in reality confined right here this is this is the actual relative to the possible in the position of being president United States the realistic ones is in ones that this person in this time would do or could do is right here and that's the story though we tell is is this as though it were it were a gigantic ideological and personal ethical clash when in reality the real story the story that we should all focus on to contextualize human behavior 0:18:34  
and institutions and the power of institutions and then need to take them on is here I can't even do it it's not I can't even just imagine my hands are still going that's the story it's on this is where they could act and this is where they're allowed to act and it's like nobody wants to think that way because assigning more moral choices to historical figures is part of the the pageant in the romance of history and the thing that makes us interested in it it's a narrative about people and we get invested them as characters and if you are hyper aware while you're investing in a character that their decisions are attenuated and that their freedom of choice is limited then it robs them of that that character building heroic element that is what gives us I would not 0:19:39  
like to self-immolate quite yet I'm still feeling like I've got some stuff to think it out before I do that what's to be taken from Syed ketubah huh uh well I mean to a degree he was correct I mean we kind of laugh at it when we when we hear the story of how he was freaked out by a sock hop in nineteen like fifty four something as an exchange student and came home and became a radical Wahhabist like chill out dude but I 0:20:41  
mean it wasn't the sock hop it was what the sock hop represented and if we look at America if we look at the American equivalent in 2020 of a sock hop pre Kovan I think ketubah would probably be like I was correct now we might say yeah but you were wrong to not think this is cool and it's like well okay but there's a lot of people around the world who don't take that view on how culture changes and they have to be accommodated in some way and the thing is they can be it happens it's not it's not impossible like look at Scandinavia I mean obviously people thought hey talked

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about the Nordics I'm not talking about them as like a model of perfection of just a model of phenomena in this instance that it's not like 19th century Swedes were we're all you know like poly and Pan they were \*\*\*\*\* dour Lutheran's now they're like whatever there go along to get along there come as you are that's because the the mant the the the cultural shift was managed in a material way to minimize the stress of change to culture and that and if there isn't enough of that there isn't enough lubricant material lubricant of social change you get sparks and friction like crazy and that's where we've been for 40 years as sparks flying off the \*\*\*\*\* railing because we're hyper accelerating social progressiveness to make up for the increased they increased a miseration and and the decreased aperture of possible ameliorative policies on the people are trying to correct me about agnostic to talk about how the platonic forms predate them but it's like yeah but I'm talking about in terms of their conception of it related to the Christian God which don't rule doesn't do I have any thoughts about the UK Labour Party under Kier star mer for one thing how the name sounds like a 90s porn star pierced armor and what do I think of him and his party I'm just glad I don't live I'm not I don't have to care about pedo Island anymore I mean we might have blown our shot we might have but England the UK absolutely did below there's done they're finished to quote to quote the great DeNiro in Copley and holding half of a pastrami sandwich I never gave you enough napkins at this place you had a chance to be a cop and you blew it you blew it UK blew it they have their chance and now I mean maybe we can maybe something will come along from outside of there to rescue them but who I would have a very hard time I mean I know you still got to go on you know like like Vladimir and Estragon regardless of whether there's no more hope but I guess it's just like there might be hope but the time frame is so long that as an outside observer I kind of gave up the privilege of not having to care people actually live there they have to still care and they have to help move the thing along and accelerate the progress towards the next opportunity but from outside of it where I can't really help it's just a bummer I'd rather not I mean it does amuse me how brutally and publicly star mer is able to purge his opponents within the party he's doing night of the Long Knives \*\*\*\*\* over there that Corbett never even came close to trying and of course you know you can use that as a criticism of Corbett and I think Corbett clearly could have gone harder but you have to remember that the media is there to cheer on star mer as he is doing this which means it's that much more easy to get away with it whereas if Corbin had really gone I mean they took the degree that they did like deselect they the meet the media went crazy just cried bloody murder like it was the \*\*\*\*\* great purges all over again because he toffee-nosed \*\*\*\*\* s- weren't being allowed to stand for their \*\*\*\*\* constituency and um Briggs upon \*\*\*\*\* pedophile cream

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clawed upon Barnstormer so if he'd gone harder they would have cried even harder and they probably wouldn't have been able to but they could have they could have cut a lot more fat than they did so you if you want to talk about what went wrong with them item I in my opinion that's does like foundational error and of course it's impossible to know how far would have gone too far and would have caused more blowback than would have been worth it because there's always that inflection point I just I don't know but I suspect that it come nearly close enough they could have come a lot closer to the line and if they had they could have gotten a lot of benefits from it because we know for a fact that they were sabotaging him from the inside during those both candidate both campaigns people at the top levels of the party were sabotaging whereas timer has nobody's had time to even do anything wow they were still disoriented he just matzevot bath party congress 1979 I have in my hand a list of traitors that's one thing that bums me out most about burning out winning the nomination is said if you'd won the nomination he probably would have been able to take over as the the hot top level of the bureaucracy of the party and just I believe he would have been a lot more ruthless than Corbin because I think that the I think that the the libs the the donut people are a hundred percent right and one thing they say about Bernie which is they say he hates the Democratic Party and wants to destroy it and the thing is that's why I like Bernie and that's the number one reason that I thought he was worth supporting above all policy questions is that his orientation towards the Democratic Party was correct and that's the necessary precondition for any useful engagement with the electoral process is knowing where the Democrats are relative to you and what they represent now now he's with Biden whatever because he knows the moments over he's just trying to MIT he's trying to do the same harm mitigation that every individual voter is doing because he now has as much influence on what happens as we do because the shot was taken and it missed I just think that if you've gotten in charge there that he would have clean house and also I think it's easier to clean house in the Democrats just because it's not a real party it doesn't have a mass membership so it's it's much more house of cards and you could probably swap it pretty easily with just a minimum of like grassroots effort but you'd have to have control the top to do that because otherwise as we saw into in post elections with Bernie they rigged the game to degree the thing get away with its wife that's why once you if you can burst through that and get on top then you can make it easier for everybody it's charging horse but it didn't happen que sera sera you just win some and you lose most that really shouldn't be that should be the thing it shouldn't it for people to really get a sense of what's life's like when something happens bad you don't have when some lose most just making it even less it's supposed to make you feel better right like que sera sera okay

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whatever something happens something doesn't happen just to remind yourself that this is the base line the base line is failure so there shouldn't be some huge trauma to find yourself there that's where you always are you were born in the dark nor did buy it first time I saw a candidate with a primary I was already to demand and by then it meant nothing to be hey what a bein smoked weed huh huh huh huh imagine 0:29:22  
it would have been smoke weed he used that thing to chew like the thing I will I will smoke you up Batman then you have my permission to chew there you go oh well thank you so much said I'm a hoot I love being a hoot one of the best things you can call somebody in my opinion kimete sinner gordon r AP come down I am interested 0:30:32  
to see what the former chapo trapa subreddit people do to call their new one because like everyone knows what happened with our subreddit it started off as about our show but then as all the other left subreddits imploded out of infighting which is inevitable in all political subreddits because that's the nature of niche politics is that it implodes and they kept having these refugees and they ended up all pooling under the banner of our net of our show because it was the closest thing to just like an uncharged signifier that was left and then it became filled with like the whole dregs of the reddit left and it are showing barely any connection to it anymore and and we would get mad at it and people say hey don't they realize it doesn't have anything to do with the podcast which is - my answer was yeah that's why we don't like it and the end and it was not even that we wanted them to stop it was that I would have preferred among all options they just take our \*\*\*\*\* name off of it I don't want to be 0:31:35  
responsible for the awful \*\*\*\*\* of it the \*\*\*\*\* cringe posts just the worst means the worst trihard \*\*\*\*\* and because this is the nature of the Internet and the nature of people who are political in this country because the person who is online doing posts about politics and reddit is likely to be relatively white college educated and therefore liberal like socially because acculturated to the manners of social nicety inculcated by college let's say that and that means that they're going to find in the predatory me-first neoliberal marketplace the entrepreneurial marketplace of online discourse the markers of that are emotionally charged and and a capable of being utilized are the gender and identity once they're there they're their cheat codes essentially - 0:32:37  
emotional response which is what you're looking for when you're trying to craft takes and you're trying to build a identity online for people to appreciate to give you value to give you an identity in a sense that you're doing something by being online either for yourself or for the cause but we're both bound up in you being perceived as being a good leftist and so that stuff is going to be what the arguments call us around and the incentive structure is going to be to create a cocoon of a cocoon of sort of groupthink a totalized worldview around race and gender topics that then creates an inevitable antithesis in the form of the class first Strasser right reductionist who will

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then battle with the consensus sharpening both into more powerful compact identity 0:33:39  
formations that give people even more emotional connection and validation from  
being online and doing politics and that is a sterile doom cycle that will dominate  
any online space inevitably that created the Chapo trap house read it as being this  
weird this weird place of like hysterical it was like an attempt to demand fidelity to  
like classical class first class only Marxism like Marxist class and material analysis but  
then on top of it insisting upon total adherence to every discrete identity argument  
and the thing is is that sometimes those things to come into conflict and you have to  
make priorities and it's a give-and-take but like I said the conditions of the internet  
mean it's only ever going to be give that's only going to be the possible answer for  
every discrete one of these issues which means that it'll always defeat the primacy 0:34:41  
of the class material position and so that's what and then so that like chapo Chapas  
inevitably throws off stupid Paul as it's a antithesis right and you'll notice it's like  
a negative dialectic which is what Adorno called culture because it throws things  
backwards it takes what once unified and strips it in the process of applying the  
market to it like doing \*\*\*\*\* us fission splitting the \*\*\*\*\* atoms of culture and like  
social order because you have chapo as the show which like a culture rate has totally  
absorbed social liberalism for the room and I think it should but then applied social  
liberalism to the greater question of of socialism and of a social liberation and I think  
the show has always struggled to be that but then if the creates an online culture and 0:35:42  
then it creates its own secondary being which is the flattening of that and because  
of the flattening influences of identity politics on internet spaces to them of course  
it creates this thesis out of that I would have to say out of a synthesis this thesis of  
hysterical identity and then boom creates an antithesis of stupid fall it literally is it  
splits things it splits social orders it's negative Dulli dialectical which is the Prower  
that's why in that thing if everything I've described by the way is online there's  
our show exists completely online and then both of those things being subreddits  
are obviously even more online more symbolic so if you're in that land if you're in  
that neoliberal order of the online digital identity political ideological matrix you  
will create that negative dialectic which is why you've got to grill for the love of Pete 0:36:45  
start grilling get busy grilling or get busy drying apply politics to the things closest  
and most understandable to you least abstract as as concrete as possible and I know  
there's obviously the oh you're doing this on an iPhone style irony of me giving  
this impassioned plea on an Internet \*\*\*\*\* twitch website which is just designed to  
turn your brain into a put your brain in a Cuisinart just like all this stuff fragment  
everything into into an unassailable mutant chunks that are no longer of the same  
thing even though they once were just shattering and and burning the ashes but I'm  
trying to figure out what to do with the rest of my \*\*\*\*\* life and I only know one

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way to think my way towards that right now given my situation and it's this so until 0:37:47  
that changes this is a zhun abstract as I can get and no throws I throw some drilling  
in there to of course and also trying to write more reading a lot more oh God reading  
so much more and that's a big part reading it's like your brain your spirit like it's the  
health bar you just dude dude it's like being in a video game if you're if there was like  
a game that assimilated like all health you know health wasn't just physical it was  
also spiritually and like remove the Cartesian duality there but gave you like food  
fuel for both and you're in a video game you now you get like a turkey leg for your  
bodily health but a book that's your like mind sharpening it and it's still obviously  
that's still an abstract level but it's a level of abstraction much closer to life and push  
closer to the speed of right right now I am reading I'm I'm halfway through a Walter 0:38:49  
Shai Dalls book escape from Rome which I cannot recommend enough if I had to  
recommend one book for people to start reading before they really wanted to get  
into historical materialism I would I would recommend this book like if you'd read  
Marx the stuff and you wanted to start applying it to history I even though shuttle  
I don't think as a Marxist this book it is the most dialectically minded piece of like  
world historical literature I've ever read and I'm reading it very very slowly because  
just the having it still be a thing I read it's like it's stimulating my thoughts about  
history and like he the overall thesis is he is explaining why the West ie Europe had  
such technological explosive growth in the 19th century the divergence away from 0:39:51  
the mean of like global technological society and along the way he's describing it over  
the course of you know human history basically at least since the fall of Rome and at  
some times he makes arguments that are that demand a like a material explanation  
for a phenomenon like in this instance the the geela the geographic reality of like the  
where the step is is determinative everything else lies on top of that you can't get  
below that but in a different level at a different time in his narrative in the narrative of  
human social evolution like the question of why Europe was able to colonize the rest  
of the world and not vice versa or were anybody else conquering and exploring the  
new world he says the determining factor here is institutional not geographical but 0:40:52  
that's because the question is never is it institutions or is it geography or whatever  
it's never is it one or the other it's which one is it now in this specific instance and  
that is the way that all history should be approached and so little of it is processed I  
like when I think of the way that history is taught it's like this this series of discrete  
decisions that are made by people totally unmoor to the to Y just just this this  
absolutely sterile single causality well I mean it makes it basically impossible if you  
don't really apply yourself to the study of history and why would you if it was that  
boring and sterile it leaves you essentially unable to think about the past in any  
way that's illuminating of the presence you can't use it to make sense of the world

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because it does not comport to the complexity of the world around you it leaves you 0:41:54  
with a thin brittle bronze Lance that'll just snap at the first contact with iron or  
steel or whatever Steel's I mean the very fact that we like talk about presidents even  
on the left like he's a good president he's a bad president actually there are no good  
presidents or here's my top ten list of presidents I do that all the time too and the  
thing is you can do that it is within the discreet apertures of choice that presidents  
have you can pick the ones who did a better and a worse job with the freedom they  
had absolutely but we think of it the way you would you were about ranking that  
with the same sort of drama that you think about ranking a best baseball players  
of all time but it's much more like ranking the best umpires of all time you could  
do it there are better or some Pires objectively but it's a very it would be a very  
boring dull deterministic action because of how constrained their choices are whereas 0:42:56  
ranking the best baseball players you're talking about the entire wild-caught quaza  
causally open knee near randomised possibility of all opportunities for every at-bat  
near-infinite there's a near infinite the number of things that could happen when  
you \*\*\*\*\* a hit hit get into the the number of ways that a at-bat can end are so  
varied it's mind-blowing it's my body but every choice by an umpire is or fair foul  
but that's the reality of the of the options of the choices the presidents have they're  
fully determined I mean we're all fully determined by circumstances but they're more  
obviously through our ability to study the historical record that leads to decisions 0:43:57  
we can see how constrained they are much more than individuals without power like  
we're all fully determined in why we why we why what we're gonna do but it's such  
a it's such a it's such a the decisions are so personal that delving into the depths of  
the causality like the deep stuff you know things in the subconscious that happened  
years and years ago that nobody even were not knew at the time including the birth  
especially the person who's thinking about that means that determining the next  
determining their you know their choices are their degree of fixedness is very difficult  
for a president that that cut the monumental size of the choices the president gets  
to make you could almost fully map why and you can like squeeze the amount of  
agency out of it like the percentage out of a hundred agency out of it and I guarantee  
you it's like in the single digits oh this is good I think this has been a fun one I hope  
I haven't been making sense I'm feeling like I'm getting a little more this one's been 0:44:59  
a little bit more conceptual because I know I've been sort of grinding down closer  
to the pavement since the first couple batch of post-enlightenment streams but now  
I feel like I'm I'm coming to popping up again like the top of the the front wheels  
popping off that pave it a little bit and just want to make sure gonna get some  
feedback here all right good really good yeah now I'm feeling very on the beam right  
now have been last couple days after a little bit of a I've not been doing acid by

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the way this idea that I'm like constantly hi yes I smoke weed but I've always I've been a tumor for a while and of course you know plenty of people are are relatively 0:46:0  
common weed smokers I don't smoke as much weed as a lot of people I know will know but no I have not been like dosing myself I try to I try to not overuse this stuff because I want to be using it for a long time like therapeutically so I don't want to fry my circuits prematurely but I'll probably do it again soon it's been a but like it's a cliché to say that oh man took a trip and like you know I know everything it's like no one knows anything and that's what you learn you learn you don't know anything but if you can attach that to a greater a greater confidence in your understanding of the consequences of that reality of the profound ignorance that we all live in I keep 0:47:10  
hearing people talk about this Alan Watts character and what I've looked at has been interesting he seems to be a dude operating on a good wavelength I'd like to I'd like to somebody asked your best 30 rock moments and I'm just gonna say not the best really but I would just want to stick up for the live episodes one of which has now been removed from Netflix because of the half-assed blackface they did it in in the scene with Jon Hamm which was very funny at the time because you could tell like the evolution of social order like in not in the in 90 in 1999 as people found out recently and freaked out about Jimmy Fallon did full blackface to play Chris Rock dark blackface now 30 rock and I think like 2010 what they did is they did like Cork 0:48:11  
like a little bit of cork which I think there's like a vaudeville tradition there so that's like not totally half as a given but clearly they understood that they could not go all the way they couldn't do like an Al Jolson face and now ten years later they retro actively removing so you can see how like the attitude changes over time and you could say that's good you know good good that we're not doing that and I'd say I think it probably is good but I do think that what you if you accept that if you accept that progression and you're happy about it it means you have to let it go it means you can't keep dragging up the old stuff there has to be a truth guerrilla conciliation committee there has to be a Truth and Reconciliation committee because because if there's not if there's only blame and never ever forgiveness what is it gonna be the incentive for anyone to go along with your social order why would anyone say I'm going to accept a new premise of like the wrongness of blackface or or you know 0:49:13  
the wrongness of these slurs or the need for inclusivity in the business or whatever when the thing I said before this moment years before is going to condemn me in the new reality why would I sign on you need people to sign on to the new social contract that you're grilling and you're essentially telling people that unless they are pure of heart and some Calvinistic freak show away which only these psychos even think they are and a lot of them are a lot of them get \*\*\*\*\* canceled themselves if somebody digs it up but they're deluded themselves into thinking they're gonna be

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on the winning end of that end of that coin flip so why would you ever do that so what you mean this is like if we want to celebrate the fact that now no one wants to do blackface you have to let it go you have to let it go it means the old ones I have you need if you need to wipe the slate we need a jubilee and if people will if anyone who says no to that deal and anyone says I will not trade my ability to be vindictive towards somebody for actual social progress well then they don't want social progress they want to have the weapon they want to beat people with it it's like why would I want to disarm why would I want to give up my guns it's like the social sjw version of second amendment \*\*\*\*\* like you'll disarm me and then you will take me over you'll take my cancel culture when you pry it from and like I said like this doesn't apply the stuff that happens now because you're building the new order right now you need to have enforceable social norms and society needs to be able to enforce them and people complaining online is a pro as a form of that but it Mike it cannot be retro actively applied there has to be an understanding that people can change without that you won't get nowhere and it's because you don't want to get anywhere so ask yourself anybody you resist what I'm saying any one of you here system gets mad ask yourself why do you think you need that and I think the most the best answer the one that's like least incriminating and therefore the one I'm gonna choose to believe is the most most motivating or the most people because I do assume good faith in most people not everybody is an evil double agent it's that I'm worried about losing out in the new order I'm a little worried that at some point things are gonna go bad and then and it and there's gonna be a big setback and I'm not gonna have I'm not gonna be able to defend myself and I think to the degree that that's the concern it just speaks to a lack of lack of faith in the project a lack of faith and your ability to win and to that I have to say that's a cure Guardian leap of faith that you have to take to truly in good faith engage with the movement and if you can't do that then you are not part of it and you know what if people can look inside themselves and answer that question I think it could be illuminating and I think a lot of people realize you know what I can lay down this burden and give myself over this cause cuz it's worth it and I'm ready to take the risk I think a lot of people would make that choice and if they made that conscious choice their approach to everything would change and they would realize I don't care if we \*\*\*\*\* cancel people for \*\*\*\*\* that's five years old or five months old even I think a lot of people would make that choice but they don't even know that they're there they're choosing not to do that they don't even know they have the option because it's all happening below the level of consciousness so I'd say we're all gonna like if there's gonna be a coming together and I doubt there will be cuz everything's still online and online pushes us apart and polarizes us there's any hope that we overcome that

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it'll be people coming together around ideas that are mutually agreeable and and 0:53:19  
enforceable and I would say that one of them is statute of limitations on cancellations  
six months maybe four months we could have to argue it could be a negotiation let  
it be a negotiation so that people feel that they're contributing to the final decision  
and have investment in it and then agree problem is there's no one to make this deal  
because no one is representing anyone it's just a bunch of individuals navigating this  
entrepreneurial neoliberal web space to create identities until there's a polarization  
around things like class to coordinate meta coordinate and make these kind of deals  
there's no hope and that's why you have to hope for material intervention to break  
up the online anti dialectic and maybe that will happen I'm still holding out hope  
but it's not happening now and that's why my big advice to people in the moment  
right now I feel the thing that feels most true is log-off does it agree that you can 0:54:20  
but don't just sit around don't just game don't just jack off don't just get high  
apply yourself to something with your whole heart and intention and if you focus  
hard enough on the world around you you can find something it doesn't have to  
be political the political comes later after you've satisfied the deeper urge that your  
political life is only a cover for it's only a bullet hole and it's only a band-aid on a  
political wound it's what you have you have a spiritual ache and you're trying to  
cover it with politics but that politics has to come out of spiritual understanding  
not cover for spiritual emptiness because then it will so fill that hole at the spiritual  
level by applying yourself to the world around you in a way that is satisfying to the  
stew and keeps you in the moment and makes you perceptive of your moment and  
then you will find a place to put your politics that will merge from that organically  
oh that's a good one I feel like this is a good one I might recommend this one to 0:55:24  
people of course I could also have already cancelled myself I don't even know I can't  
find I haven't look I mean this is my phone nobody's texted me so I think I'm all  
right but I could someone could have already cancelled me for this \*\*\*\*\* stream  
I'm not sure a few times I felt like I was like riding on a higher frequency it kind  
of might not have I don't know gotten conceptually low enough to get to a point of  
good faith common understanding we'll see if I'm canceled shoot you coward you are  
only cancelling a man tweet you cowards you are only haha drama can't my friend 0:56:27  
who is clearly watching the stream has just texted me to say the night I canceled  
that's a fun spoof John thank you shout out to Java time that's this thing there  
is no you couldn't make that deal because there's no one to make a deal because  
no one's coordinating any of this which is why the arguments about the efficacy  
or lief ethics of cancer \*\*\*\*\* are so beside the point because it will just occur its  
title it's not willed by individuals which means no Matt there's no number of \*\*\*\*\*  
op-eds you could read or \*\*\*\*\* medium posts or podcasts you could listen to to get

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everybody to change their minds about it because every one of those articles feeds the cycle people read that but they don't read it in a vacuum they read it through the lens of their existing ideology and their existing underlying interests self interests or perceived self interests and that means that it will only generate its own antithesis 0:57:29  
everything every article like every every own on a subreddit every podcast that speaks the truth every \*\*\*\*\* like trolling article and provocation against the PC police as satisfying as they are and as useful to build morale on your side as they are they only speed the cycle because it's the other side needs things like that to wheat their stone and identity against they have to have the Chum to be themselves so of course they they serve a purpose they're part of the ecosystem and so no no speeches no posts are going to change this situation it cannot happen it's an anti dialect it's it's it's locked so every because like every argument about whether this is good or bad 0:58:36  
what every arguing about what council culture is or whether it's good or bad is just part of the fishtank of eddie's and swirls that creates counterculture culture cancel culture its constituent 'iv of it every argument of bow council culture is constitutive of cancel culture there is no out it is all one thing because it is that argument that creates the sides and defines the sides and that's what makes cancelling inevitable and spontaneous which means no one can stop it or start it which means arguing about whether it's good or bad is meaningless it's like asking if a storm is good or bad it might have good or bad effects but the thing itself has no moral it has no 0:59:42  
moral dimension it might do a good or pain like a that that storm blew out that forest fire that's a good storm hey that storm destroyed our own town that's a bad storm it was the effects that are good or bad the thing itself has no moral dimension but that's what we're all doing we're ascribing a moral dimension to something that is so there we go that was fun I might have to watch this later to go through some stuff to make sure I didn't make a make some sort of confusion that I'd have to explain and follow up on but for now feeling pretty good about it maybe I'll take a question or two you yeah I don't want to go off on a rant here oh the name of the book I'm recommending escape from Rome by Walter shadle he has another book that I'm gonna read after this one now because I'm a huge fan where he talks about 1:0:45  
the history of wealth inequality and he argues pretty persuasively because I've read his argument in other forms of being quoted and like interpreted that the things that ever have successfully really brought down the wealth just huge wealth disparities in a culture are Wars and massive plagues massive population loss through either warfare and capital instruction through warfare or or viruses and plagues and of course civil collapse so the attempt the quit great leveller that's it yeah and that's another one where it's hard to argue and I think the real question isn't whether that's going to happen again it's how what the conditions of that that collapse are

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because you know it doesn't have to be population declining and dying it can be capital being destroyed but capital can be destroyed productively like there could be like a distribution of capital can like destroy concentrated capital well like creating a more efficient social system or a economic engine out of the remainders ah yeah oh man yeah the David Harvey thing is pretty annoying because he when he says we can't just let it really does show the how people really haven't thought through anything beyond like the romantic the romantic personal attachment to revolution there's very very little it's kind of a nauseating and a small amount of of thought put into what you actually would do to seize power or do with it and I understand you don't to put the cart before the horse but being so instinctively repulsed towards the idea of managing a move away from capitalism that doesn't destroy the lives of millions of \*\*\*\*\* people that isn't massively deadly and awful like maybe maybe be easier to build a humane society through the existing humane institutions that are interwoven within contradictorily within liberal capitalism instead of starting from \*\*\*\*\* scratch in the Hobbesian war of all against all do you not understand how that is one is more preferable to the other just a pure moral perspective but also in terms of expediting the process of communism criminy like everything every every level of capitalist development you destroying a collapse that has to get built back up you know right you need a certain amount of concentrated capital to create the technological inputs to alleviate enough need for human inputs to allow for socialism Thursday isn't there is a but it is specifically I don't think has been ever devised but there is a tipping point of technological development that is necessary to socialize production non hierarchically so if you destroy capitalism and it just collapses and it collapses that capacity and destroys that capacity it has to be rebuilt and it was only ever built through capitalism that attempts to do it through communism have been were less effective it was because they were in competition with capitalism but they also had access to the capital which they wouldn't in this Constituent situation oh \*\*\*\*\* it's raining again guys well this is a good one I'll talk to you guys soon see you on the flippity-flop

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see if anybody comes over here it's been a long time since I've done one of these I apologize but got kicked off of the twitch page I have to be reacted and I wanted to set up my laptop for that because I'm sick of the audio issues happening with my goddamn phone I'm not gonna be getting a new phone anytime soon because it's a hassle so I'm gonna figure out with the help of our trusted producer Chris how to set up a direct thing from my laptop so until I got that setup I was gonna decide I still wanted to do a chat and so decided to do it back here on Instagram I didn't get kicked off it just I think what happened is I was like trying to get on and someone else from the FYM crew went on and it knocked me off and I have to like do the two-factor and Chris our producers moving right now and I just don't want to have to deal with it so instead I figured I would just do good old-fashioned Instagram for now but we will we will be back on twitch soon I promise let me say that when it comes to jizz lane I was just **\*\*Music playing\*\*** because my theory of the case made juice I couldn't imagine a world where just max was alive and anything I thought I understood about the Epstein case makes sense so if she's still alive that means that there is perhaps a factional infighting going on something like the white hat black hat queueing on concept only the difference is it's all black ass there's no white hats there's no good guys it's just scumbag criminals that's all we have our awful awful pieces of **\*\*\*\*\*** and oh good lord did it happen again what am I supposed to do I can't I can't I I turned it up I turned up the volume I you guys need to stop doing this because it really throws me off because I can't know how I sound so like you can't just mess with me and think I'm having a good time you're having a good time I don't know what I sound like I don't want to waste it talking in a way that people can't understand because I want these also to go on YouTube and I can't do any of that if I don't know and I can't trust it any of you people aren't giving me the business or that you're not audio files which are the weirdest mutants on earth and people who make it impossible for anyone to make anything that have sound because they just say ah this isn't flat or whatever the hell bunch of Neil Young's I take this out for does it just immediately ruin it cuz I hate

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having the headphone in is it okay is this still okay is it okay now can you hear me cuz I'd really rather not have the thing in my ear so just lame being alive and in fact apparently under FBI surveillance for almost a year I mean I don't know man I don't know what the hell I'm supposed to make out of that ha unless she's being protected by some other faction of intelligence or the elite who want to see some 0:4:9  
some percentage of the Epstein Network exposed not the whole thing of course but some chunk of it and his lanes gonna do that the fact that she's apparently being her case is being prosecuted by the like the public affairs division of the of the New York Attorney General of Justice Department office and implies that they're going after some public officials maybe maybe this is an October Surprise to own the Clintons like by Trump and bar or maybe it's a counter Trump insurgency within the Justice Department who are pissed about their guy getting fired for no reason or I guess because he was like looking into prosecuting Giuliani and deciding to mess with Trump I don't know I would be surprised if she died not because obvious like there would be above killing her or like there'd be some worry oh this is too far because we 0:5:10  
know now there's no too far just that it would have happened already that was my assumption I thought she was dead the second Epstein died and apparently she was been hanging around and doing after the whole time I don't know how to process that so I'm gonna have to do a big old big little shrug so right now I'm just gonna sit back and see and wait and find out what happened I'd be very surprised if there's any sort of large-scale investigation some sort of it could be that they brought her out to do the opposite of what I'm saying and brought her out to exonerate people like say Prince Andrew like maybe this is all a British thing maybe they kept her alive in case some part of the epstein accusations didn't go away so that she could be brought in to exonerate somebody who was under the under the lamp like Prince Andrew possible I have no idea doing the shrug I hang my ass off about his lights 0:6:14  
I have no idea but there certainly is like there are factions within the ruling elite always even within things like the intelligence community and some sort of internet scene battle always was something that made sense about Epstein because I mean Epstein thought he was gonna get away with it until the day before the day he died which makes you think that he felt that he was still protected even in prison when of course he wasn't who was protecting him were they only pretending to protect him where were they actually trying to use him for something and then somebody got in there and gave him the old the old fake suicide I don't know I feel like I know more and feel less confident about things as time goes on so but that's all I have to say about just laying for now I talked a little bit more on the episode we recorded today but I actually wanted to talk about something else to start with something that I talked about last I tried to talk about yesterday but stupid twitch stream 0:7:16

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one worth because I did something bad yesterday I went on Twitter and I engaged which I actually very rarely do because that's not where Twitter is fourth where's for having fun with your friends but something he just hit me wrong and I felt the need to engage and of course it was waste of time in the sense that nothing was advanced no one learned anything but I do feel like I learned something or at least I learned like I can explain something a little better than I thought beforehand and what it was was Chris Hayes tweeted something about how my mom never let me watch the Dukes of Hazzard because she thought that the flag was racist gay mom and it just hit me wrong it was not grilled peeled to respond I agree but I'm not a I will fail every day trying to D you know a a mature person because none of us are you know 0:8:17 and there are too many there's so many seductions and I tried to impart my lives but like I said I feel like this was instructive anyway so I look on it as even though it was a mistake hey turn that mistake into a miracle and obviously I'm already kind of annoyed I've been annoyed with Chris Hayes for a long time specifically the way that he spent the early months of Corona just freaking out about Trump's and adequacy of a response while not saying a word about about Joe Biden and the Democratic Party insisting on carrying out primaries that got people killed definitively doesn't say I'm worried about it just heroes in our way because he's but anyway that tweet was just so nauseating to me because it like what was the point of it like what does he really I think he's saying there other than my mom is one of the good ones like is he saying my mom is a good white is that what he's saying so I just asked him 0:9:18 not challenging him not insulting him I just said do you really think that you would be more racist if you'd watched deuce of Hazzard growing up in what he grew up in New York City he went to a magnet High School with immortal technique at DS s and Mero you really think if you'd seen the General Lee 30 minutes a week you'd be more racist and so I just asked him he never responded but instead G here everyone's favorite internet pennant the man one of the people who have been one of those people who are trapped in the cave of online discourse the kind of people who if you did the the Plato allegory thing and went up and saw the real light and came in and tried to get him away from the fire they would punch and kick you because it's to them that's the only world they live in is the Internet and she is hilarious ask question to me was I asked him if he was smelling smelling toast it was baffling 0:10:20 to me but it started this whole tedious argument that I did not participate in for the most part and ignored about the role of cultural reproduction in maintaining a systemic racial oppression and keeps half of a point was that Marxist tradition black Marxist tradition has plenty to talk about the way the culture reinforces racism and it really struck me like how online discourse maybe I'll discuss but certainly the kind I'm familiar with online really isn't possible because I of course no one reasonable

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he called me a Glidden Iowa's I said no one reasonable doesn't agree that culture reinforces racial discrimination of course it does culture is where people live that's the level that people live at of course that's what does it and so yeah things like you know the Confederate flag or or racial tropes or whatever they reinforce racial ideas but then people act on that's true but right now in this moment right I'll let's talk 0:11:24 about like Dukes of Hazzard yes sir now it's a context of this cultural this sort of mini cultural revolution right that we're doing right now getting rid of episodes that have blackface from old shows renaming things pulling down statues and there is a current of thought that I think is long that says that because these things are doing because these things are happening because there's because there's this corporate attempt to to come to nullify and neutralize the protest movement by doing things like hey we're taking the name off and hey we're getting rid of this episode hey this actor is not good at this white actor it's not good to do this black character you want that that is proof that the entire movement is some sort of like neoliberal plot which I mean if you unless you want to pork George Soros in there that doesn't make because you're ignoring the fact that culture production expect the culture 0:12:27 that is created by corporations which is basically all the ones we know that exists to try to co-opt and neutralize all the social movements that's what they do this is an attempt and the fact that they're doing it only means they feel they have to which is an indication that there is a potential for power right that's why there's an attempt to mollify because there is a potential for power well the question is how is that potential going to be filled the corporate answer from above is what if we get rid of these bad episodes of TV what if we take our names off this thing what if we cleanse the cultural palette so you don't see things that remind you of racial discrimination racial hierarchy how about that and people individually the people who are in in line with this protest movement and who do things like support it materially through money and participation specifically in protest and the continual civil disobedience 0:13:29 what is going to mollify them what is gonna make them say we've got something is it gonna be this stuff or is it going to be a significant redistribution of wealth but it's been unjustly malapportioned towards white people over here the history of America and through a disparity that is reproduced by capitalism over time which of those are we going to confront it's gonna be very difficult to get to material conditions because we don't have deliberative bodies we don't have an organization and I said this a million times it's still true something might emerge but it hasn't yet that makes it hard to focus on material conditions it's much easier to just choose to accept or not accept things passively like the removal of an episode of a television show or the knick changing of the name of something and in my opinion it is vitally important to resist that to say that is not going to do it that is enough and anybody who is this moment 0:14:32

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arguing the trivially true but irrelevant point that well you know cultural stuff does reproduce racism sure but we're not talking about what reproduces racism right now we're talking about what makes it happen like the actual motivator the actual thing that generates racial discrimination generates racial disparity in experience of being an American and it is the resources it is the failure to include black people in the the treasure the festival of wealth in the post-war era and now because our systems are not redistributed the redistribute of upward that has only been reproduced over time now the culture is getting less racist right because because of the 60s and because of the change in cultural perception and more important most importantly the change of the way the culture is taught to us through things like television and education 0:15:34 specifically college where post-war everybody went to college essentially got a a social etiquette class that's what that's what college is really about College the edge you can be interested mate unless it's technical and there isn't even that much technical stuff in a technical degree what you're really learning is manners how to comport yourself among the blue joie and that is what gets you into the booze was a little piece of paper says I am someone who has these values and those values have gone left now the reason for that is because conditions have only gotten worse conditions are only wanting worse and there's a bunch of liberals who tend to have a disproportionate control of cultural levers who don't like that fact it makes them feel bad it makes them sad but of course they're not gonna change anything they're liberals right liberals mean you can't really change anything oh I'll pay a little bit more tax but I'm not gonna rip up the foundations of this lake Katz's because it's fundamentally 0:16:36 capitalism you wouldn't you would hate to do the kind of redistribution that would be required it would be just you would have to abolish the ruling class to redistribute they don't want that to be done they are the ruling class what they want us to feel less bad about how it's still bad to be black in this country so they want the culture to be more a gala tere they want it to be more racial anti-racist anti-red not even colored by the anti-racist effects but it has happened we've not less racist while the conditions have only gotten worse so all these people who say this isn't nothing this is a real this is a real game we should really be pursuing this the culture has gotten so much less racist in the last four years and yet conditions relax in this country 0:17:38 have stultified and in Pat since the since the 2008 crisis gotten worse over time so we know that because what happens is you mow the lawn right you get rid of racial symbol racist symbolism and culture you reduce racist ideas and it works too people are more open-minded in America than they used to be they are more accepting of other races genders and stuff like that in broad opinion polls broadly it's true but if you don't change the conditions in a country where you think you are participating in a democracy and you're participating in a just fool that just order why is there

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this disparity still how do you explain and for the ruling class who reproduces this culture there's never going to be interested in the material explanation because that will undermine their position it becomes a question then of and liberals can say oh there is still material conditions that are different and there is still real but they don't have a prescription for it so it's impotent if you're not a liberal the answer is obvious they they can't do any better they're inferior because why else would they I live in a just country I have a live in a democracy I live in a country where every government is pursuing what is we broadly considered to be the good why would this patisserie still exist and so what you create is this ball of racial white racial anxiety frailty if you will or fragility that is expressed through either guilt or hatred some combination of both but here's the beauty part it's a combination of both and everyone so the most anti racist white people person his ball of guilt is marbled through with hate and even the most racist white person his his ball of guilt or his ball of hate is marbled through with guilt - to some degree everyone is this and here's the thing those are both negative of feelings and emotions you don't like feeling either of them now Robyn D'Angelo has this sick perverted \*\*\*\*\* pinhead from Hellraiser purification of pain theory that you should be holding anxiety and guilt in your head at all times when you're dealing with a right person and if that's good well you know some people like getting their car back with car batteries attached to their nipples most people don't most people are gonna end up lead subconsciously black people because they don't want to feel guilty and then the racist who hates more he doesn't want any black people as it rises his hatred and that that phenomenon will exist as long as a disparity in material conditions exist you could mow the lawn but it'll grow back me but if you abolish the disparity which is possible which is honestly if you socialize an economy the size of America is trivially possible not immediately but over time and and at a rate that would have enough of an obvious socially tangible speed that it would facilitate further it would become self self-perpetuating over time and that is possible with a socialist approach to government with the abolition of the ruling class the abolition of property as it's understood in Marxism the abolition of hoarded wealth the social reproduction use value you would not get rid of racism you will get rid of racial disparity the majority of racial disparity the experience of being blackness country would persist in being less fun being alienated or alienating than being wanted because there's going to be lingering feelings because that bet because the culture comes afterwards the culture always comes afterwards it's the super structure so it will take time to for those thoughts for that to diffuse but it will and guess what all those Confederate flags will come down all those statues will come down because nobody's gonna want to keep them up anymore we're not enough people are but what G is insisting on and what Hays is insisting on is no

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no let's get people used to the idea that this cultural change is sufficient when we know it isn't you mow that lawn and the \*\*\*\*\* grass is gonna grow again because you haven't done anything about the material disparity you might make it easier for some small segment of black people to go farther than they would have because maybe maybe we have increased affirmative action as part of this or make more a diverse greater diversity in Hollywood right that means there's a lot of more black people getting getting high paid media jobs that and then that money filters into the community maybe and so that's why anybody who's making that point right now is doing the work not only of the ruling class that's trying to co-opt and neutralize this 0:22:48 movement but also all of those class first reductionist stupid pop people that you all hate right the people that the G hears of the world hate more than anyone way more than Trump people the stupid class first reductionist hate them so much well guess what you're doing their work for them by giving them a living example of you settling for cultural change at the expense of momentum towards material change and you validated their argument so you're doing the work of all of the malefactors both in your little hothouse of Internet commentary and I and thought sucks that it exists to the highest levels of the cultural wing of our ruling capitalist so that is as 0:23:56 they say that on that and then there was one other thing I wanted to say yesterday that I couldn't I wanted to get it out over with here and that is that I wanted to follow up a little bit on the Demiurge that we talked about the other day about what the Demiurge is in Gnostic Christianity and how it relates to the material world we live in I said that the crisis the the spiritual crisis that provokes Gnosticism in the in the in the Gnostic is the inability to live as a Christian in the world he finds himself in because of the Demiurge shaping it in a way that binds us to conditions material conditions that pull us away from God mainly greed and paying our greed and that which puts us over others and dominion over others and then the pain of being oppressed both of which are not good for spiritual pursuit and you have a guy who told everyone leave this linen common and and because what is wealth it is meaningless what is physical pleasure it is meaningless but physical pleasure and wealth are all this world worships how is that how are you supposed to live in that 0:24:57 world how are you supposed to live in that world the information was an evil demon came in and created this thing trapped us it's our job to fight through it beautiful Miriam it makes us look at the adventure hero we're the \*\*\*\*\* guy from pitfall but what I didn't really get into is that so I was I said that that is our condition as humans that we live in a denial reality we are actually all human beings that's part of the same species being that could and should be at working as one consciousness with the same singularity of purpose as an individual consciousness that is a class and then a species coming into itself consciousness of itself that's the fact should be

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the goal of all human endeavor and instead the world is split into fractious groups that are all delusionally believing that they're at war with each other when they're actually serving the interests of an even smaller group vampires of demons who are draining them of their lifeblood well they struggle through lives of ignorance and pain where they never feel the touch of the divine but the question I didn't really answer is well what is the Demiurge now I said we are the ones who created it but what is the what is the demo energico reality so the spiritual world the world where we could be operating consciously is one of material abundance is the one of a environment that by definition can be lived in a state of homeostatic harmony with any species on it if that you persist and we could we could be a homeostatic Li enmeshed in not it like a stupid like not even it not in a dumb and cap way or no not an cap and I'll go primitive this way the dumbass anarchical primitive Sargon oh we just need to get back to the hunter-gatherer effect no because the reason you know that you know the reason I know that because we are here now and we started there and we got here which means it doesn't work you're basically saying let's try again no no no he's work through the steps like if we if we were able to harness technology to bring us in harmony with our \*\*\*\*\* natural surroundings we would be able to live the sort of life that they imagined those those been those noble savages did but with clean water high load low blow infant mortality rates low to non-existent infant mortality rates basically life less terrified and therefore life more connected to others a life more more more conscious we can have it but struggling there is almost impossible because we find ourselves bound in a physical space that's been defined for us like this land is here I'm on the western edge of Long Island right that's real land and like the things that the wood that build this house the bricks that was all part of the land that was all part of the flora that's all real when it's here again this export paraded play land a piece of lie clapping ah lanai hey I think Indian land in this building that is owned by a holding company in Florida in which I rent the I rent something give them money give those people money for the for the right to live in their house without getting shot basically that is the demo ethical reality like the regime of private property in the commodity fetishism that we are locked in that's as much of it as a that's as much of a tomb as the Gnostic concept of our bodies being tools for our spirit we are we are as are our collective spirit our collective guys are humans consciousness this is trapped in in the in the dead flesh of capitalism as the godly spirit that the Gnostics imagined was in all humans was trapped in the dead flesh and there's another cool concept from Gnosticism that I use that I think is useful and that is our comms or our Chon's I never really know how to pronounce the CH there but our chance I'll go with that word demonic entities that were essentially the handmaidens the minions the bureaucrats the mid-level bureaucrats the paper pushers of the deniers

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of the head even be it did his will and shape but they kept spirits from from pushing through where they're basically with Lakha moles to smack everyone down before they could get to God that's looking at their for and they also form together there's seven of them I think and they deform together one big evil demon so it's like a \*\*\*\*\* Voltron and I feel like that is another concept that has an analogue in the material world the material lake capitalist world we find ourselves and that is that's there's some people in this world who have so fully assimilated the values of the perverse and anti human values that are part and parcel of this Demiurge achill reality so fully that they aren't able to intuit its will and do its bidding those of course are the people of power in this world Bohemian Grove types the high lease like because of whether they're mostly the fact that they're so born so close to power to begin with that they have access to it at an intimate level but then also through the systematic stripping away through nature and nurture and learn behavior of conscious of a basic human love of the of the agape spirit of the of the universal loving kindness that is instinctive among all human beings severing those in pursuit of a dead of worship of death of a worship of and those people are have the function of demons they're functionally demons so that's another thing where Alex Jones not totally off Labine and his concept of our rulers as demons is is poetically like Krampus a \*\*\*\*\* hour job but I would say that like if the archons like if you put on they live glasses and the instead of people you saw demons like big demons with looking giant table pieces huge wings but they were figure though like the higher up they were and arconi in ranks Trump wouldn't be that big of a demon compared to them some of the other people who have found that office and people in power right now like I think Seth minuchin is probably a bigger demon than Trump that is a umbrella it's not a KKK man yucky yuck yuck yeah see I'm always been very I've always been very conflicted about the usefulness of conspiracy theory and left organizing and left thought because it is instinctively the way people think is how you fill in the gaps how you fill in the gaps in your in your in the in the information you have which for all of us is very very small amount compared to what's actually happening in the world facilitated by how we're able to fill in gaps those things occur later narrative that makes sense to us and with so we end up throwing \*\*\*\*\* we here for the internet mostly from culture and TV and stuff and throwing it back out there and the thing is because but the funny thing is is that because the culture life is as I have said it comes from the economic base right it's it's not generative it is generated guess what if you're filling in the gaps of your knowledge with narrative and conspiracy theory it's gonna reflect a lot of true \*\*\*\*\* because culture is reflected truly in our or like our ideology is truly projected in our culture it's just reflected so that all the bad qualities are turned into good qualities like if we can sexually we context culture contextualizes the reality

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of our physical horror and reorients it to reflect back to us in Reverse where all the bad stuff that is really felt by us is turned into theoretical cultural super structural good stuff and then we live at the level of that stuff too and that's what we use to make ourselves okay with the bad stuff to rationalize that stuff so that we continue maintaining fidelity to the system that is how it means that's how it does ideological oppression on people that's how it keeps people pliant that's how it manufactures can sing it creates a culture where it acknowledges all the horrors of your life but it puts them through a symbolic narrative lens that flips and makes the bad things good but then he was getting it back in the form of conspiracy theory it's been slipped again it's reapplied to the real world and it flips back so there is usefulness to it the problem is is that you're not everyone assimilates to culture the same way and that's the main problem with this mechanistic argument about how oh if we reduce this cultural element like the defender flag or non black judges on lawn order it will make people do this you can't predict what people will do with information they get from culture it's different with every person even if it's not a different response the depth of the response it's different everyone like a favor friend it's a cultural finger and that is why there's always something stupid about the argument whether culture makes people do things in the scent in the 80s it was a remember guys in the 90s some of you are too young but in the 90s it was about violence and it was about doesn't does consuming violet entertainment make you violent and the left response was no that's silly that's that's ridiculous now it's does the culture make you racist and the left argument is of course it does in both cases the answer to that is yes in the proximate case like John Hinckley jr. could be said accurately to have shot look to a shot Reagan because he watched taxi driver like that is that is illegible sequence of actions that has a surface plausibility to it the guy had been no idea who Jodie Foster was until he saw that movie and seeing her in relationship to the heroism of DeNiro makes him snap two and two together and then that turns into because of other old information of taxi driver I'm gonna shoot the president now the thing is though from that is only describing the mere action action that's the mechanism you can't draw from that from any specific thing like that a general theory of what to do like actually how to practically deal with that fact because it's too individualized like it's not worth it to ban taxi driver to stop someone from shooting the president because he's probably the only guy on earth who would have had that response because he was already set up to snap the answer to this stuff is that culture gives someone an excuse it's given them a little final push but the thing is you can never know what to set it off it's um it's completely unpredictable from one person to another it's stochastic so you can't use blanket condemnation you can't use big flesh especially ones that seriously undermine free speech and alienate people

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from the government that you represent you're trying to have popular support for these measures and I'm sorry a mare in America especially calls for censorship make some people mad even if they're not trying to defend racism that is a social cost and then you have a social cost of that thing not being able to be artistically pursued which is a loss for all of us to stop what maybe one or two guys wanting to try to shoot the president it's not worth it you have to change the civil conditions you have to get changed the material conditions to minimize the number of people who are gonna snap the number of people who are gonna do anything from commit a murder to act out on racial beliefs you want someone who's gonna be racist you want them to have the racism it like a three you can live in a culture where there's still a lot of racism but it tops out three that's a better situation objectively than one where tops out into five or six and that's where culture can and so this whole argument about oh these things have negative effects it's all assumed because you're talking about an individual moment but you're applying it to an entire group of people and it can't work it's too flimsy that's why you have to always be oriented when it comes to prescriptions to the material and this is where this is the demeaning 'fl distinction I'm talking about this is the real meaningful distinction I'm talking about you can say that it is correct like when Jeep says cultural racism reinforces material felt racism you can say that and be correct but that is at the level of description describing a situation it is not prescription saying what to do about it but every all of those distinctions are lost online and the debate is flattened and they both become dimensions of the same question and they're not it has to be separated and so my mind is because of that don't even argue about any of the food here don't argue about these things don't waste breath on either defending or condemning flag cancel culture statue cancellations or or the role of low capital in the protests don't even argue about it because I said as I said the other day even you arguing about it contributes to the cycle because it gives someone to something to argue against just focus on the material conditions and the thing is everyone's having this fun argument about the descriptive question and you want to be part of the fun party you can hear them on the other side of the fence your neighbors they're having a great barbecue over there you yelling at each other they're having the time of their lives forming friendships and hatreds that are gonna last forever you're over here scribbling away in the blue books like the \*\*\*\*\* marks in the in the British Museum they're over there playing \*\*\*\*\* noon softball I'm in volleyball both whatever so I understand the lore of it but it just contributes to the it just contributes to it Grill has in stay grounded and and most of all take what you know to be true about the material roots of racism and the need to attack it materially if you're gonna do anything about it and apply it to your actual life how about that and you can say I don't know how

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well then wait move forward one foot in front of the other until a movement of a 0:41:23  
direction makes sense but don't panic and try to skip steps by formulating online  
by expressing yourself online emotionally and getting your sense of a purpose-built  
build there because guess what it will lure you in like narcissus is reflection if you  
don't have an answer keep grilling you don't have an answer keep doing whatever  
is in your life that you feel good about doing that you feel like you're constructing  
something and then there will be an intersection with the question of the political  
and then you so that is what I say to everybody who's getting all hot and bothered  
about any of this stuff like if you're protesting if you're out there keep doing it if  
you're organizing keep doing it if you're not yet then apply the complete and that  
that rubric of like what satisfies me and what am I good at and actually apply it to 0:42:24  
the question oh that felt good got a lot off my chest there been cuz I was already  
yesterday to go and that is I don't like coughing on the thing that's why I take the  
grow your own food if you can is good advice for anybody becoming self-sufficient in  
any way you can it's probably not a bad idea and you know what makes it easier to  
be self-sufficient having other people cooperating I know it's hard because pandemic 0:43:27  
that has made every current of alienation in this culture exact exacerbating that's a  
bummer man I know I I I remembered with Instagram you only get an hour I don't  
know how long I'm gone everybody has a clock so I know that it gets too wound  
up in there like another thing it's gonna cut me off I prefer on Twitch how are you  
can go as well the time we got guys everyone got anyone got time ten minutes left  
so they've been 50 okay all right well then I'll just maybe ask a couple answer the  
question of the statue is helping helping give people momentum as I've said it's only 0:44:29  
if the momentum is towards something useful if pushing down what a small statute  
makes you get it in your head that now we can push down a bigger statue and it  
just becomes a question of bigger symbols you'll never get anywhere but that's a  
question of how individual protest movements that are not organized respond and  
that's why it's not a question of description it's not a prescriptive question for me I  
can't I can't apply a prescriptive lens to it because it's not being organized I can't  
contribute to its organization so I can only describe it let's say this is happening  
and look for something that is description that is prescriptive and that can motivate  
me that's that's that's what I have to wait for that's what we all have to wait for I  
hope Aaron Rodgers retires as a packer I mean they ruin a they cost they absolutely  
cost him at least two Super Bowls in my opinion that hack fraud absolute clown  
Mike McCarthy one of them well the most dreadful probably my most hated packer 0:45:34  
quarter but quarter a Packers coach of all times just an absolute worm man just a  
sniveling little turd risk-averse Philistine he didn't realize the \*\*\*\*\* gift en firma the  
glorious arm of this man God a game at the Seahawks with Seahawks playoff game

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when they \*\*\*\*\* punted or feet went four field goals at fourth and with within like I think the 10 yard line poor thing within the 10 yard line they went 4 field goals twice in the opening half and losing my field or goo that Husky looks I don't want to get ablest here but he just looked like he was a fat middle schooler he looked like a HUS a guy in a kid Oshkosh pegasi like wandered away like like an extra big kid you know like it's like he got an early hit of hormones and it's like sixth grade and he's like like 0:46:35  
Annie Reed looked in the punch packing kick video he did just stumbles away from a field trip wearing his overalls and just picks up a mic and a clipboard yeah so they wasted years of his prime with with that oh and now it's like a poison relationship he's been fighting him I could definitely think the thing is I think especially if you get one this is what happened was far you get towards the end it's like give me one more and they'll do anything to get the one more but that's all they care about and it's a question it's honestly it comes down to growth like if you're a real adult if you're if you're at a lighten being you stop playing football as soon honestly as it's financially viable because it's dangerous but if you do get a spiritual pleasure and it makes you a better person to be a football player and it's gonna be harder to be one without it and you know that play until you reach some sort of equilibrium these guys getting into their 40s demanding to keep playing it's because they're chasing 0:47:36  
something they're trying to fill a hole that can't be filled like that last one's gonna make them feel good for a week and they're gonna be they're gonna have to retire and then they're not gonna know who they are that's why the guys will walk away from the game we're the ones I respect the most Barry Sanders without a ring without even sniffing ring thanks to them Packers killing them and basically every playoff game pretty hilarious they're a guy whose career was completely wasted and but he was like I don't want to do this anymore I'm gonna move to London to hang out with my dog ador amazing Bo Jackson he was cut down in his prime but then he didn't like spiral he just like well that was fun now I'm done with it I'm gonna make my own arrowheads and bohon possible Ricky Williams they said weed or football and he thought about it he said weed I'd rather like open a head shop then get my skull caved in so it turns out how mature riders is if he walks away then I will respect him 0:48:39  
more I will say that and if he feels the need to like try to sign on with like oh god like though trying to think of who they might go for where he might like desperately let the packers or not I'm sorry uh the Vikings again the Bears I don't even know who he could go but co2 is like a as at the quarterback position is actually kind of I don't know but if he does that it feels like he's had some growing up to do he had some maturing to do he has some inward looking to do to realize the limits of pleasure like that that's how you know that Tom Brady is a broken Holloman the fact that this guy has seven Super Bowls and he's gonna go to Tampa Bay he has a sickness he has

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a sickness of the soul that will carry him to death unless he realizes the hollowness of his pursuit all right guys it's been a good one I think I hope I can get onto the YouTube page within a few days so catch you guys on the flappity flap doodle go pack you 0:49:41

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okay Here I am here we go I'm trying this for the first time I've got a mic see it got a microphone it's connected to my computer can you guys hear me this is all I'm asking for all I really want to know is can you hear me because I got a mic so that I don't have to worry about what I was doing before sounds good fantastic that thing was bugging the hell out of me and now I don't have to worry about it alright great guys so I want to start today with a quote from a Washington Post 0:1:4 article from earlier last week I think or last weekend or so White House officials also hope Americans will grow numb to the escalating death toll and learn to accept tens of thousands of new cases a day according to three people familiar with the White House's thinking who requested anonymity to reveal internal deliberations Americans will quote live with the virus being a threat in the words of one of those those people a senior administration official now I don't want to be the type of say I told you so but I \*\*\*\*\* told you so when in April when they shut the door on the first Florentine I said there is no way that this ends of anything other than a social in Norment to death at a higher level because we do not have the social capacity either technologically through supply chains or just the connection to one another the social bond necessary for a scientist to say there's a virus and for more than 50% 0:2:8 of the adult population to say okay I believe you and not say who are you working for George Soros and then I'm going to spit in your face if you tell me not to go to the traders Joe with the \*\*\*\*\* without a mascot those things basically mean that there's no way we were going to do anything other than shrug our shoulders after we got bored sitting inside go out and give it to each other and then shout our shoulders again and the only reason they didn't do it then because think about it if they did it then they'd said suck it up then we wouldn't have ever had the huge collapse right we wouldn't have to be digging our way out of this hole in the first place all those small businesses would still be open and there were some real you know some real jihadists for capitalism like lieutenant governor of Texas dan Patrick who said that

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explicitly but we needed to be needed to come to the conclusion ourselves because at that point in our in our social order in America social order that many people dying 0:3:9  
of a virus was not acceptable because it was in a vacuum of course we don't want half  
a million people dying of a virus but now we know what the alternative to a half a  
million people dying the viruses staying at home getting really bored not being able  
to do anything your job lose it leaving then I guess you gotta just accept all of that  
now of course as we've said that was necessary you know we could have created some  
sort of emergency command economy to paid people to stay home and maintain at  
the safest way possible our supply chains but of course we didn't have the capacity  
or the inclination of our ruling class to do that and so instead we got what we all  
knew we were gonna get a new level of death that we accept in this country a new  
threat that you accept like how in the 19th century nobody's afraid they were gonna  
kick down a car crash because they didn't know what a car was now kills 50,000  
people a year pedestrians and a bicyclist gets splattered on the regular and it's it's 0:4:11  
accepted you don't want it to happen to you but it probably won't and it's the price  
you pay to live in it in this free society now permanent lung scarring and a dead  
grandmother are the price you pay for a free society so we're finally here just took us  
having to be inside get bored have nothing happen in the end during the time we were  
indoors to make it worthwhile to do so and then either because we're cranky babies  
or because we decided we wanted to protest police injustice we decided at some level  
that it was worth the risk to go outside and as soon as that happened we all are now  
blaming each other but what that means is we're except Blayne and that is the ideal  
and necessary condition for the people in charge that we're all blending each other  
which we 100% are and so every viral video of some \*\*\*\*\* being a psychopath and a  
maul and those people should be \*\*\*\*\* like tranquilized by the bear patrol and put 0:5:13  
in cages a hundred percent but the social ritual of the condemnation event that's  
just us expressing our powerlessness and our willing our desire to blame each other  
because we're in front of one another and and the people in charge are too far away  
to yell that yeah I cut my own hair today I just use the buzzer I did not go the full  
full number one yet I might later but right now it's good enough good enough for  
still but basically being at home all the time yes I got their advance copy of Reagan  
land and very excited nine hundred pages just on the on the 74 to 80 and apparently  
it's the last one because it's about the rise to power of conservatism and that  
culminates with Reagan and 80 at that point his story it's a different story so I can't  
wait to finish it I haven't really started it but thinking about Reagan specifically 0:6:17  
really does make me think of why it made me it reminded me of how insane everyone  
is right like what I was talking about people will lick lick windows and spit on each  
other and throw things like do things that any other generation of Americans would

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consider signs of deep mental disorder and people are doing them to get clout from conservatives the kind of people who used to value a certain public decorum I mean these are the people who like to talk about how you know in the old days men used to wear hats and now they're cheering as some psychotic baboon does a \*\*\*\*\* spear tackle of a display of masks and target that's not dignified behavior but it is inherent to the Pope it's it's the only response we have to the moment we're in and Reagan is a big reason for that and the reason I think that I think that this book is huge it's by far the longest book Pearlstein is written and talking about a period that usually 0:7:20 under discussed when you talk about the the tumultuous rise of conservatism I mean people think about it in terms of either Nixon or Reagan ruling not Nixon not not that in a regnum mr. Carter but it's the most important period that hinge point that is that is the the transition point to the late capitalist a curve cannibal lifeboat economy we've been living on ever since when we just when the ruling class decided that they were going to basically deal with the crisis of stagflation and the crisis of the 70s the crisis of oil and energy shocks and and and increased demand for real wage growth among a powerful working class was to break the power of the working class it was explicitly put in those terms Paul Volcker Carter's appointed treasurer secretary said the standard of living the American worker will have to go down and 0:8:22 it has been slowly and steadily for 40 years because now with that with the engine of the industrial economy clipped and America being just this this this theme pig-like we're in the global economy we are like one of those State Fair pigs that they just stuff with corn all day so that it can win in a blue ribbon for being the \*\*\*\*\* fattest south west of the Mississippi that's us on the supply chains we're just fed sure I thought I said you fed sheriff I said Treasury secretary I was wrong I've spent chair wolfing when he was appointed by Carter wolfing down just it's only a matter of time forever it's all gonna keep sinking especially if Americans keep having to keep having to spend with no commensurate rise in income but with a high debt an increasing 0:9:23 debt that can never get repaid that's that's where the bubbles come in and asset bubbles have been the only driver of the American economy since then which is why we've had so much more instability it's much more like the Gilded Age that way every 20 years like a punctuated shock and it's why it it's why life gets worse as a material level for people over the years now that crisis started in the 70s and it was apparent to everyone that the earth was opening up and as much as Carr and Carter deserved every boramy gotten deserved lose because from his position as the ruler of the president which means he has a different set of stakeholders than he would be even as a Democratic member of Congress or a Democratic governor being president puts you into a deeper measurement with the very highest levels of capital and therefore it decreases any leverage on you from the party that you supposedly represent and

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under that conditions Carter pursued austerity vigorously and the thing is is that 0:10:24  
that was dealing with reality but not in a way that anybody wanted to imagine not  
the way anybody wanted to see not only anybody wanted to believe they lived in  
this is America they didn't want to believe they lived in a country that had that was  
intentionally reducing its sights it's its ambitions my god now of course the other  
thing that could have been done is overthrowing capitalism and polishing profit and  
socializing production and all of a sudden a lot of these problems would have gone  
away in fact permanently but there was nobody at the table with anywhere like that  
on the agenda it was entirely co-opted labor and capital at that table so since that  
was off the table as an austerity like real austerity for the human for the American  
population which has been ongoing for 40 years real austerity was going to happen no  
matter what both parties for the next 40 years until it's till Kingdom Come until the  
collapse until whatever there was no gonna be in there's no interrupting it because 0:11:27  
now it was off the table as a political question because both parties agreed on it  
and once both parties agree on something it no longer has political valence and so  
the question of austerity is no longer a political question because who's gonna bring  
it up the only people who can bring it up profitably and meaningfully are the two  
parties so that's off the agenda there will be nothing but austerity so the political  
question comes what is our relationship to austerity how do we deal with that process  
culturally the reality of lower standards of living for American workers now Carter  
with his malaise speech famously attempted to recognize this moment and bridge  
that gap with public morality and as much as you can say \*\*\*\*\* Carter for being  
the spearhead of neoliberalism you could say if you wanted to be generous you could  
say there really was no alternative because the working class working-class power  
although it was high it was very very high was not high enough to overcome the  
hegemonic influence of the bourgeois class dictatorship that American democracy is 0:12:29  
so there was no even if he'd wanted to the support wouldn't have been there to make it  
happen so say he's stuck if I stared he really is intractable now because of the political  
reality of the moment and you know what you could make an argument it was then  
the question becomes how do we process it and Carter was correct you process it by  
reassessing and redefining people's values because you could have a decent society  
still with a lower standard of living if there was a greater degree of social pleasure and  
identity and I guess you want to you put a word around it spirituality like there is you  
exchange some like the Soviet Union like nobody ever Khrushchev wanted the Soviets  
to like you know outpace America's American production of consumer goods but that 0:13:31  
was misguided because the whole idea of communism was you don't mean all that  
\*\*\*\*\* cuz you have social solidarity and so Carter's whole notion of public sacrifice  
coming to terms with what we've done in Vietnam coming to terms with what our

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consumption Society had brought was an attempt to injected a moral dimension back into American life that would have replaced some of that worded material gain that Americans are going to be able to access less and less over time if if a morality is reintroduced into public life if if meaning meaning I guess is the word I'm really looking for if meaning is rejected into public life then reduced as long as you're not talking about reducing to penury if you're talking about you know one car instead of two houses that are smaller honestly that would be good for everybody people would be happier you know left Oh economically ecologically damaging fashion and that is 0:14:34 what Crimean ISM is supposed to create that's the goal is to create a society that it's like that like a lot of those questions of how do you get everybody all the stuff under communism are answered by nobody's gonna need all that stuff because it's they're not compensating for a hole in their spirit because there is a social being of social morality so Carter was the problem was is too far out of the the the the Carter might have been well-meaning but that's technical liberal idealism like there is no there is no element of our economy that's going to distribute morality that's going to distribute meaning into our social interactions all it's going to do is what capitalism always does destroy the meaning of social interactions everything solid melts into air and that means everything that is meaningful off of a ledger book everything that has meaning that cannot be quantified by dollars he's dissolved in the asset of capitalists in marketplace interactions and so it was a forlorn childish quixotic hope by Carter and people obviously said \*\*\*\*\* off and what did Reagan do Reagan wrote in and 0:15:39 said here's how we're gonna square this I'm not going to acknowledge that stared is real you're just going to feel it half you slowly and not realize the source what I'm gonna do is I'm gonna say \*\*\*\*\* public morality America is about getting yours and go get yours morning in America let's get that bread because it's the greatest country that's ever been and there and all the \*\*\*\*\* that you're terrified of that horrible traumatic 60s and 70s you experienced that was just that was just liberals going out getting out of hand and now we're gonna bring him back in America is in tip-top shape like that giant heart attack you suffered that was not because of your diet that was because you got scared by a hippie yeah you got infarcted let's go on full steam ahead and that's where we've been sense every political issue except for Bernie of course running who has run for president for either party for both parties since 1980 has been running at that same level of knowing that they will be a forcing 0:16:41 austerity because there is an alternative but in maintaining a cultural fantasy of endless consumption as patriotism well you can see how there's going to be a point where crisis hits and we're in the middle of it where the fantasy can no longer be sustained by the felt reality like that we're no longer the frogs in the in the slowly boiling water who don't know the temperature's going up we \*\*\*\*\* know it we're

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feeling scalded but the vast majority of politically minded Americans anyway people who process this stuff through a political lens have spent their entire adult lives and that is everyone almost marinating in a unstinting ideological consensus that America is perfect and america america's institutions are perfect at america's values 0:17:43  
ie consumption as self-expression are or are the sum total of morality and for a lot of these Yahoo's Christian morality but they could no longer be carried out you can't live that way because everything's getting worse you can't even go to the \*\*\*\*\* bar and so what happens well the same way that those early Gnostic Christians decided that because they couldn't live as Christians in this world then this world must not have been created by God but by an evil subsequent Demiurge achill God our new materialist Christians reactionary Christians who have this as their built-in mindset like beyond ideology like the heuristic they view everything through they see a world now where America as it is in their head and as it has been propagated through culture to them is so at at odds with the world they see around them that it can't be 0:18:44  
the real America it's a denier jury at America it's controlled by an evil elite within the country within all these structures so within the Republicans there are elite within the Democrats there are elite and every level elite and these elite form that is the new Demiurge that's what that's the deep state that qa9 rails against that's the that's the Jewish conspiracy that outright Peppe types are talking about and it's an it's a necessary it's it's an inevitable necessary psychic compensation for living in a world that can no longer comport with your image of the world and that I'll start it because Reagan decided to make that bet and it paid off politically and now it's the only game in now and it's helped make everybody insane because the conditions have only deteriorated and we have not spent a moment reckoning with that because we're all living in cloud cuckoo-land looking at the flames on the side of the cave trapped in the and they're not the only ones I mean it's amazing and fun to watch 0:19:54  
them you know try to square the country they're living in with someone in their head and the reality of living in this country this shitty piece of \*\*\*\*\* country that can't even stop a \*\*\*\*\* virus that like the Italians were able to handle the \*\*\*\*\* Italians and of course they're breaking the knives but every everyone is because the the the technology the social and material technology exists now to allow everyone to indulge completely in their particular psychotic justification for the reality a compensatory narrative I guess I would say that's what it is like the internet I'm talking specifically about the Internet yes allows you to indulge in a in a exculpatory narrative around 0:20:55  
everything that makes you feel powerless and terrified and miserable in their real life and I think one of the ones that's really dominant online naughty not among psycho right-wingers but among people who consider themselves liberals now and leftists is this goddamn question of \*\*\*\*\* culture cancel god damn culture cancel

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and such of course there was that letter today by those guys whatever the hell I don't care didn't read it don't have any interest don't have an interest in any of it just to say that it is not canceled culture it's the internet culture what you're describing every element of this that people describe because it's like an the blind man and the elephant there's 50 million things people mean when they say it and none of them are metal and that's half the problem is that no one is operating off of the same definition but every single one of these things emanates from the incentive structure of the entrepreneurial social engage on social media social media specifically because 0:21:58 this is all in with social media right even in the people who are in regular media this is all about how their work is received and reach trans through social media which is what keeps them employed or not so it's all social media and the incentives there as I've talked about are all towards building up individual identity that is separate from a group identity but also maintaining your position within that by patrolling the borders of acceptable thought everyone does it its inherent all these questions about like are you enforcing are you enforcing acceptable opinions of course you are that's everyone is doing that that's what it is because it's all it's all virtual it's entirely defined by our opinions and so we're slicing the world around us up and we're slicing up the people around us and of course it's infected with paranoia and of course people are always denouncing one another and of course the people are self 0:22:59 censoring that's that's subculture like a table at a lunch room and so people talking about it this council culture are missing the toys entirely this is just the Internet and when you see things like the \*\*\*\*\* letter saying like we need more free speech and people saying we need less free speech the who are they adorably addressing this to like who is the letter to the Secretary General of canceled culture the king of auntie Fah the thing about this the terrifying thing is the thing that people want to ignore as much as the cue psychos want to ignore the fact that the country they live in has decided that it will only continue operating off of the blood of the exploited worker such as them they don't want to deal with that reality these people don't want to deal with the reality that all these questions about the morality and veracity and usefulness of canceled culture just like with statute is destroying and riots is 0:24:00 impotent and meaningless because even if you came to a conclusion there's nothing you can do for the input the information because there's no one directing it we are all operating spontaneously and without coordination this is I keep banging on this because this is the foundational an elementary fact of the American left is that is not organized and there is a fantasy of organization that you see because things you go on the internet and all those ones and zeros they coalesce into recognizable shapes and here's a shape over there it looks like the left but it only looks like the left because it's online and cancel culture wanting to patrol the bounds of discourse that's what

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everyone is going to be personally incentivized to do and nothing can change that incentive no one can order them to not want to do that because they're not in a chain of command they don't have a cadre org or even a membership or discipline they're all operating independently and by independent motives and those motives 0:25:1 will always be to find out the interloper cut them from the herd and then get credit for pointing it out getting a little badge for finding the black sheep and pulling them out of the herd that's that's that that incentive structure is transcendent it's out it's basically randomized in the sense that there's no on and off switch and that's what arguing about like is it good or bad who cares no one can make it happen one way or the other you're just coping like if you say actually it's good it's cope you're coping you don't want to deal with the the terrifying randomness of it so you say actually this is good you're riding on the back of a tiger and you're like actually this is fun I completely control this operation because who wants to think that it's totally random but it is and that's why one of the big arguments of people who are Pro cancel culture whatever that means is they'll say first it's good the people are held to account but also it no one's ever been cancelled which are contradictory because 0:26:4 if no if it doesn't hold people to account what's the point you know anyone who's emphasizing and a lot of people do this how no one's ever really cancelled well then it's a waste of time and you should stop doing it but you can't stop doing it because you didn't start it's just happening so that's why a question that on its face is beside the point becomes central because it's the only question you can answer even though it doesn't but everybody wants to believe that there's someone directing this thing there's someone behind the curtain and there isn't that's what's real terrifying truth and so people say well what do I do that and I think it's you try to disengage I simply broken \*\*\*\*\* record on this but at the end of the day there's only a few tenants that I'm trying to follow and everything else kind of spools around them like cotton candy coming out for that out of the machine and one of them is love the \*\*\*\*\* off because 0:27:12 your your your at the end of the day all the arguments you're doing about castle culture both in your head and online it's as useful as the people arguing about what date JFK jr. is going to emerge from the middle of the \*\*\*\*\* of the National the reflecting pool at the National Mall and hang all the traders it's dancing on the head of the pin theological \*\*\*\*\* because it's all compensatory cope for the fact that the world is going down the \*\*\*\*\* drain and there are no countervailing I just dropped like 200 list viewers in like two minutes man do people get us was that to real or to insane somebody says these streams are theological \*\*\*\*\* I agree I agree they are but 0:28:13 I am NOT claiming that they have political value this is just this is a commentary on a situation happening I know that it seems like a huge cop-out and it kind of is but at the same time it's rhetorically necessary because how else do i position

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myself between the phenomena and the need to discuss the phenomena especially given the fact that it's all in the same medium I think like for me it comes down to Twitter is for having fun with your friends and whenever I see a post by someone that isn't having fun with your friends or we're having fun with your friends has turned into controlling who then you're not using it correctly and if that leaves you if that leaves you politically sorted and feeling like oh I feel I feel like I'm not doing enough about all the things out there and that means you need to find something in your immediate vicinity that has political meaning to you and I can't tell you that because I'm not you and I'm not in your position and that is where the unit because there are universal principles but then there are particular principles and I can only speak to Universal ones because particular realities are individual and aren't defined by the material circumstances which I don't have access to information about I mean you get the Twitter and Internet as information carrying device is what people always come back to when you say it's actually good right they say I find out about so many actions and stuff on Twitter and if that was ever ex trickable that would be true but you cannot pull that part of it out and say it's good because all of the good implicit in it is an information transferring thing our marble with the bat and then so you will still have to balance the two you can never pull the good out separately and I think I think the balance is too bad that's me I don't think it's something you could prove one way or the other I'm just saying where am I my instincts say no and I I mean last I said I don't even know I'm not an Internet guy really hilariously I don't even know how to stream move I don't know how to \*\*\*\*\* pirate movies I've never done it successfully see if there is no way to power to influence the world no there is there is it just isn't online and if that is - and here's the thing on first glance that looks like an unbridgeable gap because the world around us feels so vast and unsuitable compared to the frictionless realm online but I'm telling you people I swear to god if you don't give yourself the out of online if you close the door behind you if you burn your ships like Cortez in Mexico and you insist yourself upon moving forward then you will get there and that's where the grill pill thing comes in like somebody was talking what's apparently there's an urban dictionary definition of grill pill that says like logging off from politics and not caring and indulging in bushwa vacations it's not it but it's processed like that by people for whom non political non-political or a non online unmediated political identity is inconceivable and so it's like they can't see it like not truly but kind of racist Lee and and I guess it's it's like urban legend at this point the thing with the Indians who couldn't see that see the ships coming in like they couldn't see scorsese ships because they couldn't process them like that's not true but I think for a lot of online people the equivalent is true and that they have instant they've already in their head ruled out political action off of

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wine and so when you say log off and do something else their mind immediately fails in the gap and says oh you mean stop caring about politics no I mean force yourself to keep looking around you until you hit something don't give up and and convince yourself actually online is more effective I'm reaching ah man I would love to go on Rogan we tried to get Felix on Rogan a while ago and I still think Felix would do great on Rogan because they have the mm mm mm a thing in common but now I think I would like to go to I think we could I think we could have a I think me and Joe could have a profitable discussion around egodeath like start from there I think I think everyone would be good at Rogen but I just think that a Felix certainly has the best the best cultural affinity with Rogen a lot of inside jokes that they could make that I would have no idea about thank you that I trim this myself today yeah this is every four months I go from polygamist compound guy I trim it down to associate professor of Kanye studies at Evergreen State or whatever I would love to see Virgil on Opie and Anthony or they're I've experienced ego deaths I definitely ah that's interesting question someone asked about the assertion that marks that mark says a lot as a limited view of dialectics to Hegel because Marx believed that contradictions would be completely over come by communism and it would end contradiction sort of almost like a millennia a what millennia way whereas Hegel would say it would communism would have its own contradictions I do think communism would have its own contradictions but I feel like they would in the end resolve towards something I can't even really picture but it would be universal enlightenment I guess I would call it a moment whereby every human consciousness is simultaneously attuned to full awareness of their of its cosmic unity an actual literal communion of the human race so I think I don't know I don't know if that cuz there's kind of a technicality because I think you could argue like for Marx he didn't think that far ahead maybe but because he couldn't he didn't have maybe the imagination to imagine what truly like a Kim Stanley Robinson style universe expanding human Empire operated along like a centrally planned communistic economic model would look like and I think the end point of that I mean our contradictions resolving towards spiritual simultaneous spiritual ascension and at that point you've you've transcended space and time so there's no more next there's no more linearity there's no more and the ban and it would be these it would be a spiritual version of the of the universal paradise that Marx envisioned at the end of communism and you could argue there would be the next step from yeah see that's the thing like the limitations of March someone says marks didn't have quantum theory you know marks didn't have relativity so there are holes like there are limits to his ability to like fill an entire cosmology with his limited human perception of the world around it and like that if you want to talk to postmarks like that's that's where you integrate other thinking into Marxism by

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adding that element and it really it just makes everything it helps everything click into a larger understanding and you realize that individual terms like Marxism or Buddhism or dialectical materialism are insufficient because there's so much other stuff grafted onto them that it's a ship of theseus problem eventually you have a new thing but there's no word for it but it is it is a synthesis synthesis of things that are true at different times and places and at different levels of abstraction that stick together and you snap if you snapped dialectic materialism it's Marx understood it onto modern conceptions of don't want to get too wild here and I sure as \*\*\*\*\* don't want to bring out the white board again I know that that was a mistake from the very early days of the streams but let me just say it's a very I'm so glad they have the microphone this is great this is a great I got to stand now and I got the microphone this is God I'm trying not to ever become a youtube guy but I'm slowly getting all of the appearances of a YouTube guy no I'm not gonna bring back the whiteboard come on I don't want to scare off newbies and I want somebody who's tried to log into their first stream and see me slamming at a whiteboard like Glenn yeah that's the thing twitch is better than you - but my stuff ends up on YouTube anyway and I think more people watch it there so I wasn't that does that technically make me a YouTube guy oh boy oh boy I consider myself a podcaster first and foremost that is my that is my if I if this if we had medieval mate naming conventions and I had a large brood they would be called the podcasts for the podcasters the Matthew podcaster would be my last name and then I would hand my my podcasting shop down to my son Matthias Corvinus podcaster I guess poster two but I never really thought but posting a sort of a it's it's it's a it's a subsidiary like a lawyer is a lawyer even if they don't ever go into a lot into court even if they mostly drop briefs and stuff you wouldn't call them technically a writer right you call them a lawyer writer isn't like a subsidiary skillset I think posting is like a base skillset that you can build a profession on to build a artisanal confession on a profession on to me and my guild of podcasters hanging out in the beer hall getting into waiting outside for the Cooper's to come out and kicking them all in the pantaloons ooh \*\*\*\*\* marry kill Nehru Lumumba and Sekar know Wow well Sukarno was wildly horny so you got to \*\*\*\*\* him right obviously I got a I got a Mary Neru for the jackets very very cool and I mean I guess I gotta kill a Mamba call me the Belgians cuz I gotta kill the mama just cuz you know his his record is free it's a it's a lot of he's like Len Bias Lumumba sort of like the Len Bias of left-wing revolutionary leaders that he had maybe a little more potential and then he didn't really ever get to see it mostly spent that time kind of like frantically negotiating trying to negotiate his way around the Katanga crisis not really elegantly and that's not his fault obviously but and he was probably had no way of winning against the combined might of the old European powers and the new

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American hegemon but I don't know he didn't he never fulfilled his potential let's say that Chrisman I had less Thompson gotta erawan is totally lit erawan it's like if Trump I don't know I sort of like Trump and George W Bush had a baby because he has george w bush's cheap piety as a big political prop way more than trump does even though evangelicals love him he doesn't really speak that language culturally only sort of with a great degree of backhanded condescension people love this stuff don't you look at your Bible look at your little Bible you love it everyone takes it seriously so they're gonna \*\*\*\*\* turn the Hagia Sophia into a goddamn mosque again apparently one of the greatest tourist attractions in the world this gorgeous Byzantine Cathedral with all these amazing mosaic frescoes of the weird creepy adult looking Byzantine jesus' that they used to have in all their art I'd have to cover all that \*\*\*\*\* up because he can't have any images in a mosque and then you won't be able to like go up into the middle of the top part and suck and it's like why would you even do that it's it's the way it's what our W Bush would be doing right now if he was good operating under similar economic conditions like if the culture was still in its 2004 era like 50/50 combo because now it's like 60/40 now they've lost the culture war and that's why they don't fight that terrain anymore 2004 it was like 50/50 and you could counter mobilize and and use it to win and that's what they did in 2004 if those those cultural conditions had coincided with a deeper crisis in the economy Bush would have done the kind of \*\*\*\*\* that aired Awad is doing but for Christians so there you go and that makes sense because everyone spans the time period he combines both those guys in one cuz he is one guy I don't think there is gonna be an upcoming baseball season I don't think they're gonna do it I think a lot of this stuff is all gonna end up falling apart a lot of these assumes the openings you're gonna kind of collapse we're not gonna have a big return to a lockout but it's just gonna be staggered and uncoordinated and and chaotic and all and all that will happen is we will socially inure ourselves to more death than so and personal risk of bodily harm every time we left the house and more death of our family members and more just the social cost of knowing that human life work is less than we thought it was worse and that's why I think people are saying that like these stories about high higher crime rates since the black lives matter protest started are the cops lying to try to make it scary for people that's probably true but I think people need to get ready for the reality that crime is gonna go up crime is absolutely gonna go up in the near future because we're talking about a prolonged I'm Laura fying economic crisis on top of which you have a institutional legitimacy crisis which makes people less likely to respect the law in the first place oh and then that time of that well I lost my train of thought goddamn it you'll have the the material crisis of the collapse you'll have the institutional crisis of nobody believing in any authority that they

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don't decide to believe in there's one more but I can't I'm gonna go up that's what I meant to say crime is gonna go up and people need to get ready for that because it's just a sign that society is \*\*\*\*\* falling apart we have to acknowledge that there's going to be costs to further economic immiseration if there wasn't then why was it bad it's bad because it have bad social impact but I think part of it is gonna be on top of all those other things I said life is just gonna feel cheaper because we're making it cheaper that has a psychic cost and yeah the answer to that would be a war somebody says why can't we do a war well that would work except who do we realistically fight we don't even I don't think we have the capacity right now I think anything too small would be beside the point because we're already at war everywhere any kind of medium sized intervention isn't going to move the needle either economically or culturally because we're already a war everywhere it'll have to be big but who are the places we could credibly have a big war with that would not potentially kick our asses Ron is always the number one but Iran I think everyone at the top who isn't completely delusional knows would kick her ass they'd kick her ass anymore and the thing is even if we were able to hold the place any war where we had with anybody sub China sighs it's going to be a war of endless occupation like Iraq which we hated and didn't win and we'll know that in Afghanistan it's it's just oh we're gonna have another one of those and that doesn't solve your problem what solves your problem is an Iraq war one knockout punch but that's nothing that you could do that would have that effect Namie a political potential military engagement that could have the effect of Venezuela yeah that would go well yeah millions of loyal shav ista people in the throughout in the in the vast majority of working-class areas all throughout the the dense urban areas and internal \*\*\*\*\* jungle canopy that have held rebel or armies for generations that's just South American Vietnam no there's not Iran that's a wrap that's Iraq too but worse and higher casualties because Iran is a much bigger country with a much bigger military than Iran was and a more social support for the government like a rock at the end of the day was a classic dictatorship where the thing that held it together was force there was very little social adherence to baathism as such or Saddam as a person Iran is different there's social investment at the grassroots in that system that will \*\*\*\*\* fight look what they did to her Iraq so you're guaranteed something worse than Iraq so you got Vietnam to in Venezuela you've got a rock to only worse in like it's like tea to like more higher stakes higher higher budget more explosions more death although there were more dead in the first trend terminator so and then of course China's off the \*\*\*\*\* grid that's not a possibility they make have to \*\*\*\*\* it that we are interred we are totally interdependent economies at this point that's why I say if everything doesn't fall apart global capitalism if it continues will be under the auspices of some

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sort of joint sino American Union so ya know China it's either a war that neither one of us would win because it would destroy the economy of the other that we depend on either for stuff or to buy stuff which doesn't work it'll be some sort of hostile or either hostile corporate takeover or a mutual merger and it'll be whose conditions on whose side who's negotiating it is gonna what it's gonna come down to but that's pretty far in the future and I mean that's why I'm just saying is that China war is impossible basically I think China was impossible Russia war I think China honestly wouldn't allow it maybe but even if they did what's the percentage they're like how would you do that especially since they have nukes and they have a lot of them there more than us the nukes are real it see it's all brushfire Wars it's all going to be brushfire Wars again until we take everything to space and then have space Wars or we do like an robot Jack's and all war is replaced by countries putting their money together to create giant mech suits that fight fist fight and then the winner they win the dispute and honestly I think we should do that Mexico would be terrible Mexico we already we've invaded Mexico before we and it was incredibly frustrating I think it would only be more so so yeah I gotta say it's all headaches it's all headaches there's no there's no knockout punches there's just downside and and one of the things one of the few real blessings of Trump is that he's hardwired with only two or three sort of big gazel instinctual political ideas that he just flails against the reality with he has nothing more complicated than that and one of them is that you don't want to lose a war because he saw it happen with Bush and so we're like one of the two or three actual signal understandings of politics he has like they're like down power lines skittering across the road that sometimes connect with something one of them is don't lose a war now there is no war on the agenda that looks winnable which is why he has been resistant to the Bolton's call for some sort of global war conflict I mean wouldn't all right I'm trying to think of what a Russian war would even look like like going to Ukraine send sending actual armed aid to the Ukrainian government if that happened would there be like proud boys like the three percenters and stuff would they go over there like the blue legion from spain during World War two because there's already the Nazis in Ukraine there's you know the as all guys so then you could hit like a union to come together or they could go to Russia grab that oil turn it all into an oil and then you could have all of the lefties who want to fight or itch in for battle they could go and join the Russian army and then they could pretend that they were the \*\*\*\*\* like joining the Bolsheviks during the Civil War and they're fighting like the whites and everyone could have fun pretending that they were fighting out American politics in a foreign country because they can't have any influence on them here because there's no actual social influence on the political process on any meaningful questions at this point so

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everyone is just working out their \*\*\*\*\* at the oh man if we could get a naval war going if we if we laying in the Bering Strait old-fashioned Jew russo-japanese war style broadside somebody crossing the T that'd be fun get C stack out there get him out of retirement revving him up to Admiral like to a full Admiral or bird admiral or whatever they call it Archduke Admiral Admiral crunch what's the top Admiral 0:56:29 Rear Admiral obviously has to be the least Admiral right because it's in the rear Commodore is war with the Saudis that's cute that would never happen there there's we're essentially part of the same refused at like the economic and even political level there's a fusion has happened between Saudi Arabia and Israel and the United States where you can't even really call them separate they have independent interests that are sometimes in conflict but they're almost always unanimity of interests and looks 0:57:33 like the Saudis buying our our weapons so much is as anyone who saw network now is when Ned Beatty talks about the Saudi purchase of the the company they work for he goes the Saudis have took billions of dollars out of this country and now they must bring it back because Evan flow tidal gravity and that's true we put a we're dumping \*\*\*\*\* cash into the Middle East in the form of purchases of oil that \*\*\*\*\* money also has to be recirculated and the form of them buying with our money our \*\*\*\*\* weapons and sending them back to us the modern-day triangle Yemen is just Iraq too but even less even more worthless because you don't even have any kind of real dramatic escalation it would just be more the same yeah no I think I agree with people who say that external war is less likely than some sort of internal 0:58:34 conflict because right now Americans are really really focused on hating each other to a point where I don't think any foreign enemy would have a unifying enough effect the way that they brought the Civil War halves of America together by the spanish-american war I don't think there's anything they could do that now and the only thing that's gonna satisfy it is a genuine conflict at Jenni and it's gonna happen I think a Biden cut I in my opinion Biden winning and presiding as a Grover Cleveland style hunger Chancellor style president ineffectual Hoover asked president of a second Great Depression you're gonna see regional movements of resistance to Washington oh all the horror of this prolonged political up this palanca knee being explained by that Demiurge by saying America is still great it has been captured by 0:59:35 an evil wizard an evil spirit the Demiurge the george sora whoever you want to call a Biden Obama whatever you wanted personify him is and then your governor is now the real president and I'm not talking that I'm not saying that sense is really going to come to a head I'm going to say that there got absolutely going to be politicians who are going to be psychotic and/or ambitious enough to see the play and cultivate it to the point of actually declaring some sort of conflict with America probably not but definitely to ride it to national prominence and to replace Trump as the next head

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head piece of America's social reaction so I think you'd see more lone wolf political attacks from people like assassination attempts shootings of Democratic Democratic campaign offices or symbols of the regime help maybe TV movie movie theaters that are showing pedo films or something and then you're definitely going to see some sort of state-based resistance neo Amy own Elif ocation movement and there's gonna be somebody trying to get to be next president as being the calhoun of that movement but that kind of brinksmanship can go beyond your ability to control it and you might end up getting conflict that you didn't mean you just wanted to escalate things to your political advantage within the American system and in so doing you accidentally broke it but then even if it's broken hey you get the bigger half you win like rather than reign in Hell than serve in heaven rather than to be the Grand Chancellor of the great American Cheesecake Factory Republic that being governor of Georgia in the lame old United States especially as America collapses into the ineffectual torpor in the face of persistent economic stagnation and but I'm not saying that's going to happen or anything of that is that because there can always be intervening events I might not even win and then all but all bets are off it might not be by that could change things a little bit depending he could die at any point my god he's a million years old and now it looks like everyone's gonna end up getting covered although it still hasn't killed any overtly evil people yet I must say molten arrow has had it seven times and so kind of thing that we can make you believe like maybe you do live in a demo today be there is an evil interceding force that's pretending you from ascending because my god this horrible disease wrapping it through the world and it's all the consequence of our most feckless and sociopathic leaders and all of them are protected in a righteous cocoon from vengeance the Vengeance of the earth from the mask of the Red Death it's like if the mask of the Red Death happened and the only people who died were in the servants quarters and in the little town filled with peasants at the end of the moat and everybody who was all in their finery up in the and the ballroom got to just dance forever that's what they've created now that's why it's hard not sometimes not to feel like maybe there is a Demiurge who's got a Dem I urge to merge and to reward all human evil whenever they see it alright guys I think this is good I'm gonna do more of these now that I have music or I'm sorry a microphone that actually works because it's been really frustrating not knowing that people can hear me so now that I feel more confident there'll be more of these including I'm hoping soon to do another guerrilla stream that looks like it's gonna rain all week so I might not be able to do it this week but well there's a nice sunny day I might bust a grille out and I don't know put some

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every time no man knoweth the day or the hour regardless of the time of day all right looks like we're good my microphone working everybody i sound good turn that mic up oh it is balmy indeed it is a the air is thick the air is juicy just got finished with that uh tropical storm remnant so i will probably be sweating during the course of this video i hope it's not too traumatic for people because i know i do a lot of it uh today i wanted to talk sort of about a big picture thing not i'm not really trying to derive any practical uh advice from it i guess i'm not trying to like turn it into a action item i'm just trying to like talk through something just as like a general theory for exactly why the \*\*\*\*\* the left whatever you want to call that in america is so uh \*\*\*\*\* on all sides and i think it boils down to faith not religious faith necessarily although that's part of it in a in a different way but the sense that no one has faith and i don't think that's anyone's fault i want to make that clear everything i'm going to say goes for everyone i can think of including myself so i'm not pointing any fingers at anyone trying to just for myself and hopefully for anybody listening who wants to tell me what they think uh their response this is my thought about it uh is that because of the collapse of the institutional left which is what we're living in like i would say that technically we don't have a left in this country because we do not have the structure of one and without the structure of something in a political sense you don't really have it opinions takes even organizations as long as they're not coordinating and as long as uh people are operating without any sort of as i've talked about disciplinary or coordinating mechanism in their lives to direct their energies there is no real structure and that's a legacy of 40 years of intentional neoliberal politics and and uh the spectaclization and the the the atomization we've talked about all this like why it's happened is not a question or why is our mystery the reality is is that because there's no structure everyone now who is a moment where it was living through a moment of unprecedented i would say crisis in america in terms of its long-term viability as a \*\*\*\*\* project and the individual viability of any one person who isn't already wealthy to even survive i mean my god literally now they're talking about sending everybody back to school in september to just

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give everybody \*\*\*\*\* more disease as the numbers keep going up as we're probably 0:4:10  
going to be talking about half a million dead by the end of the year and the reality of  
that being absolutely in the same moment and in the same reality as a world where  
there's no left and where the attempt to build one out of the bernie sanders campaign  
failed completely uh it's a horrifying thing and i think the way that it shapes the  
discourse because that's all anyone really talks about when they talk about the left  
is people talking because there's nothing else to really do other than protest which  
people have been doing but which as time has gone on the protests have grown more  
less confrontational and they've gotten off the front pages i saw a tweet by someone  
who said none of these protests are getting attention now because they're not violent 0:5:11  
anymore there's not an uh there's not escalation there's not rioting and that's and  
that's why now it's being why why the why the protests are now kind of being  
processed and ignored taking seriously liberal admonitions against violent rioting  
as as counterproductive and i can see why people would think that because we're  
online all the time but i think a more more compelling materialistic explanation is  
that the cops kicked everyone's \*\*\*\*\* ass the cox kicked the \*\*\*\*\* out of everybody  
started throwing people in jail people started getting run over at protests and i think  
a lot of people as the as passions cooled a little bit as they do over time you know  
\*\*\*\*\* second law of thermodynamics and as that initial rush of like from being out  
of cooped up in the houses out into the street petered out it was not met with a 0:6:12  
corresponding rise in organizational capacity that could allow a continued escalation  
with of conflict with the state to be sustained like there's no way to keep fighting the  
state meet uh productively all you're gonna do is end up getting beat up and go to  
jail for no reason i mean other than to express your personal horror at the situation  
but you can you you're doing it without any hope that it's going to build that's  
going to develop it's going to mean anything and people want their sacrifice to mean  
something and who wouldn't everyone does and without that possibility of sacrifice  
meaning something fewer people are willing to risk are willing to sacrifice and that's  
totally understandable and reasonable that's way that's that's what else are and that  
that tide pulling back is because of the lack of organizational capacity so that's like 0:7:15  
the actual material reason that people don't have faith in the project because their  
efforts cannot be put to use but what that means the reality of that the reality of  
that general sense of hopelessness even among people who are suffering wildly and  
are wildly radicalized is that when we try to do politics in a mindset of hopelessness  
not a conscious mindset mind you i think a a deeper awareness of futility uh it means  
that we instinctively filter politics not through the lens of effectiveness of action uh  
because there is a like the fundamental leftist uh project of recognizing the common 0:8:16  
good the idea that we all share an interest in replacing capitalism with a system

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that common interest is abstract whereas our specific concrete desires are real to us they're realer anyway we feel them more they're there every moment we don't have to conjure them they're there and so if we're committed to politics committed to being political but we've kind of already ruled out uh efficacy as the main thing to be focused on we are going to then go to personal pleasure as the thing to focus on and once again that's not unpredictable or something you can really blame people for because effective political action one no one really knows what it is and two 0:9:19 whatever it is it's probably going to be in some respect boring or uh tedious or hard and why would you want to do something that is tedious or difficult if it's not going to accomplish anything on the other hand you could approach politics libidinally as a as a zone of a personal identity formation as a way to gain social prestige and as a way to satisfy your emotional rage i mean like so much so many people are so \*\*\*\*\* pissed and have every right to be and who privileged their ability to express that anger on someone somewhere and i think that's a lot of the cancer culture desire it's like don't take away my ability to yell at famous people who are \*\*\*\*\* because 0:10:21 i'm mad at them and why shouldn't i be and there's no response to that because yeah of course they suck and and your life sucks and their life is great and they're whining about getting canceled of course you want to yell at them now the thing is though that's not going to accomplish anything and as i've said like the one-two justification for cancel culture is one um you know it's people it's response it's people getting uh it's it's it's speech having uh consequences but also no one ever gets canceled well that means there are no consequences and that means it's just for personal satisfaction of the person doing the doing the owning and that's what the whole the whole box the whole the the skinner box of of internet politics it's just a libidinal sink it's it's it's politics is personal pleasure and i think that that is not the fault of the pmc or uh woke capital or anything it is the inevitable result of living in a world without hope 0:11:25 you can recognize the horror of the world around you and recognize the bad guys but if you don't really think that there's anything that you can do to have any hope of changing it then you're gonna look for other things to make your life more bearable because it's getting more and it's that lack of it's that lack of uh any real belief in in progress i think that's at the root of every dysfunction that gets teased out at every level i mean there are people my god who have decided that they're going to create some sort of post-marxist theory that rep that redefines class and says classes are not about a relationship to a means of production it's about i i guess a cultural affect or having gone to college that's what real class is now because those those people are the ones who direct the culture the discord and you've got people willing 0:12:28 to just throw a key marxist concept out of the window so that they can stay online so that because they can fight the pmc online they can joust with the pmc online they

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can drag them and so they've decided that actually these are the real rulers of the world this is the real ruling class because they're the ones who i can actually yell at they're the ones that i can have an effect on and that's because there is no effective action that anyone feels like they can take so they're going to take the action that is most satisfying so one level of the lack of faith is just the fact that nobody has any real investment in a project that they think is gonna make anything better but there's a deeper problem too and this one is is uh i think another one that's endemic to post-modern capitalist culture writ large nothing having to do with politics or uh it's that we in the west i would say broadly and more and more over the world as capitalism conquers as capitalism becomes the only language of meaning uh have been conditioned to in the absence of god because god is dead nietzsche is right about that 19th century boom blown away done for like obviously people still believe in god but there's doubt now that didn't used to be there at least more of it and it leaves it it's essentially we killed god but we left the devil because now it's hard for anyone it's a struggle for anyone to invest supernatural uh to invest real belief in a supernatural future if they have gone if they have a basic understanding of science you know uh it's harder and harder you can do it but it's harder it's a struggle it's more of a struggle than it used to be uh and like that was inevitable you know like we built these gods in ignorance and now we're less ignorant and they don't make sense anymore like that's supposed to happen but the problem is is that when you abolish the infinite as as if you abolish like a realm of infinite where a spiritual realm where you can then you have two choices you can either realize that the self is actually not any different than anything else in the universe and it's essentially an illusion and that it can be overcome or you worship the self as god you redefine god as your own sense perception identity and desires and wouldn't you know it that is actually what we ended up building out of the rubble of the old religious traditions because what other engine does capitalism have other than personal and so now we have a genuine conflict within every person in america at least who is trying to build a left political praxis in that their commitment to a general well-being is in direct conflict with their individual desires and of course they're going to privilege their individual desires the only thing there's only two things that can make that equation flip one is if you do like annihilate your ego which is very difficult i haven't done it that's for \*\*\*\*\* sure it's a it's a it's a it's a process uh and and a lot of people most people are never even going to come to the point of realizing that that should even be a goal of their lives uh and the other is finding something to believe in as a project as in believe in its efficacy and effectiveness or at the very least to believe in your individual uh that you are individually playing a role and i think those things are intertwined and i think that the moment is demanding a new left organization a new left structure

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and also honestly a new spiritual understanding like the like the the personal ego satisfaction that is built that is encoded in the dna of uh of our social order like 0:17:37  
stripped of everything life liberty pursuit of happiness all those things are defined by personal ego satisfaction through the market but that has to be that's that's that's exhaust i mean we're seeing it exhausted in front of us i mean what what are all those videos of people freaking out melting down about having to wear a mask what was all the people wait uh protesting about not being able to go to chili's it's our our about the bounds of our lives have gotten smaller and smaller and smaller our our zone of actual autonomy is getting smaller and smaller all we have are our desires which are mediated and which are essentially handed to us by a culture and if we can't satisfy those desires then we don't have freedom we don't have individuality we aren't the beings that we thought we were and being able to be that has become harder and harder to do and trying to do it is turning into \*\*\*\*\* suicide it is now literally suicidal to try to assert yourself in the marketplace the way that we've been 0:18:38  
taught is the sum total of human so we've reached a point where this these things are no longer tenable at any level like the economy is obviously basically uh uh examined and the there's a virus that is physically preventing people at least some people people who are not deluded enough to just ignore the reality from engaging in those self-building activities of satisfaction and in the left we have seen among leftists i guess i should say since i don't think the left is real we have seen a this this uh libidinal indulgence replacing any kind of group project everyone is in it to satisfy their pleasure and they could and a lot of people will say no i want everything to be better i want i want things to be better what are you talking about pleasure but one of those things that creates pleasure is being seen as good by others imagining oneself 0:19:39  
to be good better than the system that they're in imagining oneself not to be an exploiter and most importantly imagining oneself to be being seen by others as good and so that structures the discourse too it becomes like i've talked about it becomes an entrepreneurial war of all against all to be the best person because that's all we can seek but i think because we're at a moment of crisis and because the conditions are changing every second i really think that both those problems are going to uh be addressed not by me not by any project that's currently existing certainly not by anybody posting online about it uh i think that that the the insufficiency of the current models will essentially require a darwinian sense uh a change in approach 0:20:40  
both spiritually and personally uh and and organizationally what that's going to look like i don't know and the real question whether it's too late uh to be affected and those are two questions the answer to which i don't know but like i said this is not prescriptive this is just me trying to talk through like what it seems to me to be the root of a lot of the the um the uh pathologies uh that seem to be metastasizing

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and all i could do is just hope like we all have to do that that the un untenability of the moment will push us towards building some new moral system where where where that ego gratification is uh is subsumed uh into a understanding that the real 0:21:44 that there is real meaning in struggle real meaning and most importantly that you get enough people who think that way all of a sudden you've got an now i'm not saying it's going to happen magically and it's not going to happen spiritually it's going to be a response to eruptions in the material conditions uh but i do think that it's inevitable like i said the thing i don't know is whether it's going to be enough ugh i gotta say that the people who want to like redefine class to be not 0:22:50 about material conditions in relationship to means of production that is honestly it's tragic because you can see where it comes from it comes from being terminally frustrated with the awful bad faith maelstrom of of discourse and of the the there is sort of a reifying and um and disciplining function within you know from the media to to like a generalized population of mostly college educated people online uh that that establishes like a standard of behavior and or more importantly a standard of outlook and a standard of opinions uh and then punishes people who just who disagree with them and a lot of those opinions end up insisting upon the primacy of 0:23:52 focusing on non-material conditions on saying no we can't do any socialism until we fight racism as though those are inextricable as though as though there's a way to fight racism that does not uh if those are ways to fight racism alone that will not leave the structures that recreate racial sep racial disparities that's just going to recreate itself and that's very frustrating to see and i get why people get mad at it but not only by doing that not only are you of course committing heresy against marx but like i mean who cares at the end of the day you know conditions changed she died a long time ago we have to acknowledge things are different and i think that there is some sort there is some um insight in pointing out that that there is essentially at this point a massive divide broadly between among white people college-educated ones and non-college educated ones on questions of culture and both sides suffer are suffering from economic precarity like they're like the argument that the pmc whatever is downwardly mobile is true but that because of the difference in their 0:24:53 conditioning their response to precarity is different the response to college educated whites is to clean harder to wokeness as a way to fill that sense of anxiety with the at least the satisfaction of being being good and then there is a there can be an opposite response non-educa college-educated ways as conditions get worse two cling on to cultural explanations the other way cultural demonization the other way and that that is like a mutual reinforcing process and that's bad it's very bad and it needs to be overcome but it cannot be overcome online because uh it's not true to say the internet isn't real life because obviously people learn how to behave from

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watching other people online and then they take it offline and then that impacts the way that they relate to people in the real world it impacts what activism they do it impacts the way that they approach their lives it's real but it is an after effect it is epiphenomenon it is it is um epiphenomenal it is superstructure and what that means more than anything is that you can't change it there you can't change it at the level of discourse there's no amount of posting zero amount of posting that can change anything because while it reinforces existing structures it is not generative and so by redefining class to be about whether you went to college and determining that that means that oh good i get to stay online all day to argue with these people well you've seeded the field and like i said i understand why because there's no other alternative and that feels good even if it feels bad it feels good you know like everybody gets mad getting mad that's the flip side of being happy uh there's a book about college football rivalries and i think it's called to hate like this is to be happy forever i think is the name of it and i can't think of a better name for a and the other thing the other problem with that i mean for one thing you're doomed you've neutered yourself you've decided i'm going to stay staring at the wall with the flickering flames in the cave because it's it's more recognizable to me it's not scary and it has a reward system in place that i know how to gain um the other problem is if you dismiss uh the means of production as the an orientation towards the means of production as as the thing that that determines class well that means that cultural concepts like nation and race and ethnicity and religion these things that are understood properly as generated by capitalism become independent and become real and i don't see any way that there is a unified working-class movement that operates under those assumptions that those things are real that those things are more real anyway than in relationship to the means of production not do it i'm not sweating i'm sweating uh oh that reminds me the so like i said i don't know what the future is gonna hold i i do think that there is i mean inevitably going to be some formation that arises to to resist what's happening just because you know people people get that up there's no guarantee it's going to be effective like i said and there's no guarantee that the uh the most hopeful combination of that is going to be the most dominant because there's plenty of reaction and there's plenty of ego driven displays to be done and those are still going to happen you know uh it's a question of getting into a but i think that i mean to sound boring about it it's going to be at the workplace it's going to be at the level of the workplace and specifically i think you've got a real possibility here in this coming school year with the police with with the with the trump administration insisting to reopen schools because you cannot reopen the economy and have people but you have these the significant pushback from teachers and uh you know we've seen teacher militancy is is relatively high compared to other sectors of the economy

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so that could be something another thing i think could be very is very potentially uh fruitful is uh the big box retail economies that's it because one uh that's the closest thing in our service driven economy to a shop floor anymore right like obviously there's still manufacturing done in this country but it is largely a service economy and retail big boxes are the closest thing to to a shop floor in the sense that you've got a huge number of people who work near one another uh which is very much not the case in most other service industry uh environments and also they're crucial nodes in the distribution network they're they're they're critical to our just-in-time delivery process so they fit a lot of the potential um um oh and i would add to that obvious obviously amazon fulfillment centers i mean they're not technically retail but they are part of the service industry and they also have that factory element that shop floor element and you're seeing militancy at all those places and if there is any kind of coordination at that level then i think you might have the seeds for something that could become a genuine point of uh escalating conflict with the existing order uh and that's why i think if you work at a big box store you should obviously not get fired by for talking about unions but you should be aware you should keep your head up you should have your antenna pinged about the possibilities for labor organizing there uh if you don't have a job and you need one and they're hiring i mean that's a place where you could actually work i mean obviously work sucks and nobody wants to do it but if you need to you could do it in a place where politics could also be part of your daily life in your in your in your employment which most people don't have and those are the kind of things that clarify the stakes that raise awareness of the possibility of effective action and most importantly so there are there are existing nodes of potential resistance uh but they're not where we think they are they're sure \*\*\*\*\* not having anything to do with cancel culture uh and until the uh i mean until the police reform or abolition movement has a organizational backbone to it it's not going to be there either i've seen a lot of people insist that that the protests have been affected because public opinion is changing but what good what use is public opinion if nobody has anything to do with their views like especially i mean for one thing when you say uh you know x number of people are now in favor of what police abolition or whatever you want to call it i doubt that you could get those people in a room and have them agree upon what they mean by those terms for one thing and secondly even if they did uh they wouldn't have anything to do is that the hope they're going i mean i'm not saying that those that the movement should stop or anything or that people should if there's if there's a protest not go to one i mean i'm still going but there has to be an awareness that organizational capacity has to be the the priority because absent that it all just it's just a cup of water getting poured out onto a \*\*\*\*\* concrete it's just it's energy wasted there there are

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concessions being made you know bought by different municipal police departments and that's good but it's also a moment to stop and think well who's still in charge 0:35:20  
you know and who's and if if if the people in charge are mollifying you if the people in charge feel like they have diffused detention with with their uh reforms then they're just going to end up uh being recaptured by the systems of coercion and the thing is like some cities are doing stuff like seattle apparently is saying they're going to cut a bunch of their cops but i mean you have to it's weird how people simultaneously will you know be be say we're demanding radical action we're we're insisting on abolition not reform blah blah and and because we understand we're dealing with you know capital exploitation system that needs to be overthrown but it's still the same it's 0:36:21  
still the same politicians in charge who are doing this they haven't changed they're they're responding to pressure now but the nature of pressure is that unless it's organized to be systemic it goes away momentum dissipates it's like i've amazon's saying we're not going to sell uh facial recognition software to the cops for one year i mean you could say the same thing about a lot of these uh budgets cuts and reforms unless unless the actual structure of incentives for the political order changes or the actual political order itself is overthrown these the all these reforms will then be will have their holes filled with with more coercion and more exploitation because that's all the i love to fill my reform holes it's great uh the wayfarer thing uh is very funny 0:37:25  
because it just shows in my opinion just the the the destabilizing nature of online i mean this thing started on tick tock right with teenagers and they saw some kids 0:38:26  
saw like look these are really expensive and look they have the names of this and they just went oh they're shipping them in these containers now that's insane that's insane thing to even think for a second i mean it could happen but there are so many levels of analysis you would have to do to make that the most likely outcome like you know so many different uh you'd have to use occam's rate you'd have to use \*\*\*\*\* use occam's razor until it was a \*\*\*\*\* nub to get to yeah no they're shipping people in uh very expensive cupboards named after the people the kids who are in them but the instantaneous the instantaneousness of twitter means that that those are or the internet in general means that those questions are never asked there is just a thing that's happening now and then you respond to the thing that's happening you don't have time to think about it and more importantly you have no way to investigate it because how are you supposed to trust anything how are you supposed to trust 0:39:27  
what anyone is saying about anything uh and so you it basically comes down to are you psychically in a position to absorb the thing in front of you are you positioned culturally to when a a conspiracy is presented to you to just say okay that's true and if you are that's the end you're done i don't know what the deal is with the wafer thing i mean maybe it is what they say it is it's just like i said i would need a hell

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of a lot i need to go through a hell of a lot of theories and disprove those before i got to that one and the one i keep seeing is people saying it's just algorithmic uh it's it's an algorithmic website and i think there's something to that that's i think that's also part of all those weird remember those weird uh uh videos that were on youtube for kids of like peppa pig getting her teeth pulled out or something and everyone's freaking out about how it's like some sort of cult programming operation and maybe part of it is but a lot of it is is those things are all made by computers 0:40:28 and most the views are computers the most the bots are watching videos made by algorithms and humans are literally getting squeezed out of the internet and we're just watching computers interact with each other watching machine learning take place in front of us and of course that's terrifying and alienating and it also leads us to project human shapes and structures and narratives to things like looking at a because the thing about like because think about all the the things being named after uh people who've been abducted first of all why would you like you wouldn't do that you wouldn't do that i mean it's just basic opsec you wouldn't do that secondly apparently that that those names and \*\*\*\*\* are just because they're scraping the internet for \*\*\*\*\* terms to put on things they're just scraping and so hey wait a minute here's the girl who got abducted and here's a name for her that must be mean 0:41:30 she's in there first glance that makes sense but it's it's just as much uh that process of of of in putting on a human skin to a essentially random uh arrangement of of information uh that'll that happens all the time and it's only gonna happen more and more and more as we are observing less and less and less actual human content i do like that apparently one of the q people actually bought one of the cabinets which i i really i really can't wait to find out what happens there i i hope i mean i'm sure they will keep people in the loop what else why else would you do it if not for posts but i really want to know what happens if there's a kid in there well i will admit i was wrong in other someone says in other words we're going to go insane i mean 0:42:32 going to go that's actually you could say that that's uh optimistic to say we're going to go because i think a case could be made that functionally we no longer relate to the real world which would make us by some definitions when you consider the degree to which we we live in an abstracted symbolic order compared to the amount of time we spent wrangling with the real that you could say oh not the real with the capital are not the lacanian real like material reality the kind that has been the dot the domain of humans since the beginning of human existence and now we are living purely or largely at a symbolic abstraction level where we glide between ideas effortlessly and frictionlessly and are never forced to apply the the the the um the 0:43:33 lathe of like material reality to them other people's opinions uh just time and space as constraints that we're able to do unconstrained uh association between symbols

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and symbolic orders and we do that more than we do anything else i mean maybe that that's just and that's another thing honestly though i think that's another thing that's pushing us to the point of unsustainability of this another thing that's making this continue this may this this current uh order of of radical ego satisfaction in a fully simulated reality in which material conditions are collapsing in front of us it's just not sustainable and uh obviously you could say that forever and then die having never seen the moment of friction break happen and that could happen this thing could leap on for who knows how long but it won't limp on forever and i think the way to go through a day and not get too depressed and too hopeless is to know that we'll get there eventually at some point and if we don't how are you gonna ever know how are any of us ever gonna know none of us are gonna see socialism so let me but we still have to live our lives and that's where destroying that ego part because i think a lot of the thing that makes people so miserable about politics is that that horror of knowing they're never going to probably ever see anything you'd be better they're never going to experience things being better they're never going to actually get to live the life of a post-capitalist uh subject and that is a bummer uh but at the same time it's irrelevant because you still hit you're still here we're all still here and we have to live every day and i think the degree to which we live it for each other and not live it for a personal gratification is the degree that we can total ego death yeah we gotta do that we gotta we gotta do it but the thing is you can't tell people to do it and that's why like all the trad cats and people think we just need to like reinforce christianity as as as a hegemonic uh uh spirituality or something are absurd that's it that it's putting the toothpaste back in the tube it's going to have to be a new thing it's going to have to synthesize the concepts of pluralism and science and all of the all of the lived realities that permeate our relationships to one another you cannot you you turn this into a some sort of matthew walter catholic theocracy people are going to be \*\*\*\*\* miserable even the catholics i mean my god the catholics the countries in europe for example that had the most hegemonic catholicism the ones where they didn't have a bunch of immigrants showing up and messing things up they didn't have um they didn't have hollywood triple parentheses using their cultural marxism on people uh then none of them believe in god ireland until like 20 years ago ireland was a theocratic plantation it was a priest ruled bog and now none of those \*\*\*\*\* people believe in god you cannot impose it it has to rise organically for people coming to an awareness and then seeing that awareness reaffirmed in their because the market is is the market is is its tendrils are everywhere and it's the thing that guarantees that your your precious little trad cath concept will be overwhelmed unless you abolish uh the market relationship and guess what you cannot do that from a sectarian perspective catholic sectarians aren't going to overthrow capitalism

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white nationalists aren't going to overthrow capitalism because you need the you need the people numbers are the only thing capital has everything else they have our \*\*\*\*\* brains in the form of our value system they have the information networks they have they have the capital they have they have the military they have the police all we have are numbers and any movement that says we're going to get there by radically proscribing through morality or skin color or ethnicity is doomed because you will eventually have to make it make a devil's bargain with capitalism i do 0:48:59 think they should nationalize passive income absolutely national our uh nationalized passive income and also uh this is one thing i agree with the beauty thing is you could actually do like a judo flip on libertarians of course it won't matter because they don't really believe what they say they believe but if you wanted to just win an argument with libertarian you could point out that all the things they say about about the market relationship the equal relationship that exists between an employer and employee how it's it's it's a fair uh it's a fair negotiation between selling labor power buying it all their perceptions only exist without concentrated wealth and debt more than anything determining the power structure within those negotiations the only way to prevent that is to mow the lawn every generation every every new uh group of people you do not get your dad's \*\*\*\*\* money or your mom's money no debt and no wealth accumulated you can accumulate i mean obviously there's a 0:50:2 difference between reform and abolishing capitalism but uh if you even wanted to make capitalism even vaguely use theoretical function you would have to abolish those things and the fact that that's uh that's absurd the fact that those things that would actually make capitalism work are essentially not viable getting rid of passive income yeah that'll work they're gonna stop that uh getting rid of inheritance the fact that those are non-negotiable overthrown someone says uh if you're gonna be buddhist 0:51:5 doesn't that mean \*\*\*\*\* it no it doesn't because if you aren't living for yourself you're living for other people you're living you're living you're living loving kindness for all and in my mind anyway that means creating the conditions for everyone to reach that point and you cannot if you are deprived if you lived a deprived existence you will probably it'll be very difficult for you especially in a western context to ever even occur to you to uh to abolish the ego or desire because you've never had it fulfilled and you spend your life seeking and craving and and striving and being thwarted and then building your personality around your inability to have your desires fulfilled and then of course they're the people the rich people who get their desires filled and when they do that drives that they're miserable as well that drives them to a different sort of misery it's obviously more bearable but it is it's the same 0:52:7 spiritual deadness and the only way that any of that is going to be overcome is if you make so that rich people aren't able to get everything they want and poor people are

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able to get enough to \*\*\*\*\* uh what books am i reading i've got um i just got an advanced copy of reagan land the fourth rick pearlstein book which i'm very excited 0:53:8  
about i'm 100 pages in uh it's very good uh and it's basically he's clearly setting up it's about the the carter administration uh and i think that that is i'm excited because that's such an under studied era and under talked about era i think because carter really was the guy who codified the uh bipartisan neoliberal consensus before reagan reagan was just the kind of the capstone on it and one thing i think is really interesting is that pearlstein talks in the early parts of the book about how uh you know carter came into office he won the election closer than people thought it was going to be but he came in with a with a comfortable super majority in the house and senate uh and almost immediately ran into ground because the conservative movement which a lot of people a lot of liberals thought was dead after uh ford lost and after reagan was defeated at the convention before that uh were able to rally 0:54:10  
resistance to carter along the axis of social issues uh gay marriage or uh gay rights and uh and the era and things like that and what i think is so funny is that you look you read that and you you read these these guys who use those social discontents to power and none of that stuff has stopped none of the things that they fought for none of the social change that they wanted to prevent has stopped it kept going uh because reagan never really gave a \*\*\*\*\* about it and none of the none of the actual um functionaries of government really care about social issues because that's not what their job is their job is to maintain capital flows and capital capitalist control and more importantly they don't have power to change that those are all cultural responses to change in material conditions which is why fixating on culture from 0:55:11  
either end of it is futile because it doesn't reach down it comes up from but anyway i'm looking forward to it's been a while since i've read any science fiction i'm thinking of finally reading gene wolfe a lot of people have been recommending gene wolfe to me and i've never read him before so i might check it out after i finish nixon land or reagan land rather it's also true of democrats it's true both parties they don't really care i mean it democrats get to get credit or blame for the fact that that uh social 0:56:13  
liberalism keeps uh accelerating but it's not because of them it's not because of the republicans uh it's it's because of the social uh the social base it's atomization social base and the thing is that part of that is good because the the the traditionalism of the pre-seventies era was too stultifying and it had to be rearranged and it still needs to be rearranged and that's why i can't accept any notion of traditionalism as some sort of uh uh banner because it's sorry it's un-dialectical like the these these relationships have changed and we have to deal with the fact that they're the pro the thing is though is that that doesn't mean that you create litmus tests and you say if you're not if you're if you're not fully on board with the entire gamut of social

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change as we believe it uh to mean right at this moment and by the way it'll be different in two weeks and if you aren't up on that difference then you're \*\*\*\*\* then 0:57:15  
too uh if it's not this running tally of uh if you haven't like passed the gauntlet of wokeness then you're not in the club i don't think that that's the answer and the thing is i don't think most people care about that that much that uh people of good faith anyway uh i think there's a boogeyman built up like how many people are obsessed with like keeping tucker carlson out of the left who the \*\*\*\*\* is actually saying he should be in the left is there anyone actually talking about that and more importantly even if they were who gives a \*\*\*\*\* because there is no like the idea of alliance with like the populist right there is no populist right either there's just like there's no left there's no anybody there's just people and and you're talking about leaders guys who have tv shows or politicians they don't speak for anyone they're not connected to any kind of uh organization that can that can bring people in you can only say maybe the people who they like will like me now and it's just it's it's it's coke and pepsi \*\*\*\*\* it's branding because there's no structure yeah people don't care about this stuff it's all hot house fantasy because people want to fight they want to slay demons uh online either are they either uh are the awoken the woke peace uh pmc uh propagandists or the the the strasserites and and it's fun doing that it's slippingly satisfying but it doesn't do anything because these people don't represent anyone and that's why i think that whatever's coming is going to have to come with a radical break because of how exhausted and um uh stalemated everything is at the yeah that's right look at me drinking spicy i like spicy mustard i also like brown 0:59:27  
mustard on them on a brat honestly the i like the thick grain mustard best of all stone ground that's the stuff really ooh the american tabloid movie dream casting that's tough somebody said joe berenthal could be pete bondurant i think i could i don't know everyone seems like a pipsqueak now all actors are like they're just little they're little guys i don't buy any of them as do i realize that 90 of what i'm saying 1:0:40  
applies to france it applies to every western every country to some extent because it's all part of the market but but more intensely in places where capitalism has been uh been hegemonic longer so us most of all because we're the lead we're the or the bleeding edge of it uh but also of course uh and of course uh france more than any most other people in uh europe because as i said france is the you know it's ass heinz ketchup wow we got the trolls out in force today someone bad-mouthing heinz 1:1:42  
ketchup finding out there are people who don't like heinz ketchup that's a shocker but you know what taste is subjective and it doesn't really matter so everyone can enjoy their inferior france is like the u.s and someone asks is it because they think people love them honestly yeah that's a big part of it it's the thing that i think is american about france is just the the the uh the nauseating self-regard of their

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culture which i think that's why we're not the uk even though we're anglophone because the british are self-loathing and we are not uh and the same thing with the french they love themselves and they love their country and they think that they they think they invented democracy we think we did uh both of us think that's like 1:2:44  
we can look around now and act like that's anything to \*\*\*\*\* celebrate yeah they are nationalists in a very similar way that we are even of course ours is much more violent and that's that's the frontier baby that's the that's that free real estate that's that's the settler colonial part all right this is the last thing i'm going to say before i wrap up someone's asking about and this is the this is the sa scary thing is that somebody asks do i think that you know as things get worse revolution's gonna be inevitable and i gotta say not at all because there's i think a faith that a lot of people have and i think that undergirds a lot of assumptions and i i feel this way sometimes too and i kind of catch myself that as things get worse people are going to come to some sort of realization about the system they live under but i don't think there's any 1:3:45  
reason to assume that that's going to happen absent the social conditions that like the marxist conception of class consciousness arising is that people compare notes like peop people in a factory are in a working class neighborhood they have a they have a common experience of exploitation that they can discuss they have a social relationship to one another that leads them to a realization we all are siloed off in our individual mind units uh with our personally curated feeds and algorithmically generated content that give us individualized responses to our lives including its their conditions and their immiserations and that leads us to a lot of bad conclusions like they're shipping children in the mail in giant cabinets and when things get worse there's no guarantee that uh that we're going to change that heuristic we're only probably going to double down on it because nothing's intervening with us to make us not think that this is the way things are that our explanation for reality is not 1:4:46  
the correct one that's that social dimension that makes that happen and that's why i'm saying the hope is into things like teacher strike or big box retail i think is a real big one amazon headquarters because to this day nothing has replaced and in fact everything is only displaced and made worse the the radicalizing empowering positive feedback loop of of the workplace as center of social uh conflict and radicalization and i know that that sucks because people are all working temp jobs where they don't even see a co-worker all day or they're working from home or they don't have a job at all and that's a huge huge percentage of the population and the question is well what about me uh and that's a hard one to answer the hope is that enough of those people enough people who don't have uh that they can see people who do 1:5:48  
and get the and take the right uh lessons from that take uh and that's that's where the dice get rolled that's where that's where we enter the multiverse and uh we find

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out which which timeline we're in and i don't know i don't know kind of got this truck going but all we can do in the meantime is keep our powder dry so dry up your powder everybody

*Vibes at Midnight*

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\*Music playing\*\* I think I'm going I'm still waiting to confirm there I am anybody on ok we got some folks it looks like hi everybody I already lost a little guy a little what do you call it the dampener I think it's in the other room but hopefully it'll still sound ok I just need a little confirmation from the gang that I'm sound alright and then we can get going how's everybody doing today beautiful day here in Brooklyn sun's out guns out it's nice like 80 thank you to everyone who's been saying that I look weirdly thin lately it's nice but I'll take it wherever I get it and I cut my own hair I used the shaver I shaved my face Irish shaved my beard down and I realized that when I just let it go - like Marxian lengths that it adds like 15 pounds to my head like I do look like the Zardo Scott head coming in just waiting for guns and food bars to come shooting out of my mouth the penis is evil the gun is good but then when I click trim it down a little bit it's like oh my face actually it's like it's narrowed by a good third so I think I'm gonna try to not let it get that wild again especially since I'm doing so much streaming now and there's just my face there's just thought there's now there's hundreds of hours of me on YouTube with and then of course you throw the hat on and it's easier to obscure the rapidly well thanks thank you for everyone and I'll try to keep that in mind I'll try to keep myself a little more narrowly headed to than I was well someone's saying my last stream was good thank you I get a little worried when I get abstract you know talking about the need to infuse meaning in public space through ritual and like a renewed religious traditions I know that that's kind of out there and I get worried about losing my ability to translate down to a more general understanding level but I'm still gonna try goddamn it even if it just ends up being dismissed by most everyone is gibberish it's all I it's it's what makes sense to me right now and that's all I can talk about I can't I can't be false I can't be fall for this long in front of the camera like for me I really find that uh this whole set up is like a truth it's like in a tear it's like Errol Morris is antara Tron or something we're just knowing that there's this audience out there this Benthamite panoptic on and while I'm trying to like reason things out it kind of squeezes all of the artifice away because I can't maintain it it becomes too difficult to keep the lie straight and

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I end up having to just I have to just come clean just so that I can keep talking and fill the \*\*\*\*\* space with words so that's why I've really really enjoyed this and I think that honestly doing these has been really important to do my personal spiritual evolution to get to get real with it so thank you for anyone who is still finding any meaning out of these because that's what makes me feel like it's still worth doing and not totally so today I wanted to talk about something that's a little more maybe a little more grounded a little more historical because I've been reading Reagan and I got an advance copy through my media connections of the new Rick Pearlstein book that covers the Carter Administration I've talked about it a bit before on I'm here and it's it's very good I just finished nineteen it's it's divided in years and I just finished 1977 and Oh may have I'm I got my hands I'm rubbing them together but already there's been a lot of great stuff and what's really cool about Pearlstein is it I think more than anyone he understands the the real dialectical dynamic even if he isn't really a dialectician and he's like more he has a liberal Sensibility and you know his narrative is evolutionary without you know being fully three-dimensional but he he definitely gets that there is like a conflict driving the emergence of like the Republican Party as we understand it like we got here through a process it's like not it's it's true to say like oh these are the same Republicans they've always been but that's also obscures the fact that over the years they've changed it's like a ship of theseus thing they fused and shifted and it's the same people pursuing the same political goals to see that's the important thing is that the the base the real base of power of the Republican Party America's capitalist class has not changed what's changed to spend the culture that changes within the economy have produced that requires the Republican Party which is a political institution and has to reflect some sort of will of the people in some way to be legitimate as a political institution in a putative democracy so they have to reflect the frustrations and an alienation of their voters as neoliberalism immiseration I'm talking of course about you know from the middle class and lower Republican voters including upper middle class because people point out Oh a lot of these Trump voters they don't have they're not economically insecure they have a lot of money but the thing is is it's not necessarily even your actual immiseration it's the fear of immiseration the fear of falling as bear Barbara Ehrenreich said apparently the the rich people who like Trump the most are the ones in congressional districts but are still you know like segregative so like white poverty you know places in like Appalachia in the Midwest that have been hammered by the industrialization and they still are doing well so you can't say that they're miserable but their neighbors are doing poorly and their kids they know are gonna do worse than that so there's anxiety even if there is an actual immiseration so the conditions on the ground for everybody who hasn't been at the very top of the distribution of

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income in this country over the last 40 years have been \*\*\*\*\* you either you have lost it significantly and materially or you fear losing it both of which create alienation 0:8:15  
from America being the the the the project of America and that alienation has to go somewhere and the job of the Republican Party is to keep it reactionary to keep it fixated on cultural demons cultural spirits brought up by the conjuring wand of the manufacturing of consent immigrants minorities communists whatever the abortion providers call cultural Marxists and that's been because things have gotten worse and the Republican Party has to reflect that what pro scene gets is that that reality that reality of of a widening gap between the the commitment to the project of America between the people who run the Republican Party and the people who vote for the Republican Party has led to a cultural shift within the Republican Party towards 0:9:17  
the sort of blood and soil anti-intellectual tub-thumping populism of Trump but it's not just culture changing significantly it was resolving a conflict in the Republican Party between the internationalist wing which is Wall Street which was embodied by Eisenhower or beating Taft at the 52 convention and then and then and then Rockefeller Nelson Rockefeller being the avatar of that you Wall Street Wall Street republicanism that saw its interest aligned along a international line because they were the capitalists who had the most information right because you can ever say that the ruling class rules by their own interests for their own interests they rule for the perception of their own interests and usually those are very close because they have a lot of information in power and that gives them the tendrils to recognize the 0:10:18  
terrain more than uh Schmucks who don't have that kind of coordinated intelligence gathering capability so they have the most information which means that they can control the situation more but it's not total there's a gap the dunning-kruger thing that's inside every institution in person and but they were closer to knowing with the score they were closer after World War two looking at the global war global economy and the right and the Soviet Union and say this is going to be this is not going to be a military conflict this is we are going to win by Doc creating a new dominant economic model that will be hegemonic we will replace the patchwork exploitative system extractive system of European colonialism and we were replaced it with a world system of raw raw production extraction of the third world leading to consumption in the first that's what we're gonna build and that requires standing up the economies of all our former enemies and infusing them with capital and eventually helping them 0:11:21  
establish their own competitive industrial economies to compete with us because they needed to be strong because otherwise they would be defeated they saw that vision but there were other Americans who ended up getting represented by Goldwater and then Reagan often thought of it's the Sun Belt Cowboys who won who won the battle for the soul of the Republican Party those guys were local manufacturers mostly the

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you're talking about a regional powerhouse he mentions the Allen Bradley company in Milwaukee a perfect example it's a local like Industrial Supply Company that is also one of the premier funders of race science are Charles Murray got a ton of money from them they have their own think tank that trying to prove the racial superiority of white people and they've spent millions of dollars over the years on the kind of direct mail grassroots stimulation that led to the creation of that that movement Robert Welch the founder of the John Birch Society was a small local candy manufacturer in Massachusetts the Knott's Berry family who ended up who had who now have a theme park in Orange County and were like one of the one of the four families that basically monopolized agriculture cash crop agriculture in California in the 20th century another reactionary funder and and font and that spoke to that middle class who didn't have that they didn't have the interests they weren't they were being exploited by Wall Street they didn't have interest in common Wall Street and so they were actually their real interests were opposed to the broad category of capital but they didn't know that but they because they couldn't see the one in front of them because of the ideology that they had they couldn't see the near exploiter but they could see the far one and they hated them and so the near exploiter these these new right guys who ended up becoming you know from young Americans for freedom and from the Goldwater campaign and then to Reagan who provided the other poll the poll that said we don't need this international \*\*\*\*\* we should we don't need to accommodate and what that also meant is we don't have to accommodate to culture shift which is why Wall Street liberalism was more socially liberal because it knew the larger game was capitalism versus communism they knew that that was the real stakes because they were international in their outlook and that meant that when there's discontent along racial lines you have to deal something about it or you will undermine yourself against your enemy the nearsightedness the nearsighted small producers didn't know if they think we're unable to essentially to perceive that level they couldn't even see that dimension of reality because they're too focused on their own piggish local consumption and they said no we confront the Soviet Union and we destroy anyone who tries to undermine our culture and that became the real argument and by the time Pearlstein stalking when Reagan is goes from being chipped close almost getting Ford's nomination in 76 and then getting he's describing the moment when that bipartisan neo liberal consensus slams down right when oh the broader like political economy economic questions that used to be the domain of the political parties are no longer gonna be on the political table because neither one of us are gonna mention them neither party can now talk about stuff like deindustrialization you know trade debt or trade deficits because to be a world reserve currency in the post Bretton Woods system you have to be

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a consumer and not a producer industrially be that it doesn't work the other way we have to have a trade deficit and a big one to float the dollar as because that's what floats that's what makes the dollar circulate that's what's that's the that's the capillary action of the vascular system of the world economy where the dollar is the reserve currency we have to have run a trade deficit which means we have to dia industrialized and neither party will argue about that and they didn't for years so it became so what filled the void was culture and thought culture filled the void completely and then you have more secure white people the white people who are less touched personally by the by the immiseration caused by deindustrialization they they have essentially the luxury to pursue social liberalism and claim that social liberalism will will solve the the misery of our lives because they can't name the real cause anymore nobody can name the thing nobody can name the thing we can only pretend to have a cultural response to it that could make the difference it's all snake oil the thing is some people are aware they're smelling snake oil and some people don't know they're selling snake oil that's the real difference that was the fight in the Republican Party the internationalist knew they were selling snake oil the local producers thought it was real stuff that it really cures your ails that's the best the difference within these parties because the the real question can't be answered because to keep this thing this this \*\*\*\*\* global thing coming and most importantly keep this thing flowing with us in the driver's seat because that mmt \*\*\*\*\* that's technically true right now it's just describing events as long as the dollar as a reserve currency because we need to build the \*\*\*\*\* military because we're the cops we're we're the head of the octopus and we need to have where we direct the military arm the police arm so we have to have be able to run huge deficits and we also have to have a population that can buy things because we're the consumer of last resort so we have to we can't do it we can't stop spending or or tax it or I mean we can't stop spending money on the military and we can't stop with spending money directly or indirectly through quantitative easing and through government programs putting money into people's hands so that and credit into people's hands so that they can keep buying credit being the important thing like the it's all just credit to keep the system going and so social liberals I have the have the the cultural position and social position and due to their wealth due to their their holding onto that fragment of work middle of middle-class wealth that we're still hanging on to that's slowly shrinking this iceberg of post-war wealth that went to the middle the white middle class mainly and is now slowly shrinking and people still holding on to some and the people holding on to more are the Liberals and so they have the they because because they have institutions like colleges that sort of launder their continued exist at the top their continued role in exploiting right like their exploiters

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and they know it and you go to college to sort of soothe yourself of feeling bad about 0:18:42  
it and that leaves you coming out of the end liberal socially you don't go to college  
here on the bottom if you're being exploited well then you don't have really a lot  
of guilt to sue in the first place and then you don't go through the process and  
so you are more likely to blame cultural elements especially if there's a party that  
exists to convince you that there are cultural explanations for this and that blame  
other people for things because you're trying to blame somebody for your for why  
you're mad the liberal isn't trying to blame anybody liberal is trying to assuage guilt  
those are the two poles of motivation for politics liberal wants does not feel guilty  
the conservative wants to blame somebody and so the Republicans are there to have  
scapegoats at a cultural level for them to go to and that's why they gravitate towards 0:19:43  
their liberals want they want to feel virtuous and therefore going for the underdog  
makes them feel better and it makes them feel like they deserve their wealth now  
and what happened with the Republican Party is Pearlstein points out is that as  
economics fell away as the thing you could actually talk about when you're running  
for anything and got filled with culture that meant that the party itself filled with  
people who cared about culture because the people who care about culture they're  
producing people who don't have that old understanding they don't understand that  
these things are just to write to rile up the rubes they don't understand that this is  
supposed to be rhetoric because they're learning they're sleeping the same culture  
that everyone else is now absorbing that all emanates from the alienation caused  
by the industrialization cutting off growth and so over time the party itself becomes  
taken over by those people the true believers and now what we see with Trump is this 0:20:44  
that like his war with the deep state is a war with the now totally triumphant lumpin  
reactionary Hicks basically over the remaining shell of establishment Republicans  
who understand that they're in a global \*\*\*\*\* system we are in a global system  
you dumb Hicks we can't bring the jobs back you have to give people bread and  
circuses what are you doing but guys like Trump and the specific and the people  
who follow Trump - one way or another they don't understand that they think that  
like the capitalism is discrete economies and then America needs to compete against  
the other discrete economies not that capitalism is monopolizing and totalizing and  
that there is no separating these there's no separating us from China there's no  
separating us from Europe or Mexico or anybody else there's only facilitating the  
flow but because we don't talk about that to people and no actual conservative voters 0:21:46  
think that's what's going on they think we're in a battle between states they vote for  
people who also believe that and now they run everything and they're in a civil war  
with the remaining institutional memory of the bureaucrats who are more connected  
to the data and less connected to the ideology than anybody in the system still

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knows to be necessary and that's why Trump got in there and he immediately folded on everything because that establishment bit back but now over time we're seeing that the pressure is mounting because that's the center of gravity of the Republican Party and like that's the kind of thing that you kind of hoped could have happened in Reverse with Bernie he gets in there and you've got the true believers but now you know the idea of being now it's believing that that scene through their lie as opposed to the Republicans who are just taking seriously the propaganda of the up of the you know the upper ranks and that's because at the base the Democratic Party could theoretically make a solitary and anti-capitalist argument which is impossible 0:22:47 for the current Republican Party to do consider capitalism is embedded in DNA the argument the debate between the populace and the establishment is just what that means it's a it's a it's an information question it's not ideological and I would say that the establishment ones no understand the nature of capitalism more than the Nationalists and the populace so they're dumber technically even if they don't like capitalism and that's good they really think no it's just this type of capitalism and that we can get a good capitalism which we whiten it up they have less information or they're dumber and it's a combination of both and they reinforce each other they're dumber conservatives than the establishment ones who understand that this is a global system and you know may have to manage flow and that means cultural change is gonna happen and you have to defuse it by by giving cultural grievance 0:23:51 a a vent whoo all right I hope that made sense I was thinking about that all day and I was like this is gonna be a little abstract and I and there's gonna be a lot of threads I hope it made sense so anyway that's why that's a good book and that's also why the liberal culture war can never be the place where anything will be won it's impossible it is a busy box it is an Oregon accumulator for all the political alienation that should be channeled towards building institutions of resistance to capitalism you're just putting all yours usance engineer you're filling it up you're nothing into this thing every day and all of your political anima goes out of it and then so yeah stop stop putting or go and stop getting the Oregon keep your Oregon to yourself 0:24:53 you sometimes you get an overflow and you got it you got to like relieve the pressure from the tire and I I understand I do it I have to do it I mean I have to do it for the job but also I have to do it for myself but I try to do it less and less I tried to wean myself like today I tried to start talking big picture and then I ended up talking back once again but the thing is I'm not even talking here about political talking here about the Internet I mean I'm sorry but the social issues the social the culture war cannot be a plus a plate that doesn't just mean on the Internet it means anywhere it can't be a productive place and I think you'll find anyone who says but what about XY and Z what they're talking about is the potential for those things to be wedded

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to a socialist project that you're talking about breaking open a consensus that is now open for capture and it frees free is this free flowing and it's a question of how to exploit that how to use that energy the most beneficial but that is always with in mind the knowledge that it cannot be the endpoint of struggle because then you end up going from tearing down one statue to trying to tear down a bigger statue and just finding more emotionally somebody asks how did materialism and Buddhism go together in my mind it comes down to this Buddhism is a base to me and you can say I'm wrong but it works for me and that's what matters to me and no one else can check my work because there is no great and test-taker in the sky sorry it's just an acknowledgement of the unity of everything at very very fundamental basis the idea that the universe is one thing eternally we are all connected we are all the same stuff to the point that our assumption of separateness is a delusion I think that's it and then the next thing is the next recognition is okay so separateness is an illusion but it still is one that that persists because of our accumulated experience of it you know like it's it's like echolocation we build a world around us that becomes real and to separate it that's how we that's how consciousness is formed out of the void and then it's right it's that that is thinking that it's a void and not that it's just more of the same stuff and I think materialism is the analysis of how that illusory but still existent material world operates it's like okay there's separateness and illusion but look through this this dimension this this the shaft of light it shapes up to look like something how does that something operate like how it's it's describing the waves like if you imagine the universe is a giant ball of water with waves rippling back and forth throughout it materialism is describing how they how they came to be and how they are bounce bouncing off of each other and how they will bounce off of each other in the future and I think that dialectical the grinding of opposites of objective to subjective momentum and position I think that's what generates the form the material the all right that was good I felt good so let's take some questions cuz that was pretty heavy let's get silly with it if anyone has like some fun history counterfactuals or or f marry kill things or just you know how many ducks i can fight a knife to i grilled yeah i grilled a couple times last week I did birds and and Glee's as we now have to call them as now in my head I can't call anything else I heard it like two weeks ago and now it's instinctive that's how culture works so insidious but of course I'll probably forget it in another week it holds you tight and then let you go I'm gonna try to smoke some pork in fact guys this is a good chance for me to announce this so tomorrow if things go well I might cancel it cancel it I'm gonna try to smoke a pork but tomorrow I'm gonna you know put some stuff on it put some rub on I'm gonna get one of those low and smoke things going it's good I'm gonna do it it's only got two pounds of two pounds of pork shoulder so probably like five

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hours five six hours I'm gonna make a hoisin sauce that someone gave me a recipe for but I'll have backup if it doesn't work and I'm hoping to stream at some pro during the process so you can like take a look at what it how it's looking and watch me maybe spritz it down with some with some vinegar solution so if everything goes well I'll have that but I'm gonna have backup probably just some steaks or something in case it it goes to \*\*\*\*\* okay so you don't want to I don't want to don't I'll leave everybody empty-handed after they come for a grill but I do have a meat thermometer so I apparently I had one the entire time I didn't even know I did I found it on top I look the mossad up that weird-ass poster that that Cuomo made 0:31:8 someone Ursula Lawrence is a Twitter shout-out she pointed out to me that it looks very much like one of the paintings that hardwood flipped Fritz merrill made of like the the symbolic alchemical paintings that explain the the nature of the universe and how to pierce its mystery he he it looks very alchemical it looks very very much like an esoteric shark it looks like one of those things that you find in a book of errata from like a famous schizophrenic intellectual one of those like Henry Darger guys who leaves a tiny apartment filled with scrawls that end up getting published by soft skull press and there it is in the back oh yes the the the consciousness-raising arch this is this is the cowbell of eternity here it was really cool or like yeah like a medieval text 0:32:10 like a medieval a medieval drawing of like the Kingdom of Heaven or or illustration from it looks like if you turn it upside down it could have been Dante's 9 rings whoa what if what if you put like a black light on it or something or put like put a candle behind it and it just becomes that I'd be pretty funny god damn it I'm so mad I'm so disappointed that logic authority 9 is not gonna get another season they had said they were setting up such good stuff and you know that it wasn't gonna be a thing where oh it's gonna lose its momentum they had I guarantee you they had like a season the number they said it a season number in advance like I would guess like 4 or 5 probably would have tied it up damn it shouldn't have made a deal unless they could have sworn to get him at least three seasons because I think you can do ok with three but two is especially when you got such a great mystery in the background all the stuff with Orbis and the parabola group and of course duds dad who 100% is 0:33:12 not dead like 0% chance that their father is dead the Dudley the Dudley clans dad no way he will come back he would come back for sure third season although I think it could have been a fun twist if dad finds out that he finds evidence that his dad's alive and of course Liz doesn't believe him and he follows the trail and finds out that yeah his dad did faked his own death but then he had died subsequently I think that'd be kind of funny and like fit with the themes of the show but yeah and I'm assuming that the parabola group invented Bitcoin like that seems to be pretty clear that that's gonna happen I would like to know more I would like to know more I'm

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clicking on that and they won't give it to me \*\*\*\*\* it Bezos rescued the the expanse  
from cancellation and put it on prime and it's like people tell me that's a good show 0:34:13  
whatever sci-fi bah bah bah not really my thing it just shows that \*\*\*\*\* lizard man  
has no taste that he won't pick up \*\*\*\*\* lodge 49 for one more I'm calling you out  
Bezos on your own platform \*\*\*\*\* ball \*\*\*\*\* that's right I'm on twitch right now  
hey I'm speaking to you you \*\*\*\*\* gecko ass \*\*\*\*\* put the show back put the show  
on I had to live in Europe where would I live problem maybe people's Berlin was  
it but really is it's it's cliché to say but it's very nice Ireland too but realistically  
Iceland in a compound geothermal heat hydroponic agriculture interlocking fields 0:35:15  
of fire across absolutely empty lava flows until the volcano inside goes off and kills  
you you'd be \*\*\*\*\* you could survive any the Netherlands is nice too I have to say  
I'm very charming where is the best possibility for a leftist Marxist movement you  
know what I kind of think it's people I've talked to people who made this argument  
and I think they have something I think it's the Chinese working class because  
they are the people who hold the condition closest to traditional Marxist notions  
of class consciousness formation densely packed urban factory workers those that's 0:36:18  
who built socialism in this in the Europe now of course because of cultural difference  
and time difference and Technology difference it doesn't mean it's gonna work this  
time along the same axis because Marx was figuring a certain cultural context now  
manufacturing of consent and alienating people from their class consciousness and  
from their very spirit being have elevated surveillance technology propaganda we've  
created an entire virtual virtual dimension where people can dump all of their energy  
and discontent into that something Marx literally couldn't have imagined so that  
means we're not in the same situation but those people are the closest we've got  
and so if there is anything to that notion of this is the friction that creates the fire  
they've got the best kindling and that's why I think the dream the dream scenario  
even in the catastrophe the rolling catastrophe that now is going to be the 21st  
century there's no way out of it it's going to be at the catastrophe century I mean  
we're already starting we're here it's if this is normals over this is the new normal 0:37:20  
until the new normal shows up and it's all going to be bad but the one where there's  
recovery towards recovery away from this critical failure this critical over emphasis  
on capitalism criminal overconsumption towards some sort of stable a world system  
of sort of positive feedback loop of socialism where we're a consumption is distributed  
southward and transformed into efficiency and then that efficiency is just like a  
the same kind of concept of a flow that exists in our capitalism in a world system  
but positively towards I hate to use the word but healing way so that's if that's  
gonna happen I think it's gonna happen in some sort of union between China and  
in the United States on the terms laid out by the negotiators who would be in the

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good scenario the working class just in some way like working or in America in the United States like working class plus progressive booyah instead of being led by just this rump social liberal nothing else current bushwa that we have now against the Chinese like a renewed Chinese working class now the Chinese working class one of the things they have to fight against is that the government that there or would they would have to organize against calls itself communist so they're gonna have a harder time than previous generations of alienated workers putting a name to their alienation because parsh part of the descriptive architecture that would have got them to class consciousness is going to be tarnished and alienated from so that's one of the more there are many reasons that we're on a run of bad trajectory and and any good outcome is not in any way to be assumed but anything could happen still and of course the bad the bad version of that is a corporate merger carried out between the billionaire captured Chinese Communist Party and our bushwa dictatorship parties representing capital just handshaking across the Bering Strait and then that then we get then that then we get then we do get the net Matt Stoller nightmare where Chinese social control gets imported entirely to the United States that is what would happen so Stoller's stories nightmare is absolutely a possibility but his where he gets it wrong is because he's a \*\*\*\*\* libertarian because he does not he hates the concept of dialectical reasoning he's like almost a pure liberal in his thinking he thinks the way to defeat to stop that is by having conflict with China meaning heightening conflict between our perspective working classes yeah that's a great idea dumbass how that work in World War one how did the problem of the Rhee the real threat to like democratic institutions in Western Europe to like Kaiser right so apps like monarchism like the central powers like the the don't you think they're I mean obviously a lot of it was propaganda but there was a genuine concern among like the leftists who ended up supporting the war credits in their respective countries and it broke open and you're gonna use use those same principles those same principles of xenophobia and nationalism that mystify and obfuscate the class conflict that we have to \*\*\*\*\* instead create you're only going to lead to the worst outcome where they just blow each other up and then we have a new Dark Age where emerging from the rubble of our global capitalist Empire is a neo feudal technocratic archipelago of remaining stakeholders your bezos's your Zuckerberg your cokes your Oprah's all of them now using their technology the remnant technology that they have disproportionate access to to command a neo feudal economy of direct service and all those beautiful liberal institutions and even communist dreams of social equality fall into the dustbin of history for another millennium so good luck with that Stoller you dumb \*\*\*\*\* the way to defeat that danger of the corporate takeover the merger happening that you pretend to think as a takeover because you don't

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understand that there it's this it's two hands and the same thing the way to defeat that is to establish working-class solidarity and functionality through the institutions hopefully rising labor militancy like I said big-box retail is a huge site of struggle there and and party some sort of Workers Party maybe I don't know I've been I've been thinking more and more about the need for that I wouldn't have said that before the burning thing but like and I don't think we were wrong to do it I think it was necessary it was like you needed to be disenchanted of that as option and there was no way to wish that away it had to happen but now I'm wondering if that's a necessity I don't know for sure because you know you know it's all about the response and we're gonna about see some massive shocks coming up to people in terms of the level of exploitation and alienation that they're gonna be asked to suffer they're gonna have to alienate themselves from their own their own life they're gonna be told that they're gonna have to voluntarily risk their life more than they already are consciously anyway in order to keep doing things that they don't even want to do I mean my god can you imagine the turbocharging of alienation where it's like hey you know that job you don't even like and you do technically risk every day you're gonna get by hit by a car or shot by somebody while you're there or whatever to add to that we're gonna add the conscious knowledge that there's a contagious \*\*\*\*\* disease out there that could any moment get you and kill you or even worse and more likely may have you give it to an older family member and then they get sick and then you get to make that risk you have to take that risk of your own volition you have to internalize that that's what that's the wage slavery concept that's why wage slavery is in many ways more insidious psychologically even than chattel slavery because you internalize it even greater you are the one doing this you're the one who went to work you're the one who got your grandma sick you're the one who as they cut off your leg oh I deserve this in a way that it's unique and it's horrifying and that's gonna go somewhere that's all I'm saying that's alien nations going somewhere and there's very little organizational bottle there's a very little relational infrastructure to catch any of it like it so it's gonna be a raging torrent and we need to have like a couple of guys hats and like a bucket there's no there's no like conduit you know it's people just everybody bailing with their hand with their hats as this raging torrent there's like all the thought leaders and all of like the strategists and all the politicians are just trying to grab the bucket loads we could be building an actual conduit to catch it and direct it and I think like some of that is being done but we're too early in it to know what parts are gonna be durable and I think that honestly I think that this election is going to be a massively important not the results necessarily but how the parties respond to the crisis that's going to be perpetuating itself that's why I can't be very optimistic but I also cannot go black pill in any way because I don't have

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enough confidence in my ability to predict the future to say that I know what the \*\*\*\*\* is gonna go on here and I don't trust anyone who claims that they do because I'm sorry we're all we all have that dunning-kruger effect somewhere in us because you cannot fully know your own biases and you can't know things you don't know you can't know you you can't always know that there are things you don't know as Donald Rumsfeld said and he was right like that the thing he said was very accurate 0:45:33 but it's just he was just but some of us it's too late I think you can say pretty definitively it's too late to prevent a century of catastrophes but there are degrees of catastrophe you know like the crisis of the third century is different than you know the Justinian plague is different than like the Mongol invasions of you know like there are periods of dislocation and and warfare you know but like all right what about compare like Ireland in the 70s the troubles like you could say that that was a period of prolonged social crisis was a lot of misery compare that to I don't know Persia 0:46:34 during the during the Mongol invasion you know the thing where they wiped out maybe 90% of the population there are degrees here and they could be they could be shaped only in the moment that they occur because the conditions obtained then and they don't obtain now and we can only prepare you can only Christopher Hill someone asked about Christopher Hill as the Marxist historian yeah he's really good he wrote a book about that I read about Oliver Cromwell as like a you know proto bushwa yes Ellen Ellen metal skins wood is also very good and of course Hobbs 0:47:37 Bob if you want to do European history 19th 20th century European history you gotta go with Hobbes Bob you're gonna come in here and you're gonna be quoting Hobbes Bob on me age of extremes yeah CLR James also very good come on Cedric Robinson excellent yeah these guys got it all covered everyone they're saying it's pretty good I wouldn't call Tony Judt a Marxist but he's he has a very good handle on the shifting political economy of Europe ooh somebody asks a very interesting counterfactual I was actually talking to Brendan about this the other day counter of fact I think one of the think it'd be fun to you could do kind of an experiment with counterfactuals where most of the big ones that people talk about you can reason out in your head how oh it wouldn't change things how much because at the end of the day events individual events cannot they have a spot they have a butterfly effect okay and they create a pattern of randomness but individual discrete events for the 0:48:38 most part can't shift things if there isn't the necessary conditions for them to take the cultural conditions if they're not there that it will be overwhelmed by the flow just the stultifying reality of the existing institutions but the ones that are really interesting then the counterfactuals are very interesting are the ones where you have more of a fluid situation and the henry wallace nomination is one of those things were that could have actually very easily happened and if it had in the fluid moment

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of post-world War two when you had like the I mean the Democratic Party had gone from being like a Twilight Struggle at the beginning of the of FDR's administration the the the Democratic Party started out in a war between East Coast progressive types neo progressives and southern reactionaries and that was and that battle was demonstrated by the ticket FDR eastern elite liberal whose New York governorship 0:49:41 had been a laboratory of New Deal stuff that would become a new policies and John Nance Garner of Texas a old-school southern Democrat and everything that presented pork ball pork barrel politics plus good old-fashioned white supremacy and also isolationist politics because of that narrow-minded focus of local conservatism I told you about and by the end of the administration it was sort of a civil war at least before a Truman got in there it was a civil war between the East Coast elites guys and \*\*\*\*\* communists actual communists who were representing ended up being represented in the people who ran the Henry Wallace campaign for the third-party campaign in 1948 which wouldn't be necessary if by just a few quirks of history he'd ended up being vice president when FDR died which absolutely could have happened 0:50:44 and that's like yeah of course we don't have an institution we don't have we don't have anything like the institutions to accept communist rule in America and I would say no not out front not outwardly but I think you had enough genuine left-wing mobile internally mobilized organizational energy within the government and within the labor movement that you could have had the kind of a genuine entry ISM but Truman being president really helped slam the door on that and you imagine like he dies maybe he dies before FDR because before before the end of the third term 0:51:45 hard to imagine him losing re-election in 44 before there had been any chance for conservatism to pick up the pieces and start you know assembly assembling the the the cultural because at that point culture was still saying that the Soviets were the good guys and it had to because it was so the war was on and was only after the war was over that we were able to have that cultural that Mighty Wurlitzer of consent manufacturing turned against communism and against the Russians so there wouldn't have been cultural antibodies to fight it off it's hard to think I don't know it's such a big change that it's hard to really think how it could have actually played out I mean a lot of people say it would have prevented the Cold War and I think that I mean since since the Cold War was almost entirely imposed by the United States on a isolationist looking Soviet Union that had no real interest in brinkmanship which they proved in \*\*\*\*\* Greece by letting the entire the whole Greek left out to dry to 0:52:46 get \*\*\*\*\* rounded up and massacred by the monarchists in the British that was where the split from you Tito happen is because Tito was like what the \*\*\*\*\* are you doing this is another this is a front of the global revolution and Stalin's like yeah I'm trying to secure my borders here I'm trying them this shit's chest and \*\*\*\*\* it ain't checkers

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that was basically this is a good question Matt Trump or Biden will leave less blood on your hands guess what it doesn't matter I don't think this has been emphasized enough we all people like to say what difference does it make when you vote in a swing state I would argue that from a metaphysical perspective no vote anywhere matters no individual vote anywhere matters it's the principle of the \*\*\*\*\* Avalanche and the the snowflake it is a it is a moral the results of an election are a moral avalanche the crash on upon all of us an individual vote is an individual snowflake that lands on your finger morally it's like it's barely anything and so I think people really should 0:53:49 more embrace that idea not don't vote but don't put anything behind your vote not psychically important and the reason that's important is because that's where the whole argument against an electoral ism holds sway it's not necessarily that oh you know that there's some choice between elections and grassroots activism it's that elections if they are pursued with passion do divert because they take away your energy you commit yourself psychically to voting as a principle and then you do things like volunteer for a candidate or go online and argue about which candidate you support and that leaves you with less mana less anima less juice songs less orgone to direct towards a different campaign that doesn't mean don't vote it means know that you're just going in there and voting and the thing is is the more stuff you do in your real life about your politics the more organizing you do with your labor with 0:54:50 like trying to form a union or trying to help the Union you have or organizing for a union or organizing protests organizing tenants or associations organizing any kind of any kind of \*\*\*\*\* connective tissue building any social repair and he's repairing of the social net you're gonna find that you're not going to not want to vote maybe you like voting I like voting but you're not going to think about it that much and you're gonna go in there and press the button you're gonna leave because you're connected people who sweat over their vote and turn it into a talisman turning in to the soul defining feature of their worth as a person Trump voter Obama I voted for Obama these things meaning anything that isn't because it's the only political action you carry out so it has to have all the meaning attached to it so it doesn't matter who you vote for anywhere I'll probably write it in Bernie but once I'm in there all bets are off because it's it's blowing away an eyelash if you feel like you're contributing 0:55:51 politically somewhere else because it will feel fake if you just if you just say I'm voting doesn't matter but you don't do anything else you're still posting online all the time about Biden guess what buddy you don't actually think that if you actually thought that you'd be doing something else see I got people in my in my freaking men she's making an argument for a person it doesn't matter its tears in the rain it doesn't \*\*\*\*\* matter right in snuffleupagus I wrote didn't drill in 2016 maybe I'll do it again I'm just gonna vote for the Harper's letter that's gonna be who I'm gonna

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vote for just write it in right there yeah alright in Matthew Iglesias there you go a 0:57:0  
guy I I mean I don't hate him anymore I just pity him I really pity him and I realize  
why it's because I realized why he's so loathsome in such a toad boy it's because  
he's miserable every moment of his life because everyone in his life is essentially his  
coworker his Coast stakeholder he does not have friends everyone he has all have  
all of everyone he knows in his life is essentially a co-worker they're all in this big  
\*\*\*\*\* coffee room together and they're all coworkers and that's why a lot of these  
media people are liberal because they don't have friends they only have co-workers  
and we have colleagues the most bloodless reptilian word imaginable colleagues and  
what that means that you can never be really ever comfortable around them because  
you know that at the end of the day there's stranger and that means that they're  
gonna put their interests above yours with a friend you know that no matter what 0:58:1  
you do there's gonna be self-interest you know with anyone but there's also gonna  
be concern for you and there's people gonna be willing to sacrifice for you and that's  
I think that's why I pity him is because I realized oh like I don't really have I don't  
have colleagues I mean I don't want to sound like Dom Toretto too much here but  
I don't got colleagues I don't got co-workers I got family and I think it's because  
the different models we live in like we are like I said we're pre-capitalist artisans  
podcasters who are directly paid for by their listeners our artisans as I've said so we  
have the relationship of artisans like not are not artisan apprentice guys to get like  
guild members together like in a set like one of those really solid guilds where they  
like get hammered every night and they you know lead a procession through the town  
and throw a feast and then dedicate a dedicate like tours at the Cathedral and like 0:59:3  
run for Town Council and become burgers the dudes guild exactly so we are friends in  
our Lycan family in that way but because Iglesias has it race the pursuit like he ran  
towards establishment he ran towards establishment validation just like a lemming  
like just barreling across the tundra I spin pinpointed just pinned out dedicated and  
now he's here congratulations you won the media game and what is media in the 21st  
century it is going online and selling yourself and selling your takes and in a giant  
online office with everybody where everybody it all conversation is conducted over  
the \*\*\*\*\* water cooler that's it and so all of those HR rules and all of that enforced 1:0:5  
alienation from each other that caught the culture that makes office life amenable  
to socialism and amenable to socialist radicalism and radical and organizing because  
every ritual of it is alienating and one of the big ones is you can't really lever let your  
guard down because somebody will cut your \*\*\*\*\* throat and I everyone I could I  
don't do that like I'm not online building myself up that way because I don't have  
to I don't have \*\*\*\*\* shareholders to to answer to I don't have Vox shareholders to  
answer to I don't have Coast stakeholder Ezra Klein to answer to I don't have to go

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out see like a deliverables conference over this and so I I don't have to I don't have to feel anxious when I'm actually interacting with my friends who are my colleagues technically but like I said like guild member guild members so that's why I can't I used to hate iglesias absolutely oh god when I was like a takes I was an impotent 1:1:6 cloudless take Smith I hated him but now that I've like kind of become his peer in media anyway you know in terms of someone who's like on a certain platform in the discourse and taken like the other path I can look across the chasm and all I have to I can only pity him but I hated him when I was more frustrated when I wanted what he had I hated him but now that I know that that would have been a poisoned chalice I can't hate him anymore yeah I would love to get Guild's back but not like not it not as labour exploitation vehicles is what they became of course you know the way they exploited apprentices and and limited labor pool limited access I know 1:2:7 I'm sure I try to not hate anybody anymore I know I get I kind of like head up about people being willfully obtuse you know I'll still yell from time to time because it's instinctive but I can't hate the people anymore certainly the media people because none of them individually are even really doing anything bad enough to warrant a real moral reckoning you know it's the snowflakes in the \*\*\*\*\* or avalanche thing again you can't it's more it's more morally weighty than voting but it's not that much you're still just grinding out takes in the take mill how bad could you be you know and that doesn't go for that and of course that that that level of of empathy is then not as much that you would extend to somebody in say Judith Miller's position you know or somebody who actively produced propaganda that had adverse effects in the real world and then you know political leaders get even less business leaders get even less but there has to be a baseline everything for everybody all right one 1:3:12 more question then I'm even lizards like Bezos I mean the whole lizard thesis is that you become less human as you become more powerful and I think that's true you armor yourself against your fellow people you arm you delude yourself further and further into believing that you are an isolated consciousness and that you're not part of any greater being and that's a delusion you're driving yourself insane you're turning yourself into a lizard and you're sandblasting your own \*\*\*\*\* half of your brain's ability to perceive the world because these things are perceptible these things the connection is not isn't it doesn't it's not entirely built intellectually that comes after it becomes it comes after you are overwhelmed by the by the experience of oneness with others and he's never felt that and if he has he fights it off ferociously and that makes him miserable and that's where the empathy comes in because I 1:4:14 know that Bezos is \*\*\*\*\* miserable I mean he might still be deluding himself into thinking that he's gonna inject his body to a robot but like one of these days the whole thing's gonna fall apart even if it's a hundred years from now and then he will

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die and go to hell not in terms of actually burning in her soul or anything but his last moments will stretch into an anyway spreading love guys spread love bye-bye

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um hi guys uh today i have nothing i have no agenda i have no takes i don't have any bombs to throw i'm just very excited to show you guys my next level of grilling i've been grilling up a storm this uh early summer been doing mostly delicious blizzies 0:1:1 but also hamburgers steaks i had will over here to do a beer can chicken but you know oh that man's reach should exceed his grasp for what is the heaven for i decided even though i am a grilling neophyte that i'm gonna try to smoke pork shoulder that's right i've had this puppy on all afternoon uh i've got the gang coming over in a bit to eat it but in the interim i got it on there low and slow i have no idea if it's working i do have a meat thermometer so i'm not going to kill anybody and i have backup glizzies if it doesn't work and also we can go there's a store open still if i know but i think it might work and will has told me that if it's taking too long you can always put it in the oven at the end so for now though i want to try it i want to make a good 0:2:3 faith effort to try to smoke this bad boy and in a bit i'll show you what he looks like because i'm gonna have to spritz him with the uh with the apple cider uh soy sauce combo so you're gonna take a look and i gotta say uh even if this is a disaster it's gonna look good on the stream because it looks real good right now in my opinion the skin is getting it's got the crackle it's looking great uh but yeah no not making any promises i actually get it done but that's what i've been saying about this it's all about the experience i've had a lot of fun tinkering with this trying to get the the right amount of fire it's engaged me uh kept me grounded uh made me not feel that anxiety that ennui that restless torpor that is the dominant mindset of the idol late century nietzsche and last man or woman it casts it aside because i am i'm so 0:3:4 in a little bit here i'm trying to wait maybe another 15 minutes i'm going to try to i'm going to open her up i'm going to spritz her down you can take a look you can take a look i think it's gonna be good uh the marinade uh it's not a marinade it's a rub and it's uh will's blend actually uh and it's proprietary and it's delicious he's uh he's a great great great griller way better than me was final days the nixon movie i'm always ranting about oh no no the \*\*\*\*\* the nixon movie i am always ranting about is secret honor it's a one-man show starring philip baker hall as a consumed 0:4:5

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completely by shame it's great performance directed by robert altman as a student project at the university of michigan i think it's a tremendous movie and it gets at nixon's psyche i think better than anything because uh i was talking about like nixon's with somebody recently and about how like the rare really good ones philip aker hall is one of them but there's a couple more i'll try to think of it is that the thing that gets you from an impression to actual embodiment of nixon is is there's like an extra register of because he's very tight right he's very hunched he's very stressed he's armored in the reiki incense uh but he reaches a level of exasperation and anger where he kind of cuts through like the quaker waspy sort of social buffering is cut through with just this lightning bolt god love him but langella although i really like 0:5:7 that movie he doesn't do it he kind of he teases it but he never really hits the hits the note and i don't i don't know if uh if i could ever say that uh i'd have to watch it again but i don't really remember uh what's his name anthony hopkins doing it in nixon either and i'll tell you right now kevin spacey sure \*\*\*\*\* didn't figure it out uh in that elvis versus elvis meets nixon movie he made with michael shannon did you know that there are two movies made about the one time that elvis met nixon how is that that interesting how is that worth one movie oh yeah this uh this insanely drugged out megalomaniacal uh we're a hillbilly millionaire recording artist has a weird idea that he's gonna become a drug enforcement agent probably so he can score the best uh downers in town wants to get like a federal firearm since it goes 0:6:8 to see the nixon and it's like it was a five minute photo up and there's a photograph of it and that's who gives a \*\*\*\*\* who gives a \*\*\*\*\* nothing interesting about it and yet they made a a movie with bob gunton uh as nixon in a showtime original in the 90s i forgot who played elvis in that one does anyone remember has anyone seen that and then a few years ago before it all fell apart for kevin spacey he did one for theatrical release with michael shannon as uh as elvis and of course i've seen both of these you know i'm complaining about this horse \*\*\*\*\* and yet i have to watch it because screen nixon's are compulsive to me i have to see if there's one out there i'm eventually going to find it out because i find it fascinating like john cusack for god's sake blake nixon in the butler but spacey wasn't very good and shannon wasn't very good honestly and i love i was i said on twitter that i was bummed that 0:7:10 this uh john brown show on showtime is starring ethan hawk instead of willem dafoe i actually retract that i think the best guy who could have possibly played uh john brown was would be uh would be michael shannon but i gotta say i have a hunch about this movie i have a hunch about this movie uh or the the showtime series like from the voiceover and the c in the trailer it looks like it's trying to be funny which means that it's trying to be like uh a contemporary gloss on the historical moment right like oh john brown and those guys well what did what what was it really like

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and then it's it's sort of like that whole genre of you know like what if oh what if jane austen had a twitter account it's trying to contemporize a historical moment and i think that that's sometimes very useful and can be uh invigorating and like reverse sort of state expectations uh i think in this case it's i mean this is the first cinematic john brown we've seen since what uh \*\*\*\*\* van heflin in the santa fe trail 0:8:12 where he's an insane maniac and ronald reagan who plays george custer and then his best buddy jeb stewart have to go uh stop him from raiding harper's ferry and the fact that now we're getting a essentially soifed a a contemporized meaning civilized meaning desacralized meaning disenchanting john brown and i think that the only movie about john brown that could be interesting is one that took his religious faith seriously the same way that the only kind of movie that would make be interesting about nat turner would be one that took his religious faith seriously like with the way that the witch you know that movie the witch the whole what's great about the witch is the witch it tries to answer the question what was it like to be a puritan because and that's why the witch is real and it's never a question that the witch is real which is established as real as almost in the beginning of the movie because to them the riches were real satan was real you're going to go in there and be like 0:9:13 oh well look at these idiots this is you know oh they're clearly they've got scrafula and they think it's the touch of the devil what's the point of that we know how we feel about this \*\*\*\*\* what's interesting artistically is imagining what they were feeling about it and so i would want to see a non-jokey john brown a john brown that took that that was for the point of view of a character who had genuine world-shattering faith in the righteousness of his cause and that implies like a supernatural uh uh a mysticism a spiritual dimension that contemporary culture lacks completely and anything made with temporary contemporary culture in mind is going to be uh fraudulent and of course that attempt would fail you know we're trying we would be making that movie there would be a degree of condescension but maybe with condescension and the passage of time there is a deepening of understanding and you're able to tease out layers of empathy that you wouldn't be able to get making 0:10:14 all right about five minutes guys i'm going to open her up and let you see what she's looking like and you can hear the sizzle as the as i hit that puppy with my well the horniest founding father is pretty well established to be benjamin franklin right there's no real competition there the man was a uh profligate hornball and in fact he was a member of the hellfire club which is a group of upper-class perverts uh in england who would do uh black masses basically that involved mass orgyastic desecration of of prostitutes dressed as nuns and he was uh it's a cornerstone of 0:11:15 like q lore that and and really like all that \*\*\*\*\* franklin credit union that that whole like vein of conspiracy that uh the house that franklin lived in when he was

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on diplomatic mission and when he was inducted into the hellfire club was found a number of years ago to have a collection of human bones so yeah one way or another it was franklin to one degree some degree or another he was worshiping his own his own i'm going to read ulysses i think i need to read a couple more a couple more big novels right now i'm stuck i got caught by reagan land it's consumed me it's so good and it's when i'm done with that i think i might actually read russell banks's uh uh 0:12:17  
uh cloud splitter which is a big fat book about john brown not the book that they based the uh the snow show on uh and maybe that'll give me some of that maybe that yes i have red vincent bevin's book it's great uh apparently it's sold really well uh which i hope to think we had something to do with but then it was sold too well they sold out the first run and it took them forever to do another printing so if you can't get it hold on it will be back in stock oh man i didn't know they did a dollop on sean brown oh that's that that's going to be fantastic i all right guys you guys ready to take a look all right all right gang gang gang here \*\*Music playing\*\* donna 0:13:27  
see that hear that sizzle you hear that yeah let's get a quick okay it looks like it's on schedule skill gonna have a bit more like maybe maybe i think a couple hours uh but yeah i think she's got a couple yeah the heat's coming off so if it doesn't work 0:14:28  
that's fine i've got hot dogs i've got hot dogs i've got hamburgers life will go on and i will have learned from my mistake what can i tell you folks i'm a grower not a shower uh i've got a hoisin sauce that i'm very excited about with some garlic in there a little hot little uh little pepper for heat um i like the i like the uh i just have some watermelon nobody ever wants sides when i come over here oh no someone 0:15:30  
wants me to explain dialectics as though they were a child i guess i would simply they say this most systems of analysis in the west certainly capitalism certainly like the way uh rationalism as we understand it uh certainly like the every ideology that undergirds the providing ideology of the moment uh considers things in one or the other states but never at the same time they know they do not contextualize events in time which means the three-dimensionality of the thing the fact that something is 0:16:31  
the way it is because of preceding precedence uh you can a lot of people will will sort of grant the truth of that statement but it does not inform their actual thinking uh and when you think that way what you end up doing is you end up grinding space against time in a process that is essentially uh the persistent conflict of opposites until you resolve a remainder that's the dialect that's the dialectic that's the engine of history like in the liberal conception of history we are all powered by little individual batteries of soul or spirit unmoved movers the things that make me do what we do societies ideas cultures systems are built by self-imposing will on the world dialectical 0:17:32  
materialism says no people are humans are formed by the resolution of opposites and then they work in the world by resolving opposites there is no unmoved mover it's

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just the flickering it's the kinetic flickering of of energy through history i hope that makes some sense and it's the resolving of those contradictions that the dialectical contradictions in the process of resolving them you leave a new thing that is part of both but different from either and it isn't so it's never a question of one proposition or another being correct every proposition basically certainly in sciences and certainly in social sciences is correct the question is is it correct in this context is it a tool that works on this machine not it's true or false it's always true but is it true now 0:18:36 and i'm sad like it's very hard for people to get this because we don't teach it that way we teach the idea that there's a right and a wrong answer to things and wrong things are like in a bucket of wrongness that they can never be rescued from and they get rejected and then you leave the that you leave the \*\*\*\*\* that you need for your \*\*\*\*\* to create the third thing you'd throw it away and that's why it's so hard for people to think about this stuff that's why so much political discord discussion ends up becoming a sterile moralistic argument like there's a moral there are moral claims and material claims in every situation and the presiding ones from the standpoint of wanting to change them are the are the practical ones the moral ones are secondary the moral ones are just a reflection of the conditions and they can only be changed by addressing the conditions you can't address them at the level of of uh of of of morality of at the at the spiritual level at the symbolic abstracted level and that's what we all do like uh like everyone's screaming about like if cops are good all cops are good 0:19:37 or bad or not it's like okay maybe they are they probably are you can make a moral argument that they inherently are does that matter though not necessarily not if you're in the position of trying to negotiate yourself towards a meaningful change in the situation a meaningful change in the material reality that is destroying the world and destroying all of us in it if that's your consideration then you have to ask well what usefulness is this truth as a motivator of action it's good but is it something to insist on to everybody in the face of the need to create a broad as pro brought a possible coalition of people to not just believe a certain thing but that's the primary issue and everything has to be folded into that and online makes it possible for people to say that they can have their cake for dinner and that they can have their purely moralistic argument that keeps them purified that sanctifies them because it keeps puts them on the right side of history where they you can fan that's the only place 0:20:38 that you can convince yourself that you're not actively hindering things and making things harder no actually i'm doing the good thing it's because you're not engaging both and the thing to remember is that when i say the the thesis and the antithesis are coming together remember those two are both synthesis themselves everything is a synthesis but then eventually it they the the motion of of time of space going through time and vice versa shapes things the stochastic eruption of butterfly-like

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events shape those systems and change them and it's the degree to which humans can get into that process and will things in one or another directions that ma that counts that's the only thing that counts that's why mark said before today philosophy uh 0:21:39  
was about describing the world the point is to change it he said we want something different than the old idealistic argumentation that tries to create this category of how things should be without any consideration of turning it into reality but we because the internet allows us to fly to the abstracted levels as possible as quick as possible on on digital wings we've all forgotten that truth and are like no actually the point is to describe it as as just as detailedly as possible and make people feel a certain way about that by reading me the idea being that like there's going to be some spontaneous uh transcendent enlightenment because a bunch of people read the same argument at the same time that's that's liberal that assumes that these things are kindled in people's hearts that you have a change of opinion no you are pushed in one direction or another by the flow and ebb of time it's like the boat's floating and you and it's gonna go towards one or another port the good one or the bad one and 0:22:40  
you're behind it blowing on the \*\*\*\*\* trying to get it to go in the right direction and that's all we can do but instead we're describing the \*\*\*\*\* boat and we're explaining where it's going on i'm not using this person's saying am i is it wrong to say that we need to get rid of the ego because uh it's a war against between ego and id i don't mean ego in the in the in the freudian sense i mean like the conception of oneself as having a separateness being separate from everything that's what an ego is and it is just part of that and it is an expression of that of the phenomenon of being 0:23:42  
that kind of being it's the pure uh uh you know impulse the closest to the gangly impossible urges that satisfy that satiated us against the the nightmare horror and pain of being alive it's it's our opium it's the the it is scrambling for the nearest provision for some level of relief from the terrifying discomfort of being alive but if you don't have an ego or you are able to tame the ego there's nothing to defend there's nothing that needs to be soothed there's no fear or there's less fear and there's less fear of pain and there's less fear of death because there's less sensation of these those things as having value there's less there's less you put less emotion behind the idea of being in discomfort because and it and reduces your fear of being dead what is being dead being dead is just to be renewed to be returned to the flow my my 0:24:44  
separate from is entirely illusory and if you have that then that id can't be used as a \*\*\*\*\* uh as as the as the marionette strings by capital to what is my take on kanye's presidential bid i didn't say a word about it because i thought this isn't real and then people i saw for weeks took the stitch seriously enough that you had libs like doing songs about how pissed off they were at kanye and like chance the rapper is going off on a whole thing about whether kanye would be good for like how did none

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are you people like lobotomizing yourselves so that you could be interested in the news that you care about like is it so boring and and predictable in reality that you have to hypnotize yourself and into removing a crucial like uh part of your brain no 0:25:46  
he wasn't ready for president he if he was if you want to run for president without a ballot line from a party that already has access to a ballot you have to get uh signatures that vary a number from thousands to tens of thousands in all the states that you would need to cobble together the requisite electoral votes for it to even be a possibility for you to win but even to do it in one state would be an incredible lift this late in the \*\*\*\*\* camp election this close to november in a \*\*\*\*\* pandemic you guys got an album coming out his entire career him having the maga hat him doing this him marrying kim kardashian him becoming a cult leader they're all just branding because he is at the level where his his branding is his ideology like he he is so so fully absorbed the idea that he is a singular genius that the propagation of his genius and the awareness of genius is his evangelicalism that is he is evangel his evangel is himself because he's fully assimilated the notion that he is the the god of 0:26:47  
the universe and the most and the most intelligent being in it and the thing is it's very easy to do that if you're spinning at a high enough frequency i mean i felt that too because the thing is if god is as i think it is all consciousnesses that ever will or have existed that means that every one of us contains with it you know if you know like in a fractal the same thing so we all technically because we you know have access to the collective unconscious that that is synoquinon with god means we technically are god too and we could you can convince yourself well everyone's god i understand but i'm better at being god than anyone else so i should be and that's i mean and when you have that and the thing is the thing that stops you from taking that too far is having limits bumping against the material reality and when you're a billionaire \*\*\*\*\* celebrity that doesn't exist and it'll just drive you to the event horizon of so 0:27:53  
yeah of course he wasn't \*\*\*\*\* running for president i don't just i don't it's just i think people were they have to have been bored but how can you be bored right now my god everything on earth is happening and you need to care about \*\*\*\*\* kanye west you need to care about the letter have the same conversations and the same arguments you've been having against the same people for five years now without any variance in any of it without any single word exchanging being any different without any argument changing without any minds being changed it's like you're caught in the in a net in a maze and and you have you've solved all the puzzles so you have to take the stickers uh it's someone's asked what i'm grilling we're smoking a pork 0:28:59  
shoulder i'm not sure it's gonna work but i uh like i said it doesn't matter if one way or the other we'll all be here we'll have fun am i a dud or an ernie that's good that's a lot of 49 question oh man i think i'm like i'm benjamin buttoning because i feel

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like i was ernie for many years weird okay i would like to actually talk about this so 0:30:6  
apparently some weirdo trad cath guy found a tape for me when i did like a \*\*\*\*\*  
periscope from my apartment in cincinnati this has got to be four and it's like a clip  
of me saying how much i hate some group them because they're trying to make the  
world worse for people and the the guy the guy just said they he he wants us dead  
and i think people i it just shows like the the amazing way that that the speed of  
twitter is such that there are so many syntactic leaps that you make instantaneously  
like just analyzing a thing you immediately figure out like what the meme format is  
what the s what the what the surface uh meaning is what the underlying meaning is  
uh and uh based on who said it and what memes they used and of course the thing is 0:31:8  
it's entirely wrong you're you're diluting yourself into thinking you're figuring it out  
but you need to have some episteme you need to have some way to filter everything  
so but that's why people end up making insanely bad idea of conclusions and just  
being baffling to me like so it's just that they and someone i guess just because  
that guy's catholic everyone thought that meant catholics or even more specifically  
trad cats i was talking specifically about \*\*\*\*\* ross dalton and like if i broadened  
that to uh like his type of conservative i was talking about the people who were the  
influencers who were trying to delude people into thinking that there was some way  
to tame capitalism through christianity it's the idea that yeah i'm unlike previous  
generations of right-wing christians i will admit that capitalism is actually kind of  
incompatible with our values previous generation the guys who made the modern  
conservative movement and that made uh uh uh american religiosity now in the in 0:32:10  
the latter in the in the early 21st century they uh absolutely 100 thought that uh  
capitalism was inextricably linked to uh the to christianity because in the market one  
could express only in the market could one be free to express oneself from the heart  
only in the market could one freely live as a christian because the market facilitates  
all transactions uh now we've had enough years to know that that doesn't work that  
that's that's the \*\*\*\*\* wheels are off of that thing and some people are still doubling  
down and being delusional about it but there's a leading edge of conservatives who  
are like all right let's let's try to like tame this beast by acknowledging the capitalism  
is in fact destabilizing but convince them that the application of christianity at us  
at a at the level of policy uh i mean yeah they talk about reform but it's very very  
mild \*\*\*\*\* it's it's all just like tamp down the worst of the inequality but do nothing  
to deal with the accelerating rate of it uh mostly though you want to create a civic 0:33:11  
a civic uh architecture to support faith basically just it's it's it's neoliberalism for  
uh christianity like give them some tax credits give them some \*\*\*\*\* uh health shirt  
and insurance savings accounts or something like it's means tested it's like let's get  
let's let's just do the nudge but for uh christian values and that's the flimflam that's

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the \*\*\*\*\* scam and that's not that's to be contemptible that is gross but i mean i would not say i hate people now like one thing i think i'm genuinely different i'm a different person now and we all are everyone changes it's just a question of how much how perceptively and whether good or bad change i think that i have changed significantly i think i've changed significantly for the better i would not say broadly i would hate anybody but even because i feel like everyone could be empathized to one degree or another because they're humans like us and they did not choose to live how or when they did they their their reactions are so limited by the happenstance 0:34:12 and the randomness of the universe that it's hard to blame them individually in fact you can't really blame them individually but you have to acknowledge friends and enemies in the public sphere to be able to fight and you need to put energy behind that and sometimes that translates into personal distaste and i think that needs to be acknowledged as necessary fuel but just remember remind yourself that it is just that that it doesn't reflect a greater truth a greater existential judgment of them they're just they're god's creatures just like you they are god just like you they're they're as helpless and tossed by time and space as the rest of us but even that i would say guys like douthit at the doubted level the puppet master these \*\*\*\*\* cynical uh christianity pimps i do have distaste for them i don't want to wish them physical harm but i do distaste for them because they do bad they use the they they manipulate genuine human yearnings for freedom from the alienation of 0:35:13 of this materialist hell that we've created from capitalism and they just cynically fuse that to the \*\*\*\*\* machine that's been creating it it's like those environmental it's like environmental activists who secretly take money from like \*\*\*\*\* uh exxon or something to to endorse their like clean energy initiatives it's it's it's moral it's laundering immoral uh politics it's wandering in the immoral economic system that you're propping up boo see they're saying see it's just someone saying reimposing christianity if you could do it it might inhibit the flow but you can't what is the plan 0:36:16 to actually make people believe the \*\*\*\*\* state enforcement doesn't do it the most hegemonically catholic countries in europe historically the ones where this religion was most thoroughly pushed on the people from above are the most atheistic because it's alienating you can't do it it's not that the goal is necessarily evil it's that it won't work and if you don't know that i guess like you're ignorant and i should give you some sympathy for being a dumbass but i think a lot of these \*\*\*\*\* what i'm saying when i say that we need spirituality to infuse the new left and it absolutely has to happen it's going to be the sinews it's going to be the nervous system it's going to be the the electrical impulse system of whatever movement we create it's going to not be any of these old any of this old \*\*\*\*\* it's not going to be cosplay catholicism it's not going to be evangelicalism uh it's not going to be some new age \*\*\*\*\* it's 0:37:18

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going to be i don't even know what it's going to be because it's so emergent yet it hasn't emerged but it's necessary and it's going to be syncretic so attempts to like demand that it fits some category it's like all you're going to do is justify you're going to you're going to endorse the state capital fusion to the degree gives you the gun of culture and then you can wave the gunner culture around and force people to do what you want but guess what you'll never win their hearts you'll never convince them and culture will continue to drift away from you and then you will blame them and then so right now let's focus on the reality of what's going on how about we focus on the the fact of the 30 million perhaps people being kicked out of their homes at the end of the \*\*\*\*\* month how about that how about the fact that we've got 150 000 people dead and maybe another million coming all of them pulled from the most vulnerable parts of society because we got to keep the \*\*\*\*\* bloody wheels of 0:38:19 this \*\*\*\*\* disgusting machine slicked with blood how about we talk about that and honestly if you can't acknowledge the the the emergency right now if you can't emer the actual absolute uh vitality of this moment if you can't if that won't convince you that maybe your thing that you care about even if it matters might matter more to you morally than to the moment and that's why i can't say one way or the other whether i think we can really get our way out of this because i don't know how people are going to respond as the crisis deepens i don't know if they go inward or they turn outward and everything all our incentive structures to turn inward and that's what's that's what makes me less optimistic but i'm more optimistic because i recognize my own \*\*\*\*\* failings that i am i don't know everything i don't know what's going on really i only have a little keyhole peak into the world at any given moment i'm piecing things together from \*\*\*\*\* scraps and on my cons and my like 0:39:21 uh my my rasio nation is is larded with personal uh uh prejudices biases and uh and perversions that i don't even know are there that are layered in deeply at the subconscious level a level that i have no way of accessing at this point in my life right now of course i don't know what's going on and times change everything and so how can i say with any certainty that oh i'm black-pilled i am so black-filled really wow you're the one guy who knows what's going on is the one person who isn't piecing \*\*\*\*\* together mostly from sugar packets you're the first one i've met then if no no you still someone's asking if getting rid of pain means getting rid of joy you can't 0:40:22 get rid of pain nor should you because joy is is life can be joy if that's what you give value to you won't not experience either but only one of them will will resonate you can like pick the frequency to make it so that pain is not painful because you can contextualize it away uh suffering can be soothed by your mind not by trying to soothe it in the way that your your your reptile brain wants you to by flitting about and and trying to seek uh unsustainable physical pleasure uh or soothing through

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through consumption or anything or through emotional uh catharsis thanks to the internet that those things will eventually that's never going to get you where you need to go but you can soothe internally by contextualizing all your pain and then when good things happen you can just feel them you can just feel the thing you can feel the sunshine and not get the sunburn because you're transparent you can become transparent at a moment's notice that's mindfulness i'm certainly not there i'm not even close but i'm on the journey i'm reading the books i'm doing the the daily meditation i think that i am i feel remarkably uh even keeled and at peace considering how things have only gotten way way worse and more uh more volatile since the beginning of quarantine and i feel a million times better i was miserable at the beginning of quarantine in a way that i couldn't even articulate to myself and now when all the sort of worst case scenarios i imagined and kind of assumed would happen in in uh april are now all coming true i am less nervous about it than ever because i'm less i'm less uh tightly holding on to this architecture of self-soothing but it's certainly tenuous and i could definitely fall off the beam at any moment but what makes that not anxiety producing is knowing that i know what to keep doing at any point that i fall i can just recognize myself falling and and i'm not saying that whatever i'm talking about is the synthesis this like i am the prophet of the new thing absolutely not i'm far too limited i i my experience is far too uh individuated to ever have that kind of ability i'm really like talking out loud about what i think will happen and if i have any effect on it it will be it will be that whole snowflake and that's how i try to like remind myself that's how i can avoid becoming kanye you know it's just knowing how absolutely limited my perspective is even though it's touching on to the entire gossamer fabric of reality at any given moment i am just is there anywhere i'd like to travel outside the u.s i've never been uh \*\*Music playing\*\* i get yeah i think everywhere i haven't been i have some sort of i can't think of anything that really sticks out is something that i really really yearn to see though i would like to go to japan just to see like the future while it still exists before but of course the joke is as an american i will not be allowed out of the country for a good couple of years and i have to say i there is a a cheap but beautiful irony all right about um the fact that the trump administration began and i know every liv on earth has pointed this out but it is such a just perfect rod sterling level bit of ironic reversal that trump came into office and his first year was entirely consumed with questions of keeping people outside of the united states trying to get in mexicans illegal immigrants of any kind illegal aliens whatever they wanted to slander them with uh and muslims and now his term is ending with amer the american passport gaining you access to like 21 countries down from 180 or whatever we're actually we're not allowed on most of the countries in the world that's just the perfect karmic

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boomerang it's too it's too uh tidy and neat which of course is what's so unnerving about this moment like at every moment that the the the uncanny feeling of this era is reality becoming uh the joke reality reality conforming to the exact structure of a joke that's that's like chilling it's like oh like reality is interceding it's going beyond it's breaking through the imaginative level it's it's actually breaching the containment 0:46:31 between like our collective like unconscious and reality actual physical reality and when that fusion completely happens then we have been assimilated that's that's the the \*\*\*\* singularity the bad one when capitalism literally turns us into uh nodes in its neural brain we become part of the robot brain of a of an absolutely desacralized capitalism that does no longer serves humanity because uh it is no longer composed of humans humans have been reduced to pure stimulus response units pure desire and satisfaction energy input energy output that's the human part of this neural net that'll be that that'll be where we end up if capitalism of course if capitalism is stopped and we are ever able to get to a point of technological synthesis it flips 0:47:34 and we we fuse with we we breach that barrier between the imaginative between the spiritual and reality on humanity's terms on the terms of a fully self-aware uh species being that is as unified as like a using technology to to achieve oneness to arrive at nirvana heaven or hell socialism or barbarism all of it meaning the same thing the end state of transcendence where all humans have been stripped of anything that makes them such and turned into cogs of pure desire all their least their least noble elements just squeezing out of them like a toothpaste tube or where all the best all the best remaining all the best synthetic goo remaining from squeezing all the flesh 0:48:35 out of the human race we'll be we'll be will be what we consecrate that would be heaven i hope that oh boy i hope that made sense that's i got pretty uh pretty the food is still going to take a while uh it's it's going to take a bit because it's boric i think it's got to get to 190. in fact uh give me a second i'm going to go uh i'm going to check i'm going to check so \*\*Music playing\*\* she's coming along nicely 0:50:24 oh wait a minute it's not 190 what's it supposed to be what what is what is the thing i thought someone tell me it's not anywhere near there yet so i'm fine it's not like i'm going over overcooked i just need to know so it is 169 oh you 165 if it's 165 i'm on perfect glide path to success if it's 1565 i think it's gonna happen gang what but people say 145. all right i'm going 165 because that's what i'm on a good path for i'm ignoring all other advice but thank you for giving me that i'm very excited besides will's coming and he'll know too i'm just trying to before he gets here i'm 0:51:26 trying to keep it on the good good tip to know that i'm on the good point i'm i'm on a good oh yeah it's going to be good guys we're going oh i'm not doing pulled pork i want to stipulate that i'm not doing that i don't like about pulled pork uh i want i want to yeah i want to just like get it off so i'm going 165. thank you guys

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because yeah now i know the information all right oh boy okay all right what do you  
guys anybody have any questions i got a little bit of time left for uh for i guess to get 0:52:27  
start ready for the grill the grill party what's going on doggies what's up cats and  
kittens anybody have any non i have not totally stopped drinking i because i used to  
go out a lot and i would drink a lot when i went out now even when i'm here i don't  
drink as much and now i'm drinking uh more color less calorically dense beverages 0:53:29  
because now i'm a claw boy i love a good claw i'm so happy to have those little guys  
i get to feel like a real housewife's child i also chief of course i chief more yes i'm also  
smoking more uh of the gods of the gods chiba thank you for saying that was a good  
episode with uh david i thought that went really well uh i love having him on he's  
one of the best he gets trump culture he gets trump's mind better than anybody i  
think it's because of where he grew up honestly like he's a tri-state boy he's northern  
jersey and he grew up in in the exact in the exact shadow of trump's public persona  
so he's he got all that gamma radiation and uh i like the sativa of course most of the  
time because i don't like getting sleepy but i like to have a little bit of the old indica  
around if i want to make sure that i can fred trump was such a monster fred trump 0:54:30  
is an evil man and that's one of those things that uh that makes you have to give  
compassion to everybody because you think about how awful donald had it growing  
up and how he had to compensate for that then you think that that means fred fred  
trump had the same thing nobody's the prime mover of their own evil people are  
passing through all the trauma of every generation before and and to touch them and  
we have to people have to be responsible for themselves because no one knows that  
no one can be aware of all the forces that shape them so they're they're still prisoners  
and that means they're still dangerous and they have to be corralled and they have  
to be stopped but judged is where we get wrong judged and then morally condemned 0:55:31  
is where punishment becomes punitive when it becomes not a question of making  
things safer making a person less of a danger making fewer people less dangerous it  
becomes about punishing the person who did the thing and that creates a cycle of  
worsening social violence and and it's and it creates this vast pool of human misery  
that has to be submerged and taken off the streets like what happened with the the  
drop in crime in the 90s is we didn't really like eliminate crime what we did is we we  
legitimized crime we took a huge amount of social violence generated by our collat  
the collapse of our uh of our urban industrial economy we took all of that violence all  
that social trauma and we legalized it by turning it into mass incarceration with its  
attendant sadism and violence and exploitation and black markets and the creation 0:56:35  
of \*\*\*\*\* world-spanning criminal organizations like ms-13 and \*\*\*\*\* black guerrilla  
family and at every level this attempt to sublimate the trauma instead of work it  
out creates only more horror and trauma and that's because we lost we lose sight

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of the social context of people's actions and that's where punitivism that's where  
punitive culture and that's why that's that's why you have to contextualize everyone  
and everyone's actions and know that you are that even though you have to act as  
though you have free will you know that everyone else doesn't and you don't either  
you just can't tell how you can't know what is making you do the thing you're doing 0:57:44  
you think you're guessing and that is free will and that is also consciousness and  
the further you can strip down to that level that level of awareness of contextualized  
action and contextualized restraint the less you can feel the need to judge someone  
and get mad at them and want to and that's what robs the punit the the the exis  
the required existence at least as long as there's social trauma caused by capitalism  
which is going to be a while as long as you have the reality of social dysfunction  
coming from that you're going to have to have a system to deal with it and it's going  
to probably have to involve it to some level incarceration because people right now  
are very very messed up and traumatized and therefore violent that violence has  
to be contained because if it isn't you undermine the legitimacy of the project the  
state project you're trying to do and it won't last so you have to contain the excess  
trauma the the the the trauma that is reinforced by all previous generations and is 0:58:45  
still being reinforced though lower levels as you're trying to reform the systems uh  
so you have to be able to have some a carceral state but it has to have but you  
know the scandinavian system is largely drained of punitive uh energy because they  
don't you don't you understand at a cultural level oh there's a social reason for this  
and of course one of the big reasons that we don't do it that way is racism because  
race is one of those things that mystifies our relationships to one another and we  
would extend a certain degree of social understanding to people that we love like  
the more you love someone it's really just the more you're aware of why they do  
what they do the closer you are to someone the more you know why they do what  
they do and the harder it is to get mad at them and like empathy is just extending  
that outward further and further and of course like the greatest transcendence would  
be to love everyone as you love the people closest to you because you extend that 0:59:46  
understanding of their context and what made them do what they do as far out as  
possible if you could do that you would have transcended the emotional baggage  
of the desire to to punish and so in a racialized society people will extend more to  
their racial group and then they will not extend it to another racial group and so  
they blame them to for their crimes at a greater degree than they would blame their  
group for their crimes and so when prisons fill with them fill with these people prison  
conditions get worse and worse not only does that not bother you you think that's  
good they have it coming and a political issue becomes about how much you can  
punish them more take away their uh take away their gyms take away their weights

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take away their museum their libraries they deserve punishment as though any of that's going to fix anything it's purely it's just more and more trauma that's going to have to be recuperated in the culture you're doing more and more damage to your own society wildly flailing but you don't recognize that because you don't recognize those people as part of the same communion the same social order and so it that's reinforced over time and that's why a multi-racial working-class movement is the only thing that can break this thing off of its moorings and the question always has to be not the morality of a discrete issue not who's right and who's wrong at the etheric plane on every discrete issue but in the moment right now what combination of truths could be arranged to put enough weight and around the effort to move the \*\*\*\*\* wheel to to push to get momentum actually pushing things in the real world what is it i don't know where it is right now we're still floating we're like a floating kneecap just gliding on the goo but it's coming into being august is going to be a nut cutter 30 million people might be out on the does that cut through does that cut through the bias but does that cut through the \*\*\*\*\* does that cut through the self-serving libidinal wanking i don't know i do have to wonder what would if it didn't what would it take but like i said i i accept my my spec-like ignorance of the the grander machinations of world history and accept that anything can happen and that means anything means good too we're still we're still riding the edge between that we have not foreclosed all hope and as long as that possibility exists you have to keep going there's no alternative you either go or you destroy yourself through guilt and loathing because you know you should be doing something and all right guys any other questions i'm how did i get so cute i'll never tell buh-bye

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1:1:49

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oh i love this there i am rock me like a hurricane hi guys i'm back it's cushy's world tour or i guess basement tour backyard tour rather but he never really left anywhere i'm pretty convinced that all those joey videos take place in the exact same \*\*\*\*\* the the parking lot of the same awful giant mall and he just drives around and goes to the different places and gets a thing to eat it there he's never even left this whatever \*\*\*\*\* county he lives in \*\*\*\*\* joey what a fraud it was such a non-shock when i found out that he was a big trump supporter it's like really the guy whose job is to stuff himself for the cackling amusement of a bunch of rubes on youtube 0:1:3 likes donald trump i can't what would he have to see in trump what would a guy like joey's world tour have to see in common with trump that's absurd uh so the department of homeland security is just abducting people off the streets in portland huh that's happening now that's the next uh that's the next escalation that's pretty wild you gotta say that's that's and that is an escalation for sure and i'm seeing a lot of people were saying like all right this is the fascism you know the fascism we've been worrying about it's here and i mean while this is certainly an escalation in authoritarianism i think once again the word fascism kind of obscures the reality of what we're dealing with because i mean if you're just using fascism as a synoquinon for authoritarianism then fine whatever but if you're trying to describe you know the phenomenon of a christ of a terminally critical capitalism a dying capitalism trying 0:2:4 to protect itself by uh creating a a nationalist right populist movement this is an example of that this is an example of why we're actually in a scarier situation than that because i honestly think one of the reason people like to think that fascism is what we're dealing with is because it imagines that they'll get to fight it again they'll get to go in the streets like the red front fighters did they'll get to they'll get to b they'll get to put their stamp on history and say even if they win even if this is the fourth reich i i'm not gonna go down as one of those uh one of hitler's willing executioners or or one of the good germans who followed orders i'll go down there as like one of the one of the first communists to go into the \*\*\*\*\* uh concentration camps after the night of the long knives but this is actually kind of scarier because

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this isn't the cops this isn't the authorities this isn't capital sending out street thugs 0:3:6  
to stop people from uh from uh protesting it's first using the existing police structure  
to beat down the initial excitement and enthusiasm of the the uh protesters and then  
as the protests kind of lost their coherence they didn't necessarily stop happening  
but they were no longer part of a coherent movement with coherent goals even if you  
know you can say oh there's there's a political track there is but at the level of like  
the individual i mean it doesn't seem to me there's a lot of coordination between  
when cities have protests or what they're demanding uh and i'm not blaming anyone  
for that that's the nature of protest that's the nature of politics in the late in 21st  
century america but what part of the reason part of the result of that is that we are  
then demobilized and it then what we're seeing now is they'll just grab people one by  
one they'll literally pull them away when they're not part of any greater group when  
they don't have to worry about any kind of uh consequences for doing so and then 0:4:9  
have everybody individually suffer the trauma tactic i mean i'm sure a lot of these  
people are probably just they've probably already been let out after being questioned  
but the the psychological impact has already been felt they have experienced  
like what it would be like to be one of the disappeared in chile or argentina you know  
and if they're good leftists they sure shouldn't know about that uh it's like how they  
fake executed dostoyevsky in the gulag to scare him straight and it worked by the way  
which is the funny thing by turning him into an ecstatic christian but but by cutting  
us off from the herd one by one and traumatizing us individually in a way that won't  
afford us a chance to react in the moment that's how this is that's how they're gonna  
that's how they're going to establish whatever uh lifo capitalism is coming that's how  
they're gonna maintain the physical perimeter around remaining centers of capital 0:5:10  
that's why we need that's why we need an organized counter movement as soon as  
possible and i saw this today i mean i know that we've talked about how like the  
question of abolishing the police and you know dealing with uh the fact that there is  
a genuine need for a police force to exist for monopoly to be violent for violence to  
be monopolized by the state for some enforcement of laws in order to maintain basic  
social stability under capitalism which we still live under but also the need to have  
a long-term vision to to end it you know those things are that's a real argument but  
something like dhs which is the people doing this it's not the local portland cops it's  
department of homeland security abolishing dhs is a \*\*\*\*\* slam dunk that should  
just be an unambiguous demand because it's not necessary in any way it's just a  
coordinating it's just one of those \*\*\*\*\* coordinating fusion centers for distribution 0:6:12  
of authoritarian violence like they pioneered during the phoenix and that's why you  
know the degree to which the police have to be restr restrained and have their power  
reduced which is significantly disarming them is one of the big things because a lot

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of these cops will quit if they don't have to get to have guns and then the ones who would join would be less insane uh and of course you know you have to worry about the whole uh you know deep affigation question but i think that could be managed uh in the context of radical uh redistribution of like securing the base of the economic structure of america removing the the winnowing horror the grinding ceaseless uh uh uh traverse on the \*\*\*\*\* uh on the conveyor belt towards the the smashing machine from \*\*\*\*\* temple of doom that we're actually on like diverting 0:7:13 from that will reduce a lot of that uh it'll reduce the need for policing it will reduce uh the the danger of the ex-cops left to their own devices and will make the jobs of the remaining but i mean if you're not going to abolish the policing role in society and you can't do that until capitalism is finished and i don't think anybody has a realistic plan to end capitalism in the near future you have to ask what is gonna work what's gonna what's a possible ask that can be pushed towards becoming that non-reform reform or even if you hate electoralism that thing that makes people say that's enough to fight over and join your cause which they are not enough of right now and to me that's the number one question and that's what infuriates me about 0:8:14 so much discourse is so little of it is about that so little discourse is about how to get more people it's a meta discourse on like what the perfect person to get is because it's all about embodying an ideal type and then measuring people against that but they're not there yet so they don't have the markers you're looking for but that doesn't mean that they're inherently on the wrong side that doesn't mean that they have bad faith that means that they have not imbibed whatever you're trying to sell and that means you have to make it in some way something they would want to try it can't just be tonic of of uh of of guilt and and taking responsibility and all that \*\*\*\*\* because why would anyone sign up for that without an upside because they don't already accept the undergirding assumptions that and the ability the amount 0:9:20 of information i mean the nhs is a whole other deal or the nsa rather you know we kind of all forgot about it but the nightmare from the movie enemy of the state where the government can hack onto your computer phone at any moment is true they can get in they can watch this webcam of course they could do that anyway but they could watch it when i'm they can read every email it's just i mean really the argument against like why you shouldn't be freaked out about that is essentially well that's so much data that they can't really find anything and that's true they're not gonna just dip their hands in and find out that you uh you know bought black uh dark web dmt or something they're gonna they're gonna poke it at the specific people and then they're and so this thing of na of dhs probably going off of data they got from the nsa going in and plucking up people who two weeks earlier like 0:10:22 spray painted a cab on the side of a building all the stuff that they that dhs uh came

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up with as justifications the the lawlessness of uh of portland boiled down to \*\*\*\*\*  
graffiti charges from weeks earlier someone asked if you should read reagan land or  
nixon land first you should read before the storm first there's four books you should  
read them in order because it's a it's a story that unfolds over time before the storm  
nixon land because you can't really understand uh nixon unless you understand  
uh water goldwater and the pressure that goldwater represented the new type of  
conservative i was talking about last week the sun belt which was dominated by 0:11:24  
oil and natural gas money and aerospace and defense contracting from from orange  
county to texas basically that's where the new money in the republican party came  
from where the new ideology was born goldwater represented it and then later uh it  
came into fruition in orange county california aerospace and defense hotbed i mean  
and it was of course this wildly uh uh hypocritical movement of people in industries  
all of which completely depended on government largesse like orange county was  
built by the defense uh industry that's direct government money spent uh natural  
gas at oil depended on the oil depletion allowance i mean that's why they bought  
uh lbj and a million other politicians was to maintain the the delicate balances of  
tax rebates and incentives they got that made it worth it to risk pumping for oil 0:12:26  
and then of course big ranchers who complained about having to pay grazing fees for  
land that was entire that was only accessible to them because of the deprivations of  
the us government that \*\*\*\*\* dispossessed native peoples and created infrastructure  
for their behalf and it's it was essentially a movement of sore winners the ungrateful  
winners of america the people who did so well in that post-war media post-war period  
that they immediately decided that they weren't doing well enough and blamed  
everybody else who wasn't as smart they applied some of that calvinism that deep  
american calvinism to say why isn't everybody where i am why isn't everybody with  
their lovely uh house and my lovely pool and my lovely wife well it must be because  
they're insufficiently american they're too jewish they're too they have too much  
ethnicity to them uh they're they they don't have enough americans stick to it if god  
blah blah purely just self-flattering i mean \*\*\*\*\* barry goldwater inherited a family 0:13:27  
uh a family department store and his grandfather only went to arizona to sell and  
then and but they didn't feel that because that kind of provision is by the way that  
we structure things invisible because the people at the top are not being given right  
like we think of welfare as as this distribution downward to the poor people at the  
top paying taxes or uh uh and giving to the state to give to that person when in  
reality that's all money being pulled upward the state exists to rupert redistribute  
money away from the people who produce it the people who produce value to the  
people who parasitically squat over them like vampires and so so i talked the other  
day about ideology and how some disagreements within the republican party are not

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ideologically their information ideological they're informational and somebody asked 0:14:28  
what i meant by that and i want to say first that that's not quite true there's no such  
thing as informational that is not ideological but the difference is the arguments are  
along a different axis than the people so this new sun belt conservatism emerges  
right and what it's hostile to is the internationalism of the establishment republican  
party that was dominated by wall street finance capital banks the lenders who had  
uh and banks are who you borrow money from if you're these people if you're people  
from the the sun coast so you actually see them not even as your uh your friends but  
your enemies as your exploiters and the government exists to help the banks exploit  
you even though you're benefiting from the same arrangement you are also having  
income redistributed upward to you but it's being screened by ideology because 0:15:29  
you're at the top you get to think of yourself as uh as a put upon whereas the poor  
person gets to gets to feel like a like a \*\*\*\*\* mooch for even dani to get uh the  
dole they have to feel like there's so much shame among among poor people about  
getting handouts even though it's it's it's the scraps left over from after the \*\*\*\*\*  
orgy of uh upward redistribution to the jackal-like parasitic upper class but that's  
not how they that's not how because ideology exists to make poor people okay with  
what's up with them with their lives makes it it's basically to to assuage the uh the  
misery of the poor by making them feel that they have it coming in some way or that  
they can make it if they just apply themselves they won't be that way anymore and  
then for rich people it uh tells them that they deserve what they have that's what  
ideology exists for for people for rich people to do is to make you feel like this state of 0:16:32  
affairs which i have wildly more than other people into a disgusting degree is justified  
and uh and that's because everybody's alienated in capitalism but the alienation is  
different it's some degree of alienation of self the way that poor people and uh and  
the uh working-class people are exploited of their time their species being that like  
they're alienated from the time of their their actual existence rich people are alienated  
from everybody else rich people are alienated wildly from the human species they're  
they're they live essentially as separate and that is also an alienation and it's like a  
pebble in the brain and it has to be assuaged and ideology is there to associate both  
of those things both for the purpose of maintaining the system they're the they are  
the the ideology and culture and the culture that spawns it are like capitalism's uh  
uh um it's the uh immune system that's what i was thinking capitalism's immune 0:17:33  
system social immune system is ideology through culture and both at the top and at  
the bottom it's supposed to keep people where they are and keep people not trying  
to change the arrangement so what that means though is that at the top ideology  
eventually becomes so overwhelming uh because of the difference between the world  
as it exists and the world as you think it should like for example i talk about how like

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conservatives really think america is great america is great it's a land of opportunity it's the blessed country because i'm here and i'm doing well it's it's it's self-worship just like their version of god is them too it's all worshiping their ego they don't know that but that's what they're doing they're worshiping their ego by by equivalent by making it equivalent to god and to america but then america is filled with suffering and misery and social conflict and the culture oh my god we keep getting our values spit at us and we keep losing all this respect and we're not being validated by the very 0:18:35 thing that we think is the greatest thing that exists on earth how can that be and so ideology exists to make us answer that question without saying capitalism without saying you are being pulled away from all humanity and everything you thought you valued is being dissolved into \*\*\*\*\* ether by the the rationalizing madness of capitalism defining all relationships between everything through transaction robbing everything of sacredness spirituality social meaning anything we are de-sacralizing the world but you believe in spirit at least you think you do but you can't admit that it's capitalism so what is it oh it's the cultural marxist blah blah and what that does is over time because reality doesn't fit with your ideology you start ignoring the parts of reality you don't like not even on purpose you are you you you just glide over them when you uh encounter them which means even though capitalism is rule of of the uh work ruling class of of the bourgeois of the of the ownership class 0:19:37 uh uh it's not rulership of the of the ruling class according to their interests it's to the um to their understanding of those interests they're they're they're operating in their best interest as they understand them and everyone's understanding is limited and the more out of touch you get with reality becoming by being rich the more you have to fill in the gaps of your understanding of the world with ideology that's what fills all the cracks and keeps the ship and that means that eventually you're not operating with a with a real understanding of the world and that means that you're no longer operating in your best interests and that is the war within the capitalist class that we're seeing played out at the political level right now like trump was the final victory and takeover of the party by those people who pearlstein documents their rise to power in the republican party in his books those people who were small 0:20:39 bourgeois local manufacturers and small business owners and and uh and uh the the more successful uh uh aerospace and and defense uh professionals and stuff uh them saying my country isn't what i want it to be anymore those damn wall street uh uh fat cats are are ruining uh are ruining capitalism instead of understanding the way that the people in wall street did they pulled all the first guys from oss from the wall street law firms because those things essentially already operated as espionage organizations they were all over the world with information gathering such systems in order to figure out what the what the business conditions were all over the world

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so they understood in a way that the locally focused small bourgeois in america 0:21:42  
couldn't that the only that the real game in town in the cold war was capitalism as  
a world system versus social socialism as a world system or communism as a world  
system and as such we had to do things like build up the capacity of our foreign  
uh erstwhile allies uh i mean partially that helps us like prevent a crisis of over  
production because that means someone is there to buy all of our stuff but it also  
means that they're less likely to fall to communism and they're stronger in their  
resistance to communism and we did everything we could to make that happen i  
mean the marshall plan operation gladio vietnam war these are all parts of that the  
uh the entire gamesmanship was maintaining uh maintaining access on on terms of  
the purchaser of third world uh raw materials in a post-colonial context essentially  
reimposing colonialism uh through the market through the through the new imf 0:22:43  
world bank brenton woods system and then after that they understood that because  
they faced outward the small bourgeois represented by now trump did not but they  
eventually took over the political body of the republican party but they could had no  
control over the actual uh uh momentum of of of world capitalism independently of  
them like they they gave up uh any once they took over the political level once they  
took over the levels of political power they did they gave up demanding control over  
the economic questions because the early the early versions of this like like he said  
what are we doing giving all this money to the \*\*\*\*\* germans we just blew up well  
and wall street represented by eisenhower basically cooed him to keep him from the  
office in 1952 because they're like hey \*\*\*\*\* we don't want europe to go communist  
you \*\*\*\*\* dullard you ohio \*\*\*\*\* cheeseball you're too stupid to understand this but 0:23:46  
by the 80s reagan carries out deregulation just like carter was just like ford was just  
like nixon was just accelerates the timeline of turning every american city into a \*\*\*\*\*  
bombed out rack and then just filling it he didn't do anything about that not a god  
he didn't lift a finger he cut taxes he cut regulations and he got that money flowing  
up north you got he redistributed that \*\*\*\*\* up but he didn't do a \*\*\*\*\* thing  
about the larger questions of like the global economy in america's industrial because  
it's all really about jobs and industrial capacity that's what all this boils down to  
and and whether we're going to have a nationalist economy or not and the more  
advanced elements like progress as in understanding what they're actually fighting  
for conservatives understand that and now they're democrats and now we're seeing  
the final war it used to be within the republican party now that they've defeated  
the republican party because the democratic party can only respond by going to  
the right with the republicans as the republicans squeezed out the establishment 0:24:47  
like multilateral conservatives they got absorbed by the democrats which of course  
is trying to also hold on to the left and we'll see how how well they do that in the

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fall they're probably going to do well because everyone hates trump but whether they're there for the midterms or something i have i have a feeling we're going to see just a accelerated version of obama all over again uh only he go he so that's why ideology has to be considered in every question and you cannot like i see a lot of people uh who you have a very like stiff definition of like capitalist interests and they'll say you know oh it's not in capital's interest to do x y or z and that neglects a couple of things it neglects one that even if you're talking about capital ed it's most self-aware like international finance capital they still have chinks in their armor they still have things they don't know they don't know they still operate under ideological assumptions that blind them to the world around them and then and 0:25:49 then at that level they don't even have anybody to really rub against to to to refine down these contradictions because they're supreme they're masters of the universe they touch nothing but everything falls before their hands so they'll never reform their contradictions so they have their own defects in perceiving their best interest which is a which is a vulnerability but then these people who are still captured by a lower level of ideological uh obfuscation stuff that used to be for the rubes but then you know everybody started watching the same tv shows the old guys were tired and died and they got replaced by new old people whose brains been cooked by online in the way that older generations of rich guys weren't and all of a sudden they all really believed this \*\*\*\*\* and that's why you see trump do things that are like this is counterproductive what is this it's because he's not operating from uh correct premises he wants to defend capitalism but he doesn't know what it is he wants to defend capitalism but he thinks capitalism is the american economy and that means 0:26:50 he's going to make even though he's operating from the same assumptions as the global capitalists of the democratic party even though he's operating off the same assumptions he's going to come to different conclusions because he is at a lower level of awareness due to a greater level of ideological uh mystification at the very hap level uh you know like that's why i think that the the lizard person metaphor that uh david ick came up with is very very useful and evocative i hate that it's been so uh tainted by associations with anti-semitism because i don't think about jews as not human they're the they're like the jewish tradition is the humanist tradition like that's it's the threat of like self-awareness uh that runs through all the it marbles all western civilization and provides it with any kind of texture and contrast it's it's vital i mean it's it to try to antisemitism is just so stupid i've talked about this it's 0:27:52 one of the it's one of the absolute number one brain fails the way that you can just like quit taking the test and halfway through and just going out to jack off in the \*\*\*\*\* bathroom just pathetic lack of rigor to just stop at that but uh but lizards aren't people they're reptiles which means that they don't have a human they don't

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have a human recognition of a recognition of one another as as anything the same they view us as different as a different species because if they didn't they wouldn't do what they do very simple to do what you do at a little at that level of power at that level of power because at lower levels every i mean everybody is exploiting to some degree i mean i when i order takeout i'm an exploiter you know when i when i buy a \*\*\*\*\* computer program or a cell phone filled with \*\*\*\*\* uh slave labor produced coltan i am exploiting everyone is exploiting to some degree or another uh 0:28:53 but these people are only exploiting and exploiting totally they they have to have the same abstraction towards us towards like primates maybe and not even and the thing i just i think the thing that i would add to the metaphor is that they're not like a race of reptilians that if you do enough of their ritualized uh violence to other people you will become a lizard like if i was going to do a movie or something with like illuminati \*\*\*\*\* and i was going to have lizard people as the bad guy it would not be they changed faces because they're shape-shifters it would be to change faces because they and then at some point they they they hit an inflection point of a lack 0:29:54 of empathy which they needed to do to keep fueling their their behavior to keep convincing themselves that another \*\*\*\*\* yacht or another \*\*\*\*\* uh a mansion or a private island or even another hundred years of life in a \*\*\*\*\* computer disc could be worth the wholesale suffering oh i'm going to play the stallot of david ick again still my favorite political song i think this is the best song about and it's a \*\*\*\*\* uh and amazingly it's acapella and i don't \*\*Music playing\*\* i have stolen my girl 0:30:58 people keep saying the shunt what is that seen knew that her heart was the purest of pure through unbearable suffering she would endure when she told of the lies and the hatred they spread and our blood of blonde children was used in their bread so she opened their mouth to the cold lizard tongue that was speaking and code of the work to be done to make sure that the truthful are made to look mad and the starving fat ashes for which they are glad because their brain was a camera they just had to look and they said she was wise from the pictures she took which were 0:31:59 not unlike anything you'd ever seen to be drowning in honey awaken have stolen my girl so that's the one it's really good and uh it basically anticipates pizzagate completely and that was made in that was made for the 2004 john kerry campaign for a collection of a cd of songs by different artists to defeat bush wah murders row on that album david byrne okay go when they were the big hits and they had that 0:33:3 one on there but uh like he gets he gets an essential truth that the q people also get to and that the reptile thing gets to which is to do what these people are doing to us they have to be sick like that is the big refrain among uh pizzagate people right these people are sick and the thing is it's true but who they think is sick are like hollywood actors who make like 10 million dollars a year you know like they think

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it they think it's people because that's how they view the wars through a cultural lens to their minds like the guys they see on tv are the ones doing the evil because they live at that level of symbolic abstraction politics is the tv the good guys are the good guys on tv the bad guys are the bad guys on tv so when they think of who is doing it it's robert de niro it's all the the fake news uh um anchors uh it's all the actors like you saw the thing today of all the all the friends people being uh secretly executed this month and turned and replaced with holograms it's just it's not being able to see the forest for the trees and so they recognize that in a world that's awful someone is responsible and that person is evil that person has renounced humanity in a significant way in a morally meaningful way but who that is it's the bad people in tv because that's where they live and that's because most of them are boomers and that generation was the first to become fully mediated and it broke their brains and i think you can argue i really do think that at some level i mean obviously there's a lot of when you talk about whether or not a project a state project a human project succeeds or not there are a lot of variables and some of them are contingent some of them are completely determined by by the the very structure of the situation that they find themselves in and i guess you could say that like the emergence of first television and then the internet is one of those things that was going to happen eventually but man it really \*\*\*\*\* threw a wrench in the gears i got to say i mean you could argue that it it accelerated certain processes of like of empathy building across cultures but at the cost of our ability to function as social beings which means that any like ideological or or social shift is totally secondary to that basic reality that we've been scrambled we've been turned into the dreaded pringle but i don't like saying that stuff too much because you just sound like a \*\*Music playing\*\* tells you where i have been since like the cops have started really cracking down on people's last time i heard the helicopter that close i thought of goodfellas and this time i thought of \*\*\*\*\* fly apocalypse now when they attack the village so yeah and i know the younger people are so computer adept that it's it's it's it's silly you're essentially demanding that people go back to wearing top hats and cravats in terms of talking demanding behavior or patterns that are that alien i mean it's a completely different thing it's a different life it's a different reality and uh we've never i don't think we've ever really had that at least not that we can remember like culturally yeah really infinite jest really did nail it because infinite just understood that that the uh solipsistic seduction of entertainment uh is incredibly powerful because it allows you to live a simulated version of the life that we are all thrust into unknowingly and unwittingly but on our terms and without negative emotional consequences and that is an insanely powerful seduction because life is suffering and it takes a lot of suffering to learn that that is all life is and then it takes a lot of maturity and insight

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or luck to find yourself in a position to acknowledge oh that means that i have to deal with that i can't flee from it it will come and get me and people get to that realization through repeated exposure to the traumas and horrors of life by seeking things and not getting them and then seeking things and then getting them and then having that not be sufficient after a while the hedonic treadmill we spend enough 0:38:13 time on it and we get to realize oh this doesn't work hopefully not always but it's a hopeful it's a it's a possibility and it's it's to degree that humanity is redeemable it's the degree to which we go through that process nowadays nowadays dang it you can just opt instead for the internet and i did it for years that's how i know this is real you can instead oh i'm not going to worry about that stuff i'm not going to try to answer these questions of who i am what i can do in the world how i can apply myself how i can apply my mind and my soul to the world around me how i can reach out to other people and potentially be rejected and dealing with that rejection and building a strong enough self-image that i can withstand rejection and and uh being able to repeat come back after defeats and push myself that's how we gain talent that's how we gain wisdom that's how we but it's also very scary and the first time you fail especially if it's when you're young the pain is massive and overwhelming and feels like it's the entire world and if you have this possible alternative to that 0:39:16 where you get to build a life that has the same system of rewards and challenges and and satisfaction but on a symbolic intellectualized level a lot of people are going to take it i'm not saying you'll inevitably take it but if that option exists a lot of dangerous it's dangerous because it means that people get into their adult years like getting it by as little as they have to and then using the internet and video games specifically as a big like organizer to channel that unfulfilled human energy the remainder we have left it doesn't our our peace with ourselves is a degree that 0:40:18 we can we can challenge that in a way that makes us feel like we're doing something useful useful to ourselves first and foremost but then at a certain level we recognize that that is inextricably linked to what's those are one and the same that we have to move any way we can to pursue that and i think that realization comes and i but it also allows for things like i mean i wouldn't be where i was i i it's it's it's very interesting it's a possible counter factual because the internet made my life harder and worse for many years and then even after the show was successful i was also not very happy for a lot of time i was anxious and i was uh uns insecure in it and i but i also don't feel like i'd be where i am now if it wasn't for that i wouldn't be able to 0:41:19 go where i want to go from here if it wasn't for that so it's all necessary you know i think that's that's the power of of uh recognizing how important it is to drop guilt to not look backwards beyond recognizing our mistakes we recognize our mistakes so we don't repeat them but then we have to drop any kind of negative association

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and guilt around anything we used to we did in the past because it will just make it harder for us to think because it'll make it harder for us to really consider what we did and why we did it because we're not going to want to think but if we rob it of that psychic uh pain if we rabbit if the ability to hurt us that we can really learn we can learn from everything and that means it was worth doing and that means there was a reason it happened it's it's it's if you can find a reason for it happening out of the mistake and that's easier to do if you don't wrap a lot of guilt we got some really nice uh dappling over here i got to tell you guys there's some shaftage going on here some light shaftage going on by some trees really nice really uh very very pleasant how could you describe what's happening more succinctly than amusing ourselves to death i mean if if hypothetically and this is not going to happen but if if this coronavirus does push this rickety house of cards over this gigantic ponzi scheme that is the american economy it'll be because americans got so stupefied by entertainment that they turned politics i mean it was not one thing or another while they were turning politics into entertainment politics was being robbed of its meaning by backroom deals between republicans and democrats to no longer talk about economic issues but it was easier to do that because people were looking at the goddamn entertainment and they turned politics into entertainment and they put an entertainer in charge and he ruled the way that a senile television addicted any one of the people who watches fox news would rule and isn't that democracy democracy is representative government the question is who does it represent and among those people the people who think that you know well you should really only be able to vote if you're a white landowner anyway and he helped rule up he helped he helped guide i mean obviously the thing is going to come apart one way or the other we are in terminal crisis have been since the 70s trump has nothing to do with that but he's the one who crashes the plane into the \*\*\*\*\* house of cards it'd be very funny and i think a guy like postman like he got considered hysteric and over the top and kind of silly when the book came out and i think that's that's the mark uh that means that you were essentially just too early you were recognizing what it was gonna come out and look like you could see where the tendrils were going to lead but that led you to overstate the case to people who couldn't see that they would read you and they wouldn't think of what you were imagining which is where it's going to end up they were thinking of what it was in front of them and they're like i think you're overreacting neil and that's the problem with persuading people neil postman was like getting a bolt from the blue about where our uh where our culture of entertainment was going to lead us but that left him talking to people for whom the evidence he's going to point to doesn't have the same implications for them because they haven't thought it through that well i'm not crazy i'm just ahead of the curve the damn

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joker you want to talk about a guy who but the other thing is in terms of the like the mechanisms he's going to be behind the times because he was writing in the \*\*\*\*\* 70s or the 80s or whatever the techno like the internet is something that i think even people who were relatively pressing about it back then could not have conceived of like even foster wallace's description of the internet is and he was writing in the 90s when when darpa had already existed and there was a primitive email old-fashioned somebody's saying i don't understand the awesome power of the federal reserve i think i do but but that's what i'm talking about oh i should say there isn't just a perceived difference in uh there isn't always just a perceived difference in the aims of 0:46:30 like the small the small bourgeois republicans who now are in charge of the political arm of the party and the like the finance directed ones there is like i said a general like capitalism is what it is people who understand the neoliberal turn people who had the neil uh or had the ned baity speech given to them uh in in the in the 70s like that scene in network everybody in america got that in some way or another subliminally jimmy carter might have gotten it literally an understanding of like your understanding of these notions is limited by your age and by your expectations until now we are entering a new era and the democrats assimilated that the democrats are that party now and now there is a remainder of republicans who are turning that way now what they recognize is that there's only one capitalism so you can't create it while maintaining capitalism is exist you can't create the kind of authentic structure 0:47:31 that these guys want so they are more correct that the capitalism's broad long-term interests are served by globalism by globalization but for certain small bourgeois that \*\*\*\*\* them over some of the but not all of them some of them end up getting bought out essentially and assimilated into the finance structure and then the ones who aren't are in a position to be actually just destroyed exploited and uh destroyed by finance capital but i mean that's the same sort of conflict within the bourgeois that happens in every bourgeois dictatorship and that necessitates the state that's why the state exists to play referee and two sometimes pick one over the other when they're in actual direct material conflict instead of just like i was talking about earlier kind of illusory ideological conflict so in this case there is a direct conflict between 0:48:34 small american bourgeois producers who still exist and the global market uh and and that's true in different segments of agriculture and other parts of the economy but there is no but the powers that be have decided ideologically that there's no way to maintain capitalism's vitality not internationally without sacrificing those industries and those people are either going to sell out and stay among the elite or lose out lose it all and become poor and if they're poor middle class then they're out of the club anyway and we so yeah no there is a genuine i i i want to correct myself because i was talking about ideology and in talking about it i forgot to talk about the

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fact that there is actually a material conflict between different segments of capital but that the fed and the government exist to adjudicate those disputes and the one that's always going to win is going to be the most powerful and influential and that's going to be the one closest to the actual spigot of capitalism i.e finance is something 0:49:36  
happening in the chat people seem to be fussing into feuding i wasn't really looking i was talking what's going on here what's going on out here in this chat room now is there going to be a ruckus now now i i hear our heart told that there was a ruckus down in the comment section and someone oh they got out the federal reserve guy well i hope i answered this question because the thing is like i always find those fed people they're either like i don't get what the point is there's two points one point is yeah they're they're the embodied will of uh of established finance capitalism or at a certain point there's no difference in the way you're describing them you're not even describing jews you're just grabbing specific people in positions of super high power 0:50:37  
and then you just want to abstract them to have the level of like supernatural beings because you are not materialist enough you're near analysis you haven't squeezed all of the spiritual due \*\*\*\*\* because that's that's what you're trying to do when you're trying to make sense of the world is you're trying to squeeze the ideology the emotion the the bias uh that comes from living at the that the level of symbolic abstraction which we out the map the symbolic map that we use to navigate the real world uh but i don't know what kidnap capital means that's weird does that mean like kidnapping jerome powell or something i gotta say it's it's kind of amazing that since q is established and since there's been sort of a rise in lone wolf internet adult 0:51:39  
right wing shooters how come no one has gone after like a real an actual place of power you know no one's shown up at the fed world bank anything like that even like the closest thing would be that dumbass who like tried to go to cnn in atlanta which makes perfect sense like you think it's the media because you've got a dog's brain but a lot of these conspiracies understand the role of finance and all this stuff and yet none of them have ever been afflicted by real psychos and even with the pizzagate stuff and the epstein stuff all anyone wants to really yell out are celebrities they want to yell at chrissy teigen and not bill gates for some reason i mean i mean the degree they want to yell no they do want to yell at bill gates but that's because he's a famous guy bill gates is just another celebrity i mean i'm trying to think of like the uh the finance people like lex wexner how often do you hear anybody talk about that \*\*\*\*\* the guy who's not been charged the guy who \*\*\*\*\* funded epstein 0:52:41  
from the beginning staked him gave him power of attorney when his only criteria or his entire career at the point that higher was he was hired by wexner and given a yacht given a \*\*\*\*\* mansion given power of attorney and billions of dollars to manage was he was a \*\*\*\*\* high school math teacher and then he was a quantity

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bear stearns and then he was involved in a \*\*\*\*\* pyramid scheme and that guy hired him and he's and he's in charge of this massive uh modeling and uh women's clothing empire he \*\*\*\*\* in the 90s he bought air america he bought southern air southern air transport the the \*\*\*\*\* cia front airline that moved heroin through the golden triangle and moved cocaine from nicaragua in the 80s he \*\*\*\*\* bought it and had it moved its headquarters to to columbus where he lived and was like in charge 0:53:42 of the state of ohio he's out there how are you talking about les \*\*\*\*\* webster not chrissy teigen even if she's involved in like the child eating she doesn't even know where those kids come from they just come down to shoot you're not even gonna get anything from her just shows how obfuscating all this oh man deutsche bank holy \*\*\*\*\* deutsche bank is so does anybody know what bcci bcci is banco and braziano does that that ring a bell so bongo braziano was the vatican bank that was used as a piggy bank for the mafia and gladio during uh in the 60s and 70s uh roberto calvi blackfire bridge that whole deal i've talked about it uh and bcci was another bank that was uh discovered during the iran contra hearings to have basically just been a giant pass-through uh front for cia black money like cocaine for cash then 0:54:44 for guns for whatever whatever anybody needed and i would say that deutsche bank is that now when you look at their connections to epstein uh cartel's uh russian mafia big time i mean that was \*\*\*\*\* that was donald trump's job not being on the apprentice his job before he became president was laundering russian drug money courtesy of deutsche bank so that's another reason that this the the conspiratorial term is inevitable and that's and inevitable given our love of narrative and and uh our atomization but it's so distressing because just leaves you to just who wants to talk about some boring banker when you talk talk about all the celebs on the tv that you hate all the time and that you yell at when they're doing all their gay rights \*\*\*\*\* bcci was connected to robert maxwell yes maxwell was connected to iran contra and 0:55:46 the promise scandal which if anybody anybody read the 50 biggest conspiracies of all time a classic book uh also a graphic novel they talked that's where i learned about uh promise the promise software danny colisaro his investigation of octopus that led to his suicide in a hotel room in virginia uh now he was he was like a zelig of 80s spook \*\*\*\*\* and then he just fell off his yacht the lady gazlane man i'm very interested to see what happens with the gizlane trial my gut is this is all limited hang out it's the only thing that really makes sense but we'll see i just imagine her like taking a a plea deal to go to a spa prison in exchange for just tidying up all the loose ends and maybe bearing one or two guys who like maybe trump has a grudge 0:56:49 against or something and then saying goodbye other i just don't understand i don't understand when they found her alive i was like well \*\*\*\*\* i don't know that's a whole level of the simulation that i haven't cracked yet and the funny thing is you

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can't even say well they can't kill her because we all know in our hearts that they could because i remember saying they can't kill him on the first episode of true or not i said that they can't kill him and then they did because what are you going to do about it to kill her what are you going to do about it what you're going to lose faith in the government oh wow we're terrified of that what are you going to do uh complain about it on twitter go to a \*\*\*\*\* q anon protest now i feel good i feel fine 0:58:1  
i'm vibing i feel like a good a not a a not not a good version because i don't think i'm good i'm that good but like a non-evil anton sugar right now because i feel like anton kind of was self-actualizing in a perverse way and i feel like i'm getting closer to that he's a psychopathic killer but so what oh someone says they've been watching lodge 49 and loving it good that show rips i recommend it to everybody though all right i'm gonna go soon folks one oh just thank you for reminding me smoked pork was very good it wasn't as good as will's but i didn't expect that first time trying at all uh it didn't have like the crackling outer costs that he gets but that's i mean i was working with \*\*\*\*\* coals and first time ever so uh but now it was it was juicy the it was there was it was i had some marbling on the flesh went very well with 1:0:3  
the hoisin and a little potato bun it was good i was happy about it i talked about portland at the beginning of the episode worst transformers movie great way to end it's hard to say any call any of them bad you know it kind of misses the point of a michael bay movie they're they're not to be judged they're to be witnessed and let me think the second one is universally considered the most incoherent because it's it was interrupted by the writers strike and they essentially started because of how much it costs to keep that production moving they essentially just kept shooting without a script which you could definitely tell and so that's usually considered the worst one the third one's pretty good it's the most like all narratively coherent the the mark wahlberg ones are both pretty good the whole thing of mark wahlberg freedom from 1:1:4  
texas is very funny i really like cogman in the fifth one and of course the thing where harriet tubman was a secret friend of the autobots during the antebellum period that was fantastic i guess that leaves the fourth one yeah the fourth one is also kind of annoying because it's a no but the fourth one has stanley tucci and he does a great job although two has its moments as well there's a thing where they have a giant uh evil transformer that's made out of other transformers that are all earth movers and construction devices and there's these two giant uh uh balls like iron balls they use to smash wrecking balls two wrecking balls hanging from from chains at the crotch and john turturro is trying to call in a an air strike and he goes i'm underneath the 1:2:5  
alien scrotum and then what's even funnier is they use that as a moment to show off a rail gun which they use to blow up this transformer railgun technology which is one of those massive \*\*\*\*\* pentagon boondoggles they spend billions of dollars

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on this and then they make propaganda movies where it's like okay yeah this might seem like a big waste of money but what if there's a giant transformer trying to destroy one of the pyramids of giza so that he can create uh grab a telemetry tracker and create a giant space laser to destroy earth then you're gonna want a \*\*\*\*\* rail gun they also put the f-22 in the first one what if we yeah sure there's no real fights anymore air superiority is beyond established but there's no possibility of dog fights but what if there's what if starscream is there and starscream remember he's he's a very fast jet we're gonna have to be even faster than railgun's also used uh in the film eraser where they have a handheld railgun that like shoots people through walls man schwarzenegger really knew how to pick them all right guys now i got you got me thinking about all my faves you know me thinking about my transformers movies so thank you i'm feeling good 1:3:19

*RIP the Moon*

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hmm um there we go it's going we're going we're going we're live we're live guys i want to say r.i.p first and foremost to the moon which has been really obviously one of the great uh bodies in the sky you know things to look at one of the best we've ever had one of the biggest or the biggest other than the sun and it's hard to look at the sun because it's so bright so you could really look at the moon and have a good time control the tides made our day slightly longer due to its gravitation he's a good friend good companion to the human race and everybody on earth and earth in general but almost all things must end and apparently the moon is done for r.i.p bye-bye boy 2020 huh what a year what a frickin year someone should unplug it and plug it back in again someone should take the damn cartridge someone needs to get blown on the dang machine because the moon is now dead killed by if you'd asked me a few years ago where do you think i'll be in 2020 i didn't i don't think i would be quarantined from a pandemic while the moon is being murdered by that's the that's the joy of living at the end of history crazy shit's happening crazy shit's ah nice day again it's been a run of good days here i've been enjoying it and it hasn't been hot yet i guess i should knock on wood when i say that but it's probably going to be a terrible august and september if if past experiences are any indication but for now it's nice and i'll take it i'll definitely take it if more dead moon means a nice uh relatively mild and adorable summer in new york i'll take it i was thinking about something i said about ideology and how it changes over time and how certain parts of a given political coalition like the republican party is determined by it and and like held by ideology in a way that makes them not necessarily uh equipped to understand the world around them that they're supposed to be influencing but the example that popped up to me reading reagan land was that it and and i had known this like vaguely but reading it and having the details of the whole uh debate spelled out really underlined how big a deal it was when jimmy carter was negotiating a treaty 15-year long i mean he was just the president when it happened it's not like he started negotiating a treaty with panama to return the canal to panamanian control or hand it over to panama rather since we we created panama out of northern colombia in order to create the

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canal with uh like the connivance of the french it was no longer acceptable in the post-colonial world for america to control this giant stretch of the middle of this country this tiny country and there had been years and years of agitation to get u.s control off of the canal and it was finally coming to a head under carter and there was a huge popular backlash among conservatives led by ronald reagan who had just lost the presidential nomination to ford and was looking to run against carter and 80 and wanted an issue these people just went nuts about the \*\*\*\*\* panama canal when was the last time anyone thought about the panama canal not being in american hands because 2000 was the year that it actually was was handed over officially i mean some people get freaked out that it's going to get bought by china 0:5:13 as part of belton road or something but you very rarely hear anybody ruining the national humiliation of turning over the canal to panama that's because it's a stupid thing to care about and there was like i was saying how there's these splits within parties there was a split within the republican party between the people who were more internationalist in understanding who understood that the panama that the canal was essentially militarily pointless it was too small to even move any of our really big uh like aircraft carriers and stuff so it couldn't even be strategically useful in the event of a war and there was the fact that it was becoming wildly unpopular in panama that we had that canal there and that after vietnam nobody really wanted the countenance the potential reality of sending in hundreds of thousands of troops to keep the canal secure as people got more and more mad at it there is no reason to keep the canal and guess what subsequent years have proven that no one gives a \*\*\*\*\* none of the people who did it at the time care and that's the thing is that at the top levels the people who manipulated the panama canal issue didn't care about the canal ronald reagan became president just a couple years after this treaty was signed he didn't \*\*\*\*\* rip it up he didn't say we need to get the canal back even though he had been honking his \*\*\*\*\* head all over the country gnashing his teeth and he debated william f buckley about the canal uh he became president he didn't give a \*\*\*\*\* newt gingrich when he was still a college professor in georgia got his start in politics organizing a keep the canal committee and then that's that's what was his springboard to run for congress he doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* about the panama canal he didn't do anything when he was a speaker of the house to get the canal back for guys like that they understand it's an issue it's an emotional issue that presses 0:7:16 buttons in like the the the lump and reactionary mind the the nationalistic uh that that's that whole the whole complex of nationalistic lizard emotions the idea that we have a canal and it's being taken and it's just after vietnam and the 60s and all the traumas and of course the material crisis of the 70s stagflation and energy crisis uh no no we need to keep the canal and so people voted on that \*\*\*\*\* and people wrote

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letters and they sent in money but the people at the top who manipulated the canal treaty \*\*\*\*\* didn't care they understood it was supposed to be red meat for the rooms now 40 years later the people who care about who do the equivalent of caring about the canal and not like the actual important business of maintaining capitalist exploitation and its machinery in tip-top uh fashion those people are now in charge and they've squeezed out all the old old hands who were like it's just it's a pointless vestige it doesn't mean anything now the canal people are in charge and trump is 0:8:17 the head canal person like he had that interview with chris wallace today and his his understanding of issues is precisely as at the same level as all of the old people who watch fox news all day that's why they love him and will never not love him because he is them and modern politics is about becoming uh about being able to identify with the person in charge not that they do anything that you identify emotionally with them and trump is them whenever chris wallace would challenge him on one of his assertions like where are they teaching us to hate america he goes oh you go you see the professors you know the schools were doing it we see it every day couldn't put a gun to his head he wouldn't be able to tell you a specific instance even and that shows you how far things have changed and how fast things have gone off the rails because of the speed of transmission of information the way that everybody is just there's just this flow of information that nobody can check realistically and so you just develop a emotional response that you just channel everything through they're 0:9:20 just like yes this is this this validates this val this it's like running things over the the laser at the \*\*\*\*\* uh grocery store it's like a thing either gets you mad or it makes you happy because it owns the limbs whether it's true whether it happened it means nothing uh and so trump like like reagan famously always had like this back pocket uh filled with just so anecdotes about the evils of the welfare state and about big government half of them were completely made up the other ones were decontextualized and half truths but he at least had them he had a narrative that he actually contained information even if it was fraudulent trump doesn't even bother keeping it none of these people even bother keeping it it's just all that's left all they're left with is the anger some story about some college where someone said the flag isn't good don't remember the context don't even remember the incident just remember the emotional response i had when i heard that and that's where they are they're 0:10:21 just pure ganglion response and they love trump because he's also pure gangly in response they love him we love him folks do we love him do we love the trump uh yeah he's pretty amazing no they don't talk about welfare anymore because it's gone that was what reagan used to say in the 80s and then clinton fulfilled his \*\*\*\*\* uh his political prophecy it's just new stuff now but i'm saying is that there used to be two levels to this \*\*\*\*\* among republicans and now there's only one level everyone

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believes the \*\*\*\*\* rube bait and they take it seriously that's why all the all the all the more uh data driven still ideological are their ideologues but their ideologues for capitalism as closer to as it actually exists as opposed to a norman rockwell fantasy 0:11:22 version of it that they keep in their head so that they can still feel like there's a just re distribution of resources in the world that fantasy that they have to cling to so that their place on that totem pole is sacralized they're too focused on that busy box of like nationalism to see \*\*\*\*\* like the actual force for the trees which is why now we finally turned it into a it's always been the case that like that capitalist political parties are arguing over who could be the best stewards you know of the of the capitalist system uh not who will overcome it or overthrow it that's absurd that's off the table uh but that but what that means has been different and has been contested over time as the coalitions that are dominant within the parties have changed and now we finally have the dream of the clinton era dlc a situation where the uh mystified small bourgeois white the mystified white small bourgeois are culturally alienated 0:12:24 enough by their the by the rent by the the the social signifiers that they to become a rump party whose inability to absorb the reality of neoliberalism their inability to hear what ned beatty is telling uh howard beal in the boardroom the the the wax of of uh of ideology of nationalist ideology is to stick thicken their ears to hear it they're off now they're isolated into one party and capital clear-eyed capital international capital has one has a party all to themselves and they get to use social liberalism as the unguint to keep the more exploited it's the perfect situation it's what it's what the whole uh democratic right turn on economics was supposed to it was supposed to do eventually by eliminating economics as a real field of political conflict because 0:13:26 we're at the end state we're at the point of permanent austerity where we can never turn it around because the profits aren't there to allow it you'd have to crack open the bones and get at the gooey uh hemoglobin producing centers of capitalism and that's not that's not on the table that's not an option because that's not the people if that's the case then eventually it will break down all politics will break down into culture war that's the only thing they'll be left to argue and that time is on the side of the echo of just looking at the arc of history the way that increased uh uh capitalism increased atomization of capitalism increases social liberalism because it reduces our commitment to traditional values because it reduces our contact with the social institutions that reinforce traditional values so over time you're going to 0:14:28 have a more diverse country thanks to shifts and demographics and you're going to have uh a more more echo more socially liberal country because people are going to refer to one another individually in a way that makes all the old claims to like social hierarchies seem dated and quaint and and reactionary and and on none uninclusive of a people who of of a of a uh of a pluralistic society and if that's the case you're

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gonna win eventually i mean there might be some shocks and some bumps along the way like trump winning in 2016 but now they they've turned that into i think they've turned that i mean that didn't help the clintons but it sure should help the party now they're in the perfect situation uh they're about to if this election goes away it looks like it would today you know if you had a at the poll today and we don't have some sort of breakdown of legitimacy due to coronavirus and right in ballots which is a huge huge if but if all that goes relatively smoothly you're going to 0:15:30 have a big democratic mandate without any kind of left-wing shape to uh the party itself it will have swallowed the suburban uh upper middle class small bourgeois who went to college because right now it has this the republican party now is just the small bourgeois who didn't go to college that's their main base every i mean they have other people who vote for them but that's the that's the core and the small bourgeois who went to college were split but the the increased neanderthalic presentation uh of uh of social reactionary views embodied by trump and his base uh in the current moment is no longer sustainable if you went through that etiquette that extended 0:16:32 etiquette lesson of college and so that's that's like they're taking nixon's idea of polarizing a long cultural lines he was the guy who invented it and pearlstein talks about that in nixon land because the whole idea was create break the country in two and then you have the bigger half and at that point he did but now the times have changed there's less of a base for social reaction outside of like white suburbs in white rural areas and so there's less the backlash is less powerful i mean trump won mainly because hillary clinton managed to completely demobilize and because trump was was a was a question mark and he was something new and now a lot of those people have changed their tune on it at least according to the current models who knows what will happen in the future so now we finally have the break the the the the final like in in the twilight of america the the the partisan battle is finally between the competent administrators of capitalism and the mystified overly 0:17:35 ideological uh uh snake oil drinking incompetent managers of capitalism that's it that's that's that's what we that is explicitly now what we're arguing about whereas it used to be that that whole question of competent administration of empire was sort of uh sublimated now it's the actual content of the two political parties as expressed by their leaders like biden has made it clear that he will not be governing under any kind of expectation of significant change even since even he's he's done the olive branch to bernie and he's talking about being more radical now because things are so terrible but uh i mean we know who runs that white house we know who is in charge of that party right now or who would be in charge of the white house there's simply no structural incentive to push them to do anything other than 2008 all over again re reconstituting the the uh the um economy on the back of the 0:18:38

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most vulnerable people but they will have uh to their benefit an absolutely insane republican party like if biden wins and he's able to take office especially if like there's write-in ballots in a bunch of states that get authorized there's going to be a massive crisis of legitimacy from day one and that's going to keep all the sheep they're going to keep all the sheep in line with just the fear of the slathering hordes waiting to retake power and it'll be scary i mean brian kemp is probably gonna try to \*\*\*\*\* secede or something but like if there's a silver lining there it'll just be that i think the uh that there will be absolutely among the left you know such as it is among people with leftist sentiments i think that there will be uh there will be much less of that obama era uh stardust in the air to to keep people from immediately denouncing the administration uh and he was basically able to string that out for almost eight years even while he was doing the worst \*\*\*\*\* on earth and i don't think biden has that obviously i mean after this primary and considering who he is as a candidate and even the fact that obama himself you know a lot of people remember him as a now as a \*\*\*\*\* snake oil salesman uh is anybody can name is anybody a lie around uh a is anybody watching in a uh time zone that's got uh where it's dark cause anybody check on i want to make sure that it's not yet falling out of the sky that's not dead yet apparently the scandinavian moon is still doing okay so maybe maybe it can shake off this uh i seem down i'm i guess i'm a little uh i'm mellow but i don't think i'm depressed or anything i feel pretty good i'm just less animated than sometimes i'm vibing as always though as always vibing forever vibing that could be a sequel to the vasily grossman book forever flowing oh dear oh look that's a large boy there's a large boy just showed up vibing towards bethlehem to be warned what is your favorite michael bay movie i'd say that his most interesting movie and uh is obviously pain and gain which i think is a really really interesting film i don't think it's good because he is uh i mean he's trying to do something that's beyond his abilities he's trying to evoke uh like artistic not i wouldn't say ability he's a very talented director but his skill set i'd say he can evoke certain things masterfully uh but but uh commentary intentional commentary uh not really his start for uh forte i think i always think of pain and gain as a cohen brothers movie that's directed by a coen brother's character if one of their own people could make a coen brothers movie it would be pain and gain which is a very interesting thing so i like i like it for that i should re-watch it i haven't seen it in a while one of the one wahlberg is not a very good actor but it's one of his good performances because he's perfectly cast as a meathead there's a scene where he finds out that in order to uh for a bank to honor by the document that he forced this guy who he kidnapped to sign that he needed to be notarized and he was completely he's completely baffled by the concept of a notary and he gets kind of mad he goes what the \*\*\*\*\* is a notary it's very good

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uh but of his spectacles of his big big movies like the ones that are feasts of carnage and mayhem uh ah let me think bad voice two gets talked about because it is so just horrifyingly over the top and grotesque in a way that he often only hints at with the corpses bouncing out of the back of the morgue truck getting the rock's very good too armageddon it's the criterion collection for a reason you know it's just so i have to say even though i've seen every transformers movie multiple times and i think 0:25:8 that they're interesting in their own way uh it i always kind of felt like that's a waste of his talents because he's great at action mayhem but so much of transformers is cgi nonsense i mean the movies he made his bones with had a lot of practical effects that were really awesome like the char the car chase in san francisco when he uh connery takes a \*\*\*\*\* tremendous in short it's uh it's hard to pick a favorite it depends on the mood i will say that i was very disheartened to see that his last movie went to netflix because michael bay more certainly than \*\*\*\*\* christopher nolan in my 0:26:11 mind is is the director who embodies the theatrical experience big soda big drink big movie pound your brain into \*\*\*\*\* paste and that that \*\*\*\*\* was premiered on netflix it's like i get it when scorsese goes down netflix to do a three and a half hour movie with digitally aged mobsters and it's all about regret and sadness and and failure i that's not gonna that probably wouldn't have wowed him on the big screen in a you know in a huge release but my god if michael bay can't get a \*\*\*\*\* movie with that kind of dumbass high concept what if a billionaire faked his own death and became an operator to to overthrow assad but just the fact that it wasn't fighting robots i guess kept it off the silver screen that's why i was really that's why i really do think that covet might be the end of the theatrical film experience because it seemed like it was already on its last legs and now over i didn't really like uh 6 0:27:12 underground it was too quippy because it was written by the deadpool guys and so that's not really his register bay humor is not whedon-esque soy banter it's people's getting hit directly in the dick or robot a tiny robot pretending to hump something or someone farting that that it's chi it's baby bright it's not yeah it's interesting like 0:28:23 what what i think you might end up seeing films exist on the margins i think like big movies coming out every week and everybody going to see them i think that might be over i think those movies are now going to go to streaming services but i think you will still have a a skeleton film industry i think you might see drive-ins make a comeback but you'll definitely see i think either like boutique movie experiences like a small small few people somebody said like running out of karaoke room something like that with like food service like an even more boutique alamo for uh old movies you know for revivals or something and then maybe once or twice a year there'd be something that would get on like imaxes maybe christopher nolan would just make but we'll see who knows i mean people get are stubborn and there might be 0:29:25

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a desire to go back to the movies if it's possible just to assert our love of the before time and our refusal to accept that that uh there really might have been a cultural and economic bad moment here with this bucking virus and that things might be different in a way that's qualitatively significant enough to no longer be the same thing and i will be bummed by that because i fun but i would like somebody to ask newt gingrich what he thinks about the panama canal because these \*\*\*\*\* are still around i would really love him to explain like when did you realize it wasn't a big deal that we lost the panama canal and when you found that out did it make you reflect on anything at all oh no because you're a cynical \*\*\*\*\* kumwad nah now i remember now never mind i do wonder how many people cut their teeth getting mad about the panama canal now are 100 convinced that the cast of friends are all cannibal pedophiles you guys ever wonder how more much more advanced we'd be culturally and socially and civilizationally if we had embraced because crystal pepsi was mind blowing crystal pepsi told you hey you know that perception you had your whole life you know how you always thought the cola was brown that's the color of cola what have i told you it didn't have to be here it drink this i don't understand this looks like a sprite of some kind some sort of lemon-lime beverage if pepsi is if pepsi is not brown maybe we would have been more open-minded as as the end of history turned into the charnel house of the 21st century maybe we would have been able to think maybe after 9 11 we could have thought hey if pepsi isn't necessarily clear then this terrorist attack is not necessarily the beginning of some civilizational war unless we make it let's not do that i have no proof of although apparently the failure of crystal pepsi was partially due to rat \*\*\*\*\* buy coca-cola coca-cola after crystal pepsi set the world on fire with its mind-blowing commercial debut after the super bowl using van halen's right now as its theme song immediately after that coke came out with their own crystal version of of coke only it was diet tab but they said crystal coke and so it tasted like crap it tasted bad it wasn't it was it was a diet beverage and one not even like their good diet beverage their crummy or diet beverage and so because coke is so hegemonic and because people don't really differentiate that finally somebody has a bad tasting crystal cola and now they don't like \*\*\*\*\* coca-cola company kept our brains in the box kept us part of the mind control part of the mk ultra mind control making sure that consciousness expanding concepts like crystal pepsi aren't no i don't think that would have happened but it's funny to think about mean and that goes to show that there's i honestly think there's something to the old argument that coca-cola made new coke on purpose made it bad on purpose and made a backlash on purpose so that when they brought it back and said this is the old coke not only would people all want to drink it out of gratitude to have to be back they wouldn't notice that in the interim they switched

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out the \*\*\*\*\* diabolic diabolical between all that and uh hiring death squads to kill union organizers have i read detroit i do mind dying yes i have drum baby the detroit revolutionary union move it there's a good documentary about that too finally got the news about the radical black anti-capitalist union movement in detroit late 60s early 70s very interesting stuff i mean who is it but who are you going to who who wins in the battle of evil uh soda companies you got coca-cola which of course has its record of bloodshed and then you've got pepsi which i think is does a lot of nefarious \*\*\*\*\* especially exploiting and like privatizing water sources in the developing world but fanta literally is the nazi pepsi uh in the 50s pepsi made a deal with richard nixon went before he went to moscow to see the world exhibition there where he had the kitchen debate with khrushchev the pepsi corporation made a deal with him where they he was able to arrange a picture of khrushchev with a coat with a pepsi in his hand that uh if he needed it at any point nixon could would be able to get on the board and after he lost the uh either the presidency i think the california governor's race in 62 he became he went on the board uh of pepsi as payback for getting photographs of khrushchev drinking pepsi and i never got that because it's like he was the bad guy shouldn't he have been shouldn't they have wanted him to be drinking a coke you're like look this communist \*\*\*\*\* drinks coke but i guess i guess pepsi is like the upstart and they think that that's irony or something and also pepsi bankrolled partially the production of the great william peter blatty film the ninth configuration because they had made a bunch of money in west germany but they couldn't have it leave the country without a heavy tax rate so they funded this movie as a tax dodge basically the same way that you ebola movies got made for a while there because of loopholes in the german tax law related there's one scene in the ninth configuration where they show somebody getting a pepsi out of a vending machine in the insane asylum that's the film set in the our army uh army mental hospital it's a very good movie and i don't think coke would have ever done that a coke wasn't dr strangelove and that's the one where they blew up the world that's not good you're gonna have to answer them in the coca-cola company more likely gop nominee in 22 2024 haley or hawley okay stipulation up front no idea what anything's going to look like by that i would argue there's a good chance that the front runner in 2024 will be whoever emerges is like the the john c calhoun of the neo uh nullification movement and that's more likely to be a governor of a large red state but not necessarily um but if it's not that it's gonna be some carnival barker or trump hanger on it's not gonna be some nerd like josh hawley it's not gonna be some \*\*\*\*\* wet blanket like nikki haley they like the red meat the idea that what they're looking for is some sort of perfect ideological synthesis those are leftists who think that way because that's what they've been dreaming of the perfect secret sauce

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that combines political power with ideology with party building uh with mobilization just the secret sauce of everything and so they imagine that that's what everybody's seeking republican voters want someone to ring the dinner bell so they can and the argument that oh like a guy like holly would be able to do some sort of you know heron volk democracy where he promises all this social democracy for the uh for for the in-group where's the money for that coming from we're at the terminal decline phase anybody who wants to promise that is going to have to do it from outside the system because a guy like holly is too dependent on the media and on the party to be even known by anybody and so he can't piss them off trump was able to be a free agent because he was rich but more importantly he was famous if anybody is going to challenge that heterodox economic pop create a heterodox economic populist model that'll actually be different enough to get people's attention and do the thing that a lot of people are kind of fearing or dreaming is going to happen and create some sort of new right populism with a economic baseline it would have to be from outside this the party it could not be some loser \*\*\*\*\* senator who's got to go around the rubber chicken circuit to get enough money to get people to get his name recognition about five percent it's gonna be somebody who comes in on the outside that's why i'd say i'd put the my pillow i'd say donald trump jr but i have a feeling that his dad would like i think like a guy like dan crenshaw like the media cares about him he's \*\*\*\*\* epic meme congressman but i don't think anybody on the ground gives a \*\*\*\*\* about who that \*\*\*\*\* dork is like these guys are all shadow boxing they're all trying to be something that the media wants them to be and they never they haven't reckoned with the fact that trump was able to win by directly inhere defying all of the dictates of the parties and the media in how you run for office and no elected official will be able to grab that magic so i don't that's why i discount anybody who is in office right now uh depending on how like uh how much this like kidnapping people pops off maybe chad wolfe one way or another it's gonna have to be somebody who gets trump's approval because one bad tweet about them and it's over which is another reason i don't buy carlson because carlson is on the record as saying trump is out to lunch and he's not smart and doesn't know what he's doing and can't deliver on any of the promises of his presidency he said that in an interview if any if trump ever finds out about i mean maybe they decide to go back to normal politics but that seems weird i mean the reason people have embraced this this tribal lunacy over any kind of principle or ideology is because things have gotten weirder and worse they're only going to be weirder and worse in four years i just don't see the mechanism that's supposed to maybe being out of power is supposed to snap them out of it i don't know didn't really work that's not really what happened with obama as i say i'll come back to this i have no idea because i could not predict what the conditions

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are going to look like four years from now i can't say what they're going to be four months from now for god's sake and i don't trust anyone who says they do elon musk has no political base his base is like mostly people are afraid of trump not leaving 0:44:1 but i i will say that if the courts if there is some sort of challenge to the constitution to the election challenge to the legitimacy of election which i'm sure there will be if it's decided in favor of biden trump will go because one of the beautiful generals will tell him it's time to go and at the end of the day do you know the kind of bravery it would take to say hey i'm just even just like delusional uh like musk like frenzy of of to say \*\*\*\*\* it let's be legends let's tear up the constitution so i can stay be president even though he hates um he doesn't have the character for it that's the thing about trump is that he is only negative traits he has no positive traits and that means that he doesn't have the the basic uh um bravery disappointment that 0:45:2 plenty of evil people in history have possessed in spades he doesn't have it he's a coward and the idea of the beautiful generals and so he would make up some thing in his head to justify how he didn't actually leave and then he'd leave and then he would just recrea because that's the thing the reason trump's able to keep on trucking is that he instantly re-defines everything that happens to him to make it look like himself look good to make him look like a genius because of his insane mind-shattering insecurity he is literally incapable of of sitting with failure incompetence sadness uh any kind of negative feeling and certainly any negative feeling about 0:46:4 himself and so i just don't think that he's got the sand to what try to like call some other generals because i think the thing with the lafayette square shows that there isn't the commitment there to him personally to back him and biden isn't a threat in fact a lot of them have probably figured that biden is the solution that biden will calm things down and make things but there could be fraudulent challenging of democratic ballots that then are uh and those challenges could be affirmed by the trump court that got packed over the last four years and then if the final word of the court is like it was in 2000 oh yeah trump won even though maybe he lost by five million votes in the in the popular total and uh you know was losing in enough 0:47:5 states to lose the electoral college until they declared the like the votes fraudulent or something and like threw it to the house of representatives to have them vote by state which means that even though the house is now pretty heavily democratic the republicans would vote for trump if that happened then the military is not going to stop that from happening it has the official imperture of of the rule book which the absolute shouter-headed mediocrities of the u.s joint chiefs yeah yeah they're all right wingers but they're also at the end of the day unimaginative they take the stupid constitution sit seriously and i just don't think they see i mean these guys all 0:48:7 around these guys all were around under obama too you know there are a few michael

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flynn types but what happened to michael flynn he was like isolated and neutralized over the course of his career because he was a nut case he couldn't \*\*\*\*\* function and there might be some like and if there are reptile lizard type right wingers at the top of the military they also know the way the wind is blowing and they know that it wouldn't be worth the domestic turmoil of suppressing of suspending uh constitutional government because as colin powell says you break it you bought it and now you're responsible for this thing that you have no training for no preparation for controlling and most importantly there's a perfectly good political party made up of people who are by the very mass majority totally uh totally beholden to the exact same power structure that you are and are a part of why would you \*\*\*\*\* rock the boat on behalf of trump who they all know is an incompetent dumb ass i don't care how \*\*\*\*\* uh mystified by ideology it you are if you spend like presents time in the presence of donald trump you're not going to have any \*\*\*\*\* be able to sustain many illusions about his competence and that's one thing when he is the go he is the he is in power through you know the connivance of of re of uh the press and the people to to to deem him the legitimate president which takes a lot of pressure off of you as the military to uh you know maintain uh maintain authority because it's not popularly represented or it's not popularly recognized you go from that to having a government that has lost its popular legitimacy overnight to a huge percentage of the population that's a headache but as i said if the republicans are able to like maneuver through the courts that they have spent the last four years packing a spurious challenge to electoral votes for biden that'll be the ultimate calling of the bluff and i think that for the most part there will be protests for sure there will be confrontations and violence for sure but uh it will it will tuck her out that's the bet they're gonna make is that it'll tuck her out that the momentum will dissipate and then people will have accepted the new reality to some degree to some psychic degree they will now be operating in the under the assumption that this new order is in some way legitimate because they're sustaining it by their acquiescence i mean there might be an insurgency but uh and that's the other thing like as illegitimate as it would be you'd have to be having people go to the streets to risk death and dismemberment on behalf of joe biden you who anybody want to lose an eye for joe \*\*\*\*\* biden anybody want to like get lose weeks of their life and get corona in a \*\*\*\*\* dungeon to seat the man who doesn't even know what year it is who thinks he's running in 1988 and that he really needs to it would be funny though to see maybe like because obviously the democratic establishment like the other thing is is not only would you have nobody want to die for biden biden wouldn't be asking you to die for him he would accept the outcome like like gore did he'd say well i disagree strongly with the court's reasoning in this case i respect their constitutional role as

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arbiter of these disputes and hope that we can move forward and help make uh help make the american middle class strong again or whatever \*\*\*\*\* so how the hell are you supposed to organize in the face of a party that it would be funny though if there were a few true believer diehards who just snapped like near a tandem leads a guerrilla foco in the hills of northern virginia niro tandon has ambushed another police here tandon spiked the water supply of the district of columbia i don't think 0:53:24 barack obama could be biden's vice president because i think i mean the point of a vp is to assume and i don't think that a two-term president can legally so yeah you can't he couldn't be vp he could be in the cabinet because they just skip him in the succession but he couldn't be vp because that's the whole so the old bungler could be like like madeleine albright wasn't eligible to be president because she wasn't born in 0:54:26 the united states but they just kissinger too of course when he was secretary of state and this is big new brzezinski or no he who was not michelle obama would be the slam dunk michelle obama is the vp and the thing is over uh which really must tell you at least it tells me that she does not want that she doesn't like politics like you that has always been the rumor that she kind of hated it and wanted to get out of there certainly the way he's behaved obama's behave since would suggest that's true only working behind the scenes limiting his public comments and exposure and of course there's the fact that if she'd run this time she probably would have gotten the nomination relatively easily and now here's a chance to get it without even running 0:55:28 to get i mean she would be the next president almost for sure because i mean at some point uh biden's gonna conk out very likely in his first term actuarially in his first term she must just not want it she just hates dc and i i think after we after uh trump tore up the vegetable garden she was like \*\*\*\*\* this you \*\*\*\*\* won't even let me and of course that's all you know that's a perfect her choice of that as her pet project is vp is so perfect such a perfect example of uh of just that neoliberal self-help mindset it's like yeah it's uh people kids aren't fat because of food deserts and and wildly anti unhealthy uh agricultural subsidies that that have a horrifyingly distorting effect on our diet and like what we consume and like the the the uh the 0:56:31 shrinking of people's free time uh and the almost impossible lure of fast food as to fill a gap and processed food if not fast food no no it's you know you're not you're not doing enough sit-ups with your kids and you don't have a \*\*\*\*\* vegetable oh that's interesting trump couldn't run again if he was convicted of a felony and would biden allow that to happen oh i got to assume that there will i honestly because there won't be any like because he was acquitted in the the mis he was acquitted in the impeachment there is no i don't think there's any criminal prosecutions currently going into trump all of the crimina all of the things revolving around his tax returns 0:57:32 and uh like lawsuits and stuff and the attempt to get transparency about his business

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dealings and stuff like the uh the scottish golf course where they kept sending the uh the air force so just the chintziest \*\*\*\*\* i i think all those investigations are in the houses are in the are in the house and those are presumably all just going to end after he gets out of office so presuming he loses that's the end of the congressional investigations there's no current there would have to be an instant initiation of an investigation and i just don't think they'll allow that to happen i don't think the democrats the democrats would be so terrified of trump prosecution energizing his supporters and riling them up that i think that he won't have to give him a a pardon because there will be no prosecution to and i think that most democrats even the ones who hate him with a passion will gladly follow along because they're just going to be so damn happy to be in charge again and they're going to listen to whatever \*\*\*\*\* the party tells them about the need to move on like we did with bush and then sure enough what happens is the ratchet only goes one way and the next one who gets in after biden \*\*\*\*\* the dog and grover cleveland's the \*\*\*\*\* out of this one it'll be some monster it'll be my pillow guy my pillow filled with goya beans oh thank you someone says they're enjoying hanging out i enjoy them as well uh just a few more minutes here if anybody oh i just want to also put this out here that we might be expanding the format for these in the near future uh we might turn this into like a daily like drive time chunk wondering if anyone would be interested in that if that sounds like something people and we would maybe involve more video some actual gaming too i would want to play some of those map based strategy games those always seem like fun but i can't handle all the little boxes and the clicks it's too complicated i can't it would not be mostly gaming though the gaming would be like limited because i did not want to become a streaming gamer that is uh that is i but i think i can i always wanted to see if you could ever if you could ever with with like the uh history ones i've always wanted to see if it's possible even in the game in a game to uh like do what charles v tried to do and have habsburg hegemony over europe in the early modern period or if the ottomans could have conquered all of the continent i don't think either one of them could have been technically possible but it would be fun to try to see if you no that is true the ottomans never really wanted europe they were much more interested in in the uh conquering uh as much of persia as they could from the assassins but and they were yeah europe was really the the water routes but i mean mehmed wanted italy back he wanted to take rome also i'd like to see if i could pull off and i know this is a later period but i always felt like napoleon really could have he could have pulled something off there i mean it wasn't going to last forever but he certainly had a game plan for trying to maintain like a powerful hegemony there and in western europe by planting like local uh monarchies that the bud off of his like his family line and his he was essentially reseeding the aristocracy

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of western europe and that could have lasted i mean my god the uh the current uh royal house of sweden is descended from one of napoleon's marshals who was invited to take the throne you don't invade russia though dude why invading russia dog dog 1:4:12  
i warned you bro don't invade russia but i do think that like the more sustained that the napoleonic you know era had been the more time that uh the s d surfing had been allowed to occur i think it could have been it would probably have hastened progressiveness you know it would have hastened progressive forces in europe but it also would have hastened the arrival of the contradictions that led to the 20th century being one of the bloodiest charnel houses in human history so everything is double-edged that's why it's so dangerous to open pandora's box and that's why anyone who seeks to change the world around them is taking a huge responsibility because there's a limited amount you can never know what you're going to do and there's going to be bad consequences of all change there's no such thing as a purely positive uh of a purely positive shift with any kind the thing about the british is is 1:5:21  
that he i think there could have been some sort of viable at least medium-term uh stalemate with the british but i don't think he could ever let that go i mean he was a man of war and he and the idea of having an undefeated enemy i think was too much i mean it's a pretty uh it's a pretty wild thing for anybody to try to do conquer all of europe only a few have because it's institutions in geography don't let it take yes i do have napoleon on the brain though because i've been listening as i have for 1:6:23  
years to uh age of napoleon one of the best history podcasts uh really really good you get a really good history first of the french revolution and the continental european diplomatic system and military tactics life of nelson he's he's got he understands the fractal nature of history and that things all like like you're talking about napoleon you're talking about a bunch of other things and he's always very uh good about contextualizing all the all the narrative but it's good should have allied with law of attorney attacked haiti i he said that was one of his biggest mistakes when he was in exile and yeah that was a huge blunder i've talked about it on here before he could have turned the caribbean into a \*\*\*\*\* french lake there before the louisiana purchase i think the way to go is just if you haven't started it just listen from the 1:7:25  
beginning they're all good and they all build on i'm gonna go bye-bye r.i.p the moon we love you we love you moon bye bye

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sorry to take you away from those lovely little fluffy guys down there apparently uh those look like critter chat was was having a good time but i felt like i should stream today might not be able to do it this weekend so i want to try to do it today and tomorrow if anyone's watching which i assume they are although i'm not getting any comments yet i'll just start talking uh i wanted to start today by remembering michael brooks who was uh who's everything everyone is saying about him is true so i don't feel like there's any need to uh be redundant just know that the outpouring uh of affection for him was totally warranted and losing someone like that in that way is is really scary in its own way and and reminds you just how uh how lonely everything is but uh we're still here and uh for now and the best way to honor him is to do what he wanted people to do which was to god damn it be kind to each other i really appreciated that about him is that he understood that that the the uh reward the reward mindset and the value system inculcated by by online even among people who who really truly want what's best for everyone just reduces everyone to the cruelest version of themselves and the least generous and that there's no way to build a movement around that kind of uh mindset so so yeah rest in power as they say michael ah i've only was on a his show a few times but it was always really really fun and he clearly uh he did a lot more work for it than \*\*\*\*\* i ever have ha and he was more prepared he certainly knew more about uh developments in other countries than i yeah oh and when someone like that's gone you can always then look back and wish you'd you know been closer but we only henry kissinger's still alive though that's kind of funny and uh bolsonaro has had has had coveted four times and been attacked by two or three large birds guy will never die because god i.e the demiurge i.e the the enforced social order and material realm which is why this is a world that's not fit for real human beings because it's not made it's made for lizards folks it's made for people who are able to make the choice to strip themselves of everything that makes them human uh it makes me think of how the neoclassical economic or the neoclassical economic resurgence and then uh takeover basically of the economic field after the 70s coincidentally around the same time that

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you know the uh post-war labor consensus broke and private money just started flushing into every propaganda valve known to man just so happens at that point everyone realizes actually penguins aren't social animals humans are self-interested economic agents uh that was that was the very idea of that really like to to to put that forward as not spiritual deformations caused by having to live under capitalism because that's the thing that the the economic the the the neo classical description of the individual uh that is what is incentivized by the market and people do better the better they treat themselves as one of those but that is not humanity flourishing 0:5:11 that's not humanity finding its its meaning and purpose that is to even suggest that is blasphemous at like a deep level like like just evil and uh uh demiurgical just like a a enchantment from the brimstone pit to suggest that the human that humanity is somehow uh more fully felt the more that it's isolated the more that it's delusionally fixated on satisfying its own ego terrifying and the recipe a world where people are like that is the world like the one we have now and economists like to look around and smugly look at that and say see this is what people are like and it's like no this is the system that you were disgusting intellectual handmaiden for this is what like how 0:6:13 the hell you've you're an individual self-motivated agent if that was the true why are anybody a lot why is anyone alive why do people raise children why do people impart why why does anything exist why is there any social fabric to be pulled apart by capitalism for in the first place how was it fixed how was it built into being cultural marxists in the babylonian times but even if you could be what they want you to be and of course there's a there's a zillion examples of why no one is rational and that no one can know their own self-interest well enough to operate from it successfully beyond any of that even if you could what the \*\*\*\*\* is your self-interest what is your self-interest accumulating more than other people around you in a world where you're 0:7:14 connected and tethered to every other every other human being on earth by deep ties of of i mean sharing a mutual ecology and a world together each of you contributing in your smallest possible way to the full flower of like human civilization and culture that's all humans rubbing against each other that's all humans collaborating at every moment and to say i'm going to make my life and everyone should make my their life about accumulating as much material distinction from everyone else as possible what i mean that's a recipe for that's a recipe for human beings ending uh ending life on 0:8:16 this planet self-interest the self unbound by its social context is not a thing the thing that's you the thing that isn't culture the thing that isn't other people is a whisper it's a fragment it might not even really exist and trying to and teaching people that it's not that the opposite is true that that is in fact the entirety of your sense your ego the entirety of your self to have an interest psychotic psychotic genuinely i mean in that you you you are eventually forced to a point where the world as you understand

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it and the world is exists becomes so disparate that your brain breaks and we're clearly there now people's brains have been snapped like kindling like the q people 0:9:17  
for example they thought they lived in the united states they really really have an idea in their head of what the united states is and and and and their place in it as self-actualized individual consumers and now they find themselves living in whatever the \*\*\*\*\* this is uh how the hell go and create a fantasy narrative that connects the two things that's what everybody is doing to some extent or another creating a fantasy that's what ideology is fixing the two things together with like a bungee cord when you're trying to move a bike in the back of a car or something connecting your perception of the universe uh what what your what your baseline understanding of it is with the world because for one reason or another you refuse to examine those basic i mean there is a self-interest that is social like that's what that's the whole idea of 0:10:29  
class coming into itself is in marx is it's not a person acting in their own under their own interests because that's absurd it's a class of people operating under their own interests because they understand their mutual their mutual uh shared condition of oppression and that's the real thing it is a condition of oppression being being defeated by coordinated action it's not it it it manifests itself sometimes as material deprivation but that's not the core of it the core of it is species being alienation caused by i wanted i was thinking about the masks and it seems like even the teacup 0:11:30  
people even the conservatives are now starting to wear the mask because trump is now wearing the mask although apparently people were very unhappy with that tweet which by the way was clearly not him it was one of those ones where you can tell it was scovino which meant that they probably asked him to do a pro mask tweet because it's clearly one of the few things that we have right now that could potentially stop just insanely uh terrifying upward trajectory of covet infections uh and the the best they could do is just have him ghostwrite something and have him press press tweet under it uh so but i bet he still won't mostly be seen in public wearing one but the it's gonna be interesting seeing people come to terms with it because i i saw a lot of i've seen a lot of people baffled by the people who get psychotically angry about the mask and refusing not and refusing to wear it in public and like having spitting fits and freaking out i mean of course half of that at least you can just chalk up to 0:12:31  
people trying to go viral and be epic i think people need to really really they are underestimating every time one of any kind of viral video comes over the transom the insane incentive structure of people going viral in one way or another it's not like there's any difference between good and bad publicity anymore so either side of any of these conflicts could literally just be someone being epic and getting uh and wanting to get some of that precious clout which as as i've said cloud chasing is just it's another form of being living in the gig economy it's just one more element of the gig

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economy uh is is trying to get the clout online to supplement income replace income have people be there for you when you need a medical bill paid so i understand that but the incentive structure is so overwhelming in one direction that half this \*\*\*\*\* is probably people being epic and being viral but forget that when people and but there really are clearly true examples all across the country people just going and turning into frothing dogs with the prospect of having to wear a mask and a lot of people say they don't understand it and they want to say it's just because people are stupid but i think it's something much more understandable in a weird way it's that so obviously we all know that there's of the politicized americans which is once again less than like half of the american population even has like political instincts thinks politically draws political inferences from things that mean something i mean have invested themselves in politics as it's understood in america i.e the electoral system i'm not talking about people being alienated everybody's alienated but they have a vocabulary for it and they have a worldview that that uh that explains it and i'm saying that if you want to broadly draw 50 of the population people who vote as those who are most likely to frame their anger their disappointments in life their goals around political ideas they don't live in the same world right we live in different epistemic realities with different value systems and it's totally zero sum something is either either triggers the libs or triggers the cons and if it does the one thing uh if it triggers the ones you don't like then you it's good it just it's just a pure negative dialectic of of agitation uh and you could wonder like how do people live in a country with people that they are that violently opposed to without it getting more violent than it does and part of the big reason is it sublimate the hostility is sublimated by the the spec observing the spectacle of politics getting in getting excited when our guy owns the other guy getting excited when there's a successful troll done uh or someone wins an election of course that's the big game so they get that level of sublimation uh but part of the big reason is that they're able to carve out a world where they are not directly being they are not directly defeated because that's what everyone is terrified everywhere everybody hates the idea of being of losing to these people in some sort of meaningful like significant way like elections are just proxies elections are just entertainment and then you invest emotions and then when there's a good result you're happy if there's a bad result you're sad that's the main emotional level that's the main uh emotional uh trigger of elections that's what they're there for it's there to be the big game to get excited about and then to get really sad or really happy either way it's draining your political orgone into the into the spectacle which is what is but it's all it's all spectacle because life in america is largely the same no matter who's in charge i mean the economy gets worse and bad depending on how close we are to the popping of whatever bubble we're in uh and there's wars

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all the time and there's occasional school shootings and things and individual people 0:16:37  
can get like horribly traumatized uh if they're not lucky but for the most part they're  
sort of a steady state american experience and the declines are gradual enough that  
they are not they are not processed as emergencies and so people sort of feel like  
those damn liberals or those damn conservatives they are doing things that are bad  
and i hate them and they're making the country bad and they're why the country  
is bad but they have not the day of defeat has not come you know like the on the  
right the gun people the guys are obsessed with the second american revolution and  
defending themselves obama was there for eight years they complained the whole  
time but at no point did any of them get there get to where they say this is it you  
know or very few of them anyway they were the whole eight years they were just  
like come and get it and it never really happened so they never they never rose up  
uh and same thing happens uh and i think if biden got in there you'd have similar 0:17:39  
because the masks making someone wear a mask in public through social libranian  
and the legal code that is compelling behavior that is compelling actual behavior  
it's not choosing to throw your keurig out the window because they were mean to  
sean hannity or buying a trunk load of goya beans to give this is actual your life and  
because the masks are part of that epistemic tree of the enemies that propaganda  
fake news universe where liberals live you know the mainstream media is part of that  
the democratic party some republicans and and of course anything like the medical  
establishment just like the scientists who say global warming is real if they make you  
mayor a mask if you have to put a mask on your face in public that is a public it's 0:18:40  
a might as well say cuck you've lost it's some fundamental way some real conflict  
happened the one you've been waiting for the one you've been girding your loins for  
and and especially one that you thought you were winning until five minutes ago you  
guys were winning up until \*\*\*\*\* trump up until february it looked like trump was  
gonna get a second term it was gonna be more epic dabbing on the liberals until the  
end of time until your heart explodes and now like that the chinese and the media  
and the democrats can make up some \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* virus make up a whole bunch of  
uh of stuff to make you to get you scared to make you vote for a democrat to destroy  
the economy so it hurts trump and then the worst of all to normalize this surrender  
this physical manifestation of your defeat at the hands of liberalism it no wonder 0:19:41  
people lose their \*\*\*\*\* it's like imagine if trump made you wear a mask for like an  
american flag mask for like america day that he declared everyone has to wear a  
mask or they go to jail how many people would get insanely pissed how many people  
would get up viral getting like tased or fighting someone over not wearing the mask  
and of course you say but there's a difference that would just be arbitrary uh flexing  
of his power whereas this is a response to a real uh uh viral phenomenon and and

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public health hazard to which i say not to them they don't see the difference it's all political it's all just a battle of domination there is no objective cri realm and if you have to wear if you wear a mask that means you sir have been cut so i see why they get so \*\*\*\*\* pissed i really think they're pissed i think for that reason and that's why there's no real possibility that we're ever going to tackle by coming together the fantasy you know like that's the biden campaign is he's saying hey we're all going to come together that's why republicans listen to them they love me too and you know what given the situation economic collapse and a viral pandemic that a lot of people blame him for because he was the president and that's generally how it works the president gets the blame for \*\*\*\*\* like unemployment and gas prices of course they're going to get the blame that's just the nature of the office it it \*\*\*\*\* uh it it's the lightning rod for everything they get blamed and credited for things that they don't really have anything to do with now of course in his case he does have a lot to do with it because he did have a manifestly incompetent reaction but he wasn't the only one and plenty of democrat uh democrats in high office like andrew cuomo and gavin newsom stepped on their dick plenty enough for it's looking uh it's looking bad for the trumpy it's not looking good for him and you know if you're a conservative it's just because they press the \*\*\*\*\* media press uh i'm gonna let you guys in on a secret uh people are gonna be asking me about the the last chapel episode uh i guess i just wanna get this out of the way so i don't have to deal with it um i mean i know some people are joking but uh with the cognitive test thing i was doing a bit where i was pretending to not be able to get the answers right because i thought it'd be funnier than everyone getting them easily correct because it was obviously a very easy test so just putting it out there i am not cognitively declining any more than anyone of my age which is significantly because after you hit 25 your neuroelasticity basically goes to \*\*\*\*\* so it's not like i'm not cognitively declining it's just that it's more it's slower and it's earlier in the process i could definitely draw a clock i don't have any paper here but i could but biden is trying to do the thing that is impossible which is bring everyone together because duh there is no everyone and there is no together there is no unified value system with undergirding social foundations or even shared reality so i think that even though as i was saying trump looks like he's \*\*\*\*\* and people think it's so his people think it's because of uh democratic shenanigans but it's just the absolute happenstance of of the the coronavirus thing more than anything uh which you know i don't think any president would have done a great job with including hillary would have done better than him probably but people wouldn't have known how bad he would do so they would blame them they would be mad as mad at whoever the president was as they are at trump because they wouldn't know that trump would have been worse or they couldn't know that you know what i mean

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they don't live in that reality they live in the reality where their person \*\*\*\*\* things up but so he's going to get blamed for something that at that is relatively random uh and that's going to lead to he may be losing an actual like landslide although i don't think that that's inevitable at all and i think the democrats going crazy for it are just getting too hepped up they're getting too riled uh oh he's going to win georgia and he's going to win arizona he's going to texas slow down he'll be lucky to win florida but there's a chance that he wins significantly and handily and with republican support uh and that'll give people this this little notion i guarantee you if you win significantly you will see across the land the the media saying this is it we have broken the trump fever and we have unified the country now they won't be able to delude themselves into saying that the republican party is somehow purged of of its uh uh irrationality uh they will just say the republican party is now a rump uh composed of just like the most backward members of society and that now we will move forward in a spirit of true bipartisan unity to defeat corona and global warming and everything everyone else i'm just going to do the spoiler alert right now that will not happen there is no there's no common response to the crises of the moment there is only the struggle for power over the uh the institutions and the uh and of course what does this phrase socialism or barbarism mean it's uh it's the inevitable crisis point provoked by capitalist consumption of the natural world where there is a crisis of production and surplus and uh and output and all that stuff just gets all those gears and then there's two choices there's we socialize the means of production create an efficient distribution according to need rather than desires cooked up by capitalism itself which reduces the horrifying toll on the environment and allows for more of a homeostatic relationship with the natural world and that means value for all human life and all life to some extent much more so than now uh but if the other the other road in that crisis moment and we're looks like we're in i mean we're always in a crisis but this is getting this is getting extra crisisy uh although i must stipulate that you know late capitalism as we call it could could limp on for decades \*\*\*\*\* maybe 100 years depending on how technology shakes out uh and of course not in you know there will be countries falling apart over that time and there will be massive violence but it will be assimilated and normalized into a system that might have to drop off parts you know that are no longer governed uh but will hold even tighter to those areas where it has control and that that's a realm where the the selfish pursuit of resources by all these damn rational actors leads to the biome being uh inevitably fatally uh unbalanced and leading every human being to only be able to violently compete with each other for what's left through slavery whatever whatever whatever tool is necessary to grasp the last the last bits grasp the last remaining arable land and mineral rare earth minerals and profit however it could be

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expressed so and there is no third way because capitalism drive is towards oblivion and towards uh towards critical over consumption which means any hybrid system that's still engine driven by capitalism especially in a fractured uh uh nation-state riddled world like the one we have will lead towards fatal competition and destruction so you got to have you have to have you got to pull that engine out of the machine you have to pull the profit motive out of the the machinery of of human uh economics it's the only way to prevent that that that decline into barbarism and of course it 0:30:2 won't even get called barbarism uh if if technology is able to be maintained it will be called humanity it will be called liberalism you know mass mass euthanasia and eugenics and engineered viruses you have to like pay a monthly who would be able to look at that and say oh this is the savagery of uh of tamerlane no this is this is humanity this is us this is us dealing forthrightly and adultly with the crises and problems that the world faces us faces i ran out of bloody skulls in me skills wallet 0:31:29 or i'll go talk to my member of parliament me skills wall it's bloody empty mate i'm skint i don't got any skills mate olaf i spent my last skill at the tesco i didn't watch the 30 rock special now i'm worried i won't be able to i don't know if it's going to be available it wasn't on hulu i mean i know it's depressing and terrible and a \*\*\*\*\* ad for awful shows on a streaming set network a streaming series for a network which is now all of them they all have that what the heck who are the ad wizards who i've got a skills wallet i've got a skills wallet down i lib dem's proposed new skills wallet 0:32:32 scheme no i mean the the skills wallet is a terrible phrase and it's obviously perfect neoliberal uh you know uh social engineering oh yes we'll give people money but only if they spend it on education and only between the years of 30 and 39 just oh my god come on guys get it give it a give it up you weirdos you're sick you're sickos you love that \*\*\*\*\* but it's also premised on the false idea that labor market shortfalls are caused by some sort of skills mismatch which was pretty definitively disproven by the recovery uh from i love i mean my favorite thing ever was the learn to code thing and kasich if people talk about kasich was one of those guys who got absolutely fixated on the coding thing like he'd drive through the appalachian parts of uh eastern ohio or 0:33:33 youngstown and just think if all these guys could code and now one of these people thinks well if everyone could code then how much would you get for being able to code how much can you get for knowing how to read there's no there's no income premium if it's universal they just can't conceive of that because otherwise there's no answer because these guys there's a reason that liberals fixate on education whatever that means because it's the only way out of the out of the maze that they've built for themselves the intellectual maze of like defending a patently indefensible institution that reinforces the grossest kind of social inequality and racial inequality and gender segregation and exploitation how the hell do you stand that legend and the answer is

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well if we could just get people smarter there there's no rest of that sentence when it comes to uh to the economy right because there can't be like i said it's it's incoherent but uh but it's the other end of it it's the social end that they really think that they really think there's something there they think if everyone went to college they'd be they would all be enlightened and that would make the world better like not if they i mean we're seeing it now how much is how much is college helping anybody be better people debt overproduction of elites yeah you're actually making the people you can't get into the uh the high status jobs more miserable than they would have been by raising their \*\*\*\*\* expectations you raised a generation of people's expectations of what they were going to get out of life and what they could be settle and what most importantly what they would settle for that reminds me of uh of how it come it came up in the context of uh of after uh michael brooks's passing there was some awful person who i'm not even going to name who decided to use it as an opportunity to like try to yell at felix for some reason and it just and he kept calling him a grifter and that just struck me because that is the word of words to describe people on the left it's like every everyone is on the lookout for for a grifter if you're if you're not if you're not explicitly ideologically evil like a nazi or something you then you're then the second bad faith assumption is grifter and it's pretty clear at this point that the word has lost any kind of meaning because ostensibly it's supposed to be about somebody who who gets money from people under false pretenses right and kind of by definition something like a podcast where you pay for episodes or something cannot be a gift unless those episodes don't exist unless you download the episodes and then they aren't there if they're if you if you're paying for something somebody is offering you and that you get what they what their what they advertised then by no definition can a gift have occurred and yet it's all these people all of whom have podcasts accusing each other of being grifters when the term doesn't even obtain and i think it's because they're trying to get at a deeper accusation which is that you're not serious it's either that you're not serious about what you what you claim to believe and you're just doing it for clout and therefore money and therefore that's a gift or you're a fraud and you don't know what you're talking about and that they're there there and uh and that is what makes it a scam because even though you are giving people what they asked for and what they're paying for you're doing it under false pretenses of who you are and of course it should be pretty clear why that's an obscene absurd and incoherent way to try to argue and like make sense of the world around you because it requires you to know uh someone's like internal motivation for why they say things rather than what they're actually saying and i mean it's you just dug a hole for yourself if your interest is actually you know moving forward with knowledge which of course isn't the point it's just to exercise people

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and build lot barriers there's just one more but i think the real underlying part of it all is what i said a few episodes a few streams ago about how the lack of faith in the project is like the undergirding flaw in the left if it exists is that most people aren't really operating under any belief that anything they do will do any good and i think that that grifter accusation is an attempt to sniff out the people for whom that's true be like this person is just mouthing these things and that they're really just here for the scene and the verso loft and all that and i think once again the the tragedy there is that the reason that's so resonant and so frequently uh used as an epithet is because it applies to some degree about all to all of us and it's yeah it's like it's it's it's the fixation on that is just a neurotic inability of people to deal with it in themselves and so they have to uh condemn it strenuously in others and make sure everyone knows that they don't suffer from it that's because they're not secure in their own uh beliefs and they have not grounded them they haven't fixed them they haven't accepted that you know what it probably won't get better probably not going to see anything good come of any of my actions but it's still worth doing regardless it's still in fact morally required of me to do these things because it springs from my like my spiritual understanding of my place in the world rather than as a as a way to distract i would like to do lamb skewers someone is suggesting lamb skewers on the grill i will do that i think maybe i'll do that next time you got maybe make them homemade tziki sauce put some pitas on there yeah i'm thinking that sounds pretty good i think uh someone's asking about the federal troops i don't think he's gonna do it uh i think he's stoke he's he has found something that he thinks is gonna win for him because obviously trump only has one button to push it's the same one he pushed in 2016 and of course that's insane because he's been president now for four years so it's not nearly as effective but the one button he has is that cultural uh polarization button and we actually already have a a decent suggestion that it might not work if he's in power because people i mean obviously it feels like a million years ago but in 2018 during the midterm remember he put all those troops at the mexican border and whipped up a terror about the caravans those troops are still there by the way uh waiting for a caravan that never shows up and he's still lost pretty badly so nationalizing the election around those like galvanizing social issues didn't work at least once i mean the context of 2016 is really so much more about hillary clinton uh than about him and about what she represented and crucially what he represented which was an alternative he's not an alternative anymore and i think a lot of people kind of underestimate that he's no longer nobody could vote to him being like hey what's the worst could happen they now know what they get when they get him and a lot of them don't like it and there's nobody who's gonna do like the hey throw the dice thing because they know what they get with him that's why

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undecideds and less engaged people tend to in elections with an incumbent at the last they tend to uh at least that's not always true but it so this time i think he thinks oh great the statue \*\*\*\*\* is my thing now this is the one thing that he can pull out of the muck that could be a polarizing issue because he tried it with the with the masks and with the go outside order which is now being totally underwhelmed 0:43:3 overwhelmed by the inevitable you know spread of the disease beyond containment or hope of containment and uh he's already backtracked like he's wearing masks now he can't really he can't really press that button uh and then like he can't really do the uh the the black lives matter thing that he was doing earlier like you know where he was saying black lives matter was hate slogan and stuff like that that's not polling well because you know broadly speaking the goals of the of the protests have been met with approval in uh in polling now what that means i have no idea i don't think it necessarily means anything but uh it certainly doesn't give him a sense that this is a fertile row to hoe uh but the idea of like untrammelled violence in this in the cities and him being the only one who can stop it because the local democrats are too feckless uh that's some \*\*\*\*\* you know that's some old-fashioned uh bernie gets ass 0:44:4 80s new york \*\*\*\*\* which is so he's going to keep trying to uh escalate this like this is all intentionally uh uh uh this is all intentionally provocative i mean it seemed as though the protests were sort of not petering out but losing their front page urgency because they had become less and less con violent because the cops for the most part in most places had stood down a little bit and therefore the marches went by largely unmolested they didn't escalate and so they became assimilated into the day-to-day reality and we're no longer news and then the \*\*\*\*\* plane club or the uh unmarked cars start plucking people off the streets of portland which is of course you know one of the most fervent cities for uh protests and uh and one of the most like organized 0:45:6 and uh uh confrontational left's left uh protest scene in the country uh and what do you know it that sparks off a whole new round of conflict i mean people talk about how this is you know this is a dress rehearsal for fascism and i mean yeah as if the crisis persists and gets worse and we don't do any redistribution yeah pulling people off the street and unmarked cars is going to get much more common but in the more near-term and i think more on what trump is thinking it heightens the conflict that he thinks he can win on but the problem is i don't think he can because because he's the incumbent and because he is so intentionally inflammatory in his speech and in his actions he i think will get blamed more than certainly biden by people who are disturbed or people who aren't already committed and who are disturbed by you know because you know in 68 nixon ran as a as a peacemaker a guy who's going to 0:46:9 stop all the violence and all the mania in the streets but that's because you know he wasn't in office trump is in office how do you say vote for me and all this will stop

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when it's happening under you i mean you aren't stopping it now why would i think you're going to stop it a year from now biden on the other hand he says he might so i think this is all part of his his one campaign strategy and i think that that's going to be the next four months is going to be him uh especially ver especially uh verbally and in tweets raising the stakes against the mob antifa and all that \*\*\*\*\* and people are going to respond and there's going to be more protests there's going to be i mean the libs are going to lose their \*\*\*\*\* because it's gonna look more and more like 0:47:10 he's he's threatening he's like gonna promise an actual civil war in america's streets but i think that he doesn't have the sand for the actual confrontation uh look what happened with the lafayette square uh clearing he went out there waved the bible around and then the next that day threatened to send the army to american cities at which point joint chiefs started leaking like a sieve that they wouldn't take those orders and the whole thing was shelved now right now now he's doing it through dhs because that's a compliant toady and those guys are his guys in a way that the army but they're dhs give me a \*\*\*\*\* break they're a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* they're the losers they're they're they're the they're the runoffs they're they're not those guys the bureau of prisons i think is is not the same department but uh the guys that we talked about a few weeks ago who just destroyed all of their uh co-workers with 0:48:12 paintballs and uh and flashbangs they brought from home during a so yeah i think there's gonna be more stuff in portland i think he might send some guys in to try to provoke in the big cities but i think whenever the the real moment of like down oh man jacob wall the man is simply a king there's no denying it he is one of the most brilliant post post post modern media figures of the moment he's one of the very few who i admire because he's free none of us are free none of these none of the people in this like whatever the hell you want to call it uh uh this morass of uh 0:49:13 of internet political personalities people who essentially monetize their identities as like vectors of political agitation uh all of us are bound by to some invisible audience some imagined viewer or reader who we want to respect us we imagine who they are they're basically us because we imagine like somebody if i was out there would i like me that kind of thing jacob wall has obliterated that he doesn't care what anyone thinks of it uh which is astounding and and what better example of that than him making up a fake llc to pay himself uh that is one letter off from the one that jason maxwell has and then claiming that he she paid him to do dirty tricks bragging about 0:50:16 it essentially bragging about a fake dirty tricks campaign that he was going that he carried out on behalf of a globe-trotting sex criminal a a groomer par excellence a a a genuinely evil person i mean it beggars imagination like in a world where we've all decided to like plug into a global panopticon where at every moment our psyches are totally vulnerable to being devastated by the just acquisitory unblinking eye of

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our perceived audience that even exists when we're not on line or posting this guy is gliding he's walking between the raindrops he's vibing at a frequency that yeah like he is the guy who more than anyone especially anybody who claims that's the case 0:51:17 he has embraced the idea that there is no such thing as bad publicity like a lot of those alt-right guys will kind of uh point to the fact that they do open racism which makes means that they can't monetize the way that uh left-wing or non-explicitly racist political people can as proof that they're authentic and genuine right and that is one of the big reasons that i think a lot of young white men go to the alt-right is because you know the simulated alienating hell of online makes us crave authenticity which of course is itself a fantasy and a chimera but it's still something that is a load star for many of us and when you see everything being sold to you and people selling themselves all throughout the internet if somebody could point to something and say like i mean this i'm not full of \*\*\*\*\* if they can actually point to something some part of their belief system that that validates that argument it's very to some people it's very uh engaging and i think for a lot of those all right guys uh they 0:52:18 they say i'm the real \*\*\*\*\* i'm the real danger because i'm literally not allowed on youtube and i think people see that and they think oh \*\*\*\*\* yeah that's authentic that's authentic uh and of course it doesn't really mean anything you know it's it's just really a question of etiquette like where where what capitalist etiquette is and how it impacts uh its you know market structures essentially just the rules of the market of behavior of the market have changed uh and and now you're just you're as much like those guys are as much a threat to capitalism as somebody jacking off in a bank lobby you know it's like it's gross and at some point the cops are going to show up and and get him out of there but he's not going to \*\*\*\*\* bring that bank to its knees by jacking off in the lobby and that's what those guys are they're jacking off in the lobby of like the the the marketized realm that we all live in the internet and they're calling the fact that they're asked to leave uh proof that they're dangerous and really subversive but it is a mark of authenticity it's a mark 0:53:20 at the very least that they're not after what they think those other people are after they're not after money they're not after fame they're not after getting their butt smooshed by hollywood pedophiles and that is persuasive but the thing is those guys still are just as terrified of their perceived audience i mean remember the thing with pinovich and his jewish wife where he like left his jewish wife because his mouth dreaming \*\*\*\*\* fans found that is not a free man i don't care if he has to post under a pseudonym or whatever and he has to like go to the dark web to get paid for his \*\*\*\*\* podcast that is a man who has been brutally cucked by his own audience jacob wall doesn't care jacob well does not care at all nice i could write a poem with that title uh and he expresses that by humiliating himself in a way that no one would

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do uh that no one could do unintentionally that's what's so brilliant about it like 0:54:21  
the specific there are obviously a lot of clowns and pathetic losers out there who  
like you know uh uh guys who like pick their nose and eat it on a stream you know  
it's it's not hard to find a lot of self-administered l's out there but they're usually  
they speak to that person's incompetence or or just personal loathsomeness or um  
lack of social skills walls humiliations could only be intentionally self-inflicted and  
the thing is is that they also inflict damage at a very like low level but they inflict  
damage on his supposed world view too none you know not not only do none of his uh  
smears on democrats land the very fact that he's doing them and the fact that he's  
associated in some way with conservatism undermines conservatism to a little to a  
little extent but he doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* because he doesn't really care about politics 0:55:23  
in my opinion i think he grew up in emilio of politics because of his insane father  
but i feel like he is totally detached probably because he saw the sausage getting  
made from a young age from any conceptions of political uh value system he had  
just assimilated the the self-dealing that's behind it all the the gimmick the the the  
the the fraud at the heart of modern politics and certainly modern consumer cons uh  
conservatism you know going back to richard vigory in the direct mail uh uh the  
direct mail uh lists that started the conservative movement in the 50s and 60s it's all  
been a \*\*\*\*\* giant scam it's all mid-level marketing it's all handed in each other's  
pockets all to advance personally within the system effects of mutual exploitation  
cannibals all and wall got that at some point i think and just took it to the next level  
like okay this is this is this the name of the game is personal personal advancement 0:56:25  
through political spectacle well any way i do that i'm going to be trapped in the  
maw of this machinery how could i possibly indulge this while still being in any way  
a free human being and he figured it out by just detaching completely from human  
conceptions now of course the question then becomes who's paying for it and that  
is why we have to always get back to the material basis for all analysis because  
obviously the fact that wall is so obviou manifestly incompetent limits the number  
of people who are reasonably likely to give him money you know i i can't imagine  
that he he has a lot of real clients i mean he does have a history of doing literal uh  
stock fraud allegedly which he's that's why he's banned from like trading stocks on  
uh and i think he's he's still awaiting trial on on securities fraud in california and  
that was when he was a teenager so he he is now so could this whole thing be a 0:57:27  
money laundering operation for someone else which describes most of the economy  
at this point uh i mean the uh the liquidity in the global market is provided by the  
there's some persuasive evidence that the 2008 collapse was prevented from being a  
absolute uh dismantling of the global economy by the presence of a huge amount of  
liquid capital in the form of laundered uh drug money that basically helped fill the

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gap before the government was able to loosen the floodgates but it's all just it's all  
\*\*\*\*\* bad money being turned into good money that's trump's job that's uh \*\*\*\*\*  
that's silicon valley all that \*\*\*\*\* uh that's the \*\*\*\*\* real estate market that's all  
money laundering investment i'm sorry investment quantitative easing um so maybe 0:58:28  
he's part of that i don't know but when he got an only fans that was amazing mind  
blowing he decided to go on he's like 24 years old and he got on steroids to get all  
weird and ropey i don't know he is a riddle he has a riddle wrapped in enigma and  
it's i would and i and if i knew where the money was coming from that would help  
solve the equation i think if he's got family money then he's basically just a hobbyist  
a very talented hobbyist but a hobbyist if he's somehow making money off of this 0:59:31  
then he is one of the greatest geniuses if he is actually making money at what he  
says he's doing then he is the greatest genius of all time and honestly even if he has  
money laundering for somebody unemployment expansion mcconnell came out today  
and said they're gonna do it it's probably gonna be less than the last check but i  
never i honestly say i never really thought for a second uh that they weren't gonna  
do that because we are just so far away from not from allowing from not allowing a  
second or not requiring rather a second check dispersal that at a certain point politic  
ideology has to give way to political reality as much as these guys were apparently  
enamored of the idea that oh no we can't give people money then they won't go to  
work and then the unemployment rate will go up as if that matters compared to the  
like a third of the people in the country being evicted from their homes uh so yeah i  
figured they were gonna blink it's gonna be bad it's gonna be more you know more 1:0:34  
money up of course always more money for the top so that when they can swoop in  
and just buy up all the old real estate of all the small businesses but uh i think they're  
going to do another check and i think they're going to do unemployment extension  
too also maybe a cap maybe a capital gains tax cut which would be hilarious and  
also a \*\*\*\*\* what a payroll tax cut amazing they can't help it it really is built into  
the system like to do anything else like we could say well why wouldn't you just do  
x y or z to do those things they would have to be different people if they just did a 1:1:37  
payroll tax cut that would be amazing but i don't think they'd do it at a certain point  
there has to be a i mean that's the thing you have to remember though is that you  
know when you're trying to figure out what capital is going to do you do it from the  
assumption of they're operating out of what they consider the best interest of capital  
broadly defined is you know if you're talking about government as sort of the as a  
stand-in for uh for a like a round table of large capitalists uh there can only operate  
from their best perception of their best sub their best interest and every government  
and despot that's ever been overthrown in a revolution at every point they thought  
what they were doing was in their best interest and at a certain point they were

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no because ideology starts gumming the works you reproduce the most mediocre minded \*\*\*\*\* you get completely detached from the actual micro reality that uh that hayek claims is supposed to signal what's really happening at the grassroots to all right guys i'm gonna get off in a minute here a few more questions and i'm gonna how much longer will twitter be a website that's a good question it certainly lasted longer than i would have thought it would when it started it's weird how after early innovations it really just and things popping up and going down and friendstered in smack spaces it really just settled into facebook and twitter there's never been like a third heat unless you got instagram which is maybe tick tock is going to replace all of it i mean if you if the tweens are you know hegemonic and they keep marching through like the income brackets assuming there still are any associated with more you know spending income and more influence on the on markets and advertising maybe if they if they got rid of tic-tac wouldn't there be an american version of tick-tock immediately i don't understand the internet i should it's just a bunch of clicks and whistles i kind of assume all of it will be the notice yeah i was just thinking about vine what the hell happened to vine was it because it was seven seconds and tick tocks are longer or was it the because i remember when the tick tock started it was all because they had music it was just people lip syncing and then it turned into a bunch of other craziness at first it was people lip syncing was i don't understand it i don't understand it yeah let's go to web 1.0 guys i was there ate my balls i kiss you uh mr t through hell of afar seanbaby.com that was a hell of an internet just the forum era people could always ask me if i was ever on something awful and i never was i didn't even know what it was until many years later i didn't meet i met all those guys who were legends on something awful through twitter i never went on something awful i was on mr cranky it was a movie review website that was my \*\*\*\*\* uh sadly i don't think any of those uh uh those those rooms survive which frankly good they would suck and i'm i would never want to read them but yeah uh that's how i'll end things with let's we need to we need to like recognize limits while still recognizing people's curiosity and need to explore new forms so my compromise is we don't ban the internet that's crazy we just go to web 1.0 and then you have to be happy with that and it builds character it builds all you get are angel fire sites with little clickers on the bottom saying how bye-bye

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there i am hello howdy joke folks howdy jokes hi jokers getting your loving on the run uh sure don't want to hurt no one one of the worst songwriters in american history the opposite of bob dylan steve \*\*\*\*\* miller so today i wanted to start by 0:1:2 talking about special effects in movies because someone tweeted today that they that they had watched me recommend the blob remake the uh 80s blob remake with uh i believe kevin dillon jeffrey de mon uh uh written by frank darabont and they said that it was great and they were glad they hid and i got to have a little bit of a chat online about the wondrousness of the 80s sci-fi remakes all of which are great uh but which i think a blob is honestly the by far the most underrated one and i think in in argument really for the best it's that one or the the thing in my opinion and it's close it might be a toin flip in my opinion um and of course one of the things that make both those movies great is practical special effects and all the things special effects are pretty well known they're sort of the gold standard people always talk about the thing but i really feel like the blob might even have 0:2:3 more impressive special effects and it doesn't get talked about nearly as much the blob in that movie is this it doesn't eat people the way that the jello mold steve mcqueen blobbed people it dissolved people and you could see through it you could see people being eaten in by the acidic blob and they showed it they showed people having their faces melted off on scramble they saw the guy get pulled down entire body pulled down through a \*\*\*\*\* uh uh and it's also very nasty it's like it's willing to kill children uh it has very funny uh reagan-era politics because the blob obviously the original 50s movie people took that at face value this is about communism big red blob coming to get everybody uh you know you could also say no it's actually anti-communism no it's actually 50s 50s conformity whatever any way you slice it it's pretty uh the surface was certainly supposed to be anti-communism it's red it's a big red blob come on but even the surface text of the blob remake is very like pissed 0:3:5 off 80s left in exile because instead of the blob being an alien creature the blob is actually the result of a us government experiment by carried out by the military to create a super weapon and when the government scientists come up come around

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they're willing to kill everybody spoiler alert although it's it's not really part of the it doesn't really matter kill everybody uh to preserve it and then another bad guy is like this holy rolling preacher played by del close who founded the chicago uh chicago second city i believe it's like it's the classic reagan era left-wing boogeyman of the military-industrial complex and uh evangelical protestantism but anyway very good movie uh and the practical effects are a big reason why and it led to the whole see the classic cgi uh practical effect argument you know practical effects are better and then 0:4:6 people say no cgi is more versatile and the thing is is that on the question of practical versus cgi i would actually say that that is you could that could be boiled down to a matter of taste um because as much as i might be a practical guy because i grew up with them i'm an analog guy at the end of the day i'm oregon trail generation i'm i remember getting computers so that means i'm not a digital native so that means that i have a certain expectation of presence on screen whereas kids who grew up on video games which are all cgi and then cartoons and stuff much more uh and then of course everything online that's all smoothed out it doesn't they're not missing what i'm missing and so you know okay fair we've heard of that and in addition to that there's a genuine trade-off because one of the problems with practical effects is movement fluidity it's very hard to make a practical effect look like it's moving across a room how do you create something that's like a robot most of those robots and 0:5:7 stuff they have you know limits to how far they can go because they're not full auto automatons that's the technology that's it's too much it's unnecessary uh you can you can cheat but it looks like it's cheating a little bit like that's where that's where stop motion comes in that's where green screens all of these things don't look perfect whereas the promise of cgi is pure fluidity of motion now you could say well i don't like fluidity of motion and i don't care about fluidity emotion compared to concrete sense pres uh sense of presence on screen i'd say amen but i will acknowledge that there are people especially younger people for whom that distinction doesn't matter and they like the fluidity of cgi so i'm willing to write that off as just generational and aesthetic but there is one thing that i will not and that is cgi gunshots and blood splat the cgi bullet holes going into people and there's blood coming out of people 0:6:8 from shot from being shot uh in my opinion that is not a question of generation it's not a question of aesthetic preferences cgi blood and gunshots look bad they are inferior in a meaningful objective or close to objective sense and what i mean by that is this for now cgi blood and uh blood and gunshots and this is not objection this is not something that's arguable i don't think don't look real they don't look real that's not i don't think that's the thing you have to like argue with somebody with even even a damn zoomer i think the argument would be what difference does it make just like it is with that cgi creature uh doesn't look real well it can move on screen

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which like a puppet couldn't uh to which i say no in a horror all bets are off but in action it is paramount like the point of showing blood coming out of somebody when they get shot in an action scene is to see what is as close as possible to the image of a human being being shot with a gun that's what establishes the stakes in action films that's what we're there to see we're there to see damage being done to characters to enjoy the visceral as in gut-based satisfaction of seeing violence done to somebody who isn't me which is a deep lizard thing in people um and also to establish stakes for what will happen to our characters who we love hopefully if the good if the good is the movie is good and i would say that cgi blood and bullet wounds do not look that way and therefore they cannot fulfill the role that gunshots in an action movie are supposed to do they can't do it they can't do the job and that means that they are inferior inherently and that's my take on that and i say i can't argue you can argue but you're wrong that's one of those red lines like i'm all about you know it's all about there's no binaries until you get to 51 you know and i'm way past 51 on this one i'm near 100 on this one um but yet fewer and fewer films feature squibs and blood even big budget hollywood movies that's crucial here it's not technically a question of cost big movies could technically afford squibs and that is why for a long time i yelled at movies that didn't use squibs because it felt like they were cheaping out on purpose and i've had a creeping realization lately especially i saw after i saw the five bloods the new spike lee movie on netflix and they used all not only cgi bullet wounds but cgi gun flashes they didn't uh the punisher series on netflix did that too they didn't even put blanks through the \*\*\*\*\* mag they just went afterwards and put in flashy lights at the end of the \*\*\*\*\* guns uh and it was awful like and they had to pretend to have recoil like all the actors the gun wasn't firing so they didn't they didn't have like actual recoil at all they had to pretend it was like bang bang bang bang bang it was like kids playing dress-up and i was like how could spike leave let this happen but i think what i've done what's dawned on me especially seeing like a movie by a real movie maker not some \*\*\*\*\* hack that was like that is that i don't think that that i think we've reached the point on squibs that we reached with cgi a while ago where these are not questions that are being raised anymore you know it's like when when spike lee signs on to direct a movie at no point is there a discussion about whether it's going to be in color or other than unless he's got a hair up his ass or like whether it's going to be shot on digital unless you have a specific hair up your ass those things are all assumed yeah we're going to use digital cameras because those are cheaper uh you know we'll use cgi we'll use where we can we'll use green screens that's built in there's and i'm feared i'm afraid now that we have reached the point where bullsh gunshots which are objectively inferior uh cgi gunshots have been baked into the new understanding of where the budget goes um

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and that to me is awful and depressing and sucks because i don't know if i'm going to see any good action movies anymore every time i see an action movie now i'm just holding my breath for the first gunshot and then i either turn it off or if it's got anything else going for it i watch it and just at the every gun every gun play scene i just get a little more deflated uh so many movies i think are really good and get undermined on that one way i can't distract myself from like the purge films for example and then but then if i see it oh my god and there are so many dog \*\*\*\*\* action films that i find myself overrating and watching longer than i should because at least there's some \*\*\*\*\* squibs i mean and that's what i mean is what i mean is that it's not technically about money because like there are squibs in in movies that guys made in their backyards in the 80s like staphon if anyone's ever watched best of the worst redliner media you know stuff like uh get even and these weird uh vanity 0:11:17 movies that like uh uh local real estate magnates and \*\*\*\*\* uh uh uh karate uh what do you call it uh karate studio owners would like self-fund they had \*\*\*\*\* they have they have squibs you couldn't afford squibs but they i think it's been phased out of even even on the on the on the budgets at this point it's not an object it's not a uh unless you insist on it like i don't think tarantino's ever going to make a movie with whibs no matter what but of course he can make that argument because he is a big money these movies uh they sell so he gets to stake the terms for even directors a lot of directors don't have the ability to make those demands and i think the reason for that is that this is this thing where this is literally and fully the fault of capitalism this is an example where you can see objectively the way that the artistic integrity of films like any other artwork are undermined by the degree to which they 0:12:18 have to adhere to market logic it's a genuine case it's like darwin's finches if you want to argue about capitalism destroys culture and argue that culture cannot be uh progressive in the way that liberals want it to be and think that they can make it and make that make everything good no it dissolves like acid all qualities and i know i mean obviously that means ideological but it also just means aesthetic it literally just means a commitment to art as an expression of human beauty a all artists is trying to is trying to present a perfect image from the mind somehow a crystalline connection to the unconscious and put that in the world in some form and filmmakers try to do it with movies and if they have had it written if it's been written out of the logic of filmmaking that you have you can't that you uh can have to show \*\*\*\*\* cgi looking blood coming out of people you have undermined the artistic integrity 0:13:20 of film and the reason they do this is because it's for one reason cgi is compatible with the new gig economy uh prolific neoprolatinarianization that we're seeing our deprolitarization we're seeing where uh people where the problem is that like the the the type of film economy that produced squibs doesn't exist anymore where you had

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union crews doing union jobs to to keep them happy because they were making all this money and they had to keep the \*\*\*\*\* workers happy and so if you want to have shoot a bunch of people with squibs and have them go off so satisfying you've got to have somebody rig up the clothing you got to wait around while you're getting to set up that and then set up the shot and then if anything goes wrong wrong uh 0:14:22 you gotta get a whole new wardrobe because you've ruined that one and then set up another rig and do it again that is the compounding costs of that are tremendous whereas you're shooting people with cgi bullets one shot everybody falls down you're happy with it good you want two for safety go for it but then the real work is done by \*\*\*\*\* outsourcing it to fiverr a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* uh code jockeys working tiny trances of the job for micro payments and no \*\*\*\*\* uh overtime certainly no union benefits the costs are just so over time uh uh accumulative that the logic of filmmaking has now squeezed out a genuinely meaningful craft that undergirds a certain type of it's very very very sad but it also shows like we've got to do this we've got to get rid of this and of course you know a libertarian will try to jiu jitsu this and say 0:15:24 well that's the fault of fat union contracts these guys these guys care more about making their union rate than making art to which i say uh \*\*\*\*\* you uh this is all because of profit they're squeezing out the profit out of the tooth tube toothpaste tube and they're all responding to the declining rate of said this all \*\*\*\*\* should be all funded by the government this should all be \*\*\*\*\* either publicly through like crowdfunding or direct block grants from uh you know artistic institutions this should all be \*\*\*\*\* publicly funded there shouldn't be any profit in it at all so your that objection is stupid but even if you accept that logic that well they should do it they should do it for the love of it and they're ruining everything with their fat union contracts it's very hot that's why i'm sweaty it's it's no longer pleasant new york it's it's oppressively uh human but even if those guys are even if those guys are working fiverr rates instead of uh union rates they still have to set up the shot probably going to not do as good a job as the guys used to pay more to do it by the way because why would they uh and they gotta supervise the work and it takes 0:16:26 more time and time is the most precious commodity on a film set because the time that you're setting up a shot or dealing with a logistical issue is a time when a lot of people are not doing anything and that is just so the capitalist the dagger to the heart people standing around you got time enough to lean you got time enough to clean and cgi gun play especially in action movies that are heavy with it streamlines the the uh uh streamlines the uh amount of time it takes you to make the movie just cuts i don't know what it would be but it's significant which means compounding significant amount of money is saved by not having everybody sitting around for days on end while you set up shots and the thing is is like that's that's not a problem that

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can be solved by doing away with cultural marxism and sjws it's it's not it's not a problem that can be solved by anything other than removing the the the decrepit uh 0:17:30  
code the the the um the monster in the machine the capitalist profit motive it's the only way to redeem this \*\*\*\*\* and yeah of course people can point to good movies that still get made a lot of the time it boils down to either luck uh happenstance or it's just a few people it's it's the same thing as the american economy there's a there's a remaining hangover of people who are still holding on to those last bags of money those last chunks of ice of of the ice of the sink of the melting uh the melting ice cap of post-war prosperity and that applies for directors too there are guys who are still walking around with big \*\*\*\*\* histories of making money for people that can make that can give them the leverage to ensure that they don't \*\*\*\*\* around with a thing like squibs but those people are shrinking and shrinking in number and they're even their leverage is is so even if there's a few i'm just saying treasure the the 0:18:31  
really treasure the the gifts when they come aesthetically because they're going to be fewer and fewer farther farther between uh somebody pointed out the john wick movies one of the things that makes the john wick movie is just i think i've come around to feel finding them very i rewatched john wick 3 the other night i'd only seen it after once in the theaters and i was like this is not i don't like this actually i don't like this i officially don't like it anymore and part of it is the fact that the plot is structured so that none of it has to happen it's it's one of those things that is well you could have just started here at the end of the lap you could have left off where the last movie did in basically the same situation give or take so the whole plot is pointless and you know it's obviously it's running out of maneuvers with the the choreography they added some dogs but the monotony of the \*\*\*\*\* cgi blood splatter is so deadening and they do it better than most because they don't overdo 0:19:33  
it and they keep it dark that helps it hides the clash they don't get the color right they've never gotten the color right and of course we're not talking about real blood we're talking about movie blood which is all you need them to look like and you know how you do that make some \*\*\*\*\* movie blood it's amazing they can't with all their ones and zeros they cannot make something look like movie blood and meanwhile movie blood you just put some carrot syrup in a \*\*\*\*\* so i'm not looking forward to the next one but i'll see it out of completism probably and you know people like to say oh what's tough with uh it's tough with john wick to use square squibs because there's so many head shots one don't have as many headshots why does everything have to be a headshot if you have to compromise so deeply as in using cgi maybe don't do that uh but also you can it's not impossible to do head shots just some 0:20:35  
\*\*\*\*\* corn syrup sprashed on the back of the wall uh if you've gotta do cgi gun muzzle flash because you can't fire blank that close to someone's head okay that's a

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concession to just logistics but you can still you can still do and they don't they don't do it yeah early squibs weren't great either the thing is even a bad squib is still uh still on screen and i feel like that is still going away from the need for as i said realism is the point of bullet wounds in in action films that's what makes it artistically fun 0:21:37 and interesting uh so that's still not at the ideal but it's already by virtue of really being on a screen and and actually having like fluidity that is not obviously uncanny valley-like you're already up you're already up meanwhile after what 10 years now of hegemonic squibs blood cgi squibs as bad as it ever has been i saw i saw arms or guns akimbo i saw guns kimbo wretched film absolutely wretched film one of the things was wretched about it was the cgi blood which undermined the entire thing but i will say this because the whole movie is supposed to be like this one of those dumb ass critiques of like the culture of spectacle and violence but you're not looking at real anything that even comes remotely close to real violence you're looking at cgi graphics you've already it's like i'm already playing a video game you've lost it you've lost your your connection to some sort of critique this only works if i feel 0:22:38 like these are real stakes but what scares me is if that movie had used cgi if that movie had used squibs especially considering how much violence was in it i probably would have raved about it even though it's objectively terrible in every other way feel like i'm really appreciating something or just happy to see something that's not so distractingly terrible but those are the burdens we pair in heavy is the head that eats the crayons oh god something happened to birth movie's death did they find out that uh all of those people are still devin ferracci under a screen name i wouldn't 0:23:41 be surprised i've never seen any of them in person who knows if those man that is an underrated terrible sight i mean the the the business model of that is hey what if we did sponsored promotion but didn't tell anybody we were doing sponsored promotion yeah that's great because then you're making money no matter what you can you can you're pursuing the traditional click-based ad uh strategy of regular news or a regular entertainment news uh and opinion sites but you're also getting paid under the table by the very studios you're reviewing the films of it's pretty impressive it's a hell of a racket and then the fact that it was founded by a just awful unpleasant uh creep who who hilariously tried to come back as a born-again buddhist which is very funny for me to talk but i wasn't being canceled when i decided to have some sort of spiritual experience he essentially did the same thing that uh televangelists 0:24:44 who get caught diddling the receptionist and pilfering from the poor box do which but because he's in california and he's amongst the libs he can't be christianity so it's a nice eastern religion uh that feels worldly and uh and vaguely left-wing how do i feel like harmony corrin's movies i'm up and down on corinne uh gummo is really disturbing and memorable uh i never saw julian donkey boy i'll admit i don't really

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like kids um i just thought beach bum and was kind of underwhelmed although i really really like jonah hill uh but i and i never but i have to say uh i do really like spring breakers i think that he really kind of he hit that one out of the park he kind of grooved it it was one of those perfect situations where he got the the perfect marrying of subject matter and cast especially my god franco specifically is brilliant in that uh and vanessa vanessa hudgins is very good too and for in my money there's fewer scenes that better define pre-covered late or early 20th cent 21st century america than the look at my \*\*\*\*\* scene look at my \*\*\*\*\* look at all my \*\*\*\*\* look at my apparently you cannot just have the full clip anywhere on that \*\*\*\*\* i got shirts all colors no uh that's my favorite of his i think that's pretty i'll admit i'm not a huge malek guy i'm not a malakian i don't really vibe i've liked some of his movies but it's just not my i don't know i need more of a i think i'm more of a lock i don't know i try to i like i kind of lyrical filmmaking has never really spoken to me i feel like maybe it's cheating a little bit because like mood and \*\*\*\*\* is what film is and what like the challenge of commercial filmmaking anyway is to shape it into something is to give it a spine and like the conflict between that like the conflict between the art and like the expressiveness of film and its narrative structure the artificial imposition i think that's what's interesting and i and for mount with malik i don't feel enough of that i don't feel the gear is more turning enough i appreciate why people like it it's i like von trier i have to say uh i thought that antichrist the first half of nymphomaniac is really interesting the second half is very bad uh and then the serial killer movie that apparently like everyone hated except for the people who love his \*\*\*\*\* uh is now on hulu but it's only like the hour the two and a half hour version i kind of want to see the whole thing because netflix had the whole uncut uh nymphomaniac which is what i saw and i'd oh um dogville's also very good i never got around to seeing mandalay maybe because i wasn't buying bryce were you ever a big fan of john carpenter uh yeah i'm thinking i am considering i think that he might be the best film i think he's the best filmmaker of the 80s pound for pound i mean it's that's a tough that's a tough decade too because that was commercial filmmaking at its height because the studio system broke down just like every other uh uh like fortis modernist uh post-war concept in the 70s right and then an initial explosion of the uh of the financialized film industry you know uh you had that at that glorious moment when money was going to everybody and all these fantastic auteurs got to make whatever they wanted almost uh and it was dizzying and and and awe-inspiring because you had this huge flow of money in an industry that was expected that was that was used to a certain degree of return a certain relatively modest return on investment the explosion of credit and what do you know uh all of a sudden and then artistically the reply the result of that the birth of the blockbuster and a new paradigm these

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movies can actually make a ton of money which means they're worth investing more money in so the movies become more larger spectacle more impressive visually but they also have to make more money which means they have to be narratively more constrained in their ambition to be maximally uh uh acceptable to the audience and interesting to the audience uh so the 70s is like the big bang explosion and then the stabilized new system the 80s the mature moment that's where you've got all the best blockbusters that's where you've got spielberg in his height that's where you've got semecus back to the future films that's where you've got the best action films schwarzenegger's uh phenomenal work uh \*\*\*\*\* predator die hard uh um like even \*\*\*\*\* that nobody even remembers now i mean maybe if i look back i would uh it would be rose tinted glasses but i'm willing to bet that like if i went back and watched like romancing the stone that uh michael douglas kathleen turner like uh bogey and because throwback adventure movie i bet that \*\*\*\*\* holds up better than anything similarly uh so you had blockbuster filmmaking the formula's greatest the biggest investment and and the biggest return but then over time what happens the aperture slows the money gush comes to a it it loses its its uh hydraulic power competition right rises up shrinks shrinks the aperture even further and that means uh what happens is it gets the money flow gets diverted and now there's a small amount of money for people who want to make very small films that can be released at this point now digitally entirely and not even go to cinemas and then films that require these massive massive massive budgets because all profits in the in the era of quantitative easing and financialization all profits have to be massive messy massive there's no more reasonable expectation of return there's only a maximum return because of maximal investment and that means everything has to be as safe and bland and dog \*\*\*\*\* as possible and now and now the fact that cgi is so much comprehensively cheaper than practical effects in every respect means it's going to get smoother and blander visually and uh artistically for the same reason it's a bummer man it's a real bummer so that's why we have to cherish whatever little gems we get the remaining few directors who can who can get something made we should cherish it i mean my god scorsese got to make a uh \*\*\*\*\* oh my god he got to make a three and a half hour long meditation on regret and aging and death and materialism and and uh in america with i mean you want to talk about cgi the cgi there is awful but on purpose in a very purposeful way in a way that it's it's brechtian that film is brechtian and that's the kind of \*\*\*\*\* that doesn't fly in studios anymore because of the um the risk of alienating the audience and netflix only did it because they're still trying to now compete with cinemas and they and so the brand name of scorsese is worth the investment which it isn't to traditional filmmaker film studios because he's already out there they don't need to prove to anyone anything they're already the movies

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there's nowhere else for him to go up above the movies well if you go to tv it's not the same thing we all understand it at some basic level no matter how good \*\*\*\*\* 0:35:13  
tv got the prestige era in my opinion it's the inferior model it always will be because it came later because it's more commercialized by inherently but sometimes you'll get a thing like netflix willing to pay 200 billion dollars for the scorsese brand to bring eyes and uh and uh authenticity to the to their brand that it's it's marketing it was a marketing expense it was a lost leader so we'll still get that sometimes but it's gonna be fewer and farther between everything else is gonna get shipped there's no other way for it to go and the only way you can reverse engineer this to make sure where it went wrong there's no cultural explanation has nothing to do with sjws it's not devin faracci and his hollywood pedophiles making everyone want to want to watch representation rather than art movies are cheaper to make now but the cheaper ones aren't going to get return so they're not going to waste money on 0:36:14  
them which means that that more than anything honestly even more than uh than budget although we're at a point now where at the micro level you can't even do squibs because you're cutting out of central stuff because of how low the budgets now are uh but also where's it gonna end up this \*\*\*\*\* that just gets thrown onto \*\*\*\*\* netflix with in a big pile to me some violence has been done to the artifact i know that's stupid but i feel like like these things the the symbolic order of meaning around art is not purely the thing itself walter benjamin talks about this there's that the the presence there's the aura and that aura isn't just physical proximity in like reality it's it's presentation it's it's ritualized consecration seeing something on a big screen means something and it abuses the thing you're seeing with meaning beyond what's on screen seeing it on a little \*\*\*\*\* tv is different and it's like well yeah but you see movies on tv too later afterwards after they have been de-sacralized but they 0:37:18  
were once sacred once again here we have no ritual of sacralization just dump it out like as they said on redliner media like \*\*\*\*\* uh cafeteria fried chicken and uh and uh sweet potatoes and it's there to fill out the \*\*\*\*\* steam tray it's a it's the pile of uh of like wilted spinach in the corner just so that someone can say their spinach on the \*\*\*\*\* buffet and then at the end of the night nobody wants it they just throw it out once again desacralization we come back to de-sacralization we come back to the sacrilege of ritual the the destruction of civic meaning that's what i'm talking about in favor of pure lucr pure economic uh uh maximization of of profit and efficiency it's bad stuff and that is why i'm against it that's why we got to get over it and get done with it before it's the last culture we had was this dog \*\*\*\*\* this is the 0:38:20  
\*\*\*\*\* the the cephalopods the \*\*\*\*\* octopuses or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* they they've come they evolve their way out of the boiling seas 500 000 years from now and like a on a planet that's had it's been completely re-terraformed by global warming and

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humans like slowly slowly died out over the course of a few millennia uh and now we got the cephalopod overlords we got the the tentacle people and like another hundred thousand years of tentacle people we get tentacle people in their own cycle of capital accumulation and they find our and and uh our moss-covered civilization and we have we have floor is lava on netflix and i know you're saying oh it's it's that's it's digital one of the good things about digital is that it'll be completely gone it'll be completely wiped from the planet unlike the the the you know our our ancient history will have more reality to any future generation excavating than our digital one because all of its efficiency goes off but let's just say like one server survives you know hypothetically and the cephalopods of the future devise a way to reproduce that technology and translate it not impossible i mean they \*\*\*\*\* 3d they 3d printed the the larynx of a neanderthal so that they could hear what it sounded like and it's it's flores lava has anyone seen flores lava i don't want to sound like andy rooney i watched a couple episodes with a friend of mine the other night just because we were like flipping through netflix and making fun of how bad everything looked and we were just like this looks like in the deer and we watched it and i mean i get the appeal of that kind of thing like american ninja warrior the japanese game shows they're all based on and i see the appeal and i've enjoyed them i was a kid i liked american gladiators but flores lava is like pitched so stupidly like it's the level of intelligence assumed of its audiences and and it's competitive and the people competing is so low that it can't be enjoyed by anybody who has more than a room temperature iq because even if you're trying to turn your brain off it won't let you because it's still too slow like it's not fast-paced the way that a show that's supposed to just be turn your brain off fun is it's too slow for that it leaves you contemplating it and that's not the point you're not supposed to be contemplating these shows it's supposed to be all my nars and you're like oh that's funny uh love to turn my brain off and watch some guys getting hit in the nards this is too slow to to accommodate that you end up contemplating the object and it's grotesque and that's because it's pitched to people who are so stupid that it's not too slow for them that it's at the right speed for them and the most telling uh uh uh symbol of that is that the the the announcer who's like some nascar analyst i guess uh his voice over an explanation of the people as they go through the lava room his voice is pitched like a especially stupid person condescending to someone who they think is even stupider than they are like he already sounds just like a dumb guy and then he exaggerates his voice the way people do around kids to get points across and he he condescends and you're like and it's like you can say oh yeah people are always that stupid but like most of the for most of the history of even mass popular art they were expected to have to deal with like the pace of the median iq the median ability to like decode symbols

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and now it's slowed it's actually slowed because the aperture of of alienation has 0:42:24  
to widen and widen exactly the audience is children because eventually you have to  
widen the aperture to everybody and you can't alienate any part of that audience  
if you expect to lose any of it or if you expect to keep them all and people are  
saying it's for kids but i'm sorry i watched hiddens of seekers of the hiddens temple  
and i watched double dare and those things are fast as \*\*\*\*\* those shows were fast  
they were running around they were zipping around they're expecting less of our  
children it's a soft visionary of low expectations of our little rugrats you're going to  
tell me that you can you watch an old clip of double dare or secrets of the hidden  
temple and tell me that it's moving at the same speed and with the same degree of 0:43:33  
condescension as flores lava and the thing is is that like this is not just one direction  
it's not just pure decline i'm not being oswald spengler here even though i've sounded  
like it it's not pure to blind like as as there is that infiltration of art into commerce  
you remember the technology changes technology becomes more intensified and then  
leads to new art forms new ways of expression that are their own reward i mean  
film itself is one of those i mean phil you could argue that film and television are  
deformed deformations of uh of the theatrical experience i mean you could make  
the exact same argument using similar similar lines of argumentation that i've been  
making to say no no real drama it has to have a sense of presence physical presence  
my assumption that no the presence is in the frame that's because that's what i  
grew up with so i you could already argue that yeah no this is this is actually not  
objective this is just as enmeshed as anything else uh but they that they but who 0:44:34  
wouldn't give up who would give up cinema who would even give up television even  
though most of it's dog \*\*\*\*\* there's there's real real gems there there's real art  
in every every \*\*\*\*\* facet of it so i guess what i despair of is and i think maybe  
this is a kunian thing this is kunin and commensurability where like because i am  
so wedded to certain notions of you know physical of a presence of presentation of  
ritual in in artistic consumption which is very you know you could argue that's all  
very 19th century and not younger people don't aren't beholden the same way to  
that kind of stuff they they then you could say yeah there are new technological uh  
art forms emerging that are that are if they might be less artistically acute than stuff  
that doesn't require a lot of capital or isn't as technologically advan uh accelerated  
they have their own dimension especially and most importantly are more relevant  
to people living now because that they're operating in a frequency of reality in a 0:45:35  
way that older art forms are honestly not they are antiquated they are obsolete  
so maybe i'm just like i'm you know this is this is why generations must rise and  
fall this is why the the the the uh that's why the wheel of car has to keep turning  
because uh otherwise it sultifies because people there's all those the grinding of like

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expectations of like birth and and and and setting and and like the ritualized space that we inhabit that is uh that changes as time passes and so people have different senses of it but i would just say that the thing that concerns me is that you know even though technology allows that for the infiltration of money into art to diversify art in a productive way i would say that the de-sacralization process is unidirectional and that is a genuine decline that has to be interrupted and that's why capitalism 0:46:37 has to be overthrown because there is a embedded in all of the embedded in all of the productive conflict between emerging forms of art emerging generations with different contexts uh they're being driven to a state of radical alienation radical individual alienation that is antithetical art and human consciousness and human the human soul i've read a little bit of burrows i read naked lunch and i was okay it wasn't really my thing i did see dr sleep i even watched the extra long version although i really couldn't tell what was expanded uh i don't get why people like that i really don't 0:47:38 understand though i mean i guess i like i guess people like that director but i've never i don't get that either he seems like a uh he seems like a journeyman scott flanagan he seems like it was just a you know he seems like a george p costamos type guy like just a me a ham and egger i i don't get this thing where he's supposed to be a \*\*\*\*\* auteur it doesn't help that the book is terrible and i do think it's funny though that the book dr sleep is a sequel to the shining and then but the movie is a sequel to uh the shining the movie because they have different endings partially because at the end of the book spoiler alert the overlook blows up and it doesn't in the movie the shining and so both of them end at the site of the overlook and so that but no i mean rose the hat is not scary at all i mean the jokes right themselves looking like 0:48:40 a little affair trying to \*\*\*\*\* suck people's steam out uh i mean uh rebecca ferguson is wildly attractive but uh she's not at all scary in that movie and not even that's not just because she has the stupid hat on it's because she gets owned the entire film every single time she encounters uh danny torrance and the little girl she gets her ass kicked it's always established from day one from moment one that they're way more powerful psychically than her and so at no point is there any sense that she's gonna win there's no danger at all and then you have the fact that it's it's the lady from four non-blondes not being threatening you don't even have visual scares oh terrible rose the hat paul paul have you heard of rose the hat king does have a hard time ending books and it's because he doesn't plan him ahead of time and you can't blame him for it and i'd say i would argue that it's one of those deals where you have to accept the good of the bad and that like the the all almost all artistic 0:49:42 abilities and talents within a art form have deficits at the other side of them so like a lot of directors or a lot of writers who can like really strictly plot out work uh they lack a certain like looseness and they lack and then that their plots get schematic

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uh with stephen king like i mean his process is sloppy his process is just explosive compulsive narrative there's no time to stop down and structure it but that means once you've gotten to like 600 pages it's like what do i do now and you've got to start you have to start halfway through knitting it back together and you got to take it that's why his short fiction is his best stuff as early short fishing especially skeleton crew i enjoy i still read new stephen king though uh there's always value i find i i 0:50:57  
kind of like the institute but i have noticed that there's a weird thing now where he ends a lot of his movies now with his books now with shootouts just people shooting each other even movies with even books with supernatural \*\*\*\*\* he ends them with people shooting each other it kind of feels like he's like because he's getting older he's losing patience with the process of knitting things back together and so he's just like and then everyone shoots each other and then boom like a third of the pair oh we get to pair a third of these characters we get to close a third of this i like the institute although you know it's basically greatest hits of his 80s stuff with all the kids being experimented on by the evil government although i've always loved that i always love that stuff fire starter everything's eventual short story which is kind of he ripped off um favorite on-screen depiction of the devil i think the witch is really good just the 0:52:16  
moment when the voice hits thus thou wished to live deliciously with thou lice to taste butter and then the man coming up from behind al pacino the devil's advocate why not just go for the rafters you're the devil why would you have any subtlety at that point did i like blue ruin absolutely blue norton's great i think uh blue ruins 0:53:19  
like wonderful amazing uh not his debut second film but his first film is very low budget it's called murder party and it's actually pretty good especially when you consider it's his first movie and then blue ruin is fantastic amazingly assured and then of course green zone is practically perfect was not much of a fan of the netflix one there's it's it seems like most of the netflix movies and part of it maybe is that de-sacralization i don't even know what's happening like i feel like i don't watch him as closely i feel like i don't watch these these netflix movies by like even guys i really respect i don't i don't respect them like a certain there's a certain patina off their names that and the film that robs me of of uh of investment in the story and i noticed that that was true of like gareth edwards movie that he did for netflix the one about the cult i thought was really bad and it's like i love gareth or no gareth evans and i was like i love gareth evans what's going on here and i think i don't think it's a 0:54:20  
great movie but i think part of the reason i didn't like it is because it just didn't feel right uh the first the first big name director to do a uh netflix movie that won me over fully even though i didn't felt it was sacrilegious to not see in the theater was a ballad of buster scruggs which i thought was brilliant stem to stern enrapturing even though i watched it on a little relatively small tv compared to a \*\*\*\*\* uh big

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screen but i was like oh god top five \*\*\*\*\* koen brothers movie in some ways i would argue i would argue that that's one of the most uh accomplished things i've ever done because it's the greatest hits package right every one of those every one of it really is like they're it's like one of their uh like the the um the clips episodes of a tv show only the clips are new and original uh and it's like hey you know hey you guys like uh oh brother or art thou and they're like wacky antic uh old-timey uh 0:55:23  
cartoon style like that hudsucker proxy how about some buster scruggs for you do you like their bleak nihilistic uh existential horror here's some like no country for old men here's uh meal ticket oh you like uh the philosophical and uh and uh and uh self-referential naval gazing \*\*\*\*\* like a serious man and barton fink here's uh the last one with the with the the stagecoach i can't remember the name uh but and then in the mid cause and like i'm not i'm not mad because i'm getting all the good stuff it's it's a good book it's a good cohen brothers buffet and then in the girl gal got rattled they have a earnestly depicted bromance that is almost unique in their \*\*\*\*\* uh film canon they pulled they like they developed a new pitch at like age 60. they're great and that movie was so great that it kind of overcame uh netflix thing i'm still digesting uh uh the irishman i really really appreciate what it did and i i 0:56:25  
do think i understand what he's going for with it and i think he succeeded a lot i don't love it as much as some people do i have to say uh people who say what's like a better than casino or goodfellas or even wolf of wall street i would disagree but i think it's it's it's maybe his most ambitious work artistically and and then that respect considering how much he lands it's a dude's rock masterpiece and deserves to be and i honestly wonder though like will will will loves it i think a little more than me and guess what he was one of those guys we got to see in the theater i was unable to see in the theater and i wonder if that participated the fact that it to me really was a full netflix movie might have robbed it a little bit i like the lighthouse i didn't love it as much as a lot of people but i was on a very potent edible when i saw it i should re-watch and i will who do i think is the most grill-pilled fictional 0:57:26  
character that's very good uh i mean obviously jeffrey lebowski the dude is often bandied about as a dude's rock um dud from lodge49 of course protagonist kurt russell's son wyatt russell doing a wonderful job although he does often kind of feel more like jeff bridges as kid channing tatum's character in the magic mike films of course of course rick dalton of course rick dalton i'd say i would say cliff booth with an asterix because i think cliff booth is a more complicated character and on purpose like i think people who say that movie is bad because oh he killed his wife it's like first of all that is not established and second of all he didn't have to put that in there he put that in there to thread the thing with complication and to complicate the audience's relationship to him as a wish fulfillment as a masculine ideal and 0:58:28

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honestly that's prove that is in its own way dialectically dudes rock so i'll throw him on there too hell yeah peter from office space are you kidding also peter venkman from fact yeah today has been movie talk and i'm glad i haven't done it in a while and i really like movies and it's hard for me to talk about them because so few of them are good anymore you know i don't want to be a broken record but i think i've established why i think that's true even if other people can disagree so i'm hoping to see something good in the near future someone send me send me an angel i haven't hit anything above like a soft four stars in a long time if anyone has any suggestions even old movies that i might not have seen maybe it will take this last couple of minutes to see if i can palm springs was fine it was very cute it was sweet i think its approach to the the subject the old tired groundhog day subject was good and clever i think like all those stories a good one is buddhist and that one was buddhist 0:59:30  
\*\*\*\*\* which i appreciate it uh i especially love the idea that it acknowledges the the like the dual reality of having of accepting to yourself that nothing matters that nothing is accumulated that nothing is accumulated over time that there is just the present and the acknowledgement that everyone else is not necessarily has that same understanding and that that creates compassion or it should and that's where love comes from and then eventual subsumption between the fantasy of separateness and the eternal but still netflix hulu i like jk simmons in it he was good but once again like three and a half three and a half stars i'm topping out at a soft four is what i'm saying i see all right maybe i'll watch the host the jack belt even though it's only two and a half hours and not the full friends of eddie coyle is a great movie oh i think 1:0:34  
i've recommended before how good and underrated uh andrew nix killing them softly from 2010 i think is but that's like literally the spiritual successor because i think they're both based on george v higgins books about boston scumbags in the 70s and it's got robert mitchum it's dirt bags oh it's good straight time i've always wanted to see that i had that on my list like grown-up movies to watch when i was a teenager but i never got around to it strange days is pretty good killing him a sacred deer i saw and didn't really like very much i think i'm not big on that lord ghost guy i think he's to me he's not to me i worry that he's a medium talent at least so far ravenous is good but i've seen it bob roberts is a great movie blue collar is also a great movie 1:1:35  
gamer is really good neville dean and i saw a good time i didn't really like it the first time i saw it but then i saw object gems and i got what they were going for because at first the reason i didn't like good time is because the characters are so dumb they were difficult for me to want to be around long enough to even watch the movie but then i saw uh uncle james where it was that wasn't a problem and and i got like their whole aesthetic and like the ratchet thing i was able to fixate really on like the rube goldberg plot stuff over the annoying characters i have to say i know everyone

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likes robert pattinson now but i'm not a fan of his like really sub brando like tryhard physical uh uh method \*\*\*\*\* it just feels it just feels forced like i know a lot of people liked him in that movie uh what the hell is that out the outback movie was with uh guy pierce i know a lot of people liked him in that i hated him in that honestly it felt like good time would have been better with a different lead actor too in my opinion that's right that's right i don't i don't credit him i don't i don't credit uh patents and i'll say it right now the rover that's it and even in like lighthouse i was all about defoe i didn't really care for pattinson in the lighthouse either i'm spilling the tea right here that's right matt christman not a terribly fond of the robert i'm trying to think of who would be better for people to focus on than robert pattinson but i kind of don't like any of those yeah the foe is my other choice beside michael shannon to play john brown in a real movie that took the religiosity of john brown seriously that like centered the prophetic tradition and and was subjectively in good all right guys i'm gonna split oh just one more thing have you noticed that now every movie is about operators like all the plots that were probably used to be about cops are now about \*\*\*\*\* operators i think i think netflix is releasing like three straight big budget movies about \*\*\*\*\* operators they got uh they've got operators versus street gangs in uh that movie extraction they've got immortal lady operators in the old guard and then they've got now megan fox is a lady operator fighting a that's funny blood meridian is kind of about operators what if somebody did not a direct not a direct adaptation with the same title but basically just take the plot structure and some of the like the visual and metaphoric motifs and use it to inspire a tale in afghanistan i think that might be good much to consider

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### *RIP Louis Gogurt*

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uh hey there we go says we're streaming in the right area so hopefully we're going here this hey sorry i'm a little early but my schedule's such that uh i wanted to get one in today since i didn't do yesterday and this was the time i had so hopefully if you if you're waiting for six you can watch this puppy tomorrow or the next day on the you did the youtube or on twitter if you'd like you can still see the questions if you oh so another so louis gohmert having coven is very funny louis gomer going to his staff in person to tell them that he had it in a building is even funnier but he'll be fine he'll be fine he's not going to give it to anybody like there's a picture of him or there's a video of him coming out of a very small unventilated room with bob barr he's not going to get it if he does he'll be fine he will be fine they'll all be fine the more evil you do the more you are uh protected from covet it's like a it's like the the disease itself is acting out the will of all the most uh demonic uh demiurgical forces in culture because even as this uh thing has you know thrown a huge monkey wrench into the social fabric and might very well have doomed the trump administration to electoral defeat it has only strengthened the power yeah like if the more evil you do the more antibodies you form against coronavirus but we can't tell people that because then they're all going to go to law school boom zing that was a good 90s joke people hated lawyers in the 90s and you could make an argument that the whole anti-lawyer thing in the 90s lionel hudson down that was part of the propaganda operation against torts that was going on because by that point corporations had won most of the big battles about that left the courts as the way to for consumers to get recompense for recklessness and uh dangerous behavior by corporations was but to sue them uh and so lo and behold we spent a decade talking about how awful lawyers are all because some woman pours hot coffee on herself it sues mcdonald's i mean i'm sure everybody knows at this point that that whole thing was a scam and that the top coffee that the famous coffee lady got from mcdonald's was scalding hot to the point that she had significant burns and required skin grafts which meant that they were incredibly negligent to hand that to her in a \*\*\*\*\* drive-through and her justified but has anybody has anybody heard

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of any like knowingly actively evil people who died of covid apparently some guys on death row died of covid but like those aren't the ones you want because they've already been punished you know like if they're evil first of all they're evil even if they've killed people is very much smaller than the evil that is being perpetrated by people at the top of our cannibalistic hierarchy i think the prescript the subscription model i mean as long as there's going to be media on the internet it looks like the subscription model is going to be what wins it out uh the pro the reason that a lot of people dismissed that for years and said no no who's going to the question the answer to that is they will pay if they feel that they have some sort of buy-in or connection with the project like it there has to be something social that transcends a pure transaction to have that happen because it is just a pure transaction if the media is as alienated from us as like movie studios are we're gonna pirate we're gonna go around pay walls always the thing that's gonna stop us from doing that is if we have an investment if we feel like we're literally having an investment in the thing and i think our show is part of that i think dead spin the new dead spin thing is going to be part of that and uh it boils down to sadly to say clout in a way it boils down to the ability to have an online profile that has buy-in and it's going to have to fill it's going to fill the void of traditional media which is completely collapsing because there's no money in it but they're all for-profit companies and that doesn't but yeah i and they're all going to go away because as long as it's just some you know conglomerate some faceless entity no one is going to want to pay for it if they can get it for free people will pay for something they can hypothetically get for free if they feel and that's gonna that's gonna fill the gap and you could argue that that's a good sign because it indicates the that people are finding the limits of a totally marketized media space when there's no public interest in media it actually is terrible it sucks and all the good stuff is removed because because the market stuff was always about efficiency of transmission and you know things like that it was never about the uh the quality if any it only inhibited the wall somebody says that conglomerate should stop paying for punditry and pay for journalism there's two reasons they won't one journalism is much much more expensive than punditry and the margins in media won't allow for that even if they wanted to but i think one of the one of the realities of post-70s uh crisis capitalism is that a lot of these choices are made not uh out of any a lot of these choices to streamline and and uh you know pivot all this stuff it's not just to \*\*\*\* with people and it's not just to suppress good work it's to and that's true of a lot of industries so they're not going to pay for reporting i mean obviously there's you know like there's the hey man they're going to \*\*\*\* they don't want to find out stuff that they they don't want to they don't want us to know this stuff they're not going to pay to find it out and there's truth to that it's going

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to have to be ad like the future of journalism like actual investigative journalism is going to be advocacy based around the crowdfunding model like hey someone should and then money's people are gonna people who want to see that reported on are gonna spend money to see it reported on and that's and that's what's gonna be and and i think people have been advocating that for a long time and a lot of uh a lot of early adopters to that model failed because we hadn't reached the point we're at now of total and complete alienation from the like now we realize that they're like 0:9:25  
oh you can you cannot get media for free and expect it to have any quality in a capitalist system uh somebody's asking about the next unemployment site i mean we have the bids right the democrats the republicans bid two and their democrats said whatever we're not married to six so that implies that they'll just end up at two but i don't know things are really bad and i think a few people in washington seem to get at least some level of how bad things are like mnuchin which might go against the ideological sort of head in the ass uh detachedness of the rest of these idiots so we'll see i will say though i don't want to get smug about it but just uh when people were saying everything's going to run out at the end of sun of july and everything and then every ice no way they're going to let it on enough july they're going to wait until the last minute so that it doesn't look like uh it's so that you don't get used to it so that it's always emergency funding and so that they can have an excuse to pare it down in negotiations but uh no it was always gonna happen uh this is an interesting question this is an interesting point out that if did spin 2.0 is good enough it's going to get bought by a vc thing well see that's where that's where like the question of trust comes in you know like the the the subscriptions are pouring in for this because people know these writers and they think they know what their values are and that they think that that militates against them selling out uh and there the question is like not just their beliefs but also their ability to thrive if they're successful enough i don't know if there would be pressure especially i don't know i think overhead comes up to a lot of it because i think reading the stories of digital media companies that have gone under uh the question of overhead seems like a huge one there's all these places in order to maintain in order to impress their vc uh donor their vc funders would have big multi-level manhattan real estate offices with \*\*\*\*\* sushi and all that and then like even if you get rid of the perks you still have the real that you still have the the fixed overhead of the if there's a potential for for some something like the dead spin relaunch to be viable it's if they realize the the the lack of necessity for that we're not trying to impress vcs so we don't have to have a \*\*\*\*\* 0:11:28  
office if they buy an office that'll be very annoying i will say that don't buy offices for the love of god at least not ones that aren't like anything more than uh than a fraction of a fraction of of of the amount of money you can't get but sure \*\*\*\*\* 0:12:29

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cannot be any kind of like a podcast thing in terms of consolidation the podcast thing is going to be interesting because it looks like uh \*\*\*\*\* spotify is making a play to try to own the podcasting genre they got everything they got rogan they got last house podcast on the left um i bet that when the ukulele playing dumbass who owns patreon \*\*\*\*\* it up they're probably going to buy his uh his uh database and his you know uh subscription but then spotify will get bought by somebody it'll all end up being owned by disney serious odds stitcher and the so stitcher's the other one spotify are going to be it and then one of them is going to they're all going to get bought by i i don't obviously laptop's cast on the left isn't equal to rogan i was just shocked to see it go to uh spotify because like rogan is essentially a commercial radio show in a lot of ways he sits there and he talks for four hours it's like imus he has sponsors you know and he reads this up it just feels like imus whereas last podcast like that was a patreon model for a while i mean eventually they got ads and stuff but it just feels more uh indie and the fact that it got bought out like that that's what really made me feel like damn spotify is making but yeah we're uh it's all going to get consolidated unless people can like create durable low overhead models force for for subscription and the problem with that is you have to get by like i'm saying first because you can't because if nobody knows you are to begin with they're not gonna they're not gonna risk giving you money you have to have a like a built-in audience and that's where clout comes in it really does come down to the clout war and the clout chase the clout grind because if you're not on there getting clout no one's gonna \*\*\*\*\* risk no one's going to know enough about you to first of all even know that you're you're doing your own thing or certainly to give you so more incentive more incentives for people to uh develop that takes the big public croc and i'm iris i'm responsible for this this model existing as anybody but the thing i console myself in is just knowing that this is not the this is not the doing of any discrete section of peop of society this is this is part and parcel of the intensification of uh exploitation not necessarily intensity of like labor but but uh like if there's no without the imperial core or without the industrial core and with a insufficient economic base uh service industry and stuff to to facilitate like productive work for large portions of the population uh the option is to auto exploit your your personality to make living your job in some way by by by attracting people to your orbit tick-tock podcasts uh twitter whatever you know what i'm talking about and it's uh because it's an alternative wildly bleak uh economic uh system outside of of those oh boy the honk pill man i won't say her name but the person who compared the grill pill to the honk pill today on twitter was very funny to me uh for those who don't know uh honk pill is some painful 4chan nerd \*\*\*\*\* uh about like it's like ironic nazism that's not ironic whatever it's all the kind of really cool stuff that

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i don't know when when you start talking about the honk pill and then your next words are this is extremely dangerous that really is to me a sign you need to log the off it's the honk pill and i know i know i know fascism is often uh intentionally clownish and and uh and theatrical and bufoonish and that's part of what cloaks it but in this case you're talking about a all of whom have spent their entire adult lives to the extent that they're adults and most of them are kids on the internet and it's not even like they're the scary hacker guys going on like the dark web to assassinate their middle school principal it's they're just posting cringe all day every day but anyway these are like ironic nazis or something and one and this person says that uh the reason that they're the same is that and the thing that that indicates to me more than anyone anything is just how how built into people to the point where they don't even i don't even think they realize it uh in their minds the connection between like the number it's it's amazing like it's been very clear the explicit argument has always been log off you will get captured by a false anti-dialectical uh uh okay it's you're walking into plato's cave on purpose don't do that but what he will hear is stop log off means stop posting that means stop sharing content that means stop arguing with people and that means stop caring because and i understand i i really understand why people think that because there's so few alvern avenues for most people to effectively act but that's why you got to log off because then you have to find one and yeah some of these guys by the way some of these honk dudes they're probably going to do school shooting or like a they're going to kill people probably but i mean it's weird i think they have there was a common understanding among like educated people for a while that yes discreet political but also uh pop culture objects can be triggers for people to commit violence but that it's never the thing itself that leads to the violence i think we had that like kind of assumed for a long time except for you know the crazy christian right but then because everyone started huddling in the cave they stop thinking that way and i can kind of understand the reasoning of like well if everyone's online more and putting more energy into online then that means that the the acts that they carry out are gonna be more uh they're more likely or uh they can be more influenced by like violent content and by violent politics to do an act and the thing is that might be true but if it is it's not the discrete memes or politics that's the problem it is the internetification of life like at every level the proximate triggers for for violence for for the proximate triggers for unorganized lone wolf political violence uh is the same as for school shooters uh and and general social misfits uh it's and those those those urges are are generated by i i'm sorry by a material economic base hate to and it's our inability to face that that makes us flee to social fixes because if we can ban x y or z then we can remove the the proximate triggers and it's like yes you

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can but you've done nothing to stop the alienation and then once again she's like yeah but what can you do and it's like i don't know either but i know for \*\*\*\*\* you can't i know as sure as \*\*\*\*\* you can't do it by engaging at the symbolic level all i know is it won't be found there what it is i don't know but it won't be found there that means everyone is required to do something else and a lot of people they don't want to not just they can't think of one they wouldn't want to do something else if they could and to them i say tough but it's not nihilism jesus christ it's just absurd nihilism isn't even real there aren't any nihilists everybody has some sort of \*\*\*\*\* uh motivating like like personal hedonism is not nihilism oh boy i gotta say 0:22:52 when i saw the uh when i saw that the washington post was capitalizing white to acknowledge like the cultural the unified cultural like experiences of whiteness and oh boy chill gotta chill running down the spine not good stuff i mean i think it's probably an overstatement to say that that's going to contribute in any real way to intensifying racism and white nationalism but i think that it's it's a troubling current of response to the black lives matter movement i would say that and it's one that white frailty also echoes which is and white frailty says specifically white people need to be racially aware of themselves as white and that is what the uh 0:23:54 washington post wants they want white people to be aware of themselves as white now how much damage that does when the washington post says it to their bunch of \*\*\*\*\* coffee table uh you know \*\*\*\*\* liberal uh professional class readers all sitting in front of their uh their breakfasts or or clicking on it at their office jobs uh or you know white frailty to her pod of uh you know nervous warren voting uh suburbanites uh who like have maybe a black neighbor that makes them nervous and they don't know what to do about it it probably doesn't matter what any of them think but in general as a response to to the acknowledgment of racial discrimination in society telling white people in a period of unprecedented for the modern era economic uh and social dislocation and dissolution that that's a recipe for oh that's the race war you got going on there you got that race wall going oh yeah no more than me oh 0:24:56 cher you want that ghoul race ball you want that good race what will first first you go put in that that collapsing economy oh you won't put that in there you want everybody to be precarious oh you want everybody terrified they either lost their job they know somebody lost a job or they job no good yeah you want that oh you want something else how about that social network how about that social network falling apart how about all bonds of community just dissolving like acid how about that of that you put that in there oh that's some good why about pandemic disease how about social dislocation how about urban how about some urban conflict how about total uh dissolution of faith in political systems how about the destruction of a shared reality how about we do that and then i'll talk about that oh that's good

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but that's not gonna get you that deep goal race war you won't get that deep good race while you put in some of that white racial awareness on top of that you tell why people in that environment in that environment that they should think more about being white and what that means because the assumption of the \*\*\*\*\* washington 0:25:58 post people and of robin d'angelo is that everybody's like them everybody is a good college-educated etiquette acculturated liberal and that when you tell them hey you know you're white it's going to make them consider their privilege you're right i am white let me think about what it means to be white in terms of what a burden it is to be white of guilt of of generational trauma inflicted and how i have to rectify that and how i'd every day am contributing to this that's what they would do if they got reminded they were white so that's what everybody should do well not everybody did you had a little \*\*\*\*\* paw to do nobody have no not everybody went to the crumpet and t circuit and learned that racism is impolite not that it's really bad that's not really what you learn you learn that's impolite and so when they hear as their jobs are \*\*\*\*\* going away and as everyone in their neighborhood is dying of \*\*\*\*\* either covet or open opium addiction uh you know what uh what does it mean 0:27:0 to be a discreet a unified culture within a polyglot uh social institution that is falling the \*\*\*\*\* apart completely collapsing who are we to what's the new order as this dissolves as everyone loses faith that there is a a stable future in something called the united states of america what will we pick up the pieces with what heuristics will we use to choose friend from foe as reorganizing in the rubble here's robin deangelo on the \*\*\*\*\* washington post with a nice ready-made one for you race who can you trust hubba hubba hubba who the answer for most people is going to be somebody who have a cultural affinity and uh and continuity with which you can't really afford all that multicultural stuff in the context of crisis and collapse at least that's what people are going to be thinking that's why right now the the the the like the social 0:28:2 affirmative happening right now the collapse happening right now could be very good in fact it could save this planet if if it's if it happened early enough to to establish like new foundations that can push us away from capitalism and its destruction of the environment but man do we not have the left institutions for it right now that's the horrible thing that's the thing that's so terrifying and things like this fill the void and that's why i fear if there is a if there is like a significant buckling and and the unified infrastructure and unified control and unified order and a monopoly on state violence are compromised that people are going to do anything other than clan up along the most obvious lines and a lot of what's considered to be on the left when we're talking about uh race is aiding that i don't think for a lot of people and on purpose not everybody's a cia co-intel pro agent i think because they they feel guilt they they feel personally as a white person a beneficiary of racial uh uh of of 0:29:3

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racial inequality and perpetuated racial violence and the thing is they are they do of course they do but it's a question what do you do about it and the answer for people especially people who have had the pinky extending lessons in college is to say i will renounce my privilege and i will i will i will basically uh uh put myself prostrate before uh that instinct is very bound by by i would say social social at the level of social honestly it's a lot of it is college i've said it before people don't go to college not to feel guilty or to get brainwashed they go to college to get a job but one of the things they learn is if you want to boost wildlife you need a bourgeois job and this is what bourgeois values are that's what college has always been for doing 0:30:4 and and so people who have had that experience have are more likely to have that response to the horror but what they end up doing is they end up unintentionally reifying racial difference as foundational saying like there's no way to really have like even relationships between the races because of the because of the buried uh trauma and mutual distrust i mean maybe you could use that to work on something in a context where everybody has to get along because they're i don't know they work at the same company and it's a \*\*\*\*\* uh diversity training which is the model for a lot of this stuff or a college classroom but if it's a bunch of people who don't who have you have no like persuasive authority over i'm not talking about state authority there's no state authority really there's not really there's only only the echo of state authority at the work on the uh in most workplaces most office workplaces and in college campuses what is there in the person of the boss and the person of co-workers 0:31:6 classmates and teachers is social authority that you are invested in you wouldn't be there if you weren't you wouldn't be at that job you wouldn't be at that college if you weren't investing we're just americans we just all dropped in here without any uh any agreement any and we never and most of us have not been acculturated through processes whereby we instinctively uh uh adhere to a social authority in fact uh the way capitalism is hyper-accelerating uh all forms of social authority have been completely destroyed and and turned into discreet like clannish uh self-affirmation societies uh built along the the market model uh of the of the subgroup of the and in that context they there's no there's no especially somebody who who is suffering somebody whose life is bad and getting worse especially somebody who 0:32:7 is seeing the infrastructure that maintains social life collapse it's hard to tell them no no you have to feel bad for them it's like well yeah in a theoretical way but i'm not bought into your i am not bought into the basic premises that you have you've not brought me along through the process and it's impossible to because there's no self motivation to begin with like somebody applying to go to the college somebody applying to go work at the job even if it's attenuated by hey i have to go to college to get a good job i have to go here to work and keep a roof over my head but like

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the discrete choice of in the the the illusion of choice within those things gives us a sense that we are picking something even if you can say we're not we're picking a specific college we're picking a specific employer and and that act of choosing within a small range of choices that have already been made for us gives us the illusion of autonomy but it's a real sense of illusion to us and that means that we have bought in at a psychological level to the social pressures and mores of those areas there 0:33:9  
is no similar pressure getting people that you don't know to get along with your ideas on race there's no way to do it and as social order collapses the only thing that's going to be left the residue of all this is going to be the one undeniable fact that because of the racial uh the way that race has shaped the literal geography of this country like the \*\*\*\*\* dan ryan expressway in chicago cutting black and white chicago and half like a \*\*\*\*\* katana on the order of uh uh richard daly uh is it so social life as a result is wildly segregated and that means social trust is segregated and the only hope we have to either challenging the existing system or to philly or to successfully fill the gap created by a more generalized crisis and collapse is if we 0:34:10  
can overcome that oh my god yeah in the after afterscape can you imagine the clans like q anon will be the form foundation of a new religion it will be and in fact i would argue that if you play this out like a fall of the roman empire post europe right where like you you up they effloresced all these like microstates uh there was the period of of uh conflict between like uh temporal and spiritual authority uh and then finally the solidification uh in early the early modern era of like relatively large uh uh centralized states state centralized monarchies or empires uh if you had that in the united states like and you had like in the roof like like there was after the fall 0:35:11  
of the roman empire a bunch of different types of religion mostly different varieties of christianity you know you got your aryan arianists nuts gnostics all those guys monophysis if we have a similar thing like in a post cops america q anon i bet would be the one to win out it would be it would be the it would be like a and if if they ended up having a you know social revival a couple thousand years from now or not not even that couple hundred uh christianity would be like had been finally finally fully americanized like like mormonism hyper like hyper normalized mormonism so that's it's like uh yeah i know not only did jesus come to america he fought a war in america against the forces of darkness personified by george soros and hillary clinton 0:36:12  
who who ritually ate babies to give them strength uh in the name of satan and there was like a a battle and uh and jesus was like temporarily routed jesus and donald trump were temporarily routed from the field but they'll return like the occlude like trump will be the occluded mahdi in the future q anon pro so you can everyone can have fun with that imagine that that'll be fun that's one of those things it's like god give me a time machine i just want to see it i want to see what but somebody

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says yeah this would be the final americanization of christianity which reminds me about something about mormonism that i wanted to say we talked about me and felix talked about mormonism uh on the show on monday and i wanted to elaborate a little bit because i've been thinking just about how ingenious the mormons are because they basically solved protestant american protest the saud they've solved the problem of american protestantism and then because they had solved that later after it fully matured they were able to solve the problem of american capitalism and in so doing they have resisted a lot of the worst social decay of of the rest of us like like dropping life expectancies fertility rates uh drug addiction all this stuff uh and that's why i would felix always saying like mormons are who evangelicals think they are and that's so perfect that's so perfect because they both have a religion where they have a fused prosperity material prosperity with spirituality and personified it in the country they live in uh but the difference is is that the mormons maintain a social cohesion that allows capitalism to work for them whereas the the evangelical has been fully dissolved and atomized by the market and is a complete like yeah he's like yes i'm i'm i'm a business man it's like yeah a mormon guy he has like three uh card car uh washers that he owns he's got a nice family five 16 kids his every weekend his wife and all the other wives go in the bake in the basement the finished basement and they all sell each other multi-level marketing uh products to keep the economy moving uh but yeah evangelical thinks that sam but no he's on his fourth divorce porn addicted guy with he's like gonna like burn down his skidoo dealership for the insurance money and it's because mormon solved both of the big problems how do you how do you how do you be christian in america uh the social like the social aspect of religion with the depersonalizing experience of living in the material absurdity of america from the point of view of european settlers and their descendants uh and and even before that and how do you uh reconcile the inevitable like national uh uh fetishization that will occur which is what we have done this is what american protestantism is working worshipping america how do you reconcile that to a religious tradition protestant christianity that imagines its origins in a completely different place and time pre-capitalist pre-european how how can you be an american and worship americanly with that religion uh and even more deeply even more deep than that how do you solve the problem of the ego centered materialism of the of what american protestantism will have to become to accommodate uh the pursuit the ability to always pursue material access a material gain to offset spiritual loss the crank the one-way crank that will inevitably lead to the total de-sacralization of the public space and the profanement of all it's a one-way ratchet um and the thing that causes that is uh is is a ego based an ego fixated social order you because america is so prosperous it twists uh it gets the wires to cross within the mind where material

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pursuit where ego gratification and ego gratification at a material level because that's what's that's what's to be had is the same as the good and therefore is god but that means your god right kinda you have to unless you can't be absorbed right you can't be absorbed into an eternal thing and also be the sum total of of uh the universe the sum total of the of the moral requirement of the universe to you is your advancement how the hell do you handle that the mormons solve that theological problem by saying oh when you go to heaven you become god you get your own planet and you get to do sims for eternity that's how you that's how you solve that problem the other problem of course you saw by saying oh yeah no jesus came to america he ministered to the natives then they had a big war it's true uh there's these golden plates the the uh the garden of eden is in missouri you've you've replaced it you've re-territorialized it and then by staying together by staying together by going to utah together being persecuted really the persecution probably helped they were able to create a social order where rather than allowing capitalism to define the social space and dissolve them all away into particles they use capitalism as like a capillary network to circulate money in their economy like i'm not kidding multi-level marketing works in in utah because the reason all those things fail the rest of the place is because eventually and for most cases very quickly you run out of people to sell to because who the hell does anyone know how many friends do people have how many relatives do people have how many close relatives people have breeders out it's like in a perpetual motion machine in utah and not only that like that's that's the housewives they even like both it's there's they've solved all this stuff they've got two parents working because the husband has the business that towers everybody's roof or whatever and then he gets his you know pool cleaned by the other guy and it circulates the circulation of economy as they say and that's always sunny and the wives are giving each other lulu or like stretch pants and tupperware parties and so you got both both partners working but the the the wife's work is one that allows her to also be a domestic partner the way that traditional patriarchal capitalist society uh and so as a result the corrosive acid uh of of capitalism unbound by by any kind of social cohesion which will be all capitalism in an opened social order that does not have like boundaries to it uh will lead to total total atomization anatomy and so you got all these guys all these all these evangelicals whose lives are miserable who are filled with genuine hate in a way that would make jesus's blood curl uh and and whose religion has been oriented subconsciously around sadism it's because all the \*\*\*\*\* that they think they believe is is directly wired to the opposite of that and that's why uh that's why the mormons won by being early adopters because they they were like the bleeding edge people they were they were the most sent because you know uh cults and future religions are filled with both the same type of people the raw

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nerve you know the the squeaky wheel the the the the the ex the more the sensitive the socially fragile the person whose ability to absorb the reality is attenuated to a degree that makes their personality hypersensitive to certain inputs and therefore seeking of alternatives seeking of a different way to be some of them end up you know going to go into uh guyana and being killed with uh poisoned flavor aid some of them go to utah and found a flourishing religious tradition that almost got a but it's the same type of people uh mormonism is of course associated most most closely with utah but it was founded in upstate new york uh by joseph smith that's where the 0:45:27 upstate new york is where he claims he found the tablets the gold the golden tablets and upstate new york is also an area that at the time was called the burned over district because of its propensity to spark massive conflictory religious revivals of different types mostly protestants charismatic religious traditions and and uh joseph smith was one of those guys and there's actually i always like i've wondered about that like why why upstate new york why was that the burned over district that was also by the way they had the hotbed of anti-masonic uh uh politics that's where the animatic party was born thurlow weed who became the uh political major domo for william seward got his start with the animasonic party and that was obscene new york i think it might have something to do with the erie canal hear me out might 0:46:30 have something to do with the area there's a passage in moby dick uh because to me it really evoked what it must have been like to live in upstate new york and it makes me feel like oh i get why this is a place where religious passions were so deeply felt uh so here it is uh this is melville describing uh the lives of people who are who live in the canal zone where uh where they put in the area canal um canalers they call them freely depicted in his own vocation gentlemen the canaler would make a fine 0:47:32 dramatic hero so abundantly and picturesquely wicked is he like mark anthony for days and days along his green turfed flowery Nile he indolently floats openly towing with his red-cheeked cleopatra ripening his apricot thigh upon the sunny deck but ashore all this effeminacy is dashed the bring dish guys the canal are so proudly sports his slouched and gaily ribboned hat but toking the token his grand features a terror to the smiling innocence of the villages through which he floats his sword visage and bold swagger are not unshunned in cities once a vagabond on his own canal i have received good turns from one of these canalers i thank him hardly would feign not be ungrateful but it is often one of the redeeming qualities of your man of violence that at times he has a stiffened arm to back a poor stranger in a straight as to plunder a wealthy one in some gentlemen what the wildness to this canal life is is emphatically convinced by this that our wild whale fishery contains so many of its most finished graduates and that scarce any race of mankind except sydney men are 0:48:34 so much distrusted by our wailing captains nor does it all diminish the curiousness

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of this matter that to many thousands of our rural boys and young men born along its line the probationary life of the grand canal furnishes the sole transition between quietly reaping in a christian cornfield and recklessly plowing the waters of the so that's part of it is that is that the canal zone was a was a um it was a liminal zone and liminal zones are where social orders dissolve and are uh if turned ephemeral and that creates social anxiety it creates a need to find dry land again because some people are going to say \*\*\*\*\* it and go off to the water but others of less adventurous temperaments are going to try to find another explanation and uh and and blood and thunder religion is one it's a way out of the thicket it's a way out of the of the 0:49:36 uh of the of the terrifying uh cutthroat dog eat dog savagery of an unrestrained uh market milieu which is what the the erie canal represented because remember this is 1840s this is before we're talking about any like the industry is still very much in its infancy the industrial revolution has barely begun in the united states this is the closest thing we've got really anywhere near a uh i mean other than of course cities and cities of others i've always been godless dens but they're very they're so godless that the the disorder they produce is very rarely cloaked in religious garb that's for the countryside that's where that's where the the uh the doe-eyed and the and the earnest first confront uh challenges to their world and the need to need to deal with those challenges there's another bit about the um there's another bit 0:50:48 in that definition or in that chapter which also has this great description of how people from the great lakes area are basically uh coastal and have like see water in their veins and i agree with that but he has one more like paragraph i think about about the religious beliefs in the in that area let's see if here it is here it is this is a description of the canal for 360 miles gentlemen through the entire breadth of 0:51:50 the state of new york through numerous populist cities and most thriving villages through long dismal uninhabited swamps and affluent cultivated fields unrivaled far fertility on unrivaled for fertility by billiard room and bar room through the holy of holies of great forests on roman arches over indian rivers through sun and shade by happy hearts are broken through all the wide contrasting scenery of those noble mohawk counties especially by rose snoke white chapels whose spires stand almost like milestones flows one continual stream of venetianly corrupt and often lawless life there's a true ashanti gentleman there howl your pagans where you ever find them next door to you under the long long flung shadow and the snug patronizing lee of churches for by some curious fatality as it is often noted of your metropolitan free booters that they ever encamp around the halls of justice so sinners gentlemen most 0:52:51 abound in holiest vicinities that was the that was the quote i was looking for that's even better why did supple chairs exactly the the the the the inherent um daily hypocrisy that must be absorbed by all people who both live according to what they

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imagine to be a religiously prescribed life and the necessity of commerce it creates instability and anxiety and it makes people do if they are sensitive enough if their antenna are pinged at the right frequency it makes them do \*\*\*\*\* like follow a dude to uh illinois who claims that he's read secret god messages on golden tablets that you can't see he they the angel came and took him away i would love to show it to you but he came he i was like this is amazing that's the like it's amazing it really 0:54:1 does tell you that religion is really fully a it had because it has to be an act of faith at the center of it right like you have to be able to like i talked just i talked the other day about the lacuna in your eye where the stalk is you don't have the hole there because you literally hallucinate something in there because you know enough you see enough about what's around it that your brain just like fills in oh okay this is what's there which is essentially what your brain does during any hallucination only at a more like a more intense level it's like you're filling in the next step like your brain is imagining something and then it just puts it there because your uh perception is that intensified by the drug uh but so you're you always have to fill in you you're very even believing your eyes requires a leap and as such all attempts to 0:55:4 make a metaphysical understanding of the universe require that and so attempting to like defeat religion on those kind of grounds seems you gotta you gotta challenge on the grounds of does this religion actually adhere to the values the universal values i'm i'm sorry i'll say it there's a universal value unregarding all religious traditions of but of course that's not how they're lived because those are idealist concepts and idealism idealist concepts are to be molded by material reality are to be shattered upon the rocks of reality that we then have to pick up we pick up the pieces and put it back together and we \*\*\*\*\* up when we do it we miss pieces we we leave something 0:56:6 under the under a couch and it's a little \*\*\*\*\* up and messed up and then we hand it off to the next generation they drop it they got to do it again every time something gets lost something gets moved but every time the the the shape is caused by the collision between this idea and this reality and that's why like american even though christianity i think has at its heart like as as perfectly stated uh uh uh real like it's it work christianity could is is as true as buddhism is i could or close enough for government work at a certain like root base just in terms of understanding of like the good god uh our place in the universe in but then we have a thing where people think that there's a disney guy with a beard and you get to go to splash that's not and what comes from that is this psychotic materialism and the only way 0:57:7 to accommodate a real materialist my world is through competition ego gratification through competition and resource grabbing cooperation is antithetical even though cooperation is the sum total let's see somebody says why is buddhism pretty good i mean tell that to the rohingya you know it's like it's not like there are buddhist

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like with the countries where there's like a buddhist super majority that have that are not part of the global exploitation machinery that do not have misery in the same proportion because all of these things have been shaped by the material i think there's a perception food isn't better because in the united states if you're buddhist 0:58:8  
kind of by definition you have not accepted the the uh the ideological uh issued kit you know you're you've inherently said ah nah this isn't for me because you probably grew up at least nominally christian that requires like an introspection to do that you didn't just pull it off the rack and so those people tend not to be reactionary or less reactionary i should say and so there's association there with uh with with the left but that's just because just because of the selection bias of becoming a one evening as the sun went down and the jungle buyers were burning down the track 0:59:11  
came a hobo hiker he said boys i'm not yearning headed for a land that's far away sign the crystal fountain so come with me go and see the big rock handy mountain how did feudalism uh last so long in japan uh i mean i be i don't know that much about japan so i'm talking out of my ass people could correct me my my instinctive thought is lack of competition lack of it was a unified state for so long because what broke the feudal what broke the feudal stalemate in europe was the black death and then the emergence of capitalism out of the trade network that came along with the increased economic activity uh afterwards because of the increase of circulating surplus the surplus wasn't being hoarded it was being circulated because laborers 1:0:12  
could demand more for their money for their labor because there were fewer of them and that created that that broke the uh the relationship it broke the leverage point between between uh the uh and the serfs and it started to just fatal it destabilized uh uh feudalism and also created much more circulating surplus which was then absorbed into a network of trade and of course trade brings a competition or trade is funneled through competition between those medium-sized states i was talking about the europa had which competed with each other and in competing did things like try to find new trade routes after the ottomans plugged up the old ones and uh and investing in new uh machinery and uh and and intensifying economic activity and the levels of abstraction within economic activity whereas japan was a unified state for the entire period there was nothing to uh there was nothing to this just to just 1:1:13  
disrupt the the essential uh dynamic between the two classes and then what was it that eventually broke it open the uh commodore perry but that's just off the top of my ass i mean the stuff about europe i'm more cl i'm more uh i'm pretty confident i would defend that but i just i would assume that that would all right i'm gonna wrap up in a minute here if anyone's got commodore matthew perry can you ima could i uh somebody asked how long until baseball quits i gotta say the fact that they 1:2:32  
didn't stop after the marlins thing happened makes me think they're just gonna say

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\*\*\*\*\* it and go forward and i think that the players are too \*\*\*\*\* domesticated to push against it because who we got in the nba or the uh or the major league baseball now you've gotta like all the white guys basically are cu dumb asses who don't think the \*\*\*\*\* virus is real in the first place so they have no incentive they don't really care so boom you've got like that whole that's what a third of the players basically ideologically captured you don't even have to work on their material interest because they don't even know they have any in that context younger players really have no say so that's another huge chunk you know there's very and then everybody else is like if i'm going to be the only one who says no then i'm just going to lose out on money and maybe oh god this is actually fun i can't answer it i just want to think 1:3:39 about it as i talk because it's so good what if trump loses what does his lame duck period look like part of me thinks he just pushed the button you know think about it he loses really bad too bad to effectively pull the lever on a coup or whatever and all of his and all the top republicans realize he's expendable and all the military guys realize biden's not enough of a threat to bother uh going in with trump in since he's so unreliable and then it's like oh my god i'm gonna lose i'm going to spend the rest of my life as a failed president who lost an election and there's nothing more pathetic that's why winning the presidency is so like so so destroying and why you have to be a sicko to want it because winning the presidency makes you one of the most one 1:4:40 of the most consequential figures in congratulations your ego has been put to a size that mortal men can't usually even dream of on the flip side of that though is that there is no particularly disdained historical figure than the one term president you are setting yourself up for a humiliation the the the intensity of which only a handful of people have ever experienced that's how i mean imagine how bad that must feel to know that you're always going to be remembered as the loser president like it's not nearly as bad for guys who run for president don't get it they usually get it's like uh it's like chips right so chips had two guys it had erica eric estrada and it had larry wilcox now in the years since then eric estrada kind of stayed famous but as a punchline like oh eric estrada the loser old guy can you imagine him he's trying to 1:5:42 be sexy oh that's funny oh look he's on \*\*\*\*\* the surreal life flashing vern troyer in a hot tub oh this is very dignified oh look he's in a he's ironically in a uh \*\*\*\*\* punk rock bands video in the 90s oh this is hilarious larry wilcox off the radar just not even known i think most people in in terms of show business unless the real sickos would rather be larry wilcox like that's what being a failed presidential candidate is but being a failed president that's being eric estrada and who want no one gets famous trying to be eric estrada so and and of course we know that trump has no moral imagination beyond himself he's a fully isolate that's why he's miserable because he is a fully embodied american he is the most american american he embodies america

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blah blah we know this he is he he is the manifestation of one so of of all phenomenon condensed into one person as you will occasionally have he's the doctor manhattan of america so it's not like he's gonna feel oh no i can't kill anybody he doesn't think people are real he thinks in a real way that when he dies the world will end so why not just and there's really nothing to stop him you could argue that because it's a uh it's lame duck period maybe there'll be military people there like maybe they give a special instructions to the football guy to hey you know if there's nothing going on and he just tries to grab the football in the next two months i gotta figure those conversations have happened because it's not it's not being a lib to point out that he is he is fundamentally erratic in a way that no president has been really since nixon and nixon was like doing doing kind of a bit for a lot of it as a psyop even though he was totally bug \*\*\*\*\* nixon was like man nixon wins he was out he was out there and so is lbj it's kind of astounding to think that we survived the \*\*\*\*\* height of the cold war with two of the most paranoid miserable freaks both nixon and uh lbj have recordings uh after their landslide victories because they both won back to back which is astounding to think or no uh eight years apart which is astounding to imagine that kind of shift from one party to the other but those are almost back to back two of the biggest blowouts in american history uh but in both cases uh uh in nixon's case more really they were disappointed in the congressional turnout and the the coattails and they just the day after the election they're just kind of complaining about how it wasn't a big enough win and that's just it's evidence that these people are sick and they cannot be satisfied they are hungry ghosts you have to stop them from being able to feed that's our only hope as a species

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it up doing podcast broadcasting broadcasting time to broadcast broadcasting on the internet can you believe it the modern age we live in allowing people to broadcast from their own telephones these things used to just be calling for calling people call up your aunt gertie and ask how she's doing call up the pizza man and see what's shaking this is the first time we've never been able to talk to people on the internet i'm sorry telephone this is the first time telephones have been used to broadcast on the internet welcome to the future you've always dreamed of there i am i'm on the computer and the phone at the same time you know what it kind of makes up for everything else the whole dizzying collapse situation the uh the epochal climate disasters and such 0:1:2 i am on my computer and my phone at the same time if i could put this \*\*\*\*\* on a chromecast onto a television i will have completed the trifecta i will have hit for the cycle as it were i'm not getting any comments yet am i actually broadcasting there you are there are the comments ah yes now i know i am being viewed it's very muggy here it's gonna rain it's gonna rain tonight and i think cool things off which will be nice and then it's just going to rain like crazy because of whatever tropical so today the president did the thing that everyone was freaking out about he suggested hey maybe we delay the election what do you think until we can figure it out everyone freaked out people first you had the wave of of institutionally invested liberals saying don't worry that's unconstitutional then you had the traumatized populist screaming 0:2:3 back when does that stopped him before but i've got to say right now i'm putting my money and as i said as i must always stipulate i don't know what the hell is happening yeah none of us do we're only guessing we're blindly flailing in the dark so we can only project forward our understanding very very close to the front of us so anything beyond a few feet is is missed shadows had missed but my guess there is he's setting up an alibi for losing way to whine about it because as people pointed out yeah if he wants to not have an election he could do that i guess he could say that he could order that to be done and maybe barbara and the justice department say like pompeo suggested yeah okay that's fine but the election isn't um carried out by the um elections aren't carried out by the united states government

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it should be but it's not they're carried out by the states so unless he's going to 0:3:4  
send the national like military units to occupy democratic states to force them not  
to vote that doesn't work if they have an election and he's like claiming uh uh he's  
throwing a flag on it and saying none of this counts because uh you're doing mail  
order ballots and we need to delay it that would could be affirmed in court and it  
could be affirmed by as people have pointed out you know the states that biden  
wins that have republican legislatures could hypothetically give those electoral votes  
to trump even if he didn't win them and none of that is technically impossible i  
guess but i don't see him having the buy in with any of these institutions necessary  
to have them help him do that i mean a good example i would say is matt bevitt 0:4:5  
matt bevin is the recently ousted governor of kentucky had one term he basically  
promised to undo obamacare in kentucky a state that has more poor people in it  
per capita than almost any state we have uh and he did that he \*\*\*\*\* he canceled  
a program that was working well to provide uh low-cost health care to people in a  
state that desperately needed it a real piece of \*\*\*\*\* uh but he also governed as  
just a a trump-like contradiction heightener he governed he covered his corporate  
agenda with constant antagonistic culture war uh and the thing is and so then he  
ran against the sun of the last governor uh stephen brashear uh and brashear won  
but bevin tried to challenge the results bevin tried to say that he wasn't going to  
recognize the votes and he could have and he was gonna make a demand for a recount  
even though he was outside the margin of error for one at which point all bets are  
kind of off and this is a situation where technically this could have worked even if 0:5:6  
it was destroying norms it could have happened because kentucky has a democratic  
or a kentucky kentucky has a republican-controlled legislature or did at that time i  
don't know what it is now and so they could have voted to yes endorse bevin's call  
for a recount against even the roles and they didn't do it because they didn't like  
him either he had no investment with the state gop because he had governed like  
a one-man wrecking crew bent on his own self-aggrandizement and so when he lost  
that was a gift for the republicans in the house and senate there and i am saying  
that if the chips actually fall for a for a trump-esque coup attempt where he has to  
press the button that says all of this this hypothetical loyalty that is now trickled  
out through the entirety of the republican party apparatus must now all be brought  
into action on my behalf right now i don't think that that was what would happen 0:6:8  
i think he might press the button but then it would not activate anybody because  
they would want to get rid of him too they want to get rid of him \*\*\*\*\* and even if  
they don't i don't think the true believers are in enough sufficient positions of of of  
um leverageable influence in the requisite array of institutions state federal judicial  
legislative military law enforcement that would have to come together behind that

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just don't see it now on the other hand he thinks he's going to lose he wants to have a way to lose in his mind without having lost and that is to call the whole thing rigged and then walk away now that's going to get people killed i think i think you're going to see more than a few q people get pushed off the edge by that uh and yeah there'll be some some mass shootings maybe or temps i mean the key the the q score so far is very low the lethality of q is very low even the most damaged q people seem to be too damaged to successfully kill many people you got that guy who uh who just posted up in a van across the uh across the hoover dam holding up a sign demanding that like some inter attorney general's report be uh declassified like trump trump's got this whole master plan for q and he's going to drop the thing on his say-so but no he's going to listen to this idiot who \*\*\*\*\* waved a sign in the front of the hoover dam instead that undermines like that that act means you don't even understand your own theory it's trust the plan they know best and you're going to push their \*\*\*\*\* it's like they're committing heresy they're at it's like job they're asking things of god where were you when i i hung the heavens how dare you \*\*\*\*\* tell me when i'm supposed to release the attorney general's plan or arrest the pedophiles no man and there was that guy who went to comet ping pong and just like shot one hole apparently there was a cue guy in sweden who chopped his girlfriend's head off and there been there was like a cute guy who killed his father with a katana that's gonna happen but that's because since when to anybody but trump and his supporters not people in power not not military leaders not people in congress most people in congress except for the real shiny eye true believers even in the judiciary none of these people they don't view the the the ascension of a regular democratic uh administration as apocalyptic because for the most part they have not entirely ingested the kool-aid now when they do then all this is over once that happens once the republican party is completely on the same page and has fully metabolized the notion of the democrats as existential threats in themselves on par with like the communist party in the 40s then all bets are off i don't think we're there yet but of course let me stipulate i didn't think we were i thought that trump made sense and that trump trump-ass figure was inevitable but i thought we weren't there yet but once again i think the difference is we're talking about an electorate one hand which basically went to trump not because of of overwhelming you know uh being taken with his message mostly by disaffection and people checking out and uh this would be the decisions of people at the highest of all the sinews of our of our state uh and they i don't think they yet see it that way i think they still are like we can do business with them joe Biden i know that guy we made money during obama everybody made out everybody got to do whatever they want to do the army guys got to kick up sand and and the cia guys got to have fun adventures in ukraine and

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uh and syria and libya and \*\*\*\*\* uh the cocaine flow continued the uh the child the the the child wrangling and uh and trafficking networks hummed along the the the symphony of commerce was uninterrupted and biden is explicitly telling them more the same their \*\*\*\*\* uh party met explicitly to to denounce in in no uncertain terms the insurgent left on that is part of their broad electoral coalition and they have every ability to do that because that insurgent left has no institutional ability to provide leverage against the democratic party in any way not yet anyway this is not a situation where people are going to risk it all for a man who most people who know him know is not in any way stable or more or competent or any of the things you 0:11:22 would want and somebody that you're gonna go \*\*\*\*\* i think the reason people are are more credulous of this and they probably should be is because they are imbibing all of these cultural products and all of this output social media output by his voters and although the process of the voters views slowly assimilating through capillary action up into the upper reaches of the party which has definitely happened it's not a complete process i don't but again that's in that's in august all right that's in late june in november who the \*\*\*\*\* knows what the brown conditions will be who knows how the economy in covid uh and the protest movements and the escalation with between police and uh protesters and good old-fashioned uh good old-fashioned race conflict i mean there's there's a number of groups out there who are angling to 0:12:23 to provo provoke a shooting war uh a a helter-skelter-esque conflagration and uh you know i don't think that's likely but there's there's tinder and as a result that's why i can't say with any kind of certainty what i think is going to happen but i'd say right now right now trump is tweeting that not as a not as a uh i don't even understand what the idea is if he wants to do that he should just do it yeah pesting the water he's testing the water for this maybe but when is he ever i mean does that really describe his communication style gently testing the water for certain ideas or does he reflexively just tweet about what he sees he watched a guy on stuart varney show on fox news a fox business some \*\*\*\*\* uh some guido ass \*\*\*\*\* uh republican pizzeria owner in long island he sees him going like trump's doing a great job and he goes uh 0:13:24 go get the pizza it's wonderful that's as much thought as he puts into and so why is he saying that because he wants an excuse maybe in a few months he'll look around and be like holy crap maybe i can hold on to this thing but right now i think he looks around and he sees not good and the thing is he might be wrong maybe trump wins you know polling obviously 2016 and really put the stake in the heart of any kind of confidence you can have in poland but for me it boils down to this it's often been said that every election involving an incumbent president ends up boiling down to one question that every voter subconsciously consciously asks themselves and that is are you better off now than you were four years ago and that traditionally has been what

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reelects or defeats an incumbent now take obama for example things were pretty bad in 2012. the unemployment rate was like nine percent i think uh it was still the 0:14:25  
recovery was early and rocky but he was elected during a literal economic meltdown he was elected in in the middle of a slow-motion economic collapse and so people were better off even if things got worse like even if things solidified into something worse they were solid that's an improvement george w h bush just one of the great his just tragic stories beautif the beauty i think i've talked about this the beautiful poetry of this guy who mastered the sinews of the american state and party system and and uh its connection to to petroleum uh and the world markets the guy it's like he's basically christopher plummer in syriana this maestro cia agent republican uh gray eminence the man who basically forged the alliance between eastern capital and 0:15:26  
the emerging sun belt west uh ran more coke through central america than pablo escobar and the colleague cartel combined uh no literally knew where the bodies were and he got and he's a loser one termer because of a tiny little recession that hit in early to uh 1992. just it was barely a big it wasn't even a big one and it immediately the recovery from it was was galloping you had the whole clinton boom after that he even engineered a war to keep his numbers up if anybody's listened to blowback the iraq war was a \*\*\*\*\* was a trap laid by the bush administration to give a pretext for a war that they could then prosecute that would boost his poll numbers create a new american-led military order to fill the gap created by the collapse of the soviet union and to justify cold war or higher levels of military spending in the face of uh 0:16:28  
calls for their cut they told kofi they told hussein in so many words we don't care if you invade kuwait just like we didn't care and in fact encouraged you to invade iran so he does it so that we can smash it so that we can squash them like a bug and it worked 80 percent approval rating god emperor \*\*\*\*\* push no more wimp comments ever but he did it ended too early we won two good and then the economy just had a loser clinton gets the dot com early.com \*\*\*\*\* bubble money gets to just whoop get him through there in 1996 bridge to the 20th century 21st century and in my memory i cannot think of a president who has gone into reelection where people's answer to that question will be universal more universally no now of course for a lot of people a disturbingly large number that's not going to matter because they have an internal ideological buffer that turns the awfulness of what around them 0:17:29  
into more proof of how good he is but that is not enough people to reelect him i hope people get that i hope people haven't like convinced themselves through just the ubiquity of trump and and his his the solidity of his base that it is a majority in any way even among the half of people who vote and i would say the vast majority of everyone else is going to answer \*\*\*\*\* hell no i'm not unless you're jeff bezos \*\*\*\*\* no i'm not better off than i was and elections are still one at those margins and so

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you know assuming that we actually get an election that is able that assuming the coven situation in november is sufficient to allow for an election that goes off with any kind of legitimacy that's a big if i think he's going to lose and probably by too big of a margin for to even realistically claim fraud in a way that would get others 0:18:33 to rally but like i said that's right now but i mean how the hell do you beat that how do you answer that question unless the person is like i've talked about the the liberal anti-racist idea involves talking to people who have essentially already agreed with your premise it's the same way with this the only way to spin the question of how are you better than off now than you were four years ago is to have someone already invested in the idea that well you know trump is trying to change everything for the veteran uh the media and the chinese and and all of the democrats and even the republicans they're trying to stop him unless you already believe that there's no way that you can look at his performance and find it oh we'll see we'll see we'll see the fact that he's running against a senile mummy who does not appear to know 0:19:37 where he is uh that's a concern but i kind of think that i kind of think trump is counter-mobilizing enough to outweigh that i don't think because i think a lot of people there's always this there's the theory of like mobilization that you're you're that um there's something called counter mobilization where you by activating your core supporters also activate the court for supporters of your opponent and there was a thinking i think for democrats that assumed that hillary was going to win in 2016 they believed well yeah okay we know hillary isn't terribly popular she stands in for a lot of things people don't like and that means the republicans even if they don't like trump are going to come out to vote against her but trump is just as counter-mobilizing for our side people hate him and don't want him to be president and i think one of the big shocks of 2016 is that there was an asymmetrical counter 0:20:38 mobilization that hillary got people to the polls to vote against her way more than trump got people to the polls to vote against him because he was a hypothetical he was a hypothetical thing to vote against you were voting you didn't want him to be in because he seemed like a bad guy and erratic and racist and all that but you weren't really tacking a agenda to that other than just amorphous badness if you're a liberal for conservatives hillary clinton stood in for a very specific legacy that they abhorred and i think that the thing that's going to work for the democrats advantage this time is that i think biden is much less counter mobilizing than hillary was and trump now that he's been president for four years and it has gone as badly as the most dire prediction of someone who didn't like him on the day he won how it that's going to fill in the gap of biden enthusiasm that's the theory i don't know 0:21:39 if it's true i suspect it might be because people don't hate bite in the way that they hated clinton like his entire his entire hit on biden is now about competence

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and brain power and the thing is people don't actually care that much about that because they kind of know at a certain level the president doesn't really run anything it's a whole \*\*\*\*\* squad it's a team and then there's the vice president it's like it doesn't really and it's not like trump is setting the world on fire the guy spent two months bragging about passing a basic cognitive faculty test essentially bro past he bragged about like uh passing a concussion protocol that doesn't make the contrast and that was hillary's problem is that she could never make the contrast with trump work because everything you could say about uh trump had a symmetrical thing you could say about hillary from corruption to sexual assault and harassment uh crooked 0:22:42 charities uh no account no talent kids uh getting jobs they don't deserve uncanny not the same thing here what does biden represent mine represents the obama years which where during which nothing like this happened and trump represents this i think that's i think i think people need to kind of get over this trauma from trump winning where by now they're going to credit him with a power over like the psyche of the american voter that i think is not really accurate but caveat always a caveat we'll see because i always get this \*\*\*\*\* wrong anyway just laying out more than anything i'm just laying out my thought process you can agree or disagree with that more god if we don't if we don't get we're not going to get a debate i'm positive 0:23:47 there's going to be no debate certainly not in person which is the only way it really would have been fun like if it's a zoom debate it's already ruined that's the best we can hope for like dueling town halls and dueling like enclosed bunkers it's really depressing there's no way that dnc allows there to be a hunter yeah it's the same way like urban cane is like the high that's about as where we're going to top out in terms of evil people biting it from kovad which is still very very very low just and we're not we're not going to get any kind of good debate it's a bummer real bummer man unemployment is not going to be allowed to expire i mean they might \*\*\*\*\* it up but that's that's like that's how there's a lot of malevolence in the cove at bungling but there's also a lot of just sheer incompetence and lack of institutional capability there's a chance that congress is too dysfunctional to pass something that everyone knows has to pass that could happen but i mean they make the rules you 0:24:48 know deadline shmedline they can they can fix that in post that's kind of the whole deal they're right the laws so i think that that's this this thing isn't going to collapse because somebody pressed a button that said make it fall apart you know that's not going to happen no one's going to hit their ass on the self-destruct button it's gonna be people making decisions that they think are in the best interest of the moment that are cumulatively catastrophic and that was not cumulatively catastrophic that is self-destructive that's detonating a suicide fest in the heart of the american economy why would they do it and the answer oh they're they're they're sick and the cruelty

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is the point that's the kind of emotionalist \*\*\*\*\* honestly that obscures so yesterday 0:25:49  
somebody was really hollering at me for some reagan land a reagan land update i  
hope they're listening or watching or will at some point because i kind of i spent the  
weekend i was off doing stuff i didn't uh i didn't really read any but i got back into  
it 1979 and there's some stuff in here about uh about the neoliberal turn of carter  
uh i mean the material is obviously very relevant but pearlstein frames it in a very  
by 1979 carter's completely convinced that that that inflation which was the number  
one domestic issue it's hard to imagine but yes inflation because it was very high it  
was it was almost double digits which was just wiping out savings uh and freaking 0:26:50  
people out because at that point people weren't all all debt riddled at that point that  
was was rare that was to be avoided it was not just the condition of life not uh the  
way it is now uh so people it just drained away people's savings uh and he points out  
actually that one of the big things that leads to the credit the shift to credit is people  
start wanting to buy expensive things right away rather than save for them because  
it's impossible to save with inflation too high so charge it and pay a rate of interest  
that will still be cheaper than waiting too long uh but carter's answer to this was oh  
inflation is caused by government spending specifically deficits and he pursued that 0:27:51  
to his his party's essential uh immolation like destroying his own party and then it  
had the carcass rotted on the street until it got filled in by uh the dlc and uh the  
same corporate interests who had taken over the who owned the republican party uh  
and he did that out of miss a a delusional belief in in the the causes of government  
uh the causes of inflation and then what's really most notable even more than that  
is that so carter says oh look we gotta we have to live within our means we have to  
stop the amer we i i have to be a politician who for the first time since the world war  
ii has to tell people to tighten their belts to say that they can't they have to do more  
with less which is not that goes against 40 years of democratic but uh politics how  
am i i mean that's that's undermines our entire electoral uh raise on debt there's no  
other reason what's the point of the democratic party if they're not there to hand  
out goodies from an ever expanding economy uh and so like his uh his liberal uh 0:28:53  
policy director in 1979 who said that carter must face the new reality he inherits he  
must govern based on facts and situations handed to him he cannot recreate the 60s  
when he must conf govern when he must govern with the far different problems of  
the 70s an era of constraints they're saying we need to constrain and in that and he  
never asked the question well what do you do how does that mean politically and  
i think that's because he had an assumption buried in his assumptions which was  
okay this fact this new america must live within its means reality well because this  
is objectively true the republicans know this too and that means we're both parties  
are going to have to govern now and campaign with the understanding but as a

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republican if i'm ronald reagan and i'm looking to take over the reins of government 0:29:54  
and recreate it and all that's standing between me and that is this \*\*\*\*\* pencil neck  
telling people that they need to wear sweaters indoors and they can't go out for  
eat anymore or get a \*\*\*\*\* car what is my incentive to go along with his horseshit  
about austerity especially when some \*\*\*\*\* uh some voodoo priests have brought  
up this beautiful thing this beautiful uh enchantment called supply-side economics  
where i can just say no no we cut taxes and that takes care of it we can still you  
can still have indulgence at every level you might have to uh borrow some money  
but it's fine it'll all work out he's under no requirement to listen to to do what's  
best for the country as though that's some sort of objective thing he can tell people  
whatever they want to hear which is what he did he sold him a line that's why this  
book about the rise of reagan is the invisible bridge he sold him a \*\*\*\*\* fake bridge  
built on built on a fantasy that was entirely funded by but that's not what he told 0:30:55  
people he didn't say that that's where they were making the he did there was no  
informed decision that that was the trade-off people were making because he wanted  
to win there's a story about carter getting leaked reagan's debate prep book in 1980  
and then giving it back without looking at it part and parcel there's no re there is  
nothing making the republicans have the democrats buried assumptions about like  
the guard rails on responsible behavior i also wanted to point to one other thing  
that's very funny he had a in late 1978 there was a state state visit by deng xiaoping  
who was just consolidating his rule in china and starting the process of marketization  
and i just want to read this quickly uh the state visit proved a tonic for the battered 0:31:58  
president's soul quote he's small tough intelligent frank courageous personable self-  
assured friendly and it's a pleasure to negotiate with him carter wrote in his diary  
something he'd never say of the congressional leadership of his own party and i think  
that's very fitting because jimmy carter is basically the deng xiaoping of the republic  
of the democratic party so no no wonder i do like though that he lists all this great  
stuff about how great deng xiaoping is but the first thing he like he's a like he's a  
tumblr guy oh my god dang you're so small you're such a small being ah you're tiny  
oh look at you decollectivizing agriculture ah small boy uh somebody's asking if i've 0:33:0  
read behold a pale horse uh the hold of pale horse is the book by milton william  
cooper that is a conspiracy favorite it's essentially a unified field theory for all all  
ufo conspiracies secret societies it's it's it's got everything you need uh the soviets  
and the americans meeting in a submarine under the antarctic but i haven't read  
the whole thing because it's not the pros isn't scintillating but i know i know the  
main the main arcs of it there's a conspiracy as a deeply uh stewed conspiracy uh  
fan i i'm aware of the arcs i haven't i'll admit i generally don't read a lot of the  
a lot of the classic texts themselves because most of those guys don't really know

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how to write uh and they love repeating themselves and larding things with purple prose just give me the bullet points that's why i want to throw this out there for anybody who likes conspiracies one of my favorite documents in conspiracy lore is the skeleton key to the gemstone file it's i this is a thing that i found on web 1.0 when i was in high school i printed it off and read it in like during lunch and it's this amazing layout of of uh like 20th century history through the lens it's like a james ellroy history of the 20th century where aristotle onassis is like the kingpin of all world crime he's like \*\*\*\*\* fu manchu uh and he of course assassinates the president kennedy but assassinates a million other people uh in pursuit of uh global uh organized crime racketeering profits and also kidnaps and replaces with a double howard hughes but the thing i like about it is it's it's bullet points it's this date this thing happened like a telex very elroy also uh i read it right around the time i read american tabloid and man that was peanut butter and jelly uh so love the skeleton key that's a gemstone file but just one more thing about cooper uh so yeah the hell depart horse is conspiracy look very a classic seminal conspiracy text a lot of people have read it uh not terribly rigorous but i thing i think is funny about him most of all though is that less than a week after 9 11 he was confronted by like u.s marshals or something over over like his refusal to pay taxes uh and he got in a huge shootout with him on his front porch and he shot one of them in the face i think and he got lit up and killed that happened less than a week after 9 11. i just imagine somebody who was a big fan of his finding that out and just being like what and then of course hanging with refers to the mark curry sitcom from the 90s hanging with mr cooper i thought i put how put the guy's full name in there as a classic uh bit of pun pun based synergy which i like to do with the titles for some of these like a little make them up we like to have fun here at the twitch at the fym apparently the chinese have bought 60 000 tons of gold to try to put this to put the yawn on the i don't know about it i mean my guess is it's a hedge i think everything's just hedges i think all these moves i don't think anybody's plan i really it feels more and more to me like everyone is just hedging their bets until the jenga tower collapses rather than pursuing any meaningful long-term strategy i just don't think that there's the stability the resource stability climate stability uh geopolitical stability to to lend itself to significant long-scale long long-term planning by anybody so my guess is that they're just covering their asses but uh if they make a move that's going to be that's a hell of an escalation right there katie might have to bar the door on that i think there's one more thing in here i wanted to talk about let me see if i can find it oh this this is it i remember now so it's talking about how carter in the second half of his term is trying to figure out a way to package this austerity message first time ever for a democrat to tell people that they're not going to get more more

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in your paycheck was the democratic message for 40 years it worked how are they supposed to do this the responsible thing we're doing the responsible thing and surely the republicans will follow our lead it's like not it's amazing the levels of the self-deception and just downright uh failure to recognize reality are stunning first just buying the horseshit about about deficits being the cause of inflation without a thought and then assuming furthermore that the republicans were going to have any good faith incentive to follow through on your responsibility but anyway so he's got to figure out a way to make austerity compatible with democratic values and so 0:39:11  
let me just read this thing about uh the it's when they're getting ready to they're they're preparing the state of the union address for 1979. uh preparing for it sorely rattle the speechwriters worried about complaints that carter failed to inspire and had no clear idea of where he is leading the country they decided it was past time to devise a catchy two-word slogan kennedy's new frontier johnson's great society roosevelt's new deal their dilemma however was simultaneously inspiring clarity and credibly acknowledging the intractably complex interlocking problems the nation faced it was compounded by the fact that the problems conceivable solutions all lay in the distant future with no political dividends in the to be harvested for the work required to get there they decided to try to convince the public that the essence of carter's accomplishments was initiating a process they tried out phrases like new groundwork and new building blocks someone suggested new foundation can't we do 0:40:14  
better one speechwriter carp apparently not some form of new foundation appeared in the speech 13 times sounds like a ladies undergarment said one commentator daniel patrick moynihan pointed out that the phrase appeared in the first stanza of the communist anthem the international there's your boy daniel patrick boynihan being a \*\*\*\*\* epic troll as always but that really does grab grasp a fundamental hinge point in democratic politics and that is the moment when the democratic party went from pitching voters on a outcome and started pitching them on a process we are not promising anything we don't give anything the market provides what we do is provide a process that allows the market to provide and that is not what the democrats used to say these they used to say you got social security because president president \*\*\*\*\* roosevelt there was a uh there's a billboard and i think the 1936 in west virginia that said the president knows that your boss is the son of 0:41:16  
a \*\*\*\*\* your pay packet's gonna go up every year that was the promise more you more jobs higher wages at those jobs not just jobs jobs got detached from wages right around this time and talk about jobs completely detached from wages too and carter is when they can't the democrats cannot responsibly make promises and because the party is inherently they're responsible that's what a democrat is they cannot not be responsible then all you can do is offer a process all you can do is offer to be a

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fair guardian of interests to be a to be a umpire or a a linesman and then you got the republicans they're not necessarily offering anything material but they offering something something spiritual something visceral which is defending a culture which is defending a a hazily conceived way of life and concept of hierarchy that's gonna be \*\*\*\*\* that's gonna be persuasive in the absence of any carter is a \*\*\*\*\* absolute dog \*\*\*\*\* president and i think that like the fact that liberals love him a while i used to think liberals are are wrong to like uh carter no no liberals should love carter carter is the ideal democratic president because he did the right thing against his political interests and it cost him the white house but not his integrity there is no more perfect democrat than jimmy carter of course liberals carter won that pro that nomination because he was a cipher he he was also uh he was obama-like in that way he was promising to redeem a nation traumatized by vietnam and watergate because he was a ostentatious born again christian yes they used there used to be democrats actual democrats who were like that not just dixiecrats like new south democrats were also evangelical bapti uh uh christians he was an evangelical christian he had a sterling reputation he was a son of the soil for god's sake and a nuclear engineer and he also had a top rate pr shop that was as cynical and as manipulative as nixon's advantage 68 the guys from joe mcginnis's uh making of a president and then when he got in there after promising to be all things to all people and for democrats his tale is the perfect that's the way all them all democratic uh like in in in the the process-minded democratic uh uh morality play that is always in the back of the mind of like the fully conditioned post watergate liberals should end in being voted out of office for casting a vote that your so carter's holding the line on the budget holding the line on deficits refusing to try to create a new a new arrangement that maybe i don't know constrain corporate power and profit instead of making uh instead of ending inflation on the backs of a labor share of of the surplus no he accepted the parameters laid down by the narrow uh bourgeoisie experts the narrow range of opinions of the bourgeois experts who he surrounded himself with because by that point uh the power of the labor movement was waning over the democratic party and they couldn't get they weren't there they weren't in those rooms they weren't there for long enough they weren't persuading they weren't persuading and then they also were not offering enough of a danger to make someone act they couldn't coerce or persuade whereas so that meant that the hegemonic uh neoclassical understanding was accepted as gospel so he accepts this brainwashing without a thought and then sacrifices his presidency holding to it and that is that's that's that is the passion play that's that's the great example of a christ-like figure so yeah love carter but uh if you're liberal because he is the ideal one of you and think about that think about that like do you want to be able to smugly think that you you uh you ran

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the country with a sense of honor or is that okay is that enough to make up for the fact that you're a \*\*\*\*\* historical laughingstock yeah no carter was the first neo-liberal president in that he had internalized neo-liberalism at an ideological level which i don't think any of the other ones had i mean partially because it wasn't yet fully formed he had he had internalized it he believed it like his his his diaries we gotta get that budget deficit under control like they believe that's the thing there 0:47:27  
might have been a cat there was a a budding capital revolt happening under carter's feet but that's one of those things where these are mutually reinforcing phenomena and like looking at the degree to which capital was able to reassert control over the political process in the 70s absent analysis of the carter administration's breakneck run towards neoliberalism is incomplete i think you can assume that if they had actually fought on firmer terrain and attempted i don't know to yoke the strength of the still much more powerful than it is now and much more organized american labor movement maybe they could have fought back he didn't want to though like it was it was not even a question of him uh like bending the knee like the starks when avon targaryen showed up to avoid the north being burned up by dragon fire they don't they didn't want to fight it he went in there with we're gonna take i'm gonna discipline this party there are a bunch of kids running around or they're a bunch of babies big old babies looting the treasury for all their pork barrel and i'm gonna spank their bottoms so yeah like capital would have won probably in the end carter probably would have lost but maybe the terrain is different maybe it maybe the party does not become the absolute husk it is maybe maybe points of resistance change the the shape of our descent and leave us now in a period of critical crisis with a higher capacity than we have to resist it that's all you can ever say about any historical counterfactual greater or lesser degrees of coping with the overwhelming and shaping forces of now the real counterfactuals what if reagan wins in 76 because 0:49:36  
very could reagan could have beaten uh ford i mean it came down to the mississippi delegation at the at the uh convention they were essentially tied at delegates going into uh last time that's happened uh going into kansas city in 76 reagan i think won more votes in primaries than ford did or if he didn't it was close ford if reagan had been the nominee he could have beaten he might have beaten carter uh and then he would have presided over he would have had to have given a republican gloss to austerity unless he decided to just ignore it and spend like crazy anyway because he didn't really believe any of that \*\*\*\*\* see there you go that's why these things are difficult i don't know and really you really need the perfect storm of of of these self uh self policing process dorks taking over at that exact moment but reagan absolutely 0:50:37  
still would have broken labor uh no question about that but the thing is he did that in the 80s and yeah you know what that's it somebody was we were somebody was

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asking me about the difference between the analog and the digital high and i was trying to talk about how you know digital high is sort of a simulacrum it's it's it's a ones and zeros version of getting high and somebody says it's shorter lived and that is it yeah it's uh it just doesn't resonate i the thing is i like leo i thought he was fantastic and once upon a time in hollywood uh and his performance in wolf of wall street is an all-timer he got \*\*\*\*\* ripped off i didn't like the revenant and he wasn't good in it but i consider that compensation for getting ripped off for not winning wolf of wall street his just just just him winding up the the floor the boiler room floor those scenes are phenomenal but i don't know if i buy the thing about grant is that grant was and this is the problem with making the grant the focus of a movie is that grant was a guy who faded into the background he was not a prominent personality he was and especially contrasting in an era of just peacock \*\*\*\*\* like george mccllellan with his little napoleon with his fuss old fussing feathers is what they called uh winfield scott or because of the ornateness of his uniform and his penchant for pageantry uh grant no just blood spattered boots in a private uniform very soft-spoken rare rare to get angry uh his whole like anything that's charismatic and interesting about him is about like just being a a cool and calm presence and i think that could work in battle scenes especially like shiloh's a great example yep uh he gets he gets buffaloed and uh absolutely absolutely just shocked by a surprise confederate attack that almost drives him into the \*\*\*\*\* river uh and that night he's at the camp where everybody's frantically trying to you know dig in and worried about it something worried about the next day nobody knows what's going on and sherman comes up to grant and goes well we've had the devil's own day and grant goes yeah looking tomorrow though and then they did they kicked their ass uh so that could be work but like i just don't see leo as that guy leo is the cauldron leo's the simmering pot the vein he's like when i think of some actors have like a some physical feature that is where they're acting sort of concentrates and for me uh with leo it's that line in the middle it's just this like center it's like a seam it's like a tectonic plate contact point where all this lava comes out and also grant didn't really have a have a lot of like dramatic moments i mean uh chattanooga is very very dramatic but he just watched that i mean he was a general i don't know i think grant would be more interesting in in a movie about the presidency than about uh about the war brolin could maybe work brolin has that i actually thought jared harris kind of got it some people don't like him in lincoln but i thought i mean you know because he's not a guy who does a great american accent but quiet uh centeredness but i mean i'll watch it there's no question about that if we still got tv if we still got movies and we still have uh programming my favorite movie about the civil war will always be glory because i saw it when i was a kid and the ending hit me so profoundly and

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emotionally that it basically made me single-handedly into a civil war nerd sherman would make a better movie the march to the sea is genuinely apocalyptic and that that really depicted on screen would be would be amazing and sherman is much because uh because grant you know he was like a melancholy alcoholic and a quiet one at that whereas uh i would say that i think they've like remotely got diagnosed sherman with like manic depression or bipolarity or something he famously said of grant i stood by uh he stood me up he stood by me when i was crazy and i stood by him when he was drunk he's got the red hair too oh yeah yeah sherman was a big neurotic and that's another classic sherman quote is he says like i'm smarter than grant i'm more tactically and strategically uh adept than him i've more read more on on military theory but there's one thing that he has me beat on every day and that is that i cannot he said he does not care what the enemy is doing he fully focuses on his disposition whereas i cannot think of anything else than where the enemy is and it undoes me and that's what undid a lot of uh union generals uh uh \*\*\*\*\* mccllellan more than anybody and the contrast between mccllellan and grant is so poignant because mccllellan was the boy genius he was already called they were calling him the little napoleon before the war started he thought of himself as like one of the great american military officers before he lost his first battle which is one of the big things that contributed to him as well as his sympathies for the south and slavery uh because he was a \*\*\*\*\* copperhead basically my god terrible terrible terrible disastrous choice but um but anyway had to happen you know losses into lessons one of the big reasons he wouldn't fight is because he didn't want to lose he won't want to destroy his impression of himself and the world's impression of him so he just drilled and drilled and drilled and organized the army everybody talks about what a great organizer logistics guy he was like yeah that's all he did no i hope he would be \*\*\*\*\* good at it and then when he fought he fought poorly he won every battle in the seven days but he retreated after each one because he thought he was about to be overwhelmed he of course he got lee's orders to his \*\*\*\*\* divisions they fell into his hands because some \*\*\*\*\* courier dropped him and rolled up in some cigars and he still nearly he still thought he still was only able to get a draw at antietam god imagine if grant had gotten these \*\*\*\*\* orders like a wrecking ball and one of the big reasons he lost it he didn't was unable to overwhelm an antietam it's because he wouldn't commit his whole force at once because he didn't want to get beat grant was a \*\*\*\*\* loser drummed out of the army for alcoholism only when the army in the first place is because he didn't really have anything else to do failed businessman uh kind of in-laws ashamed of him wishing that their daughter had made a better choice uh so he didn't give a \*\*\*\*\* he was he was he was able to concentrate on what was actually in front of him instead of fighting castles fighting

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armies in the sky like mclellan and so he loses the first light shiloh and he's like  
okay we'll win tomorrow i mean my god i i if shiloh had happened to mclellan i just  
imagined him like falling on his sword like a roman consul yeah grant couldn't even 0:59:59  
farm for in the rich soils of the midwest which is literally that's why people live there  
is because you can farm there grant is the problem is that wig is that wig jeffersonian  
to wig like yeoman farmer like citizens just the idea of like a whole citizen you know  
created in the frontier experience but of course there is no such thing as a whole  
citizen and he had his uh he had his problems and his lacks and his lacunae as we  
all do and it helped undermine him although i don't really blame him for like it's  
not his fault that reconstruction ended uh he he he pursued it with real vigor um  
it's just that if if we were gonna if we were going to hyper exploit the south after 1:1:1  
the war which is what everyone wanted to do everyone was waiting to just carve  
up that land uh then there was no way to build the sort of multi-racial democratic  
society that would have well basically the way we could have made reconstruction  
work is if we had made the agricultural south into the agricultural north as in people  
by this kind of small holding farmers like the grant family create more grants out  
of the out of the ex slaves and the and the ex uh confederate small holders by  
breaking up the but the thing is is that that cotton man that was the engine of  
the america one of the engines of the american economy replace replacing that with  
small holding tenant small holding land uh uh yeoman producing like surpluses that 1:2:4  
they sell on the market for like goods like the you've just pulled the engine out of so  
the question is was there was there a hypothetical combination of elements existing  
in america after the civil war to do that to do a smallholders yeoman reconstruction  
wipe out the panda clanter planter class i'll be i'll be nice and say you don't even  
have to execute all of them although i wouldn't shed a tier if they had but dispossess  
them entirely no land anybody all plantations not sold to \*\*\*\*\* speculators all of  
them broken into lots and distributed to all races 40 acres and a mule you would 1:3:5  
have had to add some sort of economic alternative to uh uh the the um so it's an  
economic question it's an economic question and the problem is is that the same  
war that ended slavery fittingly the fighting of it created a capital concentration in  
the north that became overweening and soon enough essentially captured the entire  
uh infrastructure of government which led of course to the monstrosity of the of the  
gilded age and and that's why there is a like a revisionist left take on the civil war  
that says the north was the bad guys because they ended up doing the dirty work of  
finance capital to fully proletarianize like the south and like that's true in that it's  
describing what happened but it's the normative argument is absurd because nobody  
knew that that's what was happening and it didn't have to happen just that's how 1:4:7  
the intersection of material reality and hampton stance the arising stochastic chaos

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of the human natural order shaped us towards that and the counterfactual question is like would lincoln's surviving have been enough uh i don't think by itself but my god it would have helped oh jesus that's i am i'm fairly agnostic on the question of jfk living making things much better because honestly his assassination i'm agnostic on whether he would have really ended vietnam but it's pretty clear that he was completely \*\*\*\*\* on civil rights he was in a log jam and his death cleared so what happens with civil rights if there's no like sacrifice of kennedy to break break up the the senate log jam there like how much does that exacerbate domestic uh racial conflict there's all these questions you gotta ask so i'm like jf jet with everything with jfk who killed him whether he was good or bad almost we would have been slightly to perhaps butterfly effects working in the right way vastly better off if lincoln had lived but i don't think it would have been enough by itself but it could have been a precondition for other things i don't know i also like to imagine garibaldi getting that commission to be the commander of the union army because of course garibaldi's condition of uh to take off power was you got to make freeing the slaves the point of the war and uh because he would have commit he would have waged a guerrilla war is that he was a guerrilla fighter uh and that meant he would have when he captured uh territory in the south he not only would have freed slaves the way that fremont did and uh and benjamin butler contraband uh without and that was controversial because it was not without with it was without the orders of the uh of washington but he would have armed immediately created a created a literal insurgent rolling insurgent army uh which would have changed the the players uh in the post-war political discussion changed the terms of the debate and the and the and the conditions of the parties going through the uh the political process immensely but one of those tragedies of history is that even though i think that that would have been acceptable at the end of the war among most northerners i mean we are the the union finally did arm black soldiers uh glory is about that uh and that they they fitted up some you know contraband units but that was after years of bloodshed and after slavery had risen in centrality to war aims in the early war when everyone really wanted us like keep it narrow and about a slavery at least at the top i mean partially to ally racial anxiety but also to keep the border states from seceding i don't know i've thought about this stuff a lot as you can imagine when i wasn't going on dates in high school yeah that's so annoying about all the with these \*\*\*\*\* italiano guys has no one offered to just do like switch it with garibaldi i mean for one thing columbus is not italian he was genoese italy was not in any sense a unified country or concept garibaldi literally made italy into a thing garibaldi is the reason you can even call yourself italian and not calabrese or something or i'm trying not to use any anti-italian slurs here but it's just very frustrating it's apparently in connecticut and

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it was paid for by some local italians and it says the first italian american christopher columbus and i thought that was pretty funny because for one thing he's dead i don't think he's he's welcoming me anywhere secondly we can argue about whether he's italian because you could say oh yes there might not have been an italian state but there was an italian language even though italian is notoriously dialec like uh dialect 1:9:17 heavy and and uh relatively uh unintelligible across relatively small but even if you want to call him italian he 100 was not american by the way these people talk about america because when people say like i'm italian american they don't mean in that like you know uh globalists like well the united states is not the only country in the americas anyone in north and south america is technically an american i'm going to call them a uscn because they're not american now of course these guys don't go for that \*\*\*\*\* american is usa number one and columbus never set foot in the united states he went to hispaniola and at one point i think he went to the south american continent i'll \*\*\*\*\* guarantee you the guys who put up that sign do not think that anybody from hispaniola or south america is an american i'm guaran goddamn to you they do not all right this has been fun it was a good one i've had good time i 1:10:19 hope you have too keep tuning in

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*I'm on the Sea Peoples Diet. I see peoples, I eat peoples.*

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\*Music playing\*\* baby i was born this way i'll never thought you got that brother are we live we're live i better post there's me look at me hello hello how's it going guys i 0:1:10  
don't have anything playing today i thought i'd just do a chill stream talk you guys  
but whatever you want to talk about don't tell me there's no sound tell me i have  
sound right oh they hear the milk that's good it looks like they've had unemployment  
expire that's pretty crazy i mean the thing is the reason i just assume that that's  
going to be corrected at some point is just because i don't see the percentage in  
continuing to do it from the perspective of people in power forgetting the political 0:2:11  
parties of actual power holders so unless this is the end and they're like getting ready  
to uh i don't know just put people in fema somebody said i was being smug about  
it and if i was i apologize i understand people's livelihoods they're at stake here  
and they're terrified and they have every reason to be worried about this \*\*\*\*\* i'm  
sorry if i appeared uh to not really have enough empathy for that position because  
obviously i think what they're going to have to learn is just that their premise that  
like you can't have people on unemployment because it's going to prevent them from  
seeking work i think they just don't get that the jobs don't exist i think that they are 0:3:13  
trapped in a illusion about how bad things are and how badly they've injured how  
badly the economy has been structurally undermined by this that they think that  
they're still are they that disconnected and ignorant yeah i mean i was talking about  
this they have we have the most unconnected ruling class since before democracy  
which is pretty impressive when you consider that this is supposed to be the like the  
the archetypal democratic state or at least we like to think it is they're absolutely  
unaware uh it's pretty horrifying uh so i don't know what's going to happen like  
i said my assumption is at some point reality will sink in and they will decide to  
put more money out there but uh they're going to make it as as punitive and as  
humiliating and as difficult to collect as possible that will definitely happen there's  
no somebody wants me to talk about quantum mechanics and i really don't know 0:4:26  
anything about it i don't know anything about hard sciences so i don't want to turn  
into joe rogan i don't know it's it's uh yeah i want to steer clear that thank you

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for the question but i don't want to more than anything i don't want to just lose myself in trying to like guess around things that i frankly don't have enough of a grounding in i'm not a math guy or or a science guy i'm not bill m bill nye the science guy i do i do i do sense though like my my like uh more instinctive than an informed sense there's a lot of \*\*\*\*\* going on down there if you know what i mean huh uh in that quantum realm where uh more most interestingly the idea that causation breaks down at a quantum level it's really interesting and i think it has some very significant implications that once again i don't want to get into right now because i'm trying to not alienate by uh somebody recommended william vollman's book about the nez persport yesterday and the only moment i've ever really tried to read is i tried to actually read in high school i think his gigantic book about like the ethics of violence i think it only got halfway through all right this guy has got me tempted with the quantum saying i don't i really didn't want to say anything i'm just putting this out there as a theory i don't want anyone thinking that i'm saying that i that that i think this is true because i don't have enough of a basing in the science to suspect that to to have any idea uh but i kind of think that like the way to resolve the free will determinism question essentially ports you through the quantum space from one planet to another one version of earth to another where you make the choice i am not on weed right now actually that's one of the reasons i'm being more hesitant is because uh i i when i'm not when i'm not chiefting that lounge it more residence to go off i feel more confident to just kind of pull things i did watch the last season of rick and morty it was fine rick and morty is is now just a comforting a comforting fun program for all the watch i feel like the the fever has broken around rick and morty the cultural fever and now you can just watch it and have fun have i ever read two books at once do you mean simultaneously no that seems like it'd be very complicated but i have read multiple books like switching off between spanish civil war i should i have teased the spanish civil war neighborhood had passed before and now i kind of want to do it just to get everybody mad at me i would kind of want to like sketch it out in such a way to make sure maximum anger from both the anarchists uh and and the uh the the soviet apologists out there because there's plenty there's plenty in that material to uh to troll both sides somebody yesterday this reminds me something yesterday was talking about zapata the mexican revolution and people in the comments were uh praising zapata like how he was you know the true revolutionary heart of the french of the mexican revolution i think that's certainly true but uh i've always wondered with zapata though if zapata had been in a country that had a soviet-style revolution in it he would have wouldn't he have ended up being like a like a a green insurgent like a peasant rebel against the modernizing urban uh communist party that would be trying to take power why

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wouldn't he be more likely to be a nestor monko type person and if that's the case who as a you know uh as a historical arper v uh vicariously getting your enjoyment 0:10:48  
from the heroics of previous generations of revolutionaries who do so many people are talking about pol pot i mean i think i i don't understand why isn't pol pot canceled if not for uh the killing fields for taking cia support after the best snl deep cut that's a 0:12:13  
good question talking to adam mckay definitely brought back a lot of them and man i mean i kissed his ass on that show for that but i it's unapologetic because having as i have a historic knowledge of snl uh his his sketches his like five to one sketches to my mind are still the best ones they're like if i'm listing my favorite snl sketches almost all of them are going to be mckay's high c and turkey uh and orange julius of course but old glory robot insurance for god's sake uh i don't know how deep of a cut it is but i think mr belvedere fan club might be my favorite snl sketch of all time to tear the flesh to wear the flesh to be born into new worlds where his flesh becomes my key i watched the zoom snl's and they are by far the worst thing the 0:13:28  
show's ever done because it's not the show it's not saturday night live the fact like the fact that saturday night live the premise of which was a live broadcast before a studio audience on a saturday night tried to do shows where they recorded \*\*\*\*\* in people's apartments really does show the maddening psychotic compulsion towards normalizing everything that undergirds the social order and what makes it so hard for us to confront real crises because we normalize crises instantly and that's what i've said that's what i said yesterday i'm scared about global warming man because this is just a preview of how you know if like in florida sinks people are going to be like uh you know it was florida what did you expect not for it to be covered in water come on okay i mean as soon as you're doing a show saturday night live and it's 0:14:33  
keenan thompson in his kitchen talking into a \*\*\*\*\* camera for like obviously they had the show must go on and mindset but that's not the show the show can't go on and instead of acknowledging that things are such that the sh that the normal order cannot obtain we're gonna take some mutant uh uh distorted homuncular version of it and say no this is it and then you're gonna go yeah i guess this is it and then now you've you've accommodated another level of of unacceptable horror in your life i know that's not a very uh dramatic example but i think that it is uh indicative yeah 0:15:39  
i'm talking into a camera but i'm i'm really bummed that hi-c in turkey is not on apparently it's not on internet anywhere i looked for it i couldn't find it orange julius i think you can find i think it's on like uh dailymotion or something but uh i see a turkey for my to my knowledge is not available to watch it's such a good sketch if anyone's ever seen it it's about uh danny aiello plays a door-to-door salesman who comes into a family's house and he keeps insisting that they give him high c in turkey uh and then he's incredibly confrontational with the family and then it

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ends with him taking them hostage and demanding high sea and turkey from the police uh classic stuff one of my favorite snl quotes ever is daniel hello saying to the to the parents of a child snl mostly only puts uh recent sketches uh on youtube and i think that's because at some level they understand that if you put them next to even sketches from the mid 90s you would notice the decline in quality and i know that that seems like oh yeah grumpy stuff and i am generally resistant to that idea that like saturday night live oh this is terrible it's always bad relative to the time like it's never great uh it's not like being a fan of another of a regular television show or movie or anything it's it's being a fan of it's like being a fan of a baseball team you know they're gonna they're not gonna be good all the time in fact they're usually gonna lose i mean yeah i guess i should say it's like being a fan of like the mets it's not just being a fan of any baseball team it's being a fan of a chronic loser but it's your team and there's you follow certain players and you root for them and uh they have a good game you're excited but i've noticed that like recent snl and i think this is part of the just the flattening of of of everything uh they just every sketch is just a premise it's like hey what if this happened and then it just does that thing over and over again and that's uh that's kind of boring there should be some sort of you should i mean if you have a absurd premise the comedy you ring out of it is by escalating the premise and introducing new levels to the premise that shift things and are surprising because comedy is the point you know surprise is the point of comedy whereas now snl sketches are almost entirely a setting of a wacky premise and then just doing it uh complication and part of that you know it's they're grinding it out and they don't really have time to to to fine-tune things but it means that it's pretty crummy and if you're putting it on there on youtube next to hi-c and turkey i think a lot of people would be like what am i watching this for and the other thing they do on snl which i think is really really insidious is that instead of having uh instead of having recurring characters which was that's classically snl's bread and butter they have recurring premises where the characters have no notable uh quirks that stand out it's just it's the premise and then they do the premise again so instead of having one sketch where they beat the same horse for 20 for five minutes it's two or three sketches beating the exact same horse without even having like a charismatic wacky point character a recurring character to put any kind of uh like emotional arc behind or uh or character development because like i remember watching snl when they were when like there was there was a pat sketch every week but at least every pat sketch it was like pat on a desert island pat with a robot you know whatever it was it had some sort of uh elaboration on the on the premise even if it repeated the jokes whereas now it's just the premise being repeated so if they if they don't get back on stage i think they should just stop the whole thing and they

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can just chalk it down as another thing killed by kovid oh boy gilly oh you're giving me flashbacks that was terrible man kristen wiig was pretty talented but she had no good recurring characters every one of her recurring character i don't watch them all so many people ask me like how do you watch every snl i don't watch them live every every time but they're on like they're they're they're like on the next oh man ge smith was the king of the guitar face that dude constantly was just steven seagal style face just riffing off he loved it he was also a big right winger and he played the rnc last year last in 2016 i think like ge smith's band played the rnc when they oh god i'm not talking anymore about a i'm not talking about honk pill i will say this last night i was explaining the honk bill to someone and they were having a very fun time because they had no idea what it was they were just dying laughing at the prospect of this thing uh and i actually read the the honk pill thread you really get how you get what the internet does to people's brains because no matter how eye-rolling or absurd most things you see on the internet are uh in that context they're sort of given a i don't know like a a surface plausibility or something because they're embedded it's embedded but if you read it out loud to someone else as though you're just like saying you you you can really just be like oh oh dear this internet is just like this this website is just churning people into into paranoid maniacs and and they're walking around with the stuff of their head thinking it's real and you're like oh my god that's yikes it's a yikes fan that's what it is i kind of want to find it and read it again read it on here kind of because it reading it out loud was so funny i'm just going to read two tweets that and like there doesn't even need to be a pipeline travel from chapo to true and onto red scare to stupid paul to fash at that point the dirtbags are welcoming in cells into their fan bases now those guys don't need terragram to lead them to violence and that 8chan terragram clown world and honk pill nihilism is already deeply laundered into the dirt bag left the honkler his catchphrase honk honk is explicitly code for hh short for heil hitler is all over jerkbag twitter you would not believe the number of dirtbag leftists using clown world and other variants of this meme like clown emojis in my mentions don't most don't even realize how the clown emoji got popularized as code for the explicitly nazi honkler clown world meme it's beyond irresponsible the podcasters are seating the left ironically with terror-friendly discourse and institutions like dem socialists and jacket and mag are enabling them because they care more about recruitment than they do about consequences i don't believe they're deliberately trying to get people killed with this \*\*\*\*\* i don't think the irony dead honkler creator chanters were either i just think they're all recklessly indifferent to the potentially deadly consequences of their actions i mean once you find yourself earnestly uh the 8chan terragram and not only are you talking about these things like they have meaning you're talking about them explicitly like they

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are life and death concerns like the hunklers if they're gonna listen to the podcast and then they're gonna kill everybody the honkler terragram clown world it really only hit me when i read it out loud how it's saying that stuff wasn't that kind of scared me a little bit because i'm like i knew it was funny and i thought it was like silly like oh gwen's had it again but then reading it out loud to someone who wasn't online as much and hadn't read that stuff really hit me like oh this is an entire like uh uh like self-created universe that somebody has fashioned out of the brickletage of the internet and turned into a turned into like a a existential damn man if that doesn't tell you people you need to like step back from the internet i don't know what the hell it would just and the thing is is that like if it's all a scam to get people to like pay attention to her that implies that she thinks that kind of stuff is gonna resonate with people that someone's gonna read that be like clown world ponchler yes uh-huh teragram yes and if that's the case then yikes if there are people for whom that is meaningful words it's like \*\*\*\*\* we are in pontypool we're in the ponte pool universe where words have turned into a virus and are just burrowing into our heads and dissolving our cognitive function and replacing it with uh with a paranoid alternative i bet the nfl will def i think the nfl will return because they've got the like the most united owners they've got the most cow uh labor labor uh or uh most cow players union of any of the major sports and football is sort of the most like ritualistically encoded uh sport we've got in terms of like validating america's hegemony and power and all that \*\*\*\*\* and the idea of like not having football is a fundamental uh undermining of uh of the american project and i don't think that they would allow it to happen it's because the people who need football the people who want football back at all levels including the ownership are the people least likely to accept that anything has really changed so i would if they're if if football doesn't happen then then uh that means that covert really when am i going to push back on my celebrity guests probably not why would i i invite somebody on your show i don't know i i'm not a fan of that i don't i don't see the point of it i mean i don't want to i don't want to like counter sign something i think is like wildly wrong but at the same time i'm not going to like try to like body check somebody who i otherwise respect because they're older and like they they their political uh imagination is different than mine it seems like that just seems uh churlish i think it's just that instinct of wanting to own everybody that people get from online and it's you know i get it for being the show cause like we own people but we generally don't own our guests like they're on the show you know we're trying to make it a vibe the show's trying to be a vibe so people who want like and the funny thing is the few times we've ever had conflict with a guest people freak out i remember when i remember when we had david cross on and he got into like a five minute

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argument with felix about louis farrakhan and back when the subreddit still existed 0:31:14  
they there was a gigantic freak out it's like so we didn't have fun like i certainly  
didn't enjoy that argument when it happened and it didn't seem like people enjoyed  
it listening to it they all like breathing into paper bags like that's the example of that  
happening and it wasn't fun for listeners or us so why would we want to somebody  
keeps asking if i've read rush limbaugh's books why in the world would i read the  
rush limbaugh's books yes i read rush revere and the tiny patriots or whatever the  
\*\*\*\*\* weird actually we did edit that uh yeah the actual argument between felix 0:32:23  
and david cross was a little longer we oh there's a big long one uh how do i read all  
this and not go insane it's tough that's why i like to generally come with something  
prepared so i don't have to look at the chat so much but uh that's why i i i said this  
earlier but we're hoping in the near future in august probably uh to to set up a thing  
in our studio uh with the gaming uh console and with chris there and like do a uh  
like a q a thing so that i don't have to talk and look at the chat at the same time 0:33:24  
and i think uh i gotta say that amon somebody asked about the amon bundy thing i  
mean kudos to him for at least uh maintaining any some kind of uh just maintaining  
some sort of coherent world view which is more than can you saved for most of his  
conservative uh counterparts well actually no i shouldn't say that uh they they have  
a conservative worldview that could they have a uh coherent worldview too it's just  
that there are uh there are parts of it that they don't acknowledge like they think  
they don't like authoritarianism but they just don't like the idea of having it used on  
them they in fact depend on the idea they depend on authoritarianism and in fact  
fetishize authoritarianism against who the the people that they consider the enemy  
the schmidty and other uh and uh give bundy that i'd love to go on stop show that 0:34:26  
sounds great i've been i went on a hassan show i went yeah sorry about this i usually 0:36:11  
don't do it this way but i just i'm out of ideas right now i'm feeling like i spent a  
spent for us but i just wanted to say ever read robert anton wilson of course luminous  
trilogy baby that's a college classic i highly doubt it holds up but i really enjoyed it  
at the time i own a copy i haven't cracked it in a decade and like i carried around  
moving around but i i guess i just like having it around but yeah no i've heard that  
there's a subreddit for the streams and uh that's very flattering and i'm glad that  
people are getting stuff out of them so i i i i will admit that i have gone i've heard 0:37:16  
people pointed it to me and so i looked at it uh kind of just to be like oh god you  
know is this more of the same chapo trap house reddit stuff and i have to say that  
i mean it's not a lot of people and it's not like terribly active like chappa was but  
uh it definitely seems to be a better how do i stop it from becoming nihilistic people  
would talk i mean thanks to the honkler thing people have been talking about how  
nihilistic the grill pill is lately and as i said that's not a thing there's no such thing

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as nihilism even if you say \*\*\*\*\* it i'm going to pursue my own pleasure that's not 0:38:18  
nihilism that's capitalism that's what we're all doing like you can call it nihilistic in  
like a long term because it leads to social and ecological uh collapse and is predicated  
on horrific uh exploitation but you sure as hell can't say that it's not some sort of a  
value system it is it's just you've enthroned hedonism you've enthroned and i think  
the way to push back on that and the way that it has to be pushed back on is to  
point out that our desires are not our own the the idea that anyone can operate  
that any the people who are that if you're operating from like what you see as your  
your self-interest the way that like libertarians talk about it that that is somehow  
intrinsic to you that that's something that is generated by your like spirit and that's  
not entirely uh socially constructed is is a fantasy that undergirds a lot of the most 0:39:21  
uh pernicious and so i would say anybody's like yeah \*\*\*\*\* it i'm a nihilist like no  
you're not you're you're letting you're letting uh you're either letting you know the  
the the branded uh like lake capitalist machinery tell you what you want or even  
or if you're self-consciously like if you're being self-consciously trad or something  
in opposition to that you're still letting it control you operating in a reactionary  
framework to a what needs to be done is is i think what people need to do more 0:40:22  
than anything is interrogate their desires interrogate what it is they think they want  
why they want it uh and i think a lot you'll find that a lot of the stuff that that feels  
like it's it's at the center of your being is really compensatory it's it's compensating  
it's cope as kids say today and and i think that's where i think that's what the grill  
pill which by this point i'm already sick of and i wish i hadn't even \*\*\*\*\* coined  
the term like everything on the internet it just gets turned into a stupid phrase and  
and a collection of uh of symbols and to be like either embraced or denied or and 0:41:24  
then turned into a whole weird thing um that is like eventually loses all control that  
loses all relationship to whatever it was originally trying to talk about uh it's just  
like the logging off is the first step of a process that hopefully reintegrates you into a  
social value system that replaces that libidinal personal uh indulgence urge that that  
frees you or or leads you in a to a process that could lead you to be freed enchained  
unencumbered by a by that nihilistic self-centeredness because the only way that you  
can really like defeat ego orientation and and self-indulgence as as your driver is by 0:42:26  
having something else that has value to it uh and that comes from sort of offloading  
your ego onto the people around you offloading that sense of value away from your  
illusory sense of personal identity towards a larger and larger social organ that you  
are that you are part of and that your actions support you know creates reinforcing  
cycles of of uh ritualized and and and unstructured social life intrinsically like the the  
meaning arrives uh i have not watched the new perry mason show because the idea 0:43:52  
of a dark perry mason reboot is the kind of thing that bums me out about television

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and makes me not want to ever watch another show i know people have said it's good but i don't think it's going to happen how many how many \*\*\*\*\* shows are there and one of them how many shows are gonna be especially on like one of the few few formats that has any kind of remaining patina of prestige around it hbo how many there's only a few on air at a given time and one of them's got to be dark perry mason was less have anybody even thought of perry \*\*\*\*\* mason somebody pointed this out to me uh the other day and it's 100 true that i still think and it's because i'm a you know a uh it's because i'm an oregon trail kid you know hbo was a big deal 0:44:53 when it came out uh uh or after it came out and for a long time you know like that whole thing if it's not tv that was some real \*\*\*\*\* because you could see nudity and there were swears and it was mind-blowing if you could ever get access to hbo like a neighbor's house or something or a friend's house you really felt like oh uh i'm really experiencing something and one of the big reasons is was this i bet most of you will have no idea what this is and will not recognize the sound but this was this was the thing that uh this is the sound this was the thing they played before every movie on hbo and it was this there's a camera going through a a suburban neighborhood and 0:45:57 then there it is \*\*Music playing\*\* that's what you get when you log on to netflix comparatively you go you gotta let that's what you get that's it go on netflix that's 0:47:0 it shameful where's the pageantry i guess that's what i want because and i don't think that that's just being a grumpy old man i think there's something to that there's something maybe you wait for something it's just it makes you have to think about what it is you're uh what it is you're looking for and and then it makes when you finally but yes i know i know 90 of the \*\*\*\*\* i say on here is just okay boomer whatever yeah i know i'm grandpa simpson that's fine world needs grandpa simpson 0:48:16 to tell you i think we did steal cable at one point if i remember correctly i remember some shady \*\*\*\*\* happening with with like a big black box yeah we had cable at one point but uh i think we also stole it at one point too someone wants to uh have an explanation for the tsarnaev fbi thing that felix mentioned so joe carr had his death sentence and felix pointed out that we'll probably never find out the truth 0:49:18 about the boston bombing which most likely at some point involved the fact that that tamerlane the older brother who died during the shootout got run over by his brother was in all likelihood some sort of cia asset either a informant or or someone who was like uh being being run in some way or another by the agency and the evidence for that is obviously circumstantial but significant one of the main pieces of evidence is that a year before the boston bombing three people were found dead including dzhokhar's best friend in a gym where he had worked out covered in like drugs the local police their investigation was almost immediately counter taken over by the fbi who according to their own statements never interviewed tamerlane even

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though he was the best friend of one of the victims uh and no one was ever charged for a triple murder that the fbi was supposed to investigate for a year uh and then of course there's the fact that after there's a bunch of weird \*\*\*\*\* with uh tamerlane uh and the the uh timeline uh there's the fact that he went to dagestan uh went to the caucuses uh and met with like jihad leaders and uh the fsb actually informed the us government and said hey this guy's been in areas with terrorist activity meeting with people that are suspicious and it was never followed upon officially also you have the fact that the that the fbi does not even claim that the tsarnaev's made the bombs they stipulate that someone else made the bombs but they have never said who it is uh and there's never been anyone charged with having built a bombs uh and then there's the fact that a tamerlane associate a tsarnaev associate was being interrogated by the fbi in florida uh and out of nowhere grabbed a broom or something according to the agent who then shot him in the back uh and then that guy's wife was immediately very very very eye-raising \*\*\*\*\* uh and of course you know that's there's the alex jones thing and a lot of people who think that that means that the boston bombing was a false flag uh i'm always very skeptical of the whole false flag thing just because i don't think it's necessary but the fbi does one thing we know the fbi does is set up people for fake entrapment terror attacks so that they can pad their stats basically every domestic terrorism plot that's been thwarted by the fbi since 9 11 has been a case of pretty blatant entrapment there's almost no instances of the fbi like the way you would imagine in a movie finding out about some cell and then catching them before they can like bomb a buy a bomb or something it's almost always some sleaze bag the fbi pays going to find unstable people and say hey wouldn't it be cool to do terrorism until they say yes and then they bust them the most infamous examples of some miami haitians who got entrapped into trying to buy uh like a missile to blow up the sears tower and all of it was orchestrated by an fbi informant none of it would have come any wouldn't it wouldn't have ever come to anything because it wasn't anything without the fbi explicitly building it up and that's true of almost every every terror uh prosecution since 9 11 which means it's pretty easy to imagine tamerlane being one of those guys they got on the line and then at some point he got off the line and then they had to cover that up i don't think i don't know that's what happened but that to me seems like it's the most likely scenario uh sure \*\*\*\*\* wasn't anything like in \*\*\*\*\* patriots day what is the point of the stat padding it's so that the fbi can appear to be doing something like i mean we've reoriented our entire domestic uh uh uh security around stopping terrorism after 9 11. and there was no terrorism to stop and if there's no terrorism to stop then why are we doing what we're doing but if there's a plot if there's some guy who's going to blow up the sears tower and there's some guys who are going to attack

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fort dix or something then there's a reason that we have to be so one thing you have 0:54:26  
to remem realize is that the fbi before 9 11 they did a lot of stuff they had a wide  
remit to to investigate federal crimes of all types financial uh political corruption and  
after 9 11 what's the message if they don't find any what's the message yeah we put  
our we put our uh our our our most we put our our biggest the most effective federal  
police investigative agency on the case of terrorism and that's like yeah no there's no  
real nobody's doing anything what the \*\*\*\*\* are we doing in iraq what are we doing  
in afghanistan why are we droning people i'm going to wrap it up here but i want to 0:55:29  
say i just want re-watched i watched it when i was i watched it in the theater this  
when it came out as a kid uh ninth gate with johnny depp roman polanski movie  
i remember hating it as a kid because it was boring watching it again uh it's still  
pretty slow i'm not really a fan of polanski's later work i watched ghost writer 2  
and i didn't really enjoy that either but it's definitely funnier than i remember and  
what really struck me more than anything is that it came out the same year as eyes  
wide shut and it's sort of about the same thing it's about the idea of the rich as a  
satanic occult force that seeks dominion through ritualized sadism and and and like  
debauchery uh but whereas kubrick is looking at that through like a a sterile but  
still deeply judgmental and scouring eye uh polanski's kind of like lol this is hilarious 0:56:30  
and it's probably because like kubrick knew about all the horrible \*\*\*\*\* rich people  
did from afar but being you know a uh a spectrum germophobe weirdo goldbug he  
probably didn't do anything about it whereas polanski as we know is one of the  
evil demon rich people he's one of the epstein level uh perverts and so even though  
they came out the same year and i can't imagine like i kind of imagined like he heard  
about it i don't know because eyes might shut was being made for like five years  
right took him forever to make it and i just imagined polanski being like oh stanley  
what are you what are you doing it's great come on some rare books some tokens  
we'll do some horrible sexual assaults it'll be fun deadwood was the best hbo show  
someone there's uh yeah there's a lot of fun little deadpan bits in uh the ninth gate 0:57:39  
the ninth gate there's one scene when uh johnny depp is pouring over this satanic  
tome to find the these engravings made by satan and he's there he's in the office of  
this uh this rich french scholar woman in a wheelchair whose book he's borrowing  
and he gets knocked out and he wakes up she's strangled in her wheelchair and it's  
like on and he turns it around and she just shoots out of the room through the doors  
and the doors fly open and the other room is on fire and it's a very good uh very  
funny deadpan moment i gave it like an extra half star for that it's certainly no eyes  
wide shut and it's certainly creepier than that because you know who made it you  
know it's actually it's like sort of the uh it's the uh it's the cabal it's like the cabal  
being self-aware and just like yeah this is what we do it's kind of fun oh you really 0:58:41

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this is freaking you out uh someone's asking jonestown be included in the mk ultra category i i remember growing up the big book of conspiracies that was my intro to parapolitics as a teenager and that's where i uh first encountered the theory of james jonestown as an mkl giant mk ultra experiment um i don't know if there's a terribly large preponderance of evidence on that um so i'm not that's another one i'm kind of agnostic on uh like i don't know if there's anything comparable in the in the jonestown uh in the jonestown chronology to you know manson spending an entire summer uh at an mk ultra essentially living a block away from an mk ultra 0:59:43 a francisco the bay i mean the the weird eye thing about uh jonestown related to politics is how deeply connected jones was to the to the san francisco democratic party and its um but to me there seems to be a relatively banal explanation to that 1:0:44 which was that jim jones was capable of on a moment's notice getting hundreds of people to volunteer for any campaign that he decided he would to support he was an instant campaign staff and like canvassing teams for any any issue or any candidate who wanted him and that kind of manpower is very very hard to come by especially in local politics and so he he leveraged it uh they made they put him they made him like uh they put him on that the the i think like the civil rights enforcement council in in san francisco and in the housing authority like the planning committee or the housing committee and then as they were getting ready to go to guyana is when feinstein really tried to like get hooked up with him to try to try to get some help from him for her for her uh campaign thoughts on transhumanism i always 1:2:19 assume that all that \*\*\*\*\* all the all the singularity transhumanists ai stuff all i put that all in one basket and it just seems to me to be a big old pile of cope just seems like people wanting a way out uh that does just it feels like technological uh it's like a techno mileridism you know it's like it's like a it's techno millenary uh uh apocalyptic fantasy and and what is most pernicious about it is it's generated by an inability to reconcile with finitude with the idea that your life ends uh the idea 1:3:21 that you are part of something and that your specific part of it has to have a fixed beginning and end as all things must uh and that only only the the monstrous only the monstrous inequality that this system creates could give anybody for a minute the fantasy that they could conquer that uh and i think the ninth gate is actually uh it's got a funny scene with that with the with where frank langella thinks that he has basically become like satan's uh like vice president or something and he gets to live forever as in like as like a lord of hell uh and to prove it he dumps gasoline all over himself and then starts burning and he's all happy for a second because he can't feel it and then all of a sudden he's like oh no oh \*\*\*\*\* and then he just starts burning it literally burning in hell uh and that's what all these guys are going to end up all these \*\*\*\*\* transhumanist diluted wild wackos even if any of this stuff was real if it 1:4:22

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wasn't just fantasy in my opinion it's like the \*\*\*\*\* mercury tonics that that ancient chinese emperor used who thought he was gonna be a mortal drank uh it's the same thing it's i have attained a separation from all humans i have i have worshipped my own ego and my own consciousness as the end all be all of the universe i i am i am i have assimilated full solipsism with the help of the uh financial and economic resources that i find at my disposal and i'm going to use those resources to further a a fantasy or a quasi-religious fantasy of eternal life rather than acknowledged about the limits orientation all right guys i'm sorry this one wasn't too good i don't feel like i was terribly good i'll get some stuff for next one i'll take a couple days off i think you 1:5:34

*And The Wind Cried Mario*

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welcome to the chat room we got take some games we got everything you want and where you find any meme you need if you've got the tokens baby we are your machine ah what's up guys i'm back not joey's world tour though not yet one one of these 0:1:3 days i'm just going to start housing snacks and explaining how they taste pretty good it was very rainy earlier today and then it was windy apparently this part of some tropical storm and now it's beautiful humidity's gone i don't know how long it'll last but i'm someone wants a whoop whoop whoop i can bra ah so i wanted to uh start by closing my end of a uh hilarious online i guess back and forth back in diagonal maybe back in perpendicular would be more accurate uh between me and uh someone on 0:2:4 twitter who has been talking about me being a gateway to uh to nazism uh i talked about it a little bit i read a tweet thread last time and couldn't stop laughing because of how funny it was and of course that led to fodder and another round of tweeting and i just wanted to say okay this has been fun i think it's been funny but now it's time to stop on my end anyway because if you can't know if you can't see how sterile and doomed any kind of engagement like that is i don't know what to tell you it can only provide the like the joy of owning and uh and doing mind combat it cannot resolve anything so seeking it seeking to have it do that which a lot of people do online uh is a fantasy and i don't want to i want to stop uh i know it's a work in progress like trying to totally disengage from online and it's going to take a very long while but one way for me anyway is to recognize a bad pattern and just end it but 0:3:5 i did want to say something publicly though because i just wanted to point out how perfect an example this thing is of the way that nobody online actually is trying to persuade anyone of anything all they are doing is building heat around their persona like their professional wrestler and it's about pitching to a already established specific fan base of people who respect them maybe give them money for some sort of media endeavor or activism uh and and that involves conflict uh and that involves picking fights and that involves getting responses so when i started responding that was heroin into the veins i mean as much as the tweets might have been hysteric and oh my god look what he's doing doesn't he realize that he's he's normalizing the honk

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pill and is going to lead to bash mass shootings all over america doesn't he care but 0:4:7  
in reality she's thrilled to get a response that she can further uh used to further the  
the the illusion of a meaningful contest there uh but at no point is any of this stuff  
geared towards a as i mean i read the i read the stuff and i talked about how just  
hearing it out loud was startling considering how obscure and weird it was uh and  
that just goes to show that the unengaged the undecided are not considered in this  
dialogue like there's no question about getting people who aren't on the team uh it's  
about people who already agree and that means that if they get if you get attacked  
back that's just more grist for the mill and that's and that's why you know i don't  
mind doing it for a little bit because i don't think it's bad for me it's not like i'm 0:5:8  
scared of oh no i'm get cancelled by her uh and it's not like i even think what she's  
doing is like terribly terrible it's honestly a fun diversion it's like a nice little place  
to rift for most people or to get their like anti-fascist hysteric anxiety out either  
way they're having a good time like a person tweeting about a person sweating over  
their tweets about who they're gonna like expose what what fash they're gonna dox  
in their war against fash uh every time they see a honk pill meme or they see me  
uh triggering their like the rube goldberg uh contraption that connects me to like a  
\*\*\*\*\* uh the walmart uh texas school uh the walmart texas shooter or whatever uh  
you know the the lines of uh of uh dominoes uh of course like it's horror it's horror  
and fear but that \*\*\*\*\* and fear is tinged it's tinged with with pleasure and everyone  
who's making fun of these goofballs they're having a good time right out there in the  
open but they're both having fun and that's fine everyone's got to do something on 0:6:10  
the internet um might as well have some fun and i think this is honestly relatively  
harmless because the people who are wrapped up in this stuff give them a busy box  
i would rather them have them be online trying to stop the fascists on twitter than  
doing something helpful which would undoubtedly be a massive disaster because if  
you if your ability to like sift signal from noise if your ability to things by like meaning  
by like a with like gradients of meaning if you if you're if you have any sort of uh  
faculty for observing reality and giving it some sort of uh i don't like a a emotional  
and uh and uh epistemic triage i guess where you you i guess i'm just trying to  
say where you understand there's a reality there's a difference between the internet 0:7:12  
and reality when you understand there's a difference between subculture online and  
politics then uh if you have that understanding none of this stuff is is makes sense to  
you and if you don't have that understanding you sure \*\*\*\*\* should not be trying  
to deal with people who can in the real world it will be a disaster uh and uh so  
good stay there keep fighting the good fight and even you know hey patrons for  
fighting the fash go for it it's a nice little busy box for people whose basic ability to  
understand the world activism because uh i just want to say one of the accusations

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that was thrown at me is that like i was playing dumb about the reality of the clown pill or honking or whatever like acting like it wasn't a real like wasn't a real thing 0:8:13  
it wasn't a real subculture that was really out there uh and it's like no i know it's real i've heard about it before this of course i was extremely online for god's sakes i know about the stupid clown world \*\*\*\*\* uh but not only is she asking an audience to take seriously the idea that that clown pill is a genuine gateway towards uh real violence in the world and not just in the proximate trigger of like well this alienated psycho who hated uh everyone uh also enjoyed this meme i'm sorry i'm not buying that but that proximate trigger thing that's that that's how you got the the moral hysteria around uh video games and uh and films and i know that's now it's now it's actually hip on the left to talk like that but i i'm still holding out the good fight that no that's not the thing that's meaningless to the real questions of the structural causes of any kind of violence including uh isolated lone wolf murder by the way uh it is interesting to me that these people are fixated on the concept of fascism right 0:9:15  
which is a which is in large part defined as a mass political movement that uses organized legal and extra-legal violence to uh assert power in a political arena what what they have decided is the thing that they could actually like pull out of this as a as a general as an actual justification for why care about this stupid \*\*\*\*\* online is will some of these guys end up shooting up a walmart or or killing a neighbor or something and that's true but by fixating on that you've basically undermined any meaningful definition of fascism because if fascism cannot be isolated people doing uncoordinated acts of violence do you think the brown shirts were just reading the deutsche beerbacker and then one deciding to go do you think they would have taken over like your definition of fascism is just late capitalist anime it's just it's it's that 0:10:16  
means columbine is uh is fascism and the thing is is that kind of violence is a sign of a social dis uh of a society in decay at the level of its social fabric which militates against the idea that there's enough of a social fabric to to generate a mass political movement that would be fascism so they're already even at the beginning they've \*\*\*\*\* in their own foundation by going with a mechanism for what fascism it is and where it comes from that is idealist fantasy that uh genuinely misunderstands not only the difference between uh media and reality but the difference uh between uh like fascism and just anti-social behavior uh and so that that's our they're off to a bad start there uh but not only do you have to buy that end idea you then have to 0:11:17  
say that this honkler \*\*\*\*\* is similar enough to the grill pill to mean that if you listen to the my streams or you will be more likely to then \*\*Music playing\*\* switch over to honking on the hog pill and then maybe eventually because of the honk pill people going on to shoot somebody like that's how you allied the idea like the absurdity of saying i'm going to cause fascist school shootings uh by saying no no matt won't but

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he will get people to take more seriously the idea of the clown or the honk pill uh and that that's the moral contagion fantasy that is the the confusion of symbols for reality that happens when you have completely detached from a material understanding of the world once that happens you are in cloud cuckoo land you are untethered and 0:12:18 your analysis will only become more arcane and self-referential and self-justifying it will get denser it'll require a greater greater degree of weird conspiratorial logic and and leaps of logic and symbolic confusion like this whole thing basically starts because two things have the word pill in them that's the essential thing this is that they're able to take superficial symbolic similarities and extrapolate from that layers of meaning and that are fully fabricated in their heads and that is why when when gwen said matt's not antifa i said thank you i'm not i don't the the entire framing of that the entire framing of this movement the entire framing of this moment as a battle of ideas online between fascists and and and socialists is wrong and it's a misapplication of energy and i'm glad yes i'm not involved good and of course the 0:13:20 double absurdity of that is that you're literally not even talking about any kind of group i mean the only people who want to argue that antifa is coherent are its supporters and the trump administration so that they can claim it as a boogeyman equal to ms-13 or isis uh but the reality is that there's no or there's no coherence to it either just as there is there the anti-fascist are unorganized just like the fascist are because you are operating at a symbolic level removed from reality because the reality is is that people involved in politics to the point of caring enough to go rumble in the streets about it form a very distinct minority of americans that are that are uh generally classified along a certain age specifically specifically age and demographic groupings uh and geographic groupings and and that their influence on the political system is secondary at most the real action is happening uh or at least the the the 0:14:21 only way that the ship this ship can be steered away from its uh course towards towards apocalypse involves activating a number of people that simply will never be brought around by this sort of politics by this understanding of politics numbers are the name of the game and the only thing that matters right now anybody wants to talk about fewer but better it's like \*\*\*\*\* we're starting from zero almost uh and we're i mean the bernie sanders campaign was an attempt to build capacity and i think it did leave some capacity like all these all these waves leave some you know they they lap on the shore and they bring with them some sediment that like builds some foundational elements and they you know there's like there's some stuff that was left over after 2016 that wasn't there before 2000 uh uh and then 2020 but it's still totally insufficient and what happened to bernie in those in those later primary 0:15:23 states those less politicized primary states uh that had less like that have a more i guess a less engaged i guess i would use the word uh uh voting group i guess like

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less politically wrapped up beyond beyond the way the people who watch fox news which is other millions of people still not a huge amount amount but more certainly more uh economically influential because of their advanced age and therefore uh their larger control of capital uh but still a minority but those people um those people weren't paying attention to any of this \*\*\*\*\* they weren't paying attention to any of this \*\*\*\*\* the whole time like anything about what we were doing on our show like scared people away because we were too mean or whatever the hell to the poor warren supporters or anything else or the idea that like bernie wasn't wasn't uh he 0:16:25 was too woke bernie was too woke he talked too much about trans bathrooms or something and that scared away the normals no no one was paying attention to any of it at all does that mean when it came to come time to to vote they just went clunk now some people were paying attention in that older white suburbanites were paying attention to bernie and freaking out about it and and voted and mass for biden like uh that was a a genuine mobilizing factor but there was no the thing is that was built in that was going to happen bernie was a credible challenge to the democratic party he was going to arouse conflict not only with the party hierarchy but with sectors the richer sectors of its party base uh and so that was inevitable but it was the only way it was going to be defeated was by engaging the vast number of people who were not involved in politics at all uh or were at a very superficial level and that didn't happen and if that didn't happen it is my opinion that stuff that's even more esoteric and even more fine-grained and even more nestled with assumptions 0:17:27 and value like assumptions about reality assumptions about uh morality assumptions about politics and economics built into it that are not shared like that's why so many people like to assume bad faith one of the big reasons people assume bad faith is because like i've said about uh people worrying like well what do you what about murderers if it's if if you abolish police uh or abolish prison and people will say you know you act like no one's read about this plenty of people have written about this don't act like this isn't uh this is new you're just you're just pretending not to know about that so that you can uh be a a sea lion like i'm sorry no no there's plenty of people who have not done the reading who are not have not assimilated the entire concept either to reject it or embrace it they're hearing it for the first time but ever 0:18:28 but then not just that like on all sides of the of the online left and right there is an assumption that there that you start talking to somebody about politics and at some point you're going to connect there's going to be like a little latching on between your understanding and the symbolic language and metaphors that you use to describe it and their understanding of the world something's going to click and then like the theory of one of the big theories of uh behind uh socialism and marxism is that if you're trying to get that connection between people material interests are the best

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way to do it uh because it's the most uh because it's the least individualized uh and that it can be it's it's it's common among uh uh a wide swath of people that could hypothetically organize around that but at this point even the way people are understanding and thinking about uh material concerns are now so abstracted or and 0:19:29 and on the other side among people who aren't engaged with politics those ideas are so buried that now there isn't even a place to click them together there's nowhere to get the latch latching but all this stuff just perpetuates just it's people winding each other up within a within a subculture it's a poli subculture you know it's like people think about political subcultures and they say well what are political subcultures and they're like well you got your tankies and your anarchists and your sock dems and your honklers and your no i'd say no no no no no that is i'd say that politics is the subculture i would say that having investment in political ideology specif especially beyond a party preference which a lot of people have who are otherwise normal is a subculture and all that other stuff that people fight to the death about is essentially just shading it's uniform like it is the the nfl and then the tankies and the suck dems 0:20:30 and the clown honklers and uh and the proud boys or whatever they're the teams in the league who play and we're in the stands watching and i think the reason people make that mistake like obviously a lot of his comp is computer insanity and i think that's a real phenomenon that we are not talking enough about like i've talked about mk ultra as or i've talked about like the internet is both like a continuation of mk ultra and also the lead in the pipes of the of the \*\*\*\*\* you know our version of the roman empire uh but that's not just it i think there's other significant contributors and i think a big one has been the uh and of course this is all facilitated by the internet but it's not only a product of the internet and that is the the the fixation on 0:21:33 gramscian wars of cultural position standing in for uh material politics and i know a lot of people do that not out of malice but because that is what can be fought like what do you do about material conditions how do you engage that realistically in a de-politicized uh cis country with basically zero class consciousness and no unified working class to speak of either geographically uh ethnically anything uh so of course the cultural firmament becomes the only place to play and i feel like one of the big misunderstandings of these uh critiques of of uh like the new of uh the critiques of the critical theory tradition from the frankfurt school to the post-modernists and all that and there's this there is a current of blaming them for the that cultural turn in in on the left and i don't really think that's the case i think that the cultural turn on the left was inevitable as soon as as soon as the the the material war ended uh especially after that wall fell what was left but the cultural uh so that's i think 0:22:34 the main contributor once again the material driver of the cultural turn not not because people were reading stuff but uh i think the reason that those thinkers get

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so uh it became totemic and their concepts became used to build this this tower of babel about um about culture is because they were describing how culture operates in capitalism like that was that was the the the the project this is what cap this is how capitalism especially like 20th century 20th century techno capitalism this is how it operates as a governing ideology in culture that's what they were tracing and over time especially after that pesky material uh collapse of the left that over 0:23:37 time turned into a um in people's minds i think even not even consciously uh that went from a description of this is what culture is under capitalism to a normative argument that like this is what society is always that that this is not contingent and more importantly that it's not just culture that it's not it's not the way that the material relations form a culture it's the way that culture takes over and becomes the entire terrain and that that's where the errors came in i think that's where the snake swallowed its own tail but that doesn't mean that the insights are inherently uh wrong it's just that you're talking about you're talking about the like the uh the shadow you know you're talking about the shadows on the wall uh and describing the shadows on the wall accurately that has use but it should not be mistaken for the totality of reality which is how it has become thought of which is what allowed people to turn all this analysis on its head and say oh you know the way that uh material 0:24:38 culture creates all these uh racial and and uh you know gender uh oppressions and stuff well if we stop those that'll end up uh filtering down into the material reality somehow when in reality that's not what happens but then you get people but that but that leads to confusion on both sides because anytime i see anybody arguing about yelling about feminism and saying that saying the making first they make a point that i think is totally accurate they say look at what modern feminism as it has been culturally metabolized tells women about what their life should be it should be a pursuit of career that that is and everything else should be subsidiary to that career fam family first or career first and family and everything else and that that's that's that's how that's how you actualize if you if you do it the wrong way you'll be you'll find yourself at some point thwarted uh and they'll say but everyone's 0:25:39 miserable all these women who do that all these women who pursue their careers are miserable uh so what the \*\*\*\*\* and that's that's a very good point i mean it's it's a it's a observation of reality anyway uh but uh then they blame feminism for it the idea being that oh the feminism convinced all these women that they needed to go get a job no the american economy stopped being able to support one family house uh one uh income households that's what happened you used to be able to raise a family in fact for most of human history you could raise a family on one income and for the first time in human history anywhere really that was no longer possible and then feminism becomes of course the communism emerging from that copes gives

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you the the cope like that's what culture does it it metabolizes alien the specific alienation uh and trauma that the soci that the material order creates and then it creates a mirror cultural version that attempts that is designed i mean not designed 0:26:40 but emerges sort of like as a what as a immune system for capitalism to transfer that alienation into some uh carrot on the end of a stick that you can go off it's like yeah this sucks but have you considered this and that's what feminism is it's like yeah this sucks but if it wasn't for uh those that sexism that job would be better it's not that work is alienating it's not that no one should try to raise a family on two with both uh people working that's not ideal and it's it's it's not necessary uh i mean it's it's uh it's it's it's inherently corrosive to to the like the the structure of a family it is it just is it's pressured pressure makes it human interactions difficult of all kinds uh and and that's why it should be relieved uh but instead of focusing on the fact that the one fat the one income household is impossible now for most people people 0:27:41 want to argue about whether it's feminism's fault that women are miserable in jobs and delaying marriage and delaying kids or having kids and then not being able to make it work if you take away if feminism loses tomorrow if the the red pill uh takes over uh then people still aren't gonna be able to \*\*\*\*\* live uh as a family with one income and women are gonna have to keep be in the \*\*\*\*\* workplace and all the horrible \*\*\*\*\* that they talk about about uh about the destabilized uh home life of late capitalist america is recreated and you could argue well yes but if we got rid of the feminism then you could get people on board with some sort of redistributed program uh that would have like a family uh friendly policy well if you haven't gotten 0:28:42 rid of capitalism then and in the moment we live in which is a a terminal crisis of capitalism and a a crisis of profitability that is irreversible uh there's no there is no room in the in at the end for any kind of radical redistribution so any politics that inc that incorporates like the the conventional order is not going to be able to demand to make any demands other than superficial ones and then what do you end up having is oh you know divorce was banned or some \*\*\*\*\* and it won't have any real effect or it'll sublimate all the \*\*\*\*\* uh alienation that you claim to have been curing but and the other thing is is okay you've made your appeal to these people who don't like feminism and now you've got them on board what's this you lost the people who are who do think that women should have that there should be a like a 0:29:43 role for women in the workplace and that and that you shouldn't have to stay uh to have two jobs but if a woman wants to work they should hell men should be able to stay home and that if women are in the workplace they sure as hell deserve to not have uh to face sexism in the workplace uh and that those are not that's a totally reasonable argument too and you could point and they could point to the misery of the the pre-liberated housewife which was significant uh and they're they're they're

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right too and you're not gonna convince them otherwise is the important thing and so oh you got them and now you've lost them and that means you have a new political configuration you have a new constituency and once again it's too little it's too small you it's like uh the \*\*\*\*\* esops fable where the the mouse the the fox has the grape in his mouth and he walks by the water and he and he sees it and he tries to get it he drops it opens his mouth and drops it in the water he loses both of them that's what will happen either one of those like we need to set serious about like setting 0:30:44 the terms for the left of it being like radically hostile to religion and the family okay great this is america what do you think you're doing you are you're guaranteeing minority status but if you say on the other side no we need like an aggressively trad uh socialism well then you've lost the other the only way to uh to overcome that is to \*\*\*\*\* recognize that feminism isn't and that if you want to have it be a woman who works in the workplace or if you want to be a woman and stay home you should be able to do either because people should be able to live with uh without it being tied to a a \*\*\*\*\* compelled because both are true the idea of all women should have a job is insane the idea that all women should stay home is but we went 0:31:48 from uh tacitly uh endorsing one although it was never true for working class women working class women always worked to mandating it through the market so the so the coercion is invisible we don't see the coercion so we just say ah it's feminism that made all those of course i'm talking about liberal feminism i'm talking about hegemonic cultural feminism the kind people are always arguing about if you want to know true scotsman mean you can but you could do that about literally everything because the thing is people could say well like even liberal feminism recognizes you know choice and recognizing but that's not what the terrain of argument ever is it's always on difference and the difference is always the most ephemeral and least 0:32:50 connected to reality thing because it's because you're trying to find an argument i'm not broken i'm totally normal and so that's just to say long way of saying half an hour long way of saying that uh that honk pill \*\*\*\*\* i'm done with it that honkfield \*\*\*\*\* i'm done with it still uh still marginalizing uh uh beirut i mean they say there was a bunch of ammonium nitrate stored at the dock and a bunch people have said it looks like a fertilizer explosion so i don't know it seems to me to be maybe it's an 0:33:51 occam's razor situation things like that happen all the time they're gonna happen more and more decaying infrastructure leads to uh disasters and catastrophes and there's a desire to see everything as geopolitical uh uh chess match but one of the one of the fact one of the conditions of the great game is a steadily increasing amount of mayhem created by our decaying and destroyed institutions how the hell could have been a nuke that's my favorite one it's like hasn't everyone seen every like ocean's eleven it's thought in it's like a nuclear bomb so hiroshima you're getting the ninth

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century they have nuclear bombs have electromagnetic pulses that go with them and what they do is they knock out all electronic equipment in a given area so if you're close enough to \*\*\*\*\* have recorded it like that and have your windows blow out thank you halifax halifax munitions dump blew up in halifax world i think a lot of 0:34:53  
it is people just want people want people want everything to be the most it could be at any moment now because we've seen everything or we think we have and so if something's going to happen it has to and part of that is because how are we going to have a take if it's not the most if it's just another thing uh i don't know where this came from but i don't know why it abused me so much but someone in chat 0:35:54  
just demanded that we uh that we that what america needs is a former uh ghanaian junta leader rawlings is an interesting cat i gotta say rawlings is not does not fit the mold for most uh like post-colonial um african strong men uh because uh he was sort of a cincinnatus type guy and that he would take a coup take over and then he would leave and that he would come back after everything got \*\*\*\*\* up again uh yeah like yeah like a reluctant dictator yeah now i always have a soft spot for jerry rawlings also just because that's a really cool name he sounds like a like a 70s uh baseball player i got a jerry rawlings-rooking car uh if the universe is infinite well the universe 0:36:55  
isn't infinite i mean it's it's expanding so i mean it's infinite in that's everything it is everything but there's space dude there's a lot of space and it takes a long time for light to travel through it a long long time nothing is outside the universe come on there's nothing outside the universe if you have to think of it three-dimensionally the universe is uh it's like a ball it's an expanding ball it's like say well what's outside 0:37:57  
the ball it's like well no it's there's nothing outside the ball bests no no the universe the multiverse is not outside the universe i think that the multiverse is simultaneous to the universe they're all on top of each other they're all happening in the same in the i don't think moby dick is about in the in the great european pantheous but i do think that uh like black holes people say where do black holes lead i think it's all internal it's all and it's like there are areas of uh of super density where there's 0:38:58  
if there is if there is possible travel between dimensions uh big yeah i am actually fully on board with the eternal recurrence theory big bang big crunch like a squeeze box but within that squeeze box are all of the squeeze boxes all the universes all the earth's all the everything's squeezing but not at the same rate and the thing that and like all that and they say how i don't know 90 of the universe is literally a question mark it's probably somewhere in there it's like yeah you know that dark matter stuff that's just a big hole and they're like well there's something there so we got to call 0:39:59  
it something maybe something's there huh i don't know uh somebody posted a good line from uh moby dick that i would like to read after pip the uh the cabin boy is thrown overboard during a whaling mission and he's on the water for hours before

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they pick him up and afterwards he's mad uh and and it's pip saw the multitudinous god omnipresent coral insects that out of the firmament of waters heave the colossal orbs he saw god's foot upon the treadle of the loom and spoke it and therefore his shipmates called him mad i know that feeling you know what's really fun about funny about that chapter though uh or about the about the book in general and then that chapter kind of uh presages it is that so it talks about yeah pip went crazy uh he was out there in the water and you know when you go out on there in the water it's just you and god and and your brain can't handle it you know when you come back and you're not you're not the same uh and and then at the end of that chapter he kind of says yeah you know that that came that's that insight uh keep that in mind basically he tells the audience and then of course spoiler alert uh at the end of the book ahab or i'm sorry uh after uh ahab and the crew of the the peak water all killed by moby dick uh ahab floats alone on uh queequeg's coffin for i think a day before uh before he's taken and that's like sort of the punch line of the book is that the book has been written by somebody i got to say it was really good i know it's stupid to say nobody dick's good but i feel like for a long time i didn't want to read it because most of those good books aren't really fun you know and i know fun isn't the only thing but fun's part of it i think that's the big thing i didn't realize like i thought it'd be great and i thought it would be profound but i didn't realize how fun it would be oh it's so fun it is one of the most fun books you can read stonewall jackson was an absolute uh mutant stonewall wow stonewall jackson so i don't know how many people know about this particular weirdness of stonewall jackson uh but among other things he was convinced that one of his arms was thicker in diameter than the other and that as a result when he had his arms to his side one of them accumulated blood and it would get heavy and so occasionally during the day he would hold up his arm over his head uh he also sucked on lemons all day uh and was generally a word i think he was probably on the spectrum i would say he seems like a good candidate among civil war generals and i was going to say who's the most likely spectrum uh world war or i'm sorry civil war general i gotta go jackson number one with a bullet i think and i don't think it's close honestly uh he was also he was a prick \*\*\*\*\* him he got killed by his own guys which is hilarious i really i hope that it got out who shot him and then over the whole course of the war they just got like bullied by the rest of the army of like hey try to yeah hey when you want to shoot the yankees just think of stonewall jackson you \*\*\*\*\* traitors idiots i did see gods and generals in the theater i have not seen the five hour extended edition and i do not hate myself enough to ever it is genuinely terrible and it's not just because of the politics although the politics are genuinely wretched uh and honestly as someone who loved gettysburg as a kid and loved joshua rush chamberlain and loved jeff daniels as joshua lawrence

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chamberlain his turn in gods and generals is a betrayal like he's not barely in it and his one big scene is he he does a a shakespeare quote about caesar crossing the rubicon implicating the union army as the the military that is uh going to overthrow democracy and overthrow the republic why would chamberlain say that it's like yep the guy who said the guy who had the \*\*\*\*\* speech in gettysburg about we are nami set to send ottoman free all of a sudden like a year earlier he's like yeah we're here to subjugate the \*\*\*\*\* uh the senate and the republican bury democracy \*\*\*\*\* him but anyway uh terrible performances awful beards uh but i think the worst thing 0:45:7 about it is just how boring it is there's only one fun scene and it's the scene where a bunch of confederate generals sit around the campfire and watch some fancy theater man sing uh the bonnie blue flag one of the senators by the way was sitting a virginia senator one of one of the generals was virginia senator george allen who was on a fast track to uh being the successor to george bush and then he was uh totally destroyed by a political scandal that looking back on it it's insane to imagine that it happened only what it was 2000 i think it was 2006. yeah it's 2006. only 14 years ago it feels like something that happened in the \*\*\*\*\* like the era of good feeling it seems like it should have ended with a duel like oh yeah he was on he was on he was recorded on tape saying a a obscure north african slur for like a dark skinned person or like a 0:46:10 native people had to \*\*\*\*\* bust out a dictionary even to make sense of the uh of the accusation and it still took this guy from the line to be president and he lost his seat to jim webb by the way to bourne fighting scott's irish jim webb but the worst part about gobs and generals by far is that like most civil war movies it saves on money and uh budget or i mean it saves on the budget and it saves on just ease of making the film uh by high bringing in real civil warrior actors to play the soldiers because they already have the equipment they know how to march and do all the lines the military formations uh and so it's way easier than hiring actors and having to drill them and equip them but the problem is is that american civil war reenactors are \*\*\*\*\* fat 0:47:11 suburbanites they're fat middle-aged guys and you'll watch these battles and there's a line of confederate soldiers confederate soldiers going up and some guy gets shot and he's like a 300 pound \*\*\*\*\* butterball turkey he's got like a red face it's like is he actually does he have a does he have a uh is he wearing a larry the cable guy hat instead of a keppy the average civil war soldier was a \*\*\*\*\* they're just big and they just stand there and they go bang and then they fall over and of course there's no blood and i mean i'm sorry but the civil war was noted for its savagery it was it was the first one of the first large-scale conflicts that took napoleonic tactics and married it to you know indus post-industrial revolution military technology which did not account for it oh no the guns aren't supposed to be that good when you stand in a big line and you shoot at each other the guns can only be so good and it's like no no 0:48:13

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we got rifling in the barrels now and you can shoot them way faster oh \*\*\*\*\* no this is bad but they had nothing to do so i mean they'd improvised like they they were doing \*\*\*\*\* like world war one trench \*\*\*\*\* by petersburg by the end of the war but it took a while and that was one of the big reasons that robert e lee is such a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* uh uh overrated \*\*\*\*\* is that he was a fully invested napoleonic \*\*\*\*\* and and i mean he it's like people remember uh pickett's charge but that wasn't even his only dumb frontal assault uh malvern hill during the seven days was his first that was another ass kicking and he'd seen the union army get just its ass kicked doing uh full frontal assaults on entrenched positions he'd done it at fredericksburg what the it is good that war is so terrible lest we grow fond of it what a little what a 0:49:14 sanctimonious prick nothing redeeming about that guy if anybody if somebody likes him you can put them on the pay no mind list because there's nothing to like wildly overrated uh he got his ass kicked by mcelellan most of the times they fought and mcelellan was a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* and then the other wins he racked up it's like he's like uh uh robert e lee is the general equivalent of a college football team that just racks up uh um racks up wins and point differentials by playing a bunch of like scrubs like barely barely uh trip uh you know barely uh and then as soon as grant showed up oh \*\*\*\*\* oh no what's this oh he's not able to do his tactically it's like yeah sure 0:50:15 he's lost a lot of his army but one of the big reasons he lost so much by then is that he invaded the north which was the stupidest and most pointless thing what are you doing invading the north your entire advantage is that you have mastery of your area time is on your side uh if you were able to maintain like an internal interior like lines of uh control you can bleed them out especially that early in the war before uh sherman had broken through in this in the west what are you doing yeah play for time you're you had they had guys trying to persuade the british and the french and the russians to uh to recognize the confederacy for uh and they'd been getting places it was a close run thing honestly the working class of england is maybe one of the most had more influence on the the victory of the the union than almost any other uh uh force outside the united states certainly is that because the leadership of of 0:51:19 uk and napoleon iii and the \*\*\*\*\* tsar we're all in favor of uh i think the czar was uh uh was not as but i know the france and england but they were on board to recognize uh the confederacy they wanted it yeah give us give us the \*\*\*\*\* uh carve up carve up the american continent break up that superpower you want that um and the other thing that you're not considering is even if it's looking bad one it still took them two years so whatever reckoning you're like we have to do it now you didn't have to do it they didn't have to do it look how long they were able to hold out even after spending their shot in uh going north if they fought a defensive war they probably could have lasted longer because they still lasted pretty long the idea that

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he had to go north or they would have like it would have collapsed yeah no and then 0:52:20  
of course there's the smugness just like that was so terrible that we sicko willitcher 0:53:21  
siegel willach come on come on uh theories on bohemian grove it's it's a weird uh  
fancy dress party for pretentious rich \*\*\*\*\* and maybe they sacrifice people to malik  
i don't know i kind of feel like it's too on the nose to do it there i feel like they do it  
elsewhere i will i will say that uh just as the last word here before i wrap up that i will  
recommit that i will never kill i would not kill baby honkler and now that gives me an  
idea for something which if i had photoshop abilities i would do i would get if i could 0:54:23  
get the footage at the very end if anyone has seen come and see the soviet movie  
about the the nazi uh counter guerilla war in belarus pretty intense film and it ends  
with this kid shooting uh this this vengeful child sort of confronted with a picture of  
baby hitler and he can't he finds that he can't kill the baby you know it's a classic  
kind of you know pre for plea for understanding and all that uh and i just imagine  
you cut that in and you just have it you have the kid looking and it's just baby  
honkler instead like honkler with like a funny well you don't even have to kill hitler  
if you can go back in time presumably going back uh i mean just take hillary and like 0:55:28  
take him to uh take him to the united states give like uh go to their house take the  
kid take a take a boat to uh the u.s and like drop him on an orphanage door what's  
he gonna do what's hitler gonna do if he's like grows up a like a catholic orthopedic  
something i actually have read mr lonely hearts nathaniel uh nathaniel west the guy 0:57:18  
who uh the guy who first had a character named what's wrong with christian yelich  
that's a good question maybe it's just a sign that no one should be doing this and  
that's stupid and that they should i don't know i so i don't have any hope for the 0:58:23  
brewers to win this year but i don't know what if you're if you are a fan of a team  
that has never had a championship in your life right like i'm a brewer fan they went  
to the they went to the uh world series once when i was a wee baby and they uh lost  
in seven games to the \*\*\*\*\* cardinals curse them eternally uh and you know that's  
really the only sport thing i have any kind of investment in i don't really care about  
basketball if bucks are good go for it all right maybe that's a good example uh or  
you're you know the indians or something or the mariners my god if you won this  
year would you would it count would it feel would it feel like anything i kind of feels  
like it would be just such a massive asterisk that i wouldn't be able to invest myself  
does that make sense no asterisks on championships i don't know man when it's a 0:59:25  
60 game season with a bunch of weird uh gim crackery in the in the playoffs come  
on come on it would be a very mariners thing for them to do to finally win a world  
series you know in the coven season yeah no i think there's if you want to watch it  
for it's for soothing aesthetic uh attributes which i certainly favor all absolutely but  
one i don't think this is very good baseball and two it just feels drained of meaning it

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feels like the meaning of it is to deny reality it feels like every game is just a thumb in the eye of of our consciousness of what's happening around us it's an attempt to just drown us in a \*\*\*\*\* pail of honey rather than look around and see what the \*\*\*\*\* is going on and that this is not normal uh i thought sean sean doolittle said something really cool in a in his press conference when they were starting this up and they were already botching it and he said and this was before the season started and they said sports are like a reward for a society you know like like something something as frivolous as a fundamentally frivolous as a professional baseball league that should be a reward for for a society creating a certain degree of functionality hey now we can watch baseball we do not we have not reached that we don't deserve it i don't mean that in a moral sense i just mean that we do not we cannot afford it basically we cannot afford the attention we cannot afford the mystification of thinking that we live in in normal times because it's killing and it's making it almost it's making sure that it'll be longer and harder to deal with this than anywhere else god i know it's cheap to say this and i know it's it's it's cringe and i know that it's blue pill uh it's blue pill hillary uh resistance coffee \*\*\*\*\* but you have to admire i just admire the breathtaking irony of the trump administration spending its first year or so first first two years focused fully on heightening the social contradictions around the issue of immigration specifically who gets to come into america do muslims get to come into the america not on our watch they're dangerous do mexicans and other south south uh latin american immigrants get to come in absolutely not they're they're they're they're killers they're killers and now his term is ending and the american passport gets you into as many countries as like north korea's you literally we can't leave we can't \*\*\*\*\* leave i mean come on rod serling wouldn't have \*\*\*\*\* put so we have to watch as other places figure it out better although seeing all those knobs in germany running around was kind of nice honestly it felt good to know that they're out there maybe not as many numbers as here but they're out there yeah america america loved the carcerial state so much that they made the entire i'm not starting cocaine thank you not much i'm taking legal germans are the largest ethnicity in america it's true everett rummage the host of american of age of napoleon has a theory about the uh the essential german soul being like warped and i know you know that's that's that doesn't sound very materialist but if you if you organize around the language if your organizers around german and you think about how weird german is and how rich with untranslatable mass uh multi-syllabic concepts and the way that being able to think that way impacts the way that you uh view the world i don't know there's a reason that you know german idealism is a thing and the pursuit of idealism in a material world drives people and societies mad in different ways depending on the uh adam mckay was cool adam mckay you know people can say he's a lib and

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it's like yeah people are fixed in time and place and but he's made i think that he has adjusted to reality better than pretty much anybody in his social situation i can think of i mean because the incentives run so far the other direction that uh seeing anybody resist them is really uh awesome and knowing he's a fan of the show honestly is childhood dream come true because i was not bullshitting when i said that that i knew him as a kid watching snl like i recognized his stuff uh and you know was a big fan of obviously loved all the bull feral movies but you know his \*\*\*\*\* is is still in my opinion the best the best stuff snl did in like the post maybe like pat since mike uh but yeah so uh yeah that was cool i'd like to have mine again and yes 1:5:41 shout out again to sylvester sloan who if you haven't seen in his performance in the orange julius sketch it's heartbreaking it makes copland uh look like uh it makes cop land look like over the top boom boom oh no sorry sorry uh it's it's cop land it's uh if the orange julius sketch makes cop land look like stopper my mom will shoot there we go that's better that's the funniest stallone name i thought jim downey was pretty much well uh well established to be a conservative i thought jim downey was like a republican i thought that was pretty well i thought i thought that was pretty well documented i mean i don't know enough i think my favorite for laughs 1:6:43 per minute i think someone's asking my this is my last question my favorite i think you could should leave sketch uh and that's very tough because i think they're the vast majority are really really good uh i think just like laughs per minute the vanessa bear uh hog pig dick girl uh lunch scene is just so good but i think for longer more baroque ones uh it might be honk if you're horny it's really hard hot dog sketch is also very good i'll keep naming them if i keep thinking it's really good i can't wait for a second season friday night and i'm thinking that we just might live together 1:7:46 when are now \*\*Music playing\*\* 1:9:11

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hmm are we on are we going this is happening it's happening yay we're here we're on we're beautiful day a little bit of nice low humidity for the day uh we'll see how long that lasts probably not too long but i'll take it while i can get it just went for a walk at the park it was very nice for an old stroll appreciate the work of good old calvert vox and his buddy i generally prefer uh uh black cherry i think that's the goat seltzer flavor that's number one but a lot of the time it's not in my bodenga or my kitchen i'm my my grocery store so i get what's available uh yes i would say top three are black cherry watermelon and berry polar is very good that's usually what i get but they didn't have any parcharian so i wanted to start today talking about something that popped up in the old discourse once again i apologize for referencing the internet it's it's it's tough but at the same time trying to talk about things and given my limited little space there's very little i could report on in my life that's very relevant so i kind of have to stay at that level for now i don't think forever but right now i'm feeling still kind of you know we're still you know loose quarantine but in one that sees me not really interacting that much with the world certainly in a political sense but damn it there's always something to talk i like to think that for the most part i just use it as a entryway to talk about something that's more uh abstract and applicable so there was an article in jackman about how the us has incredibly uh draconian open container laws and it's stupid and people should be able to drink in public like adults like we do in most other countries and to me that seems like very very obvious very self-evident thing i mean and if you wanted to be super woke about it if you wanted to be 16 19 project about it you could talk about how wow why is america have such more stringent uh open container laws than say europe it's because they're another way to police minority communities and there's something to that and yet there was a backlash to that article about people getting mad and saying look at these uh bourgeois gentrifiers uh uh just complaining because they want to be pretend like they're in berlin and be able to drink outside ooh \*\*\*\*\* uh font leroy's why should i care \*\*\*\*\* that have the cops tase them so that i don't have to see their frat antics now part of that now that's a baffling that's a baffling

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response and once again i hate to talk about the internet but i think that the the 0:4:5  
nature of that response which seems on its face to be so shocking reveals a lot of  
things not just about the dynamic online but about the dynamic of the american  
left in general and first of all you've got the fact that for some people it is they  
hate jacobin because they have an esoteric problem with it as a project and they're  
going to hate everything and they just pull something out of a hat so that's one  
group you don't really have to consider them too much another group are people  
on the left for whom being on the left means it's if i'm on the left and i'm have a  
stride enough voice and certainly if i press the identity politics buttons in the right  
direction people have to talk to me people have to acknowledge me people have to be  
my friend and that's a big thing on the left is a lot of a lot of the discourse especially  
about interpersonal stuff within organizations dsa for example boils down to it's  
problematic or it's reactionary to not be my friend and for those people especially 0:5:6  
the ones who have been so successful at having friends seeing people talk about things  
like public drinking gets them furious because it reminds them all the fun they don't  
have and there and they want to remind people no this is the left this is where you  
listen to me because it's the only social situation where anyone would listen to me  
by their own volition because they've convinced themselves that i have something to  
say but in reality i am just a wildly unpleasant person to be around and has decided  
that that's actually the world's fault and exert that by getting angry at anyone  
who would raise an issue that would only apply to people who are you know aren't  
neurodegenerative you know problematic uh you know having enough spoons having  
the spoons to drink like some people have the spoons to drink and you're ignoring  
all of us spoonless people which that's just personal invective this is just personality  
disorder described this dis masters politics and then there's this last group which i  
think is kind of the most interesting and that is people who they read that and they 0:6:7  
don't think about the obvious person that this is uh this is referring to in terms of you  
know talking about real um talking about real social oppression to talk about this  
as something that makes society less free less just something that makes it harder  
to be a minority harder to be poor in this country but that's not who they think of  
when they read that they immediately think of the people who write it wrote it and  
the people who are reading it and the people who wrote it and the people who are  
reading it are all members of that same downwardly mobile urban pmc that is that is  
generally in my opinion the constitutive body of the self-conscious left in america not  
necessarily everyone who has leftist beliefs but i'm talking about the self-identified  
and so they read that and think oh you \*\*\*\*\* you jack have been \*\*\*\*\* brocialists  
uh you just want to be able to have a beer beer kegger in front of your uh gentrifying 0:7:9  
ass brownstone that you your and the thing is is that seems insane hey who are

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you talking we're talking about the real people who are suffer from this are mostly working-class urban minorities but since that's not who that's not who wrote it and that's not who's reading it including the people who are bad the people who hated the article none of them are they're all the same group they're all the same group and they're end up fighting a battle i mean it's not it's trivial but like it creates battle lines that are generated by just this stew of uh personal personality-based uh resentments and that's why politics is a dead letter because you have a perfectly good policy that could be something that could unite people in across urban neighborhoods from the gentrified areas to the to the yet not yet to be against police authority in their lives but people got to get self-conscious about the cultural implications of it because 0:8:10 only one group is being talked about and that creates anxiety everyone knows that there's no like diversity in this movement that it doesn't include basically any poor people of any kind very few poor minorities almost no poor white people and once again when i talk about the self-consciously identified left which as i'm saying is also mostly a and so this thing just spins off on its own with no connection that would ground it and make this question irrelevant to anybody who even thought about it for a second because all that personal \*\*\*\*\* would just dissolve in the reality but there is no reality because this is not a i understand actually why people want to fight on the cultural ground not just because it's something they can do but you know gramsci had a real real meaningful contribution to marxism when he noted the the function of hegemony in the culture because there's a certain sterility to the 0:9:12 base superstructure dynamic because if it's just that right if it's just you've got an economic base that determines the the presiding cultural values and and ideas of a society that then filters through all institutions how can anything ever change like even if things get worse that worstness is going to be diffused and transformed by culture into its opposite and then society will maintain its structures and the answer is well gramsci identified as counter hegemony whereby working class people create their own dense social network that is essentially resistant to the overall hegemony and over time can uh can defeat it in in the battle for the majority of people's mind space the war positions he called it and that's real that's a real thing and that's a real phenomenon and certainly in like the post-capitalist west that's the reality of the terrain of social struggle considering how few people uh but the problem 0:10:13 there is that in that analysis you to look at the culture as is and specifically the culture of something like i don't know the online left and you see that as a p as an emanation of counter hegemony uh but it's not it's not part of a counter hegemony it is part of the ruling hegemony because it is not a working-class movement it's not a working-class cultural movement the way that the uh social democrats in germany built species especially the way that the communist party of italy did after world

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war ii like that was genuine those were genuine counter-hegemonic uh movements because what the what marx theorized to happen what you saw happen in the in 0:11:15  
the satanic mill towns of of uh post industrial revolution europe is that the density and the in the social and the similarity of social conditions and the geographic uh uh the geographic closeness of working-class communities meant that there was like as as society emanated trickled as as hegemonic concepts trickled down through social institutions to the working class counter-hegemonic notions were rising up from the connection between people on the work in the workplace which over which be because they were closer to the ground have more power and over time can create institutions and enduring cultural structures that are counter-hegemonic and that is not what we have right now what we have right now is a left that is specific segment of the broader you couldn't even call it working class it's not it's it's partial because 0:12:17  
the thing is the job is is less significant than the cultural uh framework because it's self-limiting what it means is that this is not an phenomenon that expresses a counter-hegemonic working-class american culture it represents a very specific uh subcultural emanation within a broader social media uh working-class culture on the other hand is basic a broad one is essentially a dead letter because of the uh because of the way that geography and uh and the workplace and and labor in america has broken up relations turned us from potatoes in the sack to pringles in a tube and the challenge is to actually build genuine working-class cultural institutions and that's 0:13:20  
very difficult because everyone who is self-consciously in the matrix of opinions and actions that form you know the left are almost inherently broken away from it and i mean this is another one where i don't really know the answer but i just know that that the holes we've been we've been dry i've actually been watching not old snl episodes but i've got youtube on my tv and sometimes i'll just for a little bit put on random old sketches not that old recent ones because you know i only see them once the older sketches i sort of have emblazoned in my head from watching him on comedy central as a kid a bunch of times but the more recent ones i watch because they just go in one eye or not the other and i've just kind of reappraised them and 0:14:21  
go wow yeah i know it's bad it's bad it's as bad as it's ever been it's the same thing as ever and yet somehow worse than it's ever been isn't that what felix says about america and isn't it the most true thing that's ever been said about everything you could say this is basically what it's always been quality wise and yet do i identify as based uh carbon based nice i should get that for a t-shirt i i'm gonna get i gotta get a she shirt that says yes i based carbon-based and just do the biggest soy face in human history put it all over the internet ah i think i've given my opinions on 0:15:24  
anarchism in here before that it's essentially like hyperliberalism it's liberalism taken to its most socially radical or like it's most it's it's liberalism taken to its most radical

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conclusions but that the end of those conclusions and there that's still just that's still just the end of liberalism whereas what you need is something other than liberalism yeah there must be a deeper meaning behind organ ironic soy facing i think that's interesting because i have seen i remember after the right wing guys after the alt-right guys invented soy face and people started doing it ironically they get really mad they'd be like just because you're doing it ironically doesn't mean you're not really one and you're actually doing it ironically because you know deep down that you're soy and the thing is it's like i mean it's a it's a tautology it's like they've just said everything i don't like is soy what's like well i don't care if you don't like me you suck sure i'm sorry whatever i don't care like you i don't your values are bad i i'm glad that i don't but it's just fun i gotta say i give i gotta give them that why aren't i vegan give me a break give me a time i'm on a \*\*\*\*\* process here okay i've been i've been a i've been a hedonic uh slug my entire life it's not gonna be a 180. i'm not gonna i'm not going to turn on a dime if i tried it would break i'd snap in half like a twig but i think i'm on a good path i think i why is the k hive so psycho that's a good question i was thinking about that so friends and i were talking about the vp switch veeps the veep stakes and about how you know oh fiden's really he painted herself into the corner with this black woman thing and you know it's probably bad that he doesn't feel like he has more variety and then somebody said it would be hilarious if he picked mitt romney and the thing is is that he's not really restrained to pick a black woman because according to the vast majority of these people uh who will really care like obviously for most people vp picks are meaningless this is really just about like shaping narrative and keeping your uh motive most motivated volunteer type people and like leading-edge uh voters uh excited uh it's not gonna matter to the general public but all these people who say who who are now like he's gotta pick a black woman and all that if he doesn't they are on record without any thing to do because they have said explicitly that they will not abandon him because of the importance of beating trump which means that they he could pick anybody he could pick chris dodd guy who's basically a clone of him he could pick hunter he could pick mitt romney and what are they going to do about it get out of here get your \*\*\*\*\* shine box and i think that's true of most of these people but it is not true of the k-hive i think the k-hive would actually not only not vote for biden but some of them might try to take a shot at him because they are the people who have essentially become identity politics wahhabists where they have they have gathered all of their political meaning like the the good and evil and their personal investment in politics their identity as a political agent as someone trying to shape their lives and destinies and the future of their fam their families and their species around a very specific ideological matrix around which with with with brittle to non-existent

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ideology under underlying it uh and as such they're not going to take that's that's the 0:19:29  
one thing that will make them the thing they i mean they might have told everyone  
else hey suck it up you know this but beating trump is too important but i think  
for a small group of them they would actually do some puma \*\*\*\*\* if she didn't get  
it but from the point of view if i'm biden uh these are an insignificant number of  
people uh and harris i think honestly would be a bad pick i mean not only i think  
it'd be funny if he didn't pick her but i also think he could do better like that karen  
bass or something i honestly now i'm kind of now the opinion that like a relatively  
unknown uh black female congresswoman would be the best pick because it would  
be something people could talk about that wasn't trump or biden because they're  
stuck in a thing where you know you want to be able to define yourself you need to  
have some sort of positive you know shape to your campaign you can't completely  
rely on your opponent \*\*\*\*\* the bed i mean you can mostly do it but and you can  
try to do it but there are i think people assume there are limits and i think people 0:20:30  
are going to act with the assumption that there are limits to that and so you want  
to have something positive to talk about your campaign and like if they roll out hey  
meet this person and it's somebody who basically nobody heard about a week ago  
becoming bait an overnight celebrity that's the kind of thing that could actually hold  
a news cycle or two you know i mean i don't think it will given how the cuisinart of  
of sensory overload we live in but it could certainly more than him picking kamala  
harris old news she ran boo it's all immediately they go to oh what about the time of  
the debate they they fought and all that tedious \*\*\*\*\* and what about her making a  
cop blah blah you don't gain anything it's just another it's this somebody's already  
out has been in the deck brought back out oh yeah we know that boo you got to bring  
in someone new someone flashy somebody get people going get the people moving  
and like with trump being the nominee with biden being the avatar of of wall street  
uh experience if not competence since sure people know that his brain's melting but 0:21:31  
at least they don't think that he's not you know that that he doesn't know how  
the where the \*\*\*\*\* bathroom is and that kind of thing just unless he's forgotten  
so i don't think there's any real danger of people being like oh she's she's not very  
qualified i mean who's president for christ's sake i think it immediately becomes  
here's a new person and so many people can form beliefs around people they can  
make memes over a way to sort of launder this dog \*\*\*\*\* dead carcass of a campaign  
into something animated so yeah \*\*\*\*\* it karen bass go for it val denning somebody  
like that whoever you think is like going to get whoever's get them in front of a  
focus group and whoever lights up the dials most pick just something to talk about  
that isn't biden that isn't biden's man i mean my god you guys saw i hope everyone  
saw him today the best one of his best moments yet of the campaign where he had

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everything in him everything in it that is bad everything that is that is evidence 0:22:33  
of his manifest mental incompetence in one minute long uh segment let me play it  
right now if anybody hasn't heard it this is genuinely amazing vice president your  
opponent in this election president trump has made your mental state a campaign  
topic and when asked in june if you've been tested um for cognitive decline you've  
responded that you're constantly tested and constantly he's got guys are coming at  
him he's got to do judo chops he's got to evade attackers we've got to do mine with  
combat here we go why the hell would i take a test come on come on man that's like  
saying you before you got in this program if you take a test where you're taking ah 0:23:36  
hell god damn it oh if he can't figure out the difference between an elephant and a  
lion i don't know what the hell he's talking about did you watch that look come on  
man i i know you're trying to goad me but i mean i'm so forward-looking to have i'm  
so forward to looking to sit with the president sit down or stand with the either one  
why would i want to do it by the way here it is this is my favorite part you know i i  
shouldn't say it i'm going to say nah never mind i probably should have said \*\*\*\*\*  
here we are i am uh i am very willing to let the american public judge my physical  
mental filter my physical as well as my mental fitness he botches physical and mental  
fitness twice in a row like he's a \*\*\*\*\* studebaker you tried to start you couldn't  
write it better he is funnier than trump at this point because trump would kind of  
get it get him in there get get the new funniest possible thing but felix is once again 0:24:37  
correct he truly is a shaman he just feels the vibrations i'm out here trying to piece  
this \*\*\*\*\* together with like these stupid specific concepts and and symbolic orders  
and he's just like he's reading the wind he's like his his kneecap starts twitching  
and he understands the the direction of the cosmic winds but yeah funniest outcome  
because we're in a period of disruption and comedy comes from surprise from the  
unexpected and we are living in an era of extrapolating and compounding uh uh  
shocks to the system so of course it's gonna be funny now this is who we get to be  
as president for anywhere from uh i'm gonna say uh 18 to uh i think he might make  
it i think the over under on should be although maybe he'll keep living maybe he  
is going to be one of those old guys whose br lights go out but he stays alive for 0:25:44  
for years god that'd be a nightmare but also come on man if physical mental god  
damn beyond everything that tom god damn beyond everything well i mean they  
worship senility because they're senile the electorate is old people they want to see  
themselves represented like trump is them so is biden just different versions the ones  
who are accepting their decline and the ones who are raging against the dying of  
the light but it's still the same group same old people watch tv and they're picking  
which type of which more someone asked if nixon in 60 if he'd won if it would have 0:26:52  
changed the uh it would have prevented the the southern realignment uh the racial

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realignment uh on civil rights and i gotta say i don't think so uh nixon wasn't like a ter well certainly wasn't a civil rights uh like fire brand in any way uh the real interesting thing is that the interesting question about civil rights is how to what to what's such a mat to what a massive degree the assassination of jfk broke a log jam there that might otherwise have not been defeated and it raises a question of like absent that how do you because the kennedys had no idea how to deal with those old crackers in congress who were bottling it up using all the procedural tricks they learned from generations at the cracker barrel you're you're howard smith's and your richard russell's they were eating their \*\*\*\*\* lunch and johnson had an idea but they didn't want to hear that \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* they hated him they they had all the harvard 0:27:53 degrees so they they knew it was better and they were just absolutely buffaloed and it was the assassination of kennedy that kind of broke the log jam on civil rights of course you wouldn't i mean if nixon's president you still have the southerners resisting i don't know i don't know how you get out of the log jam i i had a fun idea for a counter factual history there where kennedy nixon wins right when the human miss when uh the bay of pigs happens see the thing with kennedy was kennedy was essentially in the dark about about the bay of pigs when he came in they said we've got an operation to defeat uh to go in and knock over castro easy peasy with a with an army like we did in guatemala it'll be no sweat and kennedy basically said all right go the planners created a a plan that really could only have any chance of working 0:28:54 with us military air intervention it was not going to be feasible for them to actually i mean in in in the delusion halls of power some of these guys some of these guys maybe even wisener i'm not sure believe oh as soon as they show up the masses will rise up and overthrow castro but the more hard-headed realists knew that that the cuban uh you know the response was robust enough that without air support to stop the moving in of heavy weapons to repel the invasion they were not going to make it uh and but they didn't tell kennedy that because they didn't want him to say no they were operating off the better to ask for forgiveness than permission model thinking that well if we start this thing and it goes south he's going to be pot committed and he's which of course that's a bad way to go about planning a thing and sure enough when it came time for the invasion it was getting repelled and they say hey uh so we could really could use some air support and kennedy said \*\*\*\*\* no what was air 0:29:56 support i thought this was going to be easy and deniable uh and then he made the the laudable choice to just cut bait then and there of course some could say that's where his death warrant was signed depending on your view on it as i said i have at this point after reading about it a lot i am agnostic uh it just feels good i feel i like floating in that that liminal jfk space just like in a jacuzzi of what-ifs possibilities and conjectures without any kind of solidified consensus i like just knowing all that

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stuff and just letting it flow around me instead of hardening into press prepositions and suppositions but nixon on the other hand was the person at the white house who was the point man for the planning for the bay of pigs invasion which had started under eisenhower bay pigs were already under uh was already being planned before the election and nixon it's easy to imagine a counterfactual where nixon's president 0:30:59 and is more invested in bay of pigs at an operational level and more committed to the concept of it so that if he was in charge when the invasion happens not only does he authorize airstrikes they're already baked into the plan because he's he's signed off on the concept or even if not that when they ask him he gives the green light because he's just he believes he has ownership more of it he feels like it's his thing i mean a big part of it with kennedy is they just stuff that in his face and he said what i'm on the hook for something that i didn't even authorize and that's one of the big reasons he didn't want to uh commit too much this was nixon's baby and so what if there's a successful incursion that you know gets past the beach head at the bahati cochino and it stalls out and now the next step is an investment of u.s uh 0:32:1 boots on the ground and instead of vietnam and late 60s you have cuba in the early 60s and with a hardening of social of a social conflict accelerating uh in the absence of a civil rights resolution you have a more violent and more uh chaotic and dis and and polarizing even than in reality civil rights movement just messing around with a little bit i have no idea but the other thing is is that nixon was also you know a triangulator and he was a pragmatist so there's a question of you know he would he have been the guy who tamped down cold war tensions after all he was the guy who i mean kennedy ran to his right on china and on missiles but the thing is i think 0:33:2 guys like kent nixon kind of view the great power \*\*\*\*\* like the stuff between the big guys on a different level than things like knocking over some tin pot dictator and at that point remember castro had just taken power he was not this fixture in his human society he was a revised knocking that guy off i don't think he necessarily would have considered it like terribly especially in our own backyard i don't think he necessarily would have considered it a a huge provocation to the soviets just but yeah i always imagine then like so nixon's term is just like this reactionary turn and then he has george wallace as his running mate in 1966 64. why somebody keeps 0:34:3 asking about the social network and i gotta say that's a movie that i have very few opinions on i never really got it i watched it in the theater at the time it came out and i thought okay and it's never it's never been a favorite of mine but it's got stuff that's okay in it i don't know the fixation on it either is either really good or really bad i someone says oliver stone's w is good i i have to disagree on that one that isn't 0:35:9 that is a terrible film in my opinion it's essentially a bunch of a bunch of filmed daily cost articles i have i guess i have one question i guess people are asking if someone

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asked me about the about the uyghur deal and i know a lot of people say like the whole thing is an op it's all like a cia operation to provoke a new cold war i certainly buy the logic like the political logic anyway of a new cold war but as i understand you know as i said i i think that the real conflict between the united states and china is is due to short-sightedness and uh just a a in a uh an inability to to kind of smooth out some of the uh some of the inherent bumps in transitioning to like a globalized supply chain uh and and are kind of from a market perspective not terribly rational but in the short term there's in both countries there's i think significant political capital being garnered from an escalating cold war the thing i don't get is at this late date i mean who the \*\*\*\*\* cares about i mean i get uh yeah iraq war right yeah like that was the big liberal intervention right uh that was the big uh that that was saving iraq and the poor kurds from the from the from poison and stuff i mean trump ran on \*\*\*\*\* the rest of the built like everyone's been freaking out about cages of the border for four years nothing's been done about them why the who's who what vanishingly small percentage of people gives a \*\*\*\*\* in this country about any anybody's human rights including their own \*\*\*\*\* uh fellow citizens and i get oh it's for the it's for the ngo crowd it's for the ngo crowd it's for the journalists i'm sorry if you still think those people are shaping opinions i mean if it is an op it's a it's it's one of the lowest uh return ops i can imagine that's all i i mean trump's on the record when when she explained to him what they were doing with the uyghurs he said that's a great somebody asked an interesting question somebody said what about film under communism obviously this is an absurd question because i mean talk about uh missing the force for the trees you know we're pretty far away from anything other than galloping disaster in every direction silly to talk about something as pie in the sky as that but i think it's an interesting idea just because i talk a lot about you know how art is warped over time by capitalism and what would that look like in its part of me thinks i mean so you've got the simple fact that technology is the ability to like make something a film specifically will be democratized presumably because the technology to the the actual capacity the actual material uh necessary to to make a movie is distributed but the thing is if anybody can make a movie then which one should i see and like that's where the market comes in as like these the creator of a gatekeeping effect which people hate gatekeepers but i'm sorry certain things especially certainly aesthetics require gatekeeping or else people are never going to be able to engage with any kind of art form uh productively because they're not going to be able to seek things out because how are they supposed to know what even starts being good you know and that's where the market used to stand in like what people could get money for is what was good and of course that's bad that's a bad rubric and it's distorting but it also does create the capacity to make large

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scale entertainments that are genuinely engaging and it's hard to imagine the app something in the absence of that and i i kind of think there would be sort of a two-tiered filmmaking the way there is now but instead of around high and low budget it would be like local like i could honestly imagine like movie making becoming a regional production like a collaborative thing from like communities or or or areas you know where people come together to do something and then they all watch it together uh and then like that's where and and then the the selection process becomes who you actually made the movie with you know and it's not just seeing the thing 0:41:16 it's making the thing like see it like local theater exactly uh but you know there's still a limit there to scale and grand grandiosity that who would want to lose that you know and uh then i would imagine it would have to be some you'd need some sort of gatekeeping operation to accumulate and coordinate action really and and accumulate the material the the capital to make it not capital but whatever maybe it'd be democratic maybe people would like pitch their ideas once upon a time in 0:42:17 hollywood was the last great movie someone says i will say this i'd say once upon a time in hollywood was the last movie it was a great movie uh and i think it's it but i think you could even say it might be like the last movie we'll see but it might mark the end of an entire type of filmmaking which considering its subject matter is just so perfect that i kind of want it to be true even if someone's asking for sound 0:43:40 drops i think we might be able to get that in the future if we move to the studio like i'm hoping we can do soon i would like to get some sound drops and maybe a sound board of some kind oh uh someone says people will put sound drops in nothing that anyone and none of you people can do no no no no i will control them no no no no no no surely you can't be serious allowing allowing the groundlings no just the sound board for me where i noises um so ah geoguesser that's a good idea i would do it to 0:44:48 your guest or stream i'm not very good at that game i'm usually not that good at 0:45:52 it because my computer was kind of slow and it was take too long to like get to the identifying stuff when i would lose patience but children men's great one of the best morats or clerics i actually say morats moderates is a solid movie all around it's an actual kind of movie movie i like clerks a lot honestly i mean it was formational as a kid but uh i think my rats was wow you know i'm noticing a lot of you people ask 0:46:53 me for my takes on things but you're you you put the you put it in a very leading way where you clearly want me to confirm your take on something that's very clever i see you doing it though don't think i don't see it cheeky monkeys i don't smoke someone's asking if i've smoked cigarettes i've never smoked come from a family of smokers hardcore sir all right the sarah cooper thing so there was an article today in 0:48:24 mick about or mike i don't know about how boomers love the sarah cooper lipstick videos but millennials and zoomers think that it's it's it's i i didn't read it but just

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the fact that it was phrased that way it just it was disheartening because it reminded me of how how because culture because politics is so fully fused with popular culture and entertainment that you can't not like anything now for non-political reasons like if the thing is bad it has to be politically bad it can't just suck and this lips the \*\*\*\*\* lip sync lady sucks it's it's very very bad maybe one video is kind of funny but doing it again and again it's absolutely baffling and not since eric garland had the \*\*\*\*\* uh game theory tweet get retweeted by a bunch of people fawning over it have i 0:49:26  
been more baffled by seeing people including some people that i have somewhat some kind of respect for going this is so funny i was just like what what where does that come from and the thing is it's not it's not because it launders oh it's like it makes it makes trump's fascism clownish like i'm sorry if you can't see the clownishness of this situation or the degree to which clownishness is inherent in fascism and you can't really be teased out and also like what's the best what's the bad part about this like you see her do the lip syncing and you're like oh i was going to overthrow capitalism or whatever but now i'm what is the thought here it's a lady doing a lip sync of trump what why i don't know anything about hassan being called by the nsa what do you want me to say please don't until i have someone reading these i'm i have 0:50:30  
to like do it myself but it just it's it's enervating to be assaulted with in news and demands for takes obviously all the \*\*\*\*\* with antifa and the government like calling it a terrorist organization and uh investigating people out is \*\*\*\*\* up but god damn it it would be easier to fight it if fewer people acted like that was a real thing too and act like antifa is real like that it's an actual group of people and it has leadership and that any of that \*\*\*\*\* is true i mean when you see this \*\*\*\*\* what happened with antifa it really clarifies the whole like power of nightmare's thesis about al qaeda that it was essentially made up by the bush administration that it never really existed in any form that people popularly understood it to according to what they saw in the media and and you know it took while for people to realize that because they 0:51:32  
didn't have the context of you know middle eastern politics and terrorism and stuff to realize oh this guy was basically just giving out grants like there was no real uh internal organization here it wasn't like spectre or something and like with anapha that's the thing that i you know is hap is something people have understanding of and has happens like they've seen it they've seen the the phenomenon their lives and they know it's not real and yet some people like al qaeda like being called real like al qaeda they they got off uh when when when bush turned them into this this evil organization and i think there's a similar impulse to be like yeah we are this thing like because that's going to raise you up but then what look what it's used to do it's used to justify spurious \*\*\*\*\* federal jake paul having his mansion rated uh that was that 0:52:36  
was a whole squad is he is he starting a militia i think that would really be cool if

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he someone wants me to tell them if bismarck or metternich were worse that's a bad word to use when you're that that axis of moral judgment applies to them internally but is relatively uh irrelevant to my analysis of them from history from the from the from decades away i mean bismarck did help unify germany more directly and but at the same time nobody really knew what it was gonna lead to nobody knew what all those compound words were doing to their heads i mean i guess it's just i 0:53:42 what what uh trait are you trying to examine like personal morality or immorality i think that's kind of irrelevant like what effects are you trying to determine and and then like the question should be built around that because i just don't know how to answer like good or bad for bad like evil people honestly even when they talk about like an evilest dictator or whatever it's like oh he killed 20 million people he killed 30 million people it's like well yeah but if you'd switch them it probably would have been different numbers this is one of the big reasons i've never been down on the idea that james buchanan is the worst president because if you had switched him in franklin pierce they would have had the exact same presidencies basically because they came from the exact same do-faced conciliatory northern democratic tradition they were upholding the same at that point no longer sustainable but still delusionally held by people at the highest levels of government democratic northern bargain of giving the south whatever they want to keep keep the peace and that's what buchanan was doing i mean we look back on it and people call him a traitor for just giving up all those armories and forts uh to to the insurgents but pierce would 0:54:43 have done it too that was giving \*\*\*\*\* to the \*\*\*\*\* southerners to keep them quiet was what northern democrats did to keep power so to me they're interchangeable same thing with all the evil dictators like it's the the resources and the populations that they control yeah and if you want to talk about like competent i mean mernick got driven out of uh give driven out of vienna by by a mob why did i say that my fans betrayed me i don't i don't think i did if i did that might have been a joke i don't think i ever said that seriously it'd be a weird thing to say if i said that that would disturb me because it means i'm in some sort of a megalomaniacal fugue i think omar 0:55:46 will win i i honestly i don't know i think people are just kind of flinching so much like i think people thought that uh rashida was in more trouble than she probably ever was because they're just uh they're used to getting their asses kicked but the thing about like high-profile congressmen is they tend to be popular unless they get unless they're popular for unless they get in trouble for like specific stuff that is uh antithetical to the base the party base that they have like having name recognition is a huge percentage of the battle for any congressman as soon as you have a certain amount of of like uh real estate and people know you in a in a district you don't really 0:56:47 lose ever and uh getting a high profile early is a good way to have that get have that

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process accelerate and the stuff that people think is like awful for omar or whatever i don't think actual people i think that uh for a long time like the the whole zionist apparatus had the ability to sort of sneak in their agenda as like a parcel of other ideas and their \*\*\*\*\* kind of just got put in without being considered and now the people are actually directly challenging it they have to defend it on the merits and try to provoke conflict on the issues themselves which basically bail down to allowing israel to do whatever it wants in its nightmare apartheid state and americans don't care enough to like do anything to stop us from contributing to that but they also don't care enough to vote for somebody who's opposed to it and i think that's what the um that's what's being slowly and horrifyingly understood in the halls of power 0:57:49 said oh \*\*\*\*\* like if if this is if this is no longer just a situation where there's an exercise minority who love israel and everyone else kind of doesn't care uh if there's even you know a residual confronting israel it's going to be hard to dislodge because how the hell do you argue that as its own discrete issue yeah exactly apathy works both ways like apathy is why we're not going to get a change to u.s policy in israel but albania is also why if you have a few brave congress people who are willing to not toe the line on israel it's harder for israel to if they don't have anything else uh that's controversial pin that on them as a reason for them to be voted out by their own uh constituents who they other who otherwise might wow all right i'm gonna ask uh 0:59:16 i'm gonna log off in a second here one more question guys i'm gonna i'm gonna all right this is a good question best snl weekend uh update anchor the obvious hipster answer is norm mcdonald so i'm not even gonna say that because it's too odd on the nose uh i'm just gonna go with my uh my childhood gut with a guy i used to really really like and not because he was funny because he used to make me feel 1:0:18 smart because if i got the reference i felt like a little good boy because i was a \*\*\*\*\* insufferable nerd dennis \*\*\*\*\* miller respect respect to the god colin quinn pro got to be worst him and charles rocket probably but oh my god colin quinn was terrible just the worst person they could have picked for that job they clearly like panicked after uh norm got fired and just it's almost like they grabbed him from like drinking like a short dog with fingerless gloves in front of the 30 rock and put him on put him on the set it was kind of amazing just muttering his way stumbling through every joke it was amazing all right guys i'm peacing out see you

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*What's a Prez to a God What's a God to a Biden*

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*Parklife!*

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actually are we on are we on are we on watch a weird ad about \*\*\*\*\* oh yeah you should you tweet about this i gotta get my it's not on my phone anymore alright we'll just hang out hello what up just holding the space i'm holding the space until um matt returns okay excellent oh yeah you can monitor a chat on the thing are we online i can't quite tell you gotta wait yeah you know if streaming just chatting i didn't even like to turn on a stream caption for this that's okay whatever let's see hey guys sorry that there we are we got a new setup here yes uh matt and i i came 0:1:3 over to talk some business with matt and i figured that i would just bring some of my \*\*\*\*\* and do a little duo's stream we we are preparing we are we're doing some some uh some testing out because as i've said on the street before i'm hoping to transition to sort of a multi-hour you know maybe three times a week stream at the office with me and chris yes where we can like trade things off and it's not me just staring at the at the chat and trying to like juggle everything i will be i will be the raz to max frasier exactly and gaming and gaming and gaming will be a big part of it that i'm very excited about because i do ever so much enjoy and i'm intrigued by all of the map-based games that chris and virgil both love but i the thought of trying to play one and certainly trying to play one while talking to a stream gives 0:2:4 me an actual headache so uh the idea of being able to like just watch somebody play and talk about it it's very appealing to me and we're uh in the backyard here doing a little beta testing yes i'm um uh i'm going to make matt watch me play civ 6 extremely badly i've been playing civ for about uh two years now and i'd say i understand about uh 40 of the mechanics in that game so i generally just uh uh throw \*\*\*\*\* around and see what works but um i don't know look forward to um to matt yelling about the governing policies of eleanor of aquitaine i will be i will be hooting and hollering about the ottoman empire the ottomans not a playable civ institute can't even play the ottomans if there's anybody in the chat who can make a ottoman's mod for civ six please let me know all right because it's it's it's it's by your country right i can barely hear let's see if i can turn \*\*\*\*\* up it's my country right yeah yeah oh it's by civilization well how it all right is civilization so all right 0:3:6

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so is there like an arab uh yes civilization is that it yes uh what do they what is that is that saladin yeah salad okay yes wow that must piss off the turks it's like their guy because yeah saladin was kurdish if anyone was uh not aware of that uh how's the uh how's the audio i just i have my mobile audio setup going uh yeah see someone wants us to play europa universalis which intrigues me because it seems incredibly complicated and is like like an early modern era thing and it's got all those those empires i love you got your ottomans your safavids i actually kind of wanted to just do a game where i try to see if the safavids could roll over the ottomans and take over all of europe because i kind of have a weird theory that they could have done it because they were so damn uh they they like had a fire in their belly by the time they started like rising and confronting the ottomans that the ottomans just didn't 0:4:7 have and uh you know if they could have rolled over anatolia maybe they could have well that's putting through the about the bulk and cap islamic expansion into uh into europe well that's the thing that i think will uh enrage you the most about these things is how the mechanics of it being an actual game make it difficult to emulate actual history well that's fun i guess you can do your own thing um but yeah i i um i personally ordered a gaming pc recently and i'm gonna set it up at home and i think that's gonna give me a better handle on uh streaming the mechanics of pc uh craft and being able to use the office one better because felix just ordered all the parts for the office pc and then i tried to put together and had no idea what the \*\*\*\*\* i was doing right uh i was i didn't even know how much i didn't know so i'm going to do it for myself no not knowns they \*\*\*\*\* you the lacuna we've talked about this uh i i do find it amusing i don't know a little bit about and that like canada is a soup oh 0:5:8 yes canada is a sale canada let me get this straight canada is a civilization but the ottomans are not canada is not a civilization canada is an appendix of the english of the english of the british empire wait is canada more an appendix of the british or the u.s at this point well i mean we what do you say after world war ii we took over and so they became our appendix either way they are an extrusion they are not in a civilization of their own right all right then let's do this because i was just asking you this we were talking about the american presidency as a general concept uh and how stupid it is and how funny it is that joe biden might probably be the next one or perhaps the last one what point do you think the american president became as an institution the most powerful person in the world uh i think what you said uh when we dropped a nuclear bomb i think that's that's a very good adbc moment 0:6:10 right there it gave us a a world destroying capability that no other country possessed at a various years at the moment that we were in the process of taking over the supervision of the global uh empire that the the battered were in the process of not being able to afford any more yes okay one second i think the audio is accidentally

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the laptop mic this is not drawing power hi hey better is that better i figured it out  
oh we were doing it from the laptop yeah that was stupid i have my i have my little  
bear with us folks i have my little audio boy he brought this over in a backpack  
and you just threw it on there it's this is not there we go okay good it just went  
it wasn't lighting up at all i was \*\*\*\*\* up i was seeing green lights trust the other  
thing when you got when you got the red you got the green light going it's very  
hard to talk and figure out what's happening which is why having someone here is  
very nice there we go much better thank you for complaining in the chat because 0:7:11  
when they complain to me i just freaked out i remember one time i just quit a trap  
because they kept telling me i didn't sound good and i didn't know what to do that  
was before i bought my mic i love i love doing av yeah but now that i have my mic  
i'm unstoppable if they say i can't hear you i'm like you're lying i know i know you  
can hear me because i bought a it's cool laptop um all right i'm still going people  
said it was better now some people are saying it's lighting this happens to me all the  
\*\*\*\*\* time save let's see is that better am i doing this right is that better i should  
have these mics going there there yes yes now okay yes there we go okay great i  
just didn't have the driver turned on in the program okay they're all very exciting  
okay there we go fine i was gonna grab again a tiny megaphone and holler into the 0:8:12  
microphone again i threw all this \*\*\*\*\* in my backpack and just walked over here  
exactly yeah give us a break okay great uh this is incredible thank you okay cool  
fine uh so now the real stream begins after our first like 15 minutes of jacking off  
oh my god this is giving me flat as i'm saying let's give me flashbacks to before i  
got my lap mic yeah um i'm glad that we were able to uh to get \*\*\*\*\* rolling um  
so what were we talking about canada not we're talking about how canada is not  
a civilization this is an absurd concept to say that canada is a civilization give me  
a \*\*\*\*\* break i'm trying to think of like what would count as a civilization in the  
western hemisphere given me you know that it's like it's all settler colonialism sure  
it's basically at this point it's basically all the same things it's not like it's not part  
of an american hegemony there's like three civilizations in the western world yes and  
yeah yeah that's okay who's who are the civilizations in the western hemisphere it's  
like anglo america is like one canada canada in the us and like all that's that's angles  
here australia as well the five eyes yes yeah yes us australia new zealand canada and 0:9:15  
the uk that's one civilization one big thing uh ireland kind of although you can't tell  
them that because they'll get pissed because they don't want to think they're part  
of the anglosphere i'm sorry it worked none of you speak irish i'm sorry they teach  
did you know that they teach it in school good keep going but none of them learn it  
no one speaks it uh any irish people can attest to this none of them speak irish even  
though they learn it all the way through elementary school and probably into into

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later school too i wish i had taken irish as a second language in uh like college or something that's an obnoxious pick that's such an obnoxious i took german in college just because i did too i took like i took like six years of spanish in middle to high school and then when i took the placement test in college i got spanish one because i sucked \*\*\*\*\* at it so i was like yeah \*\*\*\*\* it i took german my entire high school career and college didn't learn any of it have no retention of it at all does tragic tragus leaked projector the overhead light projector and i'm kind of glad because i i 0:10:16 have a weird theory that people have told me is crazy but that doesn't stop me from believing it that like if i was a native german speaker or even a fluent one i would be an insane person because i really do think that there that that language there's a reason that like heigl and marx and \*\*\*\*\* like all spoke german is because it lends itself to a certain insanity it well it's it's a it it allows you to live in a symbolic realm yeah whereas english with the most words of any language is inherently earthy and bound because you're describing things you know in very discreet detail as opposed to like seeing the world and then turning it into like six twelve uh syllable concepts well that yeah i like that description of english because it's like all of english language is just like going to a place being like what do they call that thing around here okay we called that yeah the best the funniest example of that is kangaroo you know the story of kangaroo i don't know the story kangaroo uh uh this might be a hocker pull i'm not a linguist but the the the apocryphal story about people can confirm 0:11:17 this is a kangaroo essentially in in a in one of the aboriginal dialects uh means i i don't know what you're saying because the story is that some brits asked someone what are the originals what are those things they say kangaroo and they're like oh yeah okay that's what they're called but they were really just saying i don't know i don't know what are you talking and yeah like i don't think it's a coincidence that hitler was german you know what i mean i mean there there's like the daniel hold up the daniel goldhagen thesis does not hold you know who the kings of anti-semitism were in in modern europe it was not germany it was france france invented modern anti-semitism yes but germany is the one who ended up doing the holocaust and part of it is because they lost world war ii in france quote-unquote won it that's a big part but that language man there we go apparently it's not real but the kangaroo 0:12:21 thing is real i knew it wasn't real it's too good it's too good of a story there are a few good stories that are actually true though like this like the invention of the sandwich so that the earl sandwich could hold his meal while playing cards that's right true that is not made up i just the only thing that makes no sense about that is that it would take until like we had recorded history to discover the sandwich it seems so obvious you would think yeah you would think there's a lot of things though that were obvious that don't ever a birth like they never figured out the wheel in uh like

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pre-columbian america you know they didn't have the wheel what i don't i just it doesn't matter exactly because you look at the wheel you're like duh but there are specific things that have to happen to get you to a wheel that they didn't have the wheel one of the early technologies that you research uh in civilization mm-hmm you have to research it which i guess is fairly accurate you have to think of this guy sit down and you got to think of the wheel does it just pop outside because now we are all like you need wheels but if there aren't wheels you have to have someone be like all right i'm sitting down and figuring out this until i actually get it and you know what helps that is uh is you know something like uh having uh i don't know uh horses yes that helps which western civilizations uh the western hemisphere does not have yes no horses no matter what the book of mormon might tell you there are no horses in pre-columbian america which is very funny because like when the when the horses did show up the sioux used them to basically take over the entire like uh planes almost overnight they like turned into the mongols they're like oh this is great and they just were they took over everything yeah as soon as the horses showed up they didn't have any before that so they couldn't do it horses great technology incredible incredibly important s-tier technology for uh human civilization so like you got no horses in west in the western hemisphere and then in poor africa they have zebras instead which are untameable which are untapable psychopaths more zookeepers die yep from zebra any other animal zoo zebras are uh that's really funny there's a thing in gun germans they look they look so sweet i want to go up and just feed one in the little apple there's a little bit and gunshots to seal when jared diamond imagines like what if africa had been able to turn the rhinoceros into like a war animal like in black panther yeah like exactly like in real life they would have they would have wrecked everybody but you can't do it you you have to go to war you have to go to with the resin of rhinoceroses and the water buffalo and the horses and the zebras that you have uh is guns germs and steel good where are we on that guy everyone hates it because like any of those histories it's very facile and it skips a lot of things but i think it's useful for people just to get an idea in their head that civilizations and \*\*\*\*\* happen not because of people's desires you know not because people had an idea and wanted to carry it out but because they are dealing with a given physical reality material conditions in terms of animals fluoride fauna that they have to confront and that is what shapes things the specifics of it can be argued all day but i think that approach is more useful than anything because seeing \*\*\*\*\* like ben shapiro talking about the two cities yes makes me just want to blow my goddamn brains out because it's like the idea that it's just ah forget forget forget the conditions you know forget the constraints of the material world i live in i've got an idea where the \*\*\*\*\* did the idea come from and his idea is god

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gave it to me it's like okay this is just schizophrenia you're just you're just trying to turn schizophrenia into a description like an ex description for huma uh historical process every uh every uh historical figure in ben shapiro's world is like henry darger he's just given like an idea and scribbling individual people just sitting there like looking at a \*\*\*\*\* like uh a sunset until they have an idea ah democracy and then they go and carry it out they convince other people to do it yeah it's it's the liberal 0:16:27  
i was saying this yesterday it is the liberal conception of the self that we have some sort of inherent thing that is responding to the world and then that response creates a new idea that we then use to like wrangle with the world yeah no we're empty we are empty we are hollow uh speaking of that i was reading about the voyages of christopher columbus the other day uh because i needed something to put me to sleep while from wikipedia uh and that that is all those things it's like why did he do that not because he was a genius but because they needed the spices to sell them we need a better route to the spices because the ottomans shut it off the ottomans shut off the land route to to the spices and the funny thing the two funny things that i i pulled out of reading the entire wikipedia page of the voyages of christopher columbus were uh one that he did it wasn't that people thought the world was flat that was obviously a myth but that he massively miscalculated the circumference of the earth if america was not there he would absolutely die he would have been they 0:17:28  
would have just ate each other on the boat and then yeah yeah like there'd be there would be some undiscovered island in the middle of the ocean where like a bunch of bleached bones and and shipwrecked chunks of the nina are just like floating just sitting on the on a beach somewhere the other thing that i thought was very funny is that like first that first round of explorers who got to america columbus were like extremely disappointed because they were like they're no spices here yeah and then they're like oh there's gold okay we'll get the gold yeah but they want it but yeah he literally like ran a uh ran like a protection racket on the local natives to try to get squeeze gold out of them and they were like there's not gold here dude i don't know what you're talk that was one of the big like red pill like left wing red pill moments for me as a kid is when i found out no they didn't reject columbus because he thought the world was rounded they thought it was flat it's because they accurately thought how they had an accurate uh understanding of how big it was and he had an insane 0:18:29  
crank idea that it was way smaller than everyone else thought it was like it was a catholic church they weren't saying it's flat they're like dude it's way too big but no one knew there was a continent in between us and the \*\*\*\*\* india so they they he was right classic american he kind of missed the first american yeah because he's the he was like he was an idiot who officially was miscalculated huge riches absolutely accidentally hit into something that he had no idea was there and then actually i'm

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a genius it's so funny that columbus has become like a lightning rod for um for for like italians claiming like you could not pick a worst attack seriously to claim is your duties as i have said not italian anyway there is no idea not italy italy does not and somebody was trying to tell me what was an ethno-linguistic connection it's like uh even to this day italian is more like uh a like regional and dial like dialect different than like most european countries like there is an almost a mutual inc in 0:19:30 comprehensibility between italian dialects to this day you want to talk about \*\*\*\*\* as it was in like the early modern and medieval periods and like genoa went to war with venice for a hundred \*\*\*\*\* years like how are they supposed to imagine that they're part of the same polity yeah uh italy is imaginary uh don't let anybody try to convince you that italy italy's not a real country yeah germany isn't a real country either because the thing is like if you're not a country by like 1850 you're not a real government i only recognize the holy roman empire like anybody who's trying to make a a country in europe after that in europe specifically i would say because of how long there had been polities in europe if you don't get like a thing together by the industrial revolution you're forcing it and you're getting a tryhard you're doing you're posting cringe and as we've seen in literally every example of it if you don't get your \*\*\*\*\* together by 1850 and then try to do it every anyway it makes everybody in your country insane yep what a coincidence the two places that 0:20:31 founded fascism as a response to the crisis of world war ii of the depression where italy and germany the countries that just got onto the scene were just discovered or just became together i mean in that way america just got it in under the wire but honestly jury's still out on that well we were a thing before the industrial revolution is the thing it's but like 60 years yes but still under the wires under the wire no garibaldi is the obvious choice for the for the day garibaldi day who would say no to the garibaldi day uh i mean a lot of people the pope maybe pope wasn't a fan i mean you know i bet francis would probably be okay with it honestly because he seems kind of chill about it but did gare beldi ever come to america he uh no but he was invited to uh be a general in the union army by some enthusiastic uh uh republicans in 1860 that's cool i think the thing about columbus is that you have to be an italian guy who came to america but he didn't come to america the way these people imagine america like their native america is the continental united states yes and he did never set foot on the continental united states he made it to the mainland 0:21:32 of central america but not yes the continent and if either if you were born there now would most of these goombas who talk about it uh columbus consider you uh an american no no if you're from the dominican republic or haiti do they consider you an american absolutely not no give me a break fall out of here garibaldi come on the yeah not only attack he made italy the march on road for god's sakes the red

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shirts he made the country into a thing like he's the first italian of any kind he is the first italian god uh garibaldi didn't go to the united states somebody reminds me of this he did go to south america he was actually a bank robber in argentina oh that's cool yeah no he was like a brigand and like a like a like a gorilla guy he no garibaldi is one of those like world historical figures who are just you read about him and you're like how is this a real guy like john brown yeah yeah you read it as how is this a real guy just in terms of not only having a pretty naturally like modern moral sense that's transcendent moment but also the will and ability to use that moral sense and turn it into something meaningful kind of an unbelievable as opposed to columbus who is basically just a \*\*\*\*\* dumbass scam artist trying to like wheel some money out of the bankers and uh the queen and the queen of spain yeah and you're doing everything with his like six sons yeah his yeah his six large adults six large adult sons rolling across the place uh giuseppe garibaldi folks people more and more they're recognizing that he's great he's wonderful because yeah like give the give the day goes a day give him a day everybody can find have a day uh we'll celebrate uh as i partially italian myself i would nominate celebrating the mutual day of uh garibaldi and gaga yeah yeah the two visions of italian excellence that's that's yeah though that is it the masculine the feminine the historical in the present people politics and and art yeah absolutely all right if who would you want you're also irish also irish well they have st patrick's day i am patrick by the way not irish welsh i am the synthesis of the the two most hated white ethnicities of us well because they're the try hard white ethnicities they're the ones that showed up late and tried to like assert it more as opposed to the wasps of the crowds who are a little bit more laid back about the whole thing about the whiteness deal but if they were going to get rid of st patrick and they should because as i've said he was welsh he's not irish who would you want as like the guy for the irish not bomb the edge i like the way he plays guitar i like his little like uh twinkly effects it's good uh yeah uh or uh what's his name phil phil in it from uh uh phil leonard from uh from thin lizzy yeah something lizzie yeah uh him phil lynette and uh i don't know one of the guys from the uh irish uh revolution just uh doing a bro grabs as a statue yeah uh you can't really do there's this guy john m this guy uh john not john mitchell david mitchell i remember his name he was a hero of 48 he was the hero of the the young young ireland movement and he came to america and like a big speaking tour and there were tons of guys who came from europe after their revolutions in 48 failed like uh koschuth from hungary there's there's a street in brooklyn named after him uh the names of the brooklyn streets are wild everybody is either like a northern slave owner or a like uh yeah like a revolutionary from hungary yes so kosuth guys like that uh but mitchell uh john mitchell yeah uh i always wonder if it's non-mitchell because that was also the

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name of nixon's attorney general but it's uh one ellen center too but he came to america after you know fleeing the brits after the young ireland rebellion and he was like a lot of these guys he had a a you know nationwide tour where he was fed it everywhere uh and they asked him about slavery and whereas a lot of guys like uh like uh o'connell daniel o'connell the the the the sort of the godfather of the modern irish uh uh independence movement who was vehemently anti-slavery met frederick douglass when he toured ireland uh mitchell came to america and they asked him a 0:25:39  
slave he's like oh slavery's good you guys need to keep it it's great actually when we get enslaved by the brits that's terrible when you guys do slavery it's actually pretty cool cool yeah and that was like the tradition for so many irish americans getting on the good side of our brutish uh race-based social order we did a bunch of riots about that right yes yes it was like what you were doing to us garbage awful people you're the most oppressed people on earth doing it to other people that's actually cool yes yes uh if i was a 19th century guy i would love to be on that speaking tour circuit that seems like one of the best gigs you can get in the 19th century oh god it was so fun especially because you could do it about anything you just like if you were charismatic enough you could go around and be like you know what uh snorting barley will cure uh your respiratory uh ailments there is a guy named colonel robert ingersoll in the post-war uh post-civil war america whose deal was he would go from town to town and he would give speeches about how god didn't exist and everyone 0:26:40  
would get mad at him but it would all be a big deal he was an early new year he was a like an early new atheist yes and he would do the thing he would do the classic thing where he'd say god doesn't exist and if he did and if he did he has he has five minutes five minutes to kill me exactly he would do that yes he was the first professional atheist yes uh i'm amazed that no um enterprising god lover didn't just bring a gun to one of those performances and shoot him and be like i'm act god made me do it yeah you asked for it yeah but the thing is like it really goes to show you know even in a much more god-bothered era he didn't get killed because at the end of the day it's a fun show people like getting mad people love getting mad you kill him you can't get mad at him anymore i'm so mad at this guy and i can't wait for him to come back in six months so i can get mad at him yeah it's like the early version of like andrew dice clay coming to your town until and telling you how uh how you guys are all \*\*\*\*\* yeah it's like oh you believe in god i \*\*\*\*\* him oh 0:27:41  
yeah the rich history of americans loving of stand up comedy of people uh loving guys random losers coming to their town and telling you how you suck yep but in a humorous way i mean those are the two strains of uh stand-up comedy either saying how i the performer suck or how you the audience suck yeah yeah they called him the great agnostic that was his nickname he couldn't even go into atheism well like i

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said 19th century you don't want seduce and bone god i like that phrase is that what is all this thing about uh like how biden is going to kill god's gun trump was talking and it's a very indication of his inability to like he knows what he knows vaguely 0:28:43 what the people he's pandering to like but he has no personal understanding or like imaginative understanding of it because he doesn't share it yeah so he said this is a quote i believe he said he's gonna hurt the bible he's gonna hurt god it's gonna hurt the bible yeah he said he's going to hurt the bible and hurt god he said and he also said no with trump with with biden no religion no anything no religion abide in god yeah he goes no religion know anything but yeah i mean i would love for biden to get in there and do a complete nihilism oh wait i can't say nihilism on the stream no oh god oh god no no you're gonna hawk kill everyone indoor silence you cannot no you can't be hog pill but my favorite thing would just be very funny for biden to get up there or do his inauguration be like um uh everything's meaningless they're uh look look here i was uh thinking about my good friend uh uh from back in the life guarding days and he was telling me uh good story we got on our big corvette and said look joe nothing means anything i would like him to give a speech that is 0:29:45 an exact replica of his speech when he voted to invade iraq replacing saddam hussein with god we're going to we're going to do targeted strikes to drive the tyrant god yeah uh no but like him saying hurt he's gonna hurt god that really does tell you all you need to know about trump's understanding of like the supernatural con like god is just like another real estate developer who might like have to deal with higher taxes or bad pr or something god his underlying it's very down right now he's not making much money yeah it's not very it's like biden's in there and you know what he's not talking about god god his cue numbers are going down he's very hurt uh this is the biggest we you get you vote for trump you've ever you vote for me we're going to have the biggest god we've ever seen a huge god folks god's going to be gigantic he's going to be huge but now that's that's and that really does tell you all 0:30:47 you need to know about everyone who all the evangelicals love him they've they've lost any any the fig leaf that they really believe in anything yeah they only believe in owning the libs and and uh protecting what they imagine to be their understanding of america what is that mr show phrase the name of the episode god and religion in the bible it's uh life is precious and god and the bible from uh that's literally uh like trump trying to to wing it for uh the evangelicals on the uh the talk show on the lifeboat sketch oh the talk shows life is precious and god and the bible yep very good mr show really did have everything you need to know by the way we now have mustard annies yes we do they they actually invented that product uh and now it exists the dueling political ads yes yes yes greely the third um yeah there's a lot of 0:31:48 stuff in there that feels very of a uh a future moment someone is reminding me that

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that line was a quote a direct quote from a jerry springer episode that one of the writers had watched uh where one of the audience members was like talking about something and said but life is precious and god and the bible and now you just do it in the trump voice in front of a bunch of evangelicals folks life is precious god the bible he's gonna hurt the bible he said he's going to hurt the bible joe Biden with a hammer going at it on the king James version how how are you going to hurt like i mean it just shows like what a a total fixation on the material reality and the self especially as you get older and your ability to like ratio sensitivity gets lower it means that you lose object permanence you lose object permanence and so concepts like god in the bible no longer transcend space and time and they become totally fixed and mutable like he's going to hurt the bible like that's the thing you could do he's going to hurt god like that's the thing he's going to do like a heavy a wrestler promo video where he rips the bible in half like it's a phone book somebody uh chatted the phrase uh curb stomp the bible which i think is a funny phrase i like that i gotta tell you he gets up there on January 20th in front of Roberts right and you know you gotta do you gotta put your hand in the bible instead of putting us out of the bubble he just slaps it just slaps it just slaps it pulls out a chainsaw like it's a Sam Raimi movie yeah just chops it yep yep and just pulls a paperback copy of the the god delusion and gives it to \*\*\*\*\* uh Robert i'll be sworn in i'll be swirling um but uh uh it's been very funny that uh i i saw that trump was also on the um the the water pressure tip today again yes so he's there's a high i would say 60 000 dead people there's five issues going into this campaign oh the water pressure is there Joe Biden is an is an atheist anarchist and water in two ways because he loves the boaters and he hates the bad water pressure he loves yeah the water needs to be you need water to float your boat and you need to just \*\*\*\*\* lay your skin off you when it comes out of the you need to be the Kramer in that episode of you gotta flush 15 times and the thing is he's kind of right about that in that with the flushing like the low flow toilet go off king this is a classic example of liberal good do-gooderism it's like yes let's let's conserve water with our toilet flushes you forget this is the United States of America every one of this eats three meals of like 90 protein a day yes those dumps are like \*\*\*\*\* photon torpedoes they're not going to go down with one low flow flush to uh actually see a real analysis of the the volume of American shits versus i don't know like a Norwegian or a French yeah like we're eating we're eating beef for three meals a day it's just i know i've already had two servings of beef there you go it's like it's a supernova of dump this thing can't be handled by a little a light oh one and a half gallons that's not gonna do it you need three to four gallons minimum in America for the dumps that we put out unless we stopped eating as much meat which we're not going to do the the water twice a week and it's the size of the uh CSS Hundley

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every time somebody pointed out in the the chat with just imagining trump's turds that that seems among the things that is most maybe a you problem that he talks about yeah yeah yeah but well the thing is is that yeah he has no real relation to normal things so like literally i don't think he's ever exchanged money for services in person in his life here's a real question i know it's like you know he's the cheeto he's the the orange man is bad he's the goddamn cheetos but i am fascinated with his makeup as just a physical ritual because does he do it himself go to the bathroom no the makeup oh the makeup does he have a person like i'm thinking about because 0:35:53 always trying to think about trump's relationship to the physical right mundane world is always so much very surreal yeah does he have a person is there a white house makeup artist who does it every day because i've noticed that i think since the pandemic started it's gotten worse it really looks really bad right now and yeah the makeup is looking really really bad a little orange circle around his face it cuts off cleanly you can like right lines in a way you didn't used to be able to see yeah and there's that the picture from him coming back from oklahoma yeah yeah where he's got just ring around the collar bright red on the collar of his shack so my question is does he does he wake up every morning and spend an hour applying a like a full face of bronzer yeah and then go out and then at the end of each night does he like take cold cream and wipe all the \*\*\*\*\* off his face that's these are all very important questions and i don't know it's really my i would like to know because every since his be the beginning of his presidency one of the things that's always been most 0:36:54 mind-boggling to me has been imagining him in the lincoln bedroom at a vanity with like like the scene in zoolander where he's taking off the coal and just wiping off everything yeah uh he's playing goodbye horses yes uh yeah because there's two conflicting instincts in me when i think about does he do it himself one is well he has to do it he can't do it himself he can't do anything himself no he's baby but at the same time every day his entire adult life there's someone like there at what like he gets uh he sleeps three hours a night or whatever he's up in the morning watching foxy friends somebody's there at 6 a.m to \*\*\*\*\* put the stuff on his face every day yeah that also seems hard to believe but i also have and also seen him doing it and also if that person exists why don't we know their name that would be one of the the president's literally most intimate advisors that's true they'd be they'd be with him longer than most people people in a day in an incredibly intimate way yeah that's true this is why this question really like get gets to me yeah and over i mean i like to 0:37:55 ima i i really do enjoy imagining him doing actual like mundane tasks i love making a sandwich i love imagining him trying to make food shopping is very amusing to imagine imagine him doing the what was it driving a car uh i when you so you guys were talking about trump driving a car on the um on the episode and i tried to

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look up to see if i could find any evidence of him driving a car and i could not do it i don't think he's ever done it i don't think he's ever been behind the wheel of a vehicle under power in his life like he got he got in the truck in a golf cart he can get he can do a golf of course it does but there's a thing where he's driving the truck you know in the front house which is but it was not under power yeah and firing a gun to me is the most funny he his arm would rip off just him trying to manage if you just gave him not like a nine not a 22 or something you give him like a 45 or something like a cop's gun yeah and you make him like just fire without a warning i'm just imagining the ripples that would happen through his body and then like the absolute like shock and horror and how he would try to recover of it in public yeah imagine him shooting a gun in public is very funny yeah like going to like trying to butch it up for a uh like a like a bunch of nra guys and like going to a rifle range and shooting a rifle in public yeah and and i mean it's not like they would not abandon him obviously they would still think he was an alpha but i would be very interested in the specific way that they processed his girlish failure to not look like a a a little girl the cartoon thing where you like shoot the thing and immediately fall over in a 90 degree arc yeah yeah or like you you don't wreck you get the recoil and you hit yourself in the face yeah exactly a shiner something like that yeah uh should we do like questions yeah let's do some questions if anybody has any we've just been ripping i'm sorry to maybe uh to bomb to bomb these chats i mean i i am the only person maybe the only person maybe some people uh listen to them all but i listen to every single one of these since i put them on youtube so i figured uh i'd come over or set one of these up if i was coming over here today and this is uh this is like gonna be hopefully what we do more of if we can set up the uh yeah now that i think we're a little more comfortable just like you know being the two uh two of us in an office setting i think that that is probably fine yeah is there any more of that tequila or is it all gone i think i got rid of it i brought over a little a little thing of um the rocks tequila tiramana tequila which i found a supplier of near here uh so in our own in our own small way matt and i because we have been consuming terramondo tequila are now both investors in the uh xfl oh right he bought the xfl what's he gonna do with it i i have a rock the rockology group chat and we've been very much speculating first of all he got it for 60 million dollars which i assume means he just bought the brand it's not like the xfl has like offices or employees or i mean i think he did buy its assets but there are not that many yeah it's mostly the brand but then there are assets minimal assets so at that point you're not you're getting a brand and you're not getting much risk i doubt he's gonna launch a full \*\*\*\*\* league of games yeah but if you can like generate a few expo games in like the spring like networks are always going to want to run football it might he might just do like a

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reality series a reality he loves reality series he's hosted like five reality shows since he became famous yeah which honestly i find that a little uh low rent yeah and i think that's because he's from the carnival wrestling circuit he doesn't understand the idea that there should be a brand that needs to be like protected he kind of says yes to everything yes and you got you got to get it while it's hot well you're hot i get that but like i uh it's i mean maybe it's maybe that is more in turn with the moment and more understanding of the nature of like our you know terminal end state here where you can't be assuming that you're going to have any broad brand to build on in the future so just strike while the iron spot say yes to everything but it it does rebel against my my sensibility of a guy who's that big of a \*\*\*\*\* movie star yeah doing reality shows but tom cruise doesn't do reality shows it's true um but that's because he didn't come from \*\*\*\*\* wrestling he doesn't have that the grinding uh tom cruise doesn't own a tequila company either he does not he has no brands yeah he's never done a commercial has he he probably has at least once folks it's tom cruise tom cruise ever done an ad in the united states or internationally yes i'm thinking about it he might have done one internationally but like maybe a japanese ad everybody does like a japanese yeah like schwarzenegger does japanese man um but yeah the xfl thing is a little baffling just because he the rock is such like a success win mindset and literally everyone who has ever taught like the xfl has just been like a boondoggle who has only caused humiliation for every everyone who has touched it no i mean it failed once already it's a field twice already they tried to bring it back like a year ago yeah well i mean it failed once and then they brought it back and they failed again so i don't know people don't get that like sports are huge in this country but one of the things that makes them huge is that they are monopolies and that they have that anti-trust exemption uh that that the thing that makes them special the thing that makes them things people care about is that they are prescribed yes like you only get them for x number of months a year you only get them with x amount of talent like a certain amount of talent that you attract with the amount from a single source from a single source and that a thing like that is not uh it's not there is no there's not a huge hunger for off-brand versions of it yes which is what the xfl is it's off-brand it's low rent and people don't want low-rent versions of sports and the only thing it's literally extreme like if you really want low rent versions of sports watch college sports which is for and college sports to me is for sickos who get off on the idea that they're not getting paid of punishment yeah they're like ah yes cass perform for free yes you're not getting paid at all for this you're being ordered around by a little tin pot martinet psychopath coach who has the power of life and death he could cut you at any moment he's also the most well paid the most well-paid employee of the state yes yeah oh yes you could be catch with any moment

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and you'll be you'll be cast at the poor house unlike unlike the professional sports where they get the mouth off and where they get paid a lot of money and they can't be bossed around it's for the real sickos it's for the real perverts but like there's no third thing yeah hey they're still getting paid but less but that's because they're less talented but they can maybe hurt each other more i mean you'd have to make that explicit yeah like you would have to make the xfl genuinely dangerous my idea for if if this if this could be done safely uh just put like uh randomly like six concussion minds in the ground of the the football so just like once again or like six times a game somebody just uh not killed but just like you know blown into the air a few feet yeah well or killed oh hey a little uh squirrel buddy just ran across yeah we got squirrels back here it's delightful little guys uh all right any uh any any questions in the chat so we can take a few before we do i grill no i do not grill because we live in new york and one of the biggest premiums here is outdoor outdoor space and i have longed for outdoor space but my last i've never been able to find one in an apartment i've literally considered renting an apartment that was about literally like 200 or 300 square feet of apartment space but with a like 600 square foot balcony attached to it yeah and that was a pretty compelling offer to me because i was like i don't know like six months out of the year i could just live outside but no i've never had outdoor space so i've never had a grill uh i'm not i'm okay grilling i would say i'm competent manning a grill but i'm not a master griller yeah i have by far the smallest department of any but on the show but that's because i get some outdoor space and i have to say i mean i didn't know this was gonna happen when he got the place but now with uh corona and quarantine i'm incredibly happy that i had some yeah it's nice to just my next my next grilling project is that after i smoked that pork and you had some it was good right it was good it was good i i want to do an all-day brisket with the snake method i was watching a kenji lopez alt video about this i'm gonna do it method i'm gonna do it i'm gonna pick a day maybe this month have everybody over and i'm gonna try to get that \*\*\*\*\* i'm gonna wake up i'm gonna get my \*\*\*\*\* alarm set and like start cooking that thing at like six in the morning and i'm gonna try to do all day yeah like 10 hours of a brisket with with the uh with the snake technique i'll have backup if it doesn't work i'll have like burgers and stuff but that's that's the that's the next project grill wise uh i like this one uh abrahamic prophets ranked oh wow who who who are your gods of the abrahamic i don't really like any of them honestly the whole abrahamic tradition i think it was a swing and a miss they just really i understood they're going for like like creating an imaginative architecture to compel behavior but yeah yeah uh in the modern era society needs a daddy yeah and the thing is it does but it's it's definitely led to uh i think that i mean i don't know i can't i can't really uh come say this confidently

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but uh there's there's some deep deep psychos there's a lot of psychology there's a 0:48:9  
ton of psychology well i mean it's it's an attempt to it's an attempt to uh i mean it's  
an attempt to create a unified like uh moral social order out of the terror and and  
and uh uncertainty and uncertainty of like you know scarce tribal conflict and and  
in that respect it's it's it's you know it it's as inevitable as any other uh outgrowth  
of culture but in the modern era over time the the it drags a lot it's like you know  
uh fast five when they're robbed they have the safe it's kind of the safe that's on the  
that's smashing around destroying everything as they're driving that's a good way to  
describe it because certainly at this point and we were just talking about the trump  
stuff at trump and faith it seems like this weird especially on the political culture this  
weird appendage that just kind of hangs out out off the back yeah and just smashes  
the \*\*\*\*\* out of everything yeah someone says buddhism is a coherent philosophy 0:49:11  
for cope to which i say yes because coping is what life is yes coping is the challenge of  
existence life is cope life is cope what do you think you think you can transcend that  
you think you don't have to cope are you \*\*\*\*\* kidding me then you're literally the  
buddha you got a brain you got a you got a brain made out of electrified cholesterol  
that is that has a \*\*\*\*\* that has a hard deadline at which point it turns into goo  
and that is also your consciousness and your understanding and the entire universe  
and it's gonna go away it's going away even if you work even if you're peter thiel  
and you think oh no i'll just i'll just dope myself with teenage blood until i can go  
into the singularity congratulations how long are you gonna be in the computer even  
if that works before the \*\*\*\*\* silicon breaks down even if it's a hundred thousand  
years what happens at the end of a hundred thousand years you have to cope coping  
is like learning that you actually have to cope and and accepting it that you can and 0:50:14  
breaking through the delusion that there's any way to transcend the the the trap  
the the the inherent uh uh tragic trap of existence is is is the first step towards real  
maturity as a person that's uh that's a good way to spend your twenties from the  
endless possibility of being a teenager to the uh constrained reality of being a uh a  
\*\*\*\*\* a finite being like being and it's like that's there's nothing wrong with that  
but you have to accept it i.e cope with it uh i like the person who the two that come  
to mind wendy's is good i don't know the thing about the nugget is not one of my  
favorite fast food items but the mcdonald's nugget has the thing of being a nugget  
and also being a mcdonald's food which means it has that mcdonald's the patina of 0:51:15  
mcdonald's got that mcdonald's flavor which is unique which you can't get anywhere  
else and which is something that if you've had it kind of becomes a recurring craving  
which is literally what they designed it yes so i gotta go with mcdonald's because  
it it it satisfies that uh that like basal desire for mcdonald's chemical flavor profile  
mm-hmm the the grimace aura that's somebody in the chat exactly yes you can you

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it's not that you can just taste it you can feel the grimace you can feel the grimace  
you eat it and you see the grimace on the just floating hovering over the horizon  
nodding at you like uh like saint dominic or or the madonna during a holy vision yes  
just have just imagining somebody stricken with uh stricken with malaria in a in a  
litter having their forehead dabbed by one of their retainers and on the verizon they 0:52:16  
they're seeing like ignatius loyola uh uh mary mother of god and and the grimace i  
think uh con uh constantine uh bridge looking up and there's the grimace by this  
sign you shall conquer uh what else is in here uh do you guys like arby's yes arby's is  
good barbie's is i'm i'm really happy that uh bill oakley has made one of his missions  
to rehabilitate arby's barbies is good because arby's is not only is the classic roast  
beef sandwich with horsey sauce just really good and something you can't really get  
anywhere else no no it's a unique fast food thing which isn't which is unique yeah  
like there's a unique intelligence there's something unique at wendy's there's nothing  
unique in mcdonald's there's nothing you can get a burger at all this weekend only 0:53:17  
place you can get a pile of thin gray uh roast beef with the horsey sauce horseradish  
the most underrated condiment oh horseradish can't find it at any other \*\*\*\*\* uh  
uh fast food place but they've got it out of a tap at \*\*\*\*\* arby's but in addition to  
that arby's actually has an insanely ver uh uh deeply uh varied menu they've got  
stuff that you got brisket uh yes they've got like italian sandwiches they've got like  
uh uh they've got a ton of different you know what they can't get anywhere they  
got mozzarella sticks they got mac and cheese you know what uh so subway is uh on  
doughboys by the way because a real one i would love to i would love to finally go on  
there i don't it seems like i don't know what i would talk about they've talked about  
everything at this point but i have a few friends who've been on dual boys maybe  
i'll try to get i i feel like i've dm'd with weiger at some point maybe we were trying  
to do a crossover at some thing i do have very strong opinions on faster the the the  
doughboys chapo connection has been has been needed to happen for a while but we 0:54:18  
just really haven't uh i do i do have very passionate views on uh on fast casual and  
fast uh fast food restaurants uh somebody in the chat uh i think this maybe this  
is a good combo to be our last one uh somebody said chris get matt to talk about  
music which i feel like is is one of our traditional intersections so uh uh what have  
you been listening to uh oh boy i just watched a movie actually last night i watched  
the film arkansas i don't know what that is based on a novel uh and it was uh it  
stars vince vaughn liam hemsworth love vince vaughn uh and it's about it's low level  
drug dealers one of the most flattering things that multiple people have said is that  
i look like vince vaughn you do kind of look i never thought about that but you do  
you also you've got the you got the tall tallness yeah i got like the kind of brown the  
same kind of yeah the hair yes midwestern mick just like him so that's i wouldn't

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bring that up unless two different people from two different sources that said that so 0:55:19  
i found it very flattering but it's a good movie and one of the things that's best about  
it is the soundtrack and it's got a lot of great modern country on it and uh it has uh  
uh it's got a great gatlin brothers song in it that i've been thinking about ever since  
i saw the movie uh oh you let's talk about all the gold in california here's a good uh  
tangent oh there's the squirrel buddy here's a good tangent to um and on something  
i think about a lot as like one of the last good days uh in the world the day we drove  
from la to sacramento oh god that was so one of the most it was very fun but also  
one of the most psychedelic days i've ever had because that road through california  
this would have been like late february when we were traveling on our california tour  
we were talking about like whether we wanted to like take longer to follow the coast  
or just go up that highway straight to sacramento and we ended up wherever is good  
i like the i-10 is that is it the 10 yeah yeah and we decided \*\*\*\*\* it we just gotta  
get there and so we went through the central valley which is like the the it's the 0:56:21  
bread basket of america it's like the industrial heartland of california really seeing  
what that means going through the central valley and once you hit the main part of  
the tent and just go up the middle of california that is just uh at the very edge of  
the horizon on either side you see maybe the faintest glimpse five they're saying the  
five the five uh of a mountain range but until then is just endless perfectly straight  
industrial farms for six or seven hours and the road is perfectly straight the highway  
is perfectly straight uh going up the the center of california and you're just like oh  
this is where all the food comes from and it's utterly inhumane yeah it is so divorced  
from reality it's like being on a food colony on mars yeah no it it is a good if you need  
the reminder that the ease and convenience of american life is entirely predicated on  
massive human and animal exploitation yeah and the real headline uh the real high 0:57:22  
point was when we drove past a a five mile wide couch auschwitz uh uh and it was  
we had to hold our breath for the stink and then the car smelled like it for but the  
reason i brought that up is a music discussion because that was maybe my last in  
addition to being one of the last notable days before uh everything collapsed and  
we entered quarantine was we spent the entire ride listening to bakersfield country  
outlaw country yes uh just all the classic mural type stuff from uh really good uh  
george jones yeah uh which i was aware of but had never given like a real deep listen  
to and that was will was spending on the ones and twos because he's a big fan of  
that um amber too amber amber was big into that yeah no uh i must the the great  
the favorite my favorite song we listened to was the the george jones merle haggard  
collaboration i must have been drunk when i said i'd quit drinking which is just a  
perfect perfect country perfect country title another i remember driving i don't even 0:58:24  
know who does this but uh uh i remember hearing a song while i was driving to do

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something in college like early in the morning feeling bleary-eyed weary and hearing some countries on the radio called the more i drink the more i drink it wasn't that trip but it was when we were in california on another drive from uh city to city that we realized that the the the cars are the west coast talking heads yeah well then yeah that was that was a real like uh uh galaxy brain moment for all of us when we figured that one out because we were like i was like should we listen to the cars or uh talking heads like ah that's a little too jittery that's a little bit too anxious for california and they're like what about the cars like yeah that's basically yeah it's the same it's the same era it's it's the same like quality of like you know songwriting and stuff it's the same general genre but it's got the california feel to it and of course there's the cars the cars you gotta drive your cars it's california this is a little spoiler for next 0:59:26 week's in and introducing but we're talking about guided by voices and they have one album where they're like \*\*\*\*\* it let's let's try to be a mainstream rock band and get ricko kasich to produce it and they have like synth sounds on it and it's that same \*\*\*\*\* synth sound like and it's like i just was joking on that that being like no rick i we want to have synth on this on the on the album i think that that's great but like can we maybe can we change the cutoff just a little so it doesn't sound exactly like the cars cynthia's like no absolutely not \*\*\*\*\* you it's i've got my settings we're all right i think i actually have to get out of here soon so i think that that may be a good place to stop so much fun yeah this is so good well we'll just do this again having having having someone to talk to during this and having somebody focus we love cake and have it that's my favorite page sacramento zone uh no but having somebody to like field the the chat and to talk with this is fantastic and if we could 1:0:28 game two this is gonna be good so stay tuned we're gonna yeah we're gonna we're gonna try to take near future take the level up uh but until then good vibes bye-bye we'll see you guys in a bit thanks for uh dealing with the audio at the very beginning

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there i am rock me like a hurricane ah the song that ended the cold war hello i'm uh speaking from the back area i've got a halo right now looking quite orthodox looking like a uh like a vision from heaven to send it onto earth to judge the wicked and the righteous but no it's just it's off the bat just want to clarify something for some people uh after the last stream i did with chris where we were back here batman it back and i've talked about how we want to do that on uh in the office with maybe some games thrown in i won't be doing that and not doing solo streams i will maybe i will do a few i won't do necessarily as many but i will still try to do at least one or two a week even if we do stuff with uh the office and the video game rig so don't worry if you still like me staring puzzledly into the chat with and not saying anything and kind of just staring and hearing some birds chirp and somebody hooting and hollering and a siren and then i say something about the noid don't worry uh that'll still be available uh uh i mean i'm obviously imagining it being wet ass party you know and the reference being the the popular song of the moment and the grand old party someone asked if there's a dialectical resolution of the problem and sadly i don't not in the way that you're imagining not in the way that i would that we would want uh i think the way it get it gets solved is people just don't that's all they expect and the context becomes one where everything is like that and so good and bad are contained within the concept of digital so it'll be beside to the point so that's the way it's going to resolve like the way of keeping them both vital impossible because of the money like even having real guns somebody told me after i was talking about squibs that it's almost impossible to have actual firearms on movie sets anymore like the reason that they just have them pretend to have uh recoil and then put in the flashes and the sounds later is that those aren't real guns the rubber guns because the insurance and the price of having a guy on set who can secure the firearm are are prohibitive prohibited from the point of view of making the movie profitable which is of course the only consideration and with that being the case it'll never make economic sense to have real guns on the set there's no aesthetic argument you can make that can over turn the basic math so i'm afraid it shan't be happening as much

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as we'd i mean what do you mean you mean like oh you know after a while they just started cging the guns entirely and now i really want those movies where they have the rubber gun oh those are the really good ones yeah when they're having the rubber gun and pretending to to uh to have recoil that's so much better than the cgi guns that fake recoil themselves you can tell and that becomes the the remnant of the apparently there was a shooting at the white house i'm honestly stunned that's the first time this has happened just because of how high the temperature is politically in the last four years people took a shot at bill clinton like every two weeks there was a guy i remember a video of it there was this guy who showed up with a \*\*\*\* trench coat and a \*\*\*\* or maybe i'm imagining the trench coat but it was definitely a semi-auto and he just raked the side of the white house while running back and forth before he got tackled uh and that was only one of like two or three and then there was a guy who landed an airplane on the white house lawn during that during his presidency it's weird now that everything is so much more intense and political politics is so much more polarized and and uh you know has an edge of conflict to it and so much more dominant in people's day-to-day lives and self-conceptions than it was in the 90s very few people have tried to take a maybe it's because extreme like paranoid mindsets that get activated by politics would not almost by definition be activated against trump but i can't believe that's true there's got to be some people who have uh who have oriented their psyche to an unhealthy degree and yet nobody until whoever this is and we don't even know what the deal is who knows what country has the best shape i always thought chili was sort of adorable it's like how the hell is that a country uh uh somebody asked how how do you understand uh how do you explain the idea that i've said a while ago and i don't even know if i would necessarily even agree with this now that i've like refined my thinking on things that consciousness your conscience is the degree that you perceive time and i would say just as a quick example of what i mean by that i can't really elaborate because like i said i'm not sure i'm still working on all this stuff but so they're like the the the matrix of reality the universe whatever you want of it is composed of energy right it's it's just energy it's one substance moving at different uh speeds i.e it's matter and time those are the two things it's a matter of time it's energy transferring through states and there are objects in space there are inanimate objects in space lower orders of animals experience the present and a bit of the past and humans because of their ability to take a bunch of information in turn it into memories and associations and patterns eventually can perceive or at least imagine the future which allows them to move in what they imagine to be free will because they are moving towards a future that they have pictured in their head so they can perceive future as a axis of time in a way that less evolved animals can't and it is a continuum of course from human

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down it's not and or so it's degree two but of course they're all the same thing it's just objects perceive them in different ways i just watched the hidden a month or so ago it was awesome uh i still don't think carl mclaughlin is a good actor but that movie rules and is just a smorgasbord of of practical effects and real car chases in a movie that couldn't have been more than a a couple million dollar i did see cube 0:10:34 and i gotta say that movie's reputation rests it seems to me almost entirely on the scene where the guy gets chopped up by the wires because the rest of the movie has barely any cube ownage at all it's just a bunch of people with canadian accents yelling at each other and then narrowly avoiding getting chopped into cubes did not enjoy under underrate uh uh over over delivered by the people who had previously uh praised it so it's know the blob which i just rewatched last night blob i will watch the new dune movie i'll watch the new dune movie on like a \*\*\*\*\* uh on an apple watch or whatever that uh kamala just unfollowed biden i saw that girl i need a 0:11:40 tea someone spill it i gotta say if they don't pick her i will be surprised because that seems like the smart move and they're really just playing prevent defense here which is kind of surprising so i kind of still think it will be them it will be heard just because it's the it's the what they would perceive as the lowest uh per like the highest percentage play in that it has the lowest uh per chance of having a spectacular or unintended negative consequence whereas kamala harris doesn't change anything or make anything interesting but that's in their mind enough yeah i don't think it's going to be mayor pete it would be hilarious because all the people who have been saying you know biden's intersectional uh biden is listening to women and he has to 0:12:42 listen to women and all that or or he has to recognize blm and get and they have a black or a female or both vp they will i don't even know if they'll even be able to have one second of expressed public anger because the immediate question will be what are you going to do about it and the answer is nothing i'm going to do a \*\*\*\*\* thing they can't do \*\*\*\*\* they've already said that i do hope it's somebody from left field because kamala is such a boring pick i'm already snoozing thinking yeah i think 0:13:44 uh pete i mean i'm assuming that pete got offered a relatively high cabinet pot spot for his uh what do you call it endorsement and dropping out when he was in second when he was in second place i mean there is logic to it it wasn't just a strong army because i think anybody with eyes could see that even though mayor pete was doing well in some sort of in in just the sense of his performance to that point that he pretty clearly had no path forward he just did not have any support outside of upper like middle and upper class white people and that never changed the hope was maybe a surprise i would win could like win people over but it didn't happen people were still stuck in with biden so it was a you could argue that it was a rational response but he certainly wouldn't have done it for anything less than a significant offer i mean 0:14:48

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he'd have to want he'd want something in the cabinet because he knows he can't get in he will not win another office in indiana he cannot win a statewide race in indiana and at his congress is sort of a step down he's not just the descendant of a grammar scholar gramsci scholar was his dad apparently not a very good gramsci scholar but i have no first-hand knowledge just passing along a tea that i heard and then slit and then spilled i slipped it then i spilled it what would it take for a glue indiana indiana is gone folks it's ahead it's gone in ohio is going to turn in indiana it's a demographic 0:15:50 thing uh like young people move out of the state leaving only a a shrinking core of older and older empty nest uh uh white rural and suburban people and over time they're gonna get more and more republican i i mean even if they if we're able to pull off an election with any kind of any kind of legitimacy to it in november and i think that is a significant if and i have no idea what that would mean and and biden wins big wins back florida hell wins arizona he could win arizona i ohio i mean there is a real thing there is a real consequence to all the young college-educated white people 0:16:53 who make up uh that like young cadre who is supposed to save the uh save us from our older reactionary uh citizens that they all move to the same cluster of blue state big cities is that states like ohio slowly get uh drained of everybody but the most the ones who don't move to arizona anyway indiana was always a republican state but i think i'm just saying ohio is in the in the direction of turning towards there because ohio used to have ohio had that rust belt upper area cleveland and such with its uh democrats glasses versus contacts that's not a hard one i will never wear i've never 0:17:58 worn contacts a day i never got them i never i never got a subscription a prescription for contacts never worn contacts never had any desire you've got to imagine if biden does wins that people are going to take shots at him all the time there's going to be a cue guy with a \*\*\*\*\* uh like a bunch of fire extinguishers strapped to his chest i do think if trump does pull something of the election around around mail-ins or something you could see an actual recessionist movement start i don't think it would 0:18:59 be anything like what you'd see if biden wins in terms of military brinksmanship but i think you would see like an attempt by big state blue governors to sort of create a state within a state to establish as they call it real dual power and become co-equal to the government to the federal government if not exceeding it in authority which would then raise a specter of conflict i would never do lasik my god laser ball laser laser my eyeballs no thank you party party of zero for that spicy ketchup you're talking about \*\*\*\*\* uh you're talking about barbecue i do think it would 0:20:8 be funny though and this is a real possibility trump just steals the thing the way everyone sees him setting out to do and people just go no and like the entire media freaks out right because it's mostly anti-trump and pro norms the entire media goes nuts half the country freaks out and then everyone is waiting for someone else to do

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something and he just does it and nothing and it's like well i mean no one actually everyone said it was awful but nobody made any kind of coherent movement to stop it someone's asking about the taiping rebellion a fascinating event something like 30 million people die in the 1860s in china basically because a guy failed the sats and freaked out a guy who wanted to who was going to be who wanted to be a a 0:21:12  
mandarin to be to be a bureaucrat in the in the manchu state which was basically the only way that you could get out of the peasant class one of the very few anyway was to take this series of rigorous exams which basically involved memorizing he failed it he failed it a bunch of times and then he failed it one more one too many times and he had a complete breakdown and he was in a bed for months of the fever and hallucinations and at the end of it he announced that he was jesus christ's younger chinese brother and that it was his duty to unify china under his rule to create a heavenly kingdom on earth and he set about organizing the landless hakka peasantry of southern china which are people who had historically lived in the northern part of china but been driven south over the years by mostly the conflict with the step tribes over the successive centuries and become a sort of a permanent a rural a rural 0:22:15  
proletariat the closest thing you could call one anyway uh in southern china and he was able to organize him around his weird syncretic christianity but also along the axis of expelling of of redistributing land to the peasants and expelling the the the manchu uh king rulers because the king dynasty was not ethnically han the king dynasty had been one of those step uh tribes in manchuria that had actually been invited into china uh to help uh keep the uh i think the ming empire from falling and then over the course of their intervention they just took over because they were the stronger party uh and they were the ones who instilled the the long the cue the hair is mandatory for men and you know and and discriminated against especially in government against uh against tan to some degree and those those motivations 0:23:17  
worked and they ended up creating this gigantic peasant army that established a multi-year uh imperium uh in central china and this is the around the same time that the the chinese that the empire was getting torn apart it's it's it's uh was being opened up at the barrel of a cannon to foreign trade by the opium wars uh and they were also simultaneous outbreaks uh and revolts among uh western uh muslims uh the yellow uh yeah no that's definitely uh red turbine it went on for years and they conquered huge swaths of central uh central china and they uh put to flight hundreds of thousands man armies established to defeat them uh and but eventually they were able to this was something that probably in in chinese history had traditionally been 0:24:18  
a the the pattern the traditional chinese history horrible patterns you have a empire established itself uh over some part of china and and have a relatively stable uh social relationship for hundreds of years then through a lot of times it's just good

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old-fashioned weather change climate shifts but uh war with or war with the step people or whatever legitimacy is or the mandate of heaven is lost and there is a popular uprising that installs a new imperial uh line uh and this was very much in line with that and and the king was about as discredited as any regime to be but uh i recently read a book that makes the argument that the in the thing that allowed the king to un to persist beyond its prey natural life cycle was western intervention because there was a period where the west was watching uh the rebellion where they were kind of sympathetic to the taiping because like hey the guy's a christian hey 0:25:22 and they they and the typing uh government had support in in halls of government by people who like saw it as a way to open up china to foreign trade and he was very and then the heavenly king was very solicitous of western uh hell because he was he thought of himself as a christian but it turns out he was a little bit too loopy of a christian and what the western powers really wanted more than anything was continuity and uh and stability and they figured the easiest way to get that was by backing the manchu and that helped beat back a rebellion which probably honestly by normal circumstances should have been successful in overthrowing the regime or would have in the past anyway but now china was part of a global system that allowed this exogenous force to come in and helps determine things but of course they didn't last too much longer because first they were overthrown by sun yet zen and then the whole thing got overturned by mao and if you want to get too facile about 0:26:24 it you could say that that the chinese communist revolution is sort of a replaying of the taiping in that it was an attempt to organize the landless southern peasantry because the hakka peasants also formed the backbone of mao's red army that did the long march and eventually won the war uh organizing them along along economic along axis of land uh disputes and land resentment of of the fame of the landlords who who dictated the life terms of this rural proletariat uh but organized along a synthetic ideology that incorporates a a western ideological intervention innovation christianity with the taiping uh communism marxism rather uh was china right to 0:28:13 wall off the internet i would say that that restrictions on the internet should not be considered some sort of horrifying imposition uh they they should be considered a necessary element of just public policy to maintain public well-being although i don't necessarily think that content should be the axis of of repression it should be time accessing i would say that needs to be choked significantly that is that's that that presents a social confronted and needs to be uh understood to be part and parcel to the and it would be f and it's felt definitely like think about that like the chinese style 0:29:14 thing where there's a ton of stuff you can't access that feels like a actual repression that feels like i'm being denied something but if you do not wall off content but you do limit time you have functionally limited the amount of stuff you can access the

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amount of the internet you can access because you're going to have less time to do so but it doesn't feel like a as much in my opinion or it shouldn't feel as much like a uh a repressive in infliction on you imposition on you because there's still hypothetically all that out there to be accessed but again i don't know that's just off uh wouldn't 0:30:21 that allow rich people to purchase time from people and live there i mean sure i mean presumably once again none of these are proposed to be in lieu of actual socialism so presumably we would not have like the same class of billionaire draculas that we have now but even if you still had income inequality if somebody wants to pay to spend more time on the internet you are still creating a uh you're still creating a rationing system for most people they're not going to want to spend the time but the ones who do are going to be limited by how much money they have to yeah people don't ask to see my feet anymore i remember that used to be a big thing and i will say again that you are all lucky that i resisted your importations because it would 0:31:22 have been wow will there be another election live stream that's a good question it will probably have to be in a bunker but yeah we'll probably do something i will not 0:32:26 be drinking uh rum that much i know i'll be i'll be white claws only i have found in practice that it's essentially impossible for me to really get to turnt off white claws if i'm drinking them at a normal pace they metabolize almost instantly and i just get kind of a little bit of a just a little bit of a frission and nothing much beyond that so it's like it's self-regulating so i'll be i'll be i'll be balls deep in claws on election night to prevent yes people are spamming that photograph or the the meme of me looking looking quite despondent my thoughts on belarus good luck and good game 0:33:27 i'm gonna do the face i'm gonna do the thoughts on leftist getting their shits together fitness skills mental fitness yes of course that's all stuff you can pursue if you're not on the internet but that's why i never tell anybody to log off completely because it's impossible it's all about reclaiming time reclaiming percentage of your day and then having to answer the question of what to do now there's usually something just too much time it's too easy to just not have to ask the question we should do we have no 0:34:35 plans to do an avatar uh episode but you know what i think the next time we want to do a movie i will suggest it because i think it would be really good because i think i'm kind of halfway i'm halfway to felix because i really do think jim cameron is a once in a a lifetime movie genius just because he is singular there is no other director of his stature who produces the uh who is as involved in the production is as much of an auteur i guess that's the thing about cameron is that when it comes to big budget directors he is the single most comprehensive author among them and of course the card auteur theory is very problematic and even in his case it's not true but there is still something interesting and creatively in my opinion creatively uh admirable about somebody who takes on that many tasks and performs them with that level of

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kind of stunning facility you know you can make fun of his movies all you want but 0:35:36  
there's a basic craftsmanship and skill to even his most eye rolling endeavors that  
is lacking in directors who have far fewer responsibilities because like the guys you  
would name to go along with cameron uh nolan uh spielberg lucas maybe maybe  
maybe guillermo del toro or no not del toro peter jackson for sure uh not del toro uh  
maybe if he had done that maybe if he'd actually done the hobbit movie instead of  
running away from the project because there wasn't any room for tentacle monsters  
to jack anyone off you must you must allow me to have the delicious tentacle creature  
jackoff wrote frodo baggins and also uh no it's not frodo it's uh it's bilbo whatever  
all of the hobbits and all of the orcs and all of the beautiful dwarves must be jacked  
off by the tentacle creature michael bay is actually michael bay is in the list none  
of those guys write the raw material none of those guys write their own stuff maybe 0:36:37  
they contribute ideas and like some dialogue i'm sure that they're all hands on to  
some degree but it's not to the degree that they get writing credits and these guys  
are voracious credit seekers so clearly they would not have he \*\*\*\*\* writes his own  
movies almost by himself he creates cameras in order to get shots that he wants uh  
it's a sing no one else does it and so therefore you can't even compare him to anybody  
else he's beyond good or evil in terms of filmmaking because he has transcended the  
categories by embodying like an entire mode of creativity that almost no one else  
could be said man that kubrick movie would have been something especially because  
apparently it is not uh as it shouldn't be wasn't a biopic it was like i think the it was  
either i think i think it was set during i haven't read it but i've heard it i think it  
was if someone could correct me if i'm wrong it's set during the retreat from moscow  
i think which perfect that's the time that's the time to get the guy in a moment that 0:37:40  
reflects an entire life and with nicholson is napoleon come on that's crazy it's good  
to know that he wasn't thinking of making ryan o'neal napoleon because while ryan  
o'neil can get away with being a vapid playboy with no substance because that's  
what he napoleon what it is his whole life \*\*\*\*\* well never mind then i'm trying to  
think of what if i was going to make a napoleon movie what i would want to make  
it about because like retreat from moscow makes sense but i don't think it's what i  
would want it to be if i was making it i wouldn't i wouldn't do retrieve from moscow  
i think i would want him in ascent i would want him in a scent or at like a moment 0:38:41  
of of of greatest power to like prefigure the the decline rather than reflect on egypt  
would be interesting i think i want something after the coup or maybe the coup itself  
the coup is actually a really interesting story you could do it as like a as like a uh  
um there's a movie about uh napoleon at saint helena i think it's called uh mr n or 0:39:44  
something with ian holm if i'm not mistaken so there's already a the whiff of grave  
shot would be really interesting the way he negotiated his spot you could do that as

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like a mini tableau of his whole his like ambition uh ability a strategic acumen uh charisma ability to spot the main chance the ability to like triangulate but him like negotiating the best deal out of uh uh out of like leading the the repulsion of the of the of the re of the uh of the riot or whatever you want to call it the royalist rebellion ending with him just smoking the \*\*\*\*\* out of a bunch of them yeah maybe you 0:40:45 start with him in egypt like where he's yeah okay this is i think this is what i would want to do you start in egypt with him selling this failure of the siege of acre as a giant triumph as he like marches back into cairo in defeat but like yeah no this was awesome we're doing great and then he negotiates his way out at like hey guys we're coming back it's going to be great and so you've got like the knowledge that he's not going to come back and the absurdity of it but then also just how no one doubts it because of his magnetic charisma and then he gets back and then the ghost in the middle middle of the movie could be him negotiating with like abba says and bara bara would be an amazing character in a film uh uh and then yeah ends with like 0:41:47 the third act is is the coup uh with his like the part with his brother saving his ass the whole thing i think but i think if i was going to do a movie about if i was going to do a movie about amer about like 16 1700s like early modern period 1676 and one of the most interest one of the top reasons i would like that somebody reminded me of a field in england and this would kind of be like a the idea would be like a uh i think maybe a more politically pointed american field in england because the soldiers who went to suppress bacon's rebellion which was a early cross-racial like 0:42:48 proto-proletarian revolt among uh uh indentured servants and and like the early the early social flotsam that would turn into the american proletariat rebelling against colonial authority uh before the racial caste system had really been established where you saw like you know actual cross-racial cooperation suppress it they literally got whacked out on a hallucigen a hallucinogenic poisonous weed called gym some weed or devil's weed and i wanted to read this quote about one of the commanders about the troops he says it was a very pleasant comedy for they turned natural fools upon it for several days one would blow up a feather in the air another would dart straws at it with much fury and another stark naked would sit up in a corner them but of 0:43:52 course the other part of it is that bacon's rebellion was also motivated by a desire to be more in conflict with the native tribes so class is funny in america so you'd have that you'd have that part i think you can make a very good comedy about prince rupert of the rhine because he was a classic uh kind of a opera buffet uh just rich 0:44:53 uh fauntleroy he fought he was brave but it was a classic thing where these guys the chivalry had the concept of chivalry had so lobotomized them that they couldn't distinguish behaviors by anything other than their uh personal uh whiff of grandeur he blew at least one battle uh in the english civil war because he just wouldn't stop

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his guys he just kept i have to why uh someone's asking about von trier i on general like uh i haven't really loved any of his movies though i don't think i respect the man certainly i haven't seen the serial killer movie yet though best movie streaming platform they're all dog \*\*\*\*\* it's tremendously awful perfect perfect proof that we live in as consumer for oriented society where all of the indignities we're supposed to endure are justified by the fact that they provide us with this limitless man i haven't seen repo man since i was in high school i don't think it i didn't it wasn't one of those movies that stuck with me i should because i remember watching it out of do i went through the phase like i'm gonna get culture i read the books the people said were very good and i went and saw the good movies that i could get a hold of and that was one of the like oh this is a cult classic and i was like okay that's fine but it never really hit me i gotta re-watch it i i mean i've watched walker more recently man i will admit now another deficiency someone's asking about the trailer park boys i watched one episode and i was like okay i didn't really watch any more of it i get that you gotta stick with him for a while but i just didn't feel the need i didn't have an aching hole i i i've seen all the memes and in no point have i felt i need this in my life are you know in the uh in the 20s during prohibition people who were in favor of prohibition were called dries people were opposed to what were called wets so you could say that after after 19 after 32 the democrats were officially a wet ass party for a while they were a dry-ass party they became a wet ass party eventually in fact that was one of the uh the battle over being a wet ass party or a dry ass party was one of the things that led to uh one of the most contentious us uh presidential party conventions in history in new york in 1924. it was a battle between the forces of irish catholic new york governor al smith uh who led the wet ass party uh and william mcadoo who was former treasury secretary under wilson from california who led the dry ass party and the wet ass party was made up of the urban ethnic uh whites who made up the northern base of the democrats and the dryas party represented the rural protestant native whites who uh were the other half of their uh coalition and they went to pick a candidate in 24 and they were essentially evenly matched and it led to 109 ballots i believe which is the most in in history and there were multiple kind of small scale riots and fist fights over the course of i think it was over a week i think it was like 12 days uh it was a big disaster it was like and uh meanwhile the republicans had a very orderly first ballot nomination of good old calvin coolidge in cleveland and just won in one of the biggest ass kickings of the modern era but then four years later smith got the nomination because over time the uh the dry ass party lost its its organization and its commitment and people realized nobody actually is liking this prohibition \*\*\*\*\* anyway and they became no i would say scandinavians scandinavians and germans for the most part i would

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not call ethnic whites ethnic white usually refers to the last white people to show up and so you could have called germans ethnic whites in the early 1900s benjamin franklin famously complained a ton about germans and how there were too many swarthy germans running around and where that was this even america where the hell is this place uh but by the time the irish and then the italians and the like central europeans and stuff showed up in the midwest though like german catholics kind of voted like ethnic whites and they were all vehemently opposed to prohibition but yeah al smith was a contentious choice to say the least when he was the first catholic nominated by a major party there was famously a row of burning crosses that he that were set up for his campaign train to pass and that yeah the whistle stop tour was fun they don't do that anymore you'd think it would be good for biden he loves trains and it would be a way that they could keep them away from crowds safe distance just have him come into a town have the train just stop goes to the caboose gives a little speech in front of assembled group of uh reporters who are all socially distanced and then takes off again it'd be fun but no he's i mean thanks to covet and the fact that he's a million years old he's he's taking the he is taking the william mckinley approach where you just stay at your house mckinley famously did not leave his front porch uh to run for president in 1886 instead he had his uh minion mark hannah running around the guy who was his fixer bribing everybody from here to timbuktu in order to make sure that the bi-medalist populist in the 19th century it was considered bad form to want to run for president and you can chalk that up to victoria silly victorian manners but i think there was something to it i think there was even then a real recognition that if someone would want that job a job of that much uh pressure and that much scrutiny uh and more important most importantly that much power relative to the average citizen there's got to be something wrong with them they should only want that job because they're the only one who can do it and that was that was all through the 19th century that was the case uh the people if there was a contested convention or even if there wasn't the candidates did not appear at their conventions that was considered gauche they sent emissaries to work the floor on their behalf and they gave the speech for they if they got if they won they accepted the and now we have a thing where the presidency is more high pressure more uh powerful in terms of its power over life and death uh more under more scrutiny than it's ever been and now we've decided that wanting to be president is not a disqualifying trait in a human being even though to me it would seem like the most disqualifying trait you could imagine a person to have i mean that was like bernie one of the one of the semiotic like like the loaded things about bernie that maybe was not really true but his life story suggested it was true is that he never wanted to be president i remember uh \*\*\*\*\* that piece of \*\*\*\*\* what's his name uh

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eric alterman he wrote an article about bernie in 2016 when they were first running the stupid sandinista thing about how oh my god he uh he was at a rally where they were saying death to america just because america was illegally mining their harbor and conducting economic warfare and having drug addicted rapists attack their territory on a \*\*\*\*\* daily basis they're saying death to america and alterman was not yet at the point where he can say they that he was wrong to be there you know official uh liberal doctrine is still that the the the contra war was bad mostly because it was carried out by a republican so they can't say he was wrong to do it what he said was he should it shows bad uh it showed bad instincts on bernie's part that he allowed that to happen but then you think well he was the mayor of \*\*\*\*\* he was the mayor of burlington vermont you know he spent the first 40 years of his life as like a partially employed bad carpenter slash political activist and then he was the mayor of burlington do you think he was imagining being president that kind of thing proves he wasn't and anyone who is the other way anyone whose life choices are entirely conditioned upon what will lead them up the ladder has a life that is a horrifying thing that we should all unjustly be revolted by and yet we act like the desire to be president is not absolutely it's because i guess you're supposed to take their uh their word for it that they really believe that they're the only one who can do it and i mean with bernie you've got an argument because he's you know the only me the only like uncorrupted social democrat to try to run for the presidency in 40 years but if it's if you're like a standard issue democrat what the hell personal thing could you possibly have that no one else does that would make you uniquely suited for this monstrosity this moral crime of a job stick-to-itiveness you understand that the strength of america is is the strength of americans or whatever foe out of here kindly poor donald trump like donald trump is one of those people who wanted to be president and matt proves him as evil but of course he only wanted to be and then he had to do it and it proved not fun like everything else he's ever done oops well the thing about napoleon is he actually was as talented as he thought he was or near to it obviously he was not quite as talented as he thought he was or he would not have done what he did there at the end and along the way too he had a number of fuck-ups but he was much closer in his estimation of himself than anybody any of these people could possibly be now and partially is because what did napoleon do at every step he assumed his own ability to do something and then it did it he assumed yeah i can lead an army into italy and just route the \*\*\*\*\* austrians and then he \*\*\*\*\* did it yeah i could take over i could go i mean egypt was not a success but uh he was not personally defeated at any point beyond being able to stop the uh to he's still got a hell of a lot closer than anybody else and you know eventually he reached the level of his incompetence when he got started to get owned and it was to his detriment that

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he didn't recognize that in time but uh the average career path of a politician with 1:1:25  
a napoleonic fixation on their own ambition what you got elected a dog catcher on a  
platform of fiscal responsibility and then what you you took some money from your  
\*\*\*\*\* father-in-law to run for house in a district that's shaped like it was made by  
somebody having a stroke and then what you got appointed to a senate seat by the  
governor or something because you saved him from choking on a chicken bone and a  
party fundraiser and you're going to act like you're \*\*\*\*\* napoleon marching across  
the alps kindly foe kindly foe because none of these guys have anything none of these  
guys have ever done anything but worm their way through the political bureaucracy  
exactly if the level of if the peter principle gets you to be lord paramount of all of 1:2:35  
europe you uh you you're up there so yeah i would not in mind i would not have  
my mind the ambitions of someone who had their ambitions tested because if you  
fail well we don't have to hear from you ever again yeah everyone thinks they're  
napoleon and at best they're napoleon iii and that and still most of them could not  
pass that bar by a significant margin all right guys i'm peace out i'll talk soon bye

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all california is a bank in the middle of beverly hills and somebody else's name so if you're going to california yeah don't matter at all what you're planning for there we go we're all here it's kamala folks who cares boring as possible choice that was why it was the most likely no the one good thing about it is now you don't have to talk about it because what's to talk about z z z zzzz zzzz snooze don't care don't care to 0:1:3

quote jay cutler once again this is a yp not an mp like i said there'd be something they wanted to make it interesting they would have picked somebody who was not already turned over and slapped around and spit out by the by the primary process which found her to be so thunderingly uninteresting that she didn't make it to a \*\*\*\*\* iowa because she didn't want to get shelled in uh in california where she was in fourth place amazing well don't have to talk about that anymore thank god in fact instead i'd like to talk a little about something called the iraq war some of you 0:2:6

probably don't even remember it or at least the beginning of it but us old heads remember and uh i've of course been listening to blowback by the traitor brendan and noah colin uh the podcast about the iraq war and it's been great going back and remembering all our old favorites from the bush white house all the lovable oafs who failed to stand up against them they actually reminded me of something that i had forgotten or i guess my brain had rearranged i had always remembered the incredibly douche chill moment of the 2004 democratic national convention when john kerry came out and saluted the audience and said john kerry reporting for duty and i by listening to the show where they played that clip again i realized i'd remember that wrong and that he actually says my name's john kerry and i'm reporting for duty 0:3:8

and that's so much worse like more words just he sounds like a \*\*\*\*\* nerd or like he's at a a or something anyway watching uh listening to blowback has made me thinking about the iraq war and how even after all these years i don't think that there's a coherent fully agreed upon theory on any part of the mainstream uh or even on the left really like what what was because it was such a clear case of of of a choice a war of choice right like talk about how the presidency is much more constrained than we think of it as and that the choices presidents get to make are for a very

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or through a very narrow aperture because so many choices have been taken off the table by the reality that they're merely managing a global uh empire essentially uh and that the the inputs of that system are what determine most of the things that are theoretically and in our minds imagined to be part of the remit of a president but in reality are out of their hands so they end up doing kind of what the consensus is best interest for monopoly capital or would-be monopoly capital but there is so much that seemed dicey and unnecessary about the war in iraq that it really makes you scratch your head because obviously it wasn't for any of the reasons they claimed i mean duh but also even the vulgar leftist material critique that it was about oil doesn't really make sense if we really wanted the oil if it was the oil we wanted are we gonna made a deal with saddam i mean my god the one thing we knew about saddam is that he was somebody we could make a deal with and honestly i had wished during the war it wouldn't have made a difference but if i wish during the run-up to the war more people had pointed out you know how i know that none of this is a big deal and that you guys are making something up and that i don't even have to argue about whether or not there were aluminum tubes or if there's uh whatever the \*\*\*\*\* whatever \*\*\*\*\* colin powell is talking about col uh the reason i know that i don't have to worry about saddam hussein trying to destroy my way of life with chemical or nuclear weapons is because he lives in a big gold mansion and he has a bunch and he has kids who drive around in ferraris he likes being alive and there's no way he could realistically wield any of the powers that we were we were claiming he was seeking in a way that wouldn't have destroyed him and we know he was a guy we could make deals with because we've made deals with him for most of his career we handed him a list of communists to execute in the 70s and we uh we helped him fight iraq we basically gave him the idea to in that if he invaded kuwait we wouldn't do anything about it we set him up so we could have a good pr victory and then we just decided to keep him as this punching bag but he could have been brought back into and the oil is fungable anyway oil is something that that is sold on an open market you can't really claim it the way that people like trump for example think you can where we go and we get the oil why didn't we get the oil we bomb the oil and then we get the oil like you could take it out of the country or something and then even then who is selling it to whom it's all that's like that's what baby brains think the oil oil politics work so if you just if you want to get oil in like if you want to get access to iraqi oil even profit if not you know the profits of uh private companies because they did not end up taking over the iraqi oil iraqi oil is still controlled by the iraqi government i mean there's concessions to be had there but they did not it was not a bonanza for private oil companies the way they claimed it was but there's still money to be made as being as moving it across the country and and facilitating

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the the trade so there was deals to be made with saddam even if you wanted the oil and i think the real only way to answer that question about uh about why we went into iraq and why that specific group of people the neocons who got in there 0:7:12 around bush pushed that agenda so specifically in the face of the majority of like the the institutional uh bureaucratic knowledge base inside government and the military and and the state department and stuff they were doing they weren't doing a radical break and you can wonder well why the hell did they go to iraq of all the things they could have done why did they go to iraq and i think it boils down to the fact that the us was seeking subconsciously and consciously at the level of policy and the aftermath of the iraq of the uh end of the cold war a new uh a new ideological structure to justify the maintenance of the military keynesian economy uh the the the one of the big generators of capital accumulation in the united states after world war 0:8:15 ii was a massive uh investment in defense uh the military industrial complexes like there's ways that you can uh you know operate a keynesian economy uh the british as they offloaded their empire to us and no longer had this justification of wielding military power throughout the world their keynesian post-war era was building the things like the nhs and public housing like public housing is vastly vastly more common in the uk than it is here because there was much much more direct state housing built in that post-war period we made bombs we made tanks and the thing about those things is they got to get used and the and the uh and obviously there was a strategic and tactical reason during the cold war to maintain that kind of uh thing and that's was accepted within the public like that was a 0:9:16 reason that held ideological sway after the cold war the us is not going to abandon military keynesianism it's not going to abandon its military posture it's first in the world position because that would mean ending reducing america's power from being the unipolar power in this new arrangement to being part of a multi-polar world a mutual drawdown among everybody and a redistribution of power and part of that would be a significant reduction in american military and that is something that is theoretically possible that could have been done in my opinion uh but would have required political will to do so that was antithetical to the powers that be the powers that were rather and continue to be in the united states in terms of its uh its ruling class structure and the bureaucratic uh uh conventional wisdom uh that this became 0:10:17 like sedimentary layered within institutions like the media and so the 90s were this frantic uh search for modis vivendi here a reason how can we re re-establish america's hegemonic military position in the absence of a enemy and with people clamoring for more spending at home on hey you know how we like never really got a welfare state because instead we built this world spanning military power now we don't need the will of spanning military power maybe we can go ahead and build that social

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democracy now but of course as it was understood at the top levels of power to to give up the military position would be to give up amer america's dominant posture in the world uh economic order which would in their mind inevitably lead to america becoming weaker less powerful and and economically bereft uh now of course the economical breadth of this thing is a joke because our position in the world economy 0:11:18 has intentionally left our economy \*\*\*\*\* entirely hollowed out and replaced with this uh this hodgepodge of gig economy service industry jobs uh and and everything predicated on so it's not like that is working out too great for the average american now but of course at the top level of planning it is considered uh better than a a multipolar world where maybe we have to give up creature country comforts but also maybe we take all that social democratic stuff seriously in the absence of this fake conflict uh and and that like redirection of of resources and uh control of of society and the workplace downward maybe that reinvigorates the civic culture that uh that can accommodate not being the prominent dog the number one dog in the pack being part of a molar multipolar world that sees that that sees a mutual draw 0:12:20 down but none of these things are possible because they would eliminate this ruling class so of course that's not going to happen that's not on the agenda and nobody who would want it is anywhere near the lovers of power instead you have a bunch of guys who need a new justification for a military uh economy and also at the same time a need to establish a new military order in the world where the us military maintains its position as the as the primary as uh the primary force of global uh law enforcement essentially i mean world police is exactly what we are that's where the world police of the global economic market place that's where the mall cops that's and without the soviets and with you know uh competition from china and stuff uh there and russia turning away from our orbit after yeltsin uh reestablish 0:13:21 america's military dominance and if that's the question it's just a question waiting for it's an answer it's a question that now is is waiting for an answer in the form of how is what's that going to take and then 9 11 happened and i think one of the most one of the reasons i think a lot of people instinctively believe that there's a intuitive truth to birth or to uh um to trutherism is just how much 911 was able to reorder the american political scheme in such a way to essentially give them carte blanche to create this so i don't know agnostic on i'm agnostic i i don't really think it was it was bush but i don't know i mean it's certainly in my opinion wildly uh 0:14:23 intelligence about 911 and the planning of 911 was intentionally ignored because hey if this happens it's not like it's going to be bad for us that's possible but once again i don't really try to look too much into that madness rune because i know that that way lies insanity but anyway one way or another they get this thing fall into their lap or they bring it to their lap either way it creates a new structure where america now

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instinctively has re re-embraced its martial virtues because now there's a new global war to be fought and of course you've talked about if we really wanted to prevent another 911 and reduce the threat of terrorism we would have treated it like a law enforcement activity it would have negotiated with the taliban for the overthrow of bin laden which they were willing to do they were absolutely willing to do it we we essentially told we essentially turned down uh any any serious offer from the taliban because we needed to make something go boom because when something that 0:15:25  
horrifying happens and that and that destructive to the social fabric and people's understanding of what could happen in the country they lived in because americans were the most costed baby country on earth were where that kind of thing essentially never happened on the mainland and so it was literally inconceivable for people and they needed a way to understand that and so if that anger and that confusion and that pressure if it didn't go out it was going to go up and so they had to do a military response anyone would have gone would have also turned down the taliban and gone to war in afghanistan even though that was not going to be the thing that reduced terrorism getting them handed over safely and then prosecuted and then just bump up like maybe you put some locks on the air the cockpit doors and stuff you're \*\*\*\*\* basically gonna be fine uh instead we did what we did and it was because because a war a global war with no end time is essentially the ideal state to to govern your 0:16:28  
military and economic i think it's interesting that uh that the gop voters who for whom the iraq war was the signal issue like i remember the 2004 election and the 2006 primaries were almost impossibly unique end of 2002 of course midterms those three elections were amazing because they're almost unique in modern american history other than maybe like at the height of vietnam and that they were elections about foreign policy where domestic policy really was not anything that was in anyone's top agenda the economy was still kind of puttering along with its uh housing bubble the early housing bubble happening and so it was actually it was all about 911 and then iraq and so the war in iraq was like that was the sum total of one's righteousness 0:17:30  
in the political arena it was the thing people cared about the most and got angry about it i remember and they turned on a goddamn dime and now all of them are like yeah \*\*\*\*\* the war in iraq \*\*\*\*\* bush uh we shouldn't go to war anymore this is uh we need to be isolationist like how the hell did that happen and it really is as greg grandin puts it in his book the end of the myth the failure of our big uh retributive military strikes to actually satisfy the itch that they were meant to scratch culturally and politically meant that all that uh meant that even that made everybody at some level come to terms with the fact that oh the expansive project is over the u.s can no longer project itself it is it cannot express social tensions through pushing outward by either taking territory or extending its influence into the world beyond its borders 0:18:32

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even that power has now left it and with that gone then there is nothing left but to retrench and turn inward and build a wall and pretend like you can uh you can triage that up the remaining char shards the remaining uh the remaining boxes of the of the dwindling amount of cargo left that you're that our cargo cult economy worships gay marriage was was the one it was amazing it was gay marriage and the war in iraq those are like the two biggest issues for a couple of elections there so there was yeah 0:19:36  
it was all social issues because people saying abortion too yeah no it was all social issues and the war in iraq that was it there was basically no economic agenda man what if trump just does \*\*\*\*\* with the mail enough that that uh like there's tons and tons of ballots that don't get counted and he wins a a prime uh he is able to claim a electoral vote victory even though he loses by like six or seven million votes in the in the uh popular vote and it's only because like he's able to get a court that 0:20:39  
filled with his appointees to not acknowledge like some states with enough electoral votes for biden to go over the top because they didn't because of the elect fraud and stuff and ballots not being collected it would be amazing if he pulled that because i kind of see what would happen if it happened like that where it like fought it followed regular procedure even if it was all being gamed along the way i think it would be a real surreal sight you would have an entire culture an entire mainstream culture to the extent that they still exist united in horror and and condemnation of this and like oh my god this is this is it and this is the bright red line this is what we were all terrified of and a good fifty percent of the population feeling that same horror uh the only people really happy about it is a honestly a dwindling 30 percent maybe of the population like these hardened little turds wedged into the small large intestine of the 0:21:40  
different suburbs of this nation's uh hell states and everybody else just horrified by it but everyone's just like being horrified and saying i can't believe this is happening and then just days go by and it just it happens because everybody is just so horrified and so in denial that they're just waiting for someone else to do something and then nobody does just paralysis pure paralysis produced by our our hyper awareness of being in a panopticon because i'll tell you one thing if that happened i guarantee you this the democrats they would not do anything like uh i mean because i think that they have the power technically to just stop all business from being conducted if they if they if they didn't show up they would not have a quorum right they could 0:22:41  
actually stop congress from happening and there's other things they could do too but they wouldn't do any of them they would complain a lot but they would show up for work and they would show up for the inauguration to watch the swearing-in they would just it would be they would but uh i don't know i think a lot of that depends on the election being more of a disaster than i think it is going to be because we've seen elections carried out over the course of the pandemic for the most part they

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have been relatively smooth i mean obviously that isn't true in areas with minorities 0:23:43  
and low income but that's always the case those things are always happening they're  
just buried or underreported but for the most part they carried on in a way that like  
votes for being tallied and turnout which is something scares people because they  
think because of covid and because democrats believe in kovid whereas republicans  
all think it's a hoax they are going to not come and come out to vote but the turnout  
of these uh covet elections has not been lower in a lot number of cases it's been higher  
so that's another thing where you have what you kind of think is going to happen  
and then we have this counter trend but there's no real way of knowing what it's  
going to look like that far in the future and how it's going to intersect with that  
those trends so once again i have no idea it's going to be nuts i've never this is that  
never this is new this is all new territory i mean this is they're \*\*\*\*\* doing zoom 0:24:45  
uh uh conventions for christ's sake like this is this is a 150-year oh i actually think i  
forgot to put a bow on the thing about iraq i'll do that now they chose iraq in the  
in the matrix of their set belief system and decision tree that necessitated a military  
uh a military expression that was concominated with the need to establish a new  
military dominance in the 21st century and to placate the bang hounds of americans  
who felt personally aggrieved because they'd lived in a candy-coated bubble their  
entire lives and then the question of answering the answer of why iraq is because it's  
the perfect country to do that because it is oil rich but not an ally like saudi arabia 0:25:47  
because saudi arabia obviously is the place that was actually putting out all that  
terrifying political islam in in uh in their madrasas that they were uh funding all  
over the place and of course i don't know the fact that almost all the hijackers were  
saudi that the government at the time was aware of this even if the public wasn't  
allowed to know that the saudi government officials were connected to funding and  
providing homes and documents for the hijackers but they're a stable ally they're on  
our side like why you wouldn't want you don't want to smack around an ally because  
that gives a bad idea to the other allies that that your uh your your that their uh  
loyalty isn't going to buy anything so you can't do them egypt is of course another  
place hotbed of fundamentalist islam the \*\*\*\*\* uh muslim brotherhood and whatnot  
but egypt doesn't really have any oil and also you've got that arrangement with the  
israel with them it's like a cornerstone of like the like that the post-79 ditant thing 0:26:48  
that eventually now has led to israel being stealth uh stealth allies with both egypt  
and saudi arabia like they're essentially behind the door behind closed doors they  
are uh on taunt and that's all that all stemmed from the the first for the camp david  
accords that's where that started but that's not that you want to knock that up why  
would you do that iraq been on your bad list for a while ton of oil right next door to  
iran which is a real big bad with a big bull's-eye around it because they had the also

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in 79 had the impudence to overthrow our shah and then take our guys hostage and and have and have because they have oil and because they have a large population are able to do things like exert regional influence how dare you how dare you exert regional influence in in that region even though it is the region you live in no we exert region uh uh influence in and so iraq is the one it's the place to put the pin there's nowhere else that fits all the criterion and in their minds the most important part was that he it was only going to be the first move iraq was going to be the lily pad the first lily pad while the hop across the middle east taking all of the powers that were outside of the american influence sphere and bringing them in so that you've now got a a full american hegemony military partnerships diplomatic partnerships with every government in the most oil rich region of the world and in the strategy and the strategic hub of oil transportation infrastructure good luck china good luck russia we are setting the terms of the 21st century but of course it didn't turn out like that because you have the ruling class in any portion of it can only operate from what they assume to be their best best interest and that those assumptions are not always accurate because of those darn lacuna and those neocons had a \*\*\*\*\* ton of lacuna and the just the mere size of the american military gives people delusions as to its its powers because it theoretically is the most powerful military in world history but and it could win it could win a conventional war with any country on earth but that that is not that's a blunt little tool as hannibal lecter said that it's not necessarily useful for intricate close quarter uh work you know uh fine fine muscle fast twitch uh that kind of stuff and boom they ended up blowing the whole thing but if it had gone the way they really had thought about it it's sort of the way that trots i mean these a lot of these guys are trotskyists it's the same way that trotsky and lenin he eventually convinced lenin went into the october revolution on the unstated but crucial assumption that it would spark world revolution that would then alleviate the pressure and the impossible situation they would find themselves in inheriting a medieval society in the midst of capitalist reaction how are they supposed to operate from how are they supposed if that wasn't what they thought was going to happen though same way the uh the neocons thought this is the first step of a domino that brings the whole thing down but the beauty part for them is that and just like as as the soviets had to adapt when that revolution didn't happen when iraq didn't go the way they wanted to they had to adapt and one of the ways was just keep fingering the pie keep stirring the pie if you can't have it no one can keep your dirty fingers and everything so funding the rebels in syria doing our weird like alliance and a war love-hate thing with isis where we stoke them intentionally and unintentionally and then suppress them to maintain uh our position there in iraq to countervail iran or at least in the game which we wouldn't have been if we didn't have guys there and

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we didn't have uh even though you know you could say was strategically a \*\*\*\*\* up because it brought iraq closer to iran's orbit yeah but we're still there we got the green zone milo is a fed that's hilarious that's hilarious i kind of assume all those guys are feds like all although all right when you consider the degree to which the alt-right is infiltrated uh and uh in fact a product of uh like intelligence it makes sense that all those guys are because it's been amazing how many people have been found out in the highest ranks of like the real extreme nazi \*\*\*\*\* uh to have either been uh actual like cia operatives like the guy one of the guys who founded one of the like terror groups the really scary one uh was the and then how many of them are guys who are in military intel in the military in intelligence who are also just vibing the way that like uh hitler went to his first nazi meeting on the payroll of the german army as an informant to yeah there's not going to be another shutdown we're not shutting down and i'm not necessarily i don't necessarily think we're going to have to because people are actually wearing masks now it seems and i think that that's going to prevent the worst case because those early spikes were when not only did people not have mass because of social pressure and uh and like enforcement of edicts and viral videos you were supposed not supposed to wear a mask people yelled at you for wearing a mask because you were taking away precious mask precious ppe from our nation's heroic first responders which is one of the most monstrous \*\*\*\*\* ups of this entire thing and i believe is fouchy's fault which makes the worship of him by liberals all the more hilarious all the guys that the liberals have been like oh at least there's still some people who know what they're doing uh in response to this crisis like cuomo and newsom and \*\*\*\*\* fauci are all oafs who got and of course they didn't just do that to be jerks they did that because we didn't have enough \*\*\*\*\* masks because what's this our \*\*\*\*\* uh our chain supply chains are completely attenuated and if they can be undermined at any moment by anything like i don't know a world fight worldwide virus attacking the very place where all our \*\*\*\*\* gets made including our ppe oh no and instead of dealing with that and saying hey uh you know watch out stay inside uh for masks are important if you can get one do it if you can't though we're gonna try to get some fast and like turn it into a like a we can do it type thing i'm not saying this would work with everyone this is an insane country full of maniacs and idiots whose brains have been turned into absolute sludge by facebook and their television sets and just pure pleasure just the monkeys pressing their pleasure centers until their brains just go out of their ears but it could have my god it could have helped instead we just switched the thing and said oh no actually you need to wear a mask and you don't you're killing people oh wow and now you're mad at all these \*\*\*\*\* hicks for not believing you why the hell should they why shouldn't they think that you're \*\*\*\*\* scamming people and

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this whole thing is just an excuse to get rid of trump because he's trying oh someone 0:34:59  
says i got the russian vaccine which i believe is an old tb vaccine someone told me  
that um there's a theory that was being studied i don't know what the progress is  
that people who had received this heavy-duty tb vaccine in the soviet era that was  
common throughout the west eastern bloc countries had resistance to covid uh but  
i don't know if they ever so if anyone's taken the uh if anyone's taken the russian  
vaccine go out and cough on some get coughed on and see what happens let me know  
i'm i'm interested i gotta say as i have said i don't care about the epstein sperm i will  
get i'll get a vaccine and people are freaking out about oh no you're not going to have  
enough uh you're not going to have enough participation and no you're not going 0:36:2  
to have enough participation to actually to to bring down deaths and infections to  
the way that they should be in a rational country that has any kind of agreed upon  
reality that we can operate but i got to think that if you offered the vaccine a lot of  
people would get it and then the people who get it who got it would be willing to  
go outside again and because even if they're in public with yokels who won't get the  
vaccine they know they're not going to get it or at least they feel confident they're  
not going to get it so they won't care and so then you'd still be able to like get  
back to something called normal even as the people who don't get the vaccine see  
themselves getting infected more and more but over time that's two ways that's going  
to be a smaller and smaller group some people are going to get the hint and get the  
vaccine the same way that a lot of these yokels are now grudgingly wearing masks  
and some people are just going to go bye-bye and you don't have to worry about 0:37:3  
it anymore but once again i have no idea i'm not an i'm not a uh epidemiologist  
i've never fashioned a vaccine or even an anti people keep saying that that russian  
guy that michaela peterson is with is a you guys a lot of russian people love stalin  
and it has nothing to do with epic uh soviet uh memes it has nothing to do with  
collectivized agriculture and and going to the moon it's it's or sputnik it's it's \*\*\*\*\*  
it's nationalism stalin when stalin was around russia was big and put and kicked the  
\*\*\*\*\* out of other countries ask some of these russian tankies what they think about  
uh about the jews and then we can add we can wonder we can we can break this 0:38:4  
down to whether he's a tanki it's just that he's got a actual like national historical  
context for stalin whereas she is a canadian has the same sort of parlor room uh like  
trading card remove from all historical figures who aren't directly related to their  
cultural i mean maybe this guy's a tanky but he's isn't he also an alleged like uh  
sex trafficker do you really want him on your side just to own the petersons i think  
i would rather him be like just a a good old-fashioned but that shows that the word  
tanky doesn't mean anything which is fine it's it's a relic die so just you just you 0:39:12  
can you can know you don't have to use it if you find yourself using it ask yourself

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is there a better word more accurate word for what i'm trying to say or am i just going to perpetuate a fantasy you know that's actually funny sherman i mean that's a nice that's a good pun sherman was a tank he's sherman tank but i mean if you want to like talk in the terms of of applying that that sort of conception of power to the give the actual dynamic of the moment sherman's willingness to uh push the rules of war speaks to a a a consequentialist ethics that uh that i think most most 0:40:13 people who stuck with the communist party after the hungarian uh uprising was put down uh it would be so funny if biden gets in and he actually starts prosecuting states for having weed legal and everyone has to all the democrats have to contort themselves into explaining why that's actually woke because actually uh you know states rights that's some sus that's some so confederate stuff that's cause that's that that's oh you know states will the culture improve under biden i think there's i think 0:41:31 there's a there's a line of reasoning i think that you could argue might lead to it uh it would be it would go like this the moral hysteria of the trump world of the trump of the trump presidency of the need for people to constantly be renouncing mostly a a sense of white guilt being associated with trump and his project has made culture much more self-conscious and try hard than it otherwise would be because everyone feels like they have to participate in this project of self-absolution from the association with trump's white nationalist project as they understand it and if trump's not president and all the stuff that was horrifying them every day is now normalized because biden's doing it maybe they'll feel less the need to try so \*\*\*\*\* 0:42:32 hard and they can relax a little bit and be less hysterical all the time i don't know if that's going to happen because it assumes that you know things getting radically worse economically don't have their own knock-on effects that we can't predict but it's it's it's our only hope really i saw someone fall guys is this game i've seen people play where you're like a little hot dog running down a slight incline is it like a donald trump simulator it doesn't seem like it should be that hard to go down an incline with a little hot dog man is it because the controls are really because people are saying it's very very hard but i watch it and it's just a little guy walking running down a running down a little incline so why is it so hard all right well i might play 0:43:44 it like i said we're going to do some streams from the office we're going to be doing sieve hopefully i want to do europa universalis because i want to try to see if i can get the safavid empire to take over all of europe uh or i want to charles the fifth it and try to just or prevent the reformation in england i think that'd be fun i would like to prevent that from happening uh but also i would like to do the goofy games like i want to do katamari damacy or whatever it is where you roll up a big ball that sounds fun uh and then the little hot dog running down the little donald trump simulator sounds fun too no i would not do i went out and i do a martin luther uh uh

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escort mission i would want to do martin luther merck mission i would want to see if 0:44:45  
i could just prevent the someone actually makes a good point that if i played up my  
disability more i would be able to be more problematic without people getting mad  
at me but the cost of that would be that i would have to fake believing in that entire  
ableism framework for uh for identity which i don't and it's just too much it's it's a  
bridge too far for a minimal game i do like whipping out the card though sometimes  
just to own someone i remember like two years ago we were getting yelled at by  
someone for being ableist and someone said it would have killed you guys to have a  
disabled person on one time and i just had to \*\*\*\*\* reply i said they have one on  
every \*\*\*\*\* episode it's me and the fact that you can't know that i don't know man  
it makes me think that that maybe this concept that you're imagining exists is not 0:45:46  
quite as encompassing as you imagine it to be if it's if that much of it if that much of  
the public like of public politics and public presentation of self can be sublimated in  
someone that doesn't have to be that doesn't have to be at the center doesn't have  
to be the center of their politics doesn't have to be the only thing they and it's very  
hard not to see people who fixate on something especially when it's self-diagnosed  
that's always very funny or i think there was one guy who was like a some sort of  
disability caucus chair something who had diabetes very funny as someone who is  
way more disabled than any of these people and who's had his life actually shaped  
by it uh just having like somebody who took a \*\*\*\*\* test and decided that they  
need to like have a special uh non-clapping zone is just amazing to me uh but but  
the very sheer variety of the experience of being disabled is what makes the idea  
that it is a unified experience that it is a that that there is any kind of inherent unif 0:46:47  
unity between people who are with disabilities is fantasy and people only believe  
it so that they can get in they can get further up in line in the progressive stack  
it's a way to cut in line in the progressive stack so people pay attention to them  
and take their \*\*\*\*\* seriously and that always felt to me like cheating and and also  
that trying to keep up a pretense that i thought any of that \*\*\*\*\* meant anything  
would uh would eventually have just destroyed my soul so no thanks so i shan't be  
talking about someone asked directly so i thought i'd address it because i've seen  
some other people talking about it not quite krauthammer thankfully but uh but 0:47:50  
i'm definitely more disabled than i'd say nine of the ten people i see carping about  
ableism online and starting every tweet with as a disabled person or whatever the  
\*\*\*\*\* it's weird how they have this thing where they want disability to both be a  
category of of identifiable experience that is common among a group of people noted  
and that it's like a trauma and that it is something that impacts one's ability to  
function but if you suggest that it actually impacts their ability to function that  
that's being the equivalent of racist oh i'm sorry this disability disables you what

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how dare you no no no you have to listen to me because i have it but how dare you say that it might limit my ability to do that there's no i'm sorry but i don't think there's any disability platform that supersedes the need for a \*\*\*\*\* social of socialism and a socialist and a broad socialist movement there's no specific ableist issue that necessitates sacrificing uh broad appeals to uh to reassure people within an imagined group that they're not going to be left so yeah if anybody ever wants to get mad at me about anything refer to this chunk of my show somebody cut this out and say why matt can why do i hate steve miller have you ever heard any of his music favorite napoleonic general i think i might have a different opinion about this as i listen to more and more uh more of age of napoleon which i plugged before on here and i think is really one of the best history podcasts going uh but i'm a big fan of uh of ogero because he was uh he was a crude horny street kid from paris he was the son culotte general and he was just like a spin on the floor charming what do you mean ignoring someone says ignoring marginalized groups that like how does how does something like medicare for all ignore disabled people it it it brings them up in a huge way from where they were massively and and has the altered effect of helping literally everybody else in the country who is being left behind there the idea is that i don't feel personally engaged with and i don't feel personally soothed and told that i'm special it it that's people have confused that with with like meaningful politics because it's all they have it's they're doing all their politics in yes universal programs help marginalize people disproportionately and that's good that's one of the things that's great but they have the it's the beauty of it is it disproportionately helps the most marginalized without inherently creating a politics that requires a enthroning of virtue and sacrifice which is counterproductive to organizing all right i'm gonna go soon so i got about uh i got one more one more question from the from the whoever whoever can um did losing hair that's funny losing hair hurt my self-esteem not really i guess i just didn't see it coming i didn't realize i was balding until one day i was walking into a grocery store and there was a security camera above the door and i could see myself and there was like a white circle on the top and i was just like what because i don't really look in the mirror that often so it was more just shock since then i've been uh it's been it's been it's been a process of uh of coming to terms but it hasn't been that traumatic i'm i'm basically fine with it now the one thing i will not do that i've uh that i've debated in the past but have now decided now as the cowards move is i'm not going to shave it not happening whatever this turns into we're going to find out whatever if it i don't think it's going to turn into sides i don't think i'm going to get the full costanza and if that did i would probably have to consider maybe shaving because i do not want the costanza but i think i'm going to keep enough of this in the middle to kind of just nicholson

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i think i'm going to nicholson it and i think nicholson hairline to me is goals and if i can stay around there great i'm not going to use any of that hair there's no uh 0:56:0  
there would be no it wouldn't be work it would literally not be worth it like it would not increase my self-esteem enough to be worth the expense and time to do it yeah just got done meditating before uh before the stream today ironic toupee is kind of funny i will not grow anti i could not get anton sugar i don't know if i wanted to 0:57:22  
yeah no chiklis chiklis is not quite as good uh an outcome as nicholson would be and chiklis ended up shaving it as we know i hope they nominate i hope george clooney is the new senator from california i hope someone at the dnc gets the idea that the reason trump won is because he's a damn celebrity and we need to get more of our guys in there and and they make clooney the \*\*\*\*\* senator they're not going to 0:58:29  
make ruffalo a senator why would they do that it gets appointed by the governor i think is is california is it appointed by a governor or do they have an immediate special election it oh man jerry brown dragged his 900 year old ass out there i guess it depends on how well the succession line up like the power structure is and then if newsom has that party all settled away then i think he would pick somebody who would be there for a while but if he picks brown then clearly that they need time to create i am governor jerry brown my aura smiles and never frowns so i will be present carter power will soon go away i will be california uberallas california oh alice 0:59:34  
yeah let's get jello and we offer on there let's make a let's get a viral hashtag going to get uh jello biafra appointed how about dave navarro and his signature issue is tattoo acceptance in the workplace jello like warren that's hilarious that's so perfect god damn don't get old people don't let yelled a bullet yelled at both 2012 he fired it's a french revolution it's the podcast i was referring to age of napoleon it's more 1:0:40  
about napoleon but it spends a lot of time on the revolution itself it spends a lot of time on everything he's incredibly uh detailed you get if you're not even interested in napoleon you get so much stuff about the era like the power structure the diplomatic structure of uh onshore regime europe and the you get a good like multi-episode uh capsule history of the french revolution and then you get napoleon all the way i did not see a press conference from trump today he did it again because yesterday he was in front of the cameras when that guy took a shot did that even happen by the way i never even found out what happened there did that actually happen did somebody take a shot at the white house because after i heard the story it never turned into 1:1:42  
anything do none of us know what's happening at all anymore does every event just like fall over come over the transom and they just fall over the waterfall never to be \*\*\*\*\* connected to anything else again and we have no idea whether it actually happened or not but it still builds this tower of of delusion in our minds that's not good if it is that's not a but no i didn't know he had one today what did he talk

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about what would the big wet boy say did he talk about uh did he talk about how  
biden is gonna run god through with a hattori did he really claim that did he did 1:2:46  
trump really try to go after kamala harris for supporting medicare for all he yeah  
so the thing with biden the idea of biden being like the radical leftist wasn't really  
sticking apparently he was having a hard time getting voters who weren't already on  
board with the whole cue delusional mindset to accept that genial old joe biden was  
some sort of radical so now he's going to try to be like oh no it's going to be harris  
as a radical but i honestly don't think that i mean she's less well-known i guess so 1:3:47  
maybe he can have more luck at defining her in the media but i just don't know if  
anyone's paying who knows who will win no one knows bye

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i want to get the the punters too riled up twitch.com reach out to me reach out gotta go boost this on the bird website for maximum eyeballs gotta move this merchandise of the we gotta move these refrigerators today we are having a craz cranberry lacroix 0:1:1 not my preferred i prefer it as the heart as the black cherry polar number one goat uh sadly it's rarely available at my grocery store so i end up getting i say cherry over anything else then berry over anything else then watermelon and then any other but yes i believe that the goat the goat of the flavors is the black chariot it's cuts through it's efficient in its delivery of a of a sump of of uh juiciness in an otherwise calorically deprived beverage all right so today we speak not of fizzy beverages today we speak 0:2:5 of karen's sing to me o muse of karen's i know that the the meme is well dead by now but i just thought it was useful to make a point about the whole karen phenomenon in reference specifically to the recent blatant attempt by the president and his minions to ensure that there is not an accurate count of absentee and mail-in ballots in the november election so obviously karen is now quite a worn topic of conversation no one uses it anymore as a term other than people who are five who are always behind the times not the not the internet literati no one would be no one watching this stream would be so gauche and so behind the times is to non-ironically a letter karen loose but for a while there my god everyone grabbed it they loved it oh god they were so happy it was just a perfect explanatory concept a way to take all criticism 0:3:7 a way to take other things you don't like categorize them very very efficient and therefore very useful and so people loved it and you can talk about how it's a lot of sublimated uh hostility towards women you know like misogyny on the left translated towards women that are acceptable to not to not be to hate because they're uh doing like class-based oppression or something when really you're dealing with misogyny i think that's part of it but i honestly think that the bigger thing that drove the karen phenomenon much bigger than even the the suppressed misogyny that it did express in my opinion uh was the fact that a lot of things like that a lot of those terms of abuse that could turn into categories of people that can be immediately dismissed and and given you know two minutes hate about and stereotyped and all that uh are 0:4:10

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that are expressions of the thing that the person themselves is afraid they are and people are terrified and you see on the left side of the internet the number one epithet uh is liberal because everyone is terrified that deep down they're a liberal because they don't really know why they believe what they believe most people don't most of us are only tenuously uh uh confident about any of the propositions that we carry around in our head we mostly keep to them because the social formations that we prefer uh express them and then we want to be part of that and we're expressing something we're not really believing it in any kind of depth and so that makes us all worry oh god like where am i wrong where's my liberalism and and the fact that you have to engage with things like mass media and uh and electoral politics and the fact that real like guerrilla-style conflict with the state is not something anybody feels 0:5:11 would be worth doing that creates this anxiety around am i really a liberal and so you have to call everyone else liberal same thing with karen everyone is afraid deep down that they're karen and so they have to get someone else to call to karen and to yell at and that's because we are a nation of karen's in the specific respect that our only recourse on all issues especially politics is to ask to speak to a manager to have to it is to make a request of some other power to fix our current predicament to resolve the contradiction that we are currently being enmeshed with and that we are battling whatever that contradiction is whatever that social political reality that that loggerhead is we are instead of embracing our own uh uh will political will and trying to change it ourselves we are asking to speak to a manager to have someone 0:6:12 else fix it and you see that i i can't and i i've been guilty of this my whole life too of course i think i'm not saying this as a point of finger at anyone i'm saying that this is how we are conditioned to respond to all things especially politics to be customers we are customers the state is the service government is a service we are customers uh just like everything else and every other relationship we are customers first that's how we've been able to subsume class so far by redefining americans away from being workers to being customers if you're the one getting the the the uh actual if you're the one being served in any situation even if you work for a wage even if you are exploited at your job even if your wages have been stagnant for 40 years you still are a customer and that is it defeats and it leaves us bereft of anything to do during any conflict in any political question but ask someone else to fix it because we don't know how to fix anything because we're not workers we're not in a relationship to a means of production that we could collectively interfere with withdraw our labor from cease 0:7:15 to allow to function we are customers and all a customer ever has is their voice all a customer ever has is their willingness to make a scene and that's i mean you could say that that's the whole of politics right now even on the left even among people who would rather die than think of themselves as a liberal or a karen what they're

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essentially doing is asking to speak to a manager we're all doing that every tweet that says reminder uh this is all messed up it's like who are you talking to you're asking someone else to do it today swear to god as if to prove my \*\*\*\*\* thesis there was a trending topic around the liberal freakout the liberal dawning of recognition that he could steal the election just by not counting bail in votes about the post office they're just they're literally taking out machines that count ballots i mean they're just doing it in front of everyone and then trump says that they're going to do it because we don't want them to vote we don't want their votes to count it's it's there's no hiding it it's out there and yet this is the thing that you would reveal in a movie and that just the the fact of revealing it is would stop it and yet we're at the end of that movie and then no one's doing anything and the trending talk it was do something who the \*\*\*\*\* are we asking to do something congress each other we have no idea where the levels of power are because we don't recognize that they're actually the only ones that matter are within us acting in concert using our power our labor collective labor power and our organization along those lines to refuse to allow the system to continue to to function anything less is an appeal to the manager and so i have this vision where trump loses by like 15 million votes but in in a handful of swaits that would have given him that would have given biden the electoral college win uh the ballots just don't go anywhere they're just they're thrown out in court or something some 19 year old judge uh that just got appointed a \*\*\*\*\* zygote in a little a a a fetus in a black robe with a tiny little gavel comes out and goes ah yeah these ballots what are people going to do they're going to wait for somebody else to do something and we're going to watch the whole thing happen and there's going to be no ones and that's going to be if that doesn't happen that process is a a eruption of this of the subliminal action that's been going on over the past 40 years as the safety net has been destroyed as crisis capitalism has ripped out the foundations of society and replaced it with nothing with \*\*\*\*\* opiates and uh and tick-tock and vapes and uh and uh constant soul death is that people been waiting for someone to do something and it never arose and one of the big reasons nobody ever did anything is because there was always the appeal to the electoral process this sucks but the only real way the only realistic way we can organize against it is at the ballot box we don't have enough social cohesion to do something like have a general strike we don't have a so we do not have the social networks that could sustain that or coordinate it but we do have enough of a social network to coordinate enough to vote for someone to represent us get into power and prevent the bad things are happening and maybe do good things and the thing is is that that's not an entirely uh insincere or a false argument like in the absence of a real organized left electoral politics has to be a scene of struggle because it's the only one we have it's the only place where there's

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a level of participation and social coordination that can be in any way influenced everything else is too is too flousy it's it's just water flowing out and so there's always oh things are getting bad but we can vote and this time even more than two thousand i mean 2000 was a theft but it was it was a slow motion theft and all the forms were observed here months before the election you have them saying explicitly we are going to make it so that these votes don't count we are going to make it so that we can swing this election on our front why would we want to let them sort them sort the ballots that means that people will be able to count the ballots he said that so the last layer the last layer of justification and the highest level of uh of like political uh spectacle has now lost its ability to serve as a shield to serve as a screen for what's really going on is what's what it's there for it's super structural the super structures exist to obscure the reality of the social relationship to mystify it and now the last bastion of it will have been made there translucent with no response why because the social uh cohesion the social fabric necessary the class uh culture the organic working-class culture necessary to resist it has been destroyed never really built up enough in this country anyway in the first place but even brought down from that level to a point where it cannot respond to even even the last illusory notions of participatory democracy being replaced by the full acknowledged but again i have no idea what's going to happen i always have to end all of these rants and and uh and cosmic visits visions visions with an uh with a stipulation that hey i didn't know \*\*\*\*\* trump was gonna win the first time i don't know anything and i sure \*\*\*\*\* don't know uh i don't know one of the million of things that could happen in terms of the intersection of trump's uh ham fa candid attempts to rig the election and like the real like nature of his declining uh political constituency and the reality of of a incumbent president presiding over depression it's such it there's so many variables dude it's a \*\*\*\*\* i mean as always the worst outcome is the most predictable as it has been so far the worst outcome has been what's come true basically at every level we even got the boringest vice presidential candidate with the less you can with the fewest i mean obviously the easy thing to say because it's the most likely to be true and it's easiest to predict is that instead of having some sort of collapse epic collapses and institutions and and then break up of of governance and and the world market you'll have a steady and slow subsumption of all into that market uh and then it will not be without disruptions that could be called apocalyptic but the thing is is that they will be because of our harper normalized reality instantly metabolized into this the substance of of uh existence so they are not perceived by those who survive them anyway they are not perceived perceived as apocalyptic because they are turned into their turn to do oh that's what it's like now oh this is how things are now oh this is the thing and so at no point will there be that break that we're all

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praying for secretly that since the 90s we've been ritually trying to bring about like evo shandor on the \*\*\*\*\* ghostbusters building trying to bring in the evil energies to crack open the \*\*\*\*\* veil between us and reality because we cannot bear this this tawdry and empty spectacle any longer this disgusting dance macabre across across a dead landscape of \*\*\*\*\* mini malls and concrete and and a reified market system that destroys all human autonomy and and here spiritual meaning and everything that happens that makes it worse will just be another thing that now is part of it 0:15:29

like if you talked if you like the the american workplace like the gig economy reality of working in america would look like some sort of post-apocalyptic neo-feudal impr imposition on people in the high modernist uh i mean look at what's going to happen with climate change not an apocalypse slow and steady a consumption like florida florida is going to go away bit by bit miami's going to go away and it's just going to be yeah well miami i mean come on what was it doing there really not realist not very realistic dummies uh and then the rest of it will go and that's just the way things are and this is going to cause mass despoilation of life mass death billions of deaths baby depending on how it shakes up but those those who die will not be part of the narrative of civilization they will be those un people so society will not 0:16:31

have broken down even as huge chunks of it no longer function they will just be gangrenous limbs cut off from the world market and within the cocoon within the remaining cocoon things will be kind of the same only worse every day until we have been subsumed into this massive neural network this this hive mind of capitalism where we are all uh individual um transistors and the thing is is that the search for uh for like communism the the pursuit of pursuit of socialized production at this point of capitalist like productive capacity that is the challenge to turn the human race into one collective consciousness that is itself that is all of it that is additive that is all human minds together as opposed to what capitalism seeks which is to subsume all of uh what makes us human out of humanity and turn us into pure 0:17:33

non-conscious stimulus response so we're gonna be part of one big network brain the \*\*\*\*\* nationalists who talk about how you know what uh uh we need to they should say yes yes you have to deal with nationalism and the reality in the in the here and now but i'm talking about at a pure at a purely theoretical level nationalism is absurdity uh and it will not sustain human life it will have to be done away with now that doesn't mean you can walk around in 2020 telling americans that america sucks because they're not going to have it because they haven't gone to the same class as you have but i do think that that's different than saying that it's inherently good but i'm saying it's going to go away one way or the other all these all these categories we think are discrete about humans are going to go away and the question is are they going to come together is it the final transcendent moment or are they

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going to wink out and be replaced by by just dead circuitry ah but along that way 0:18:35  
there'll be no apocalypse when you're in that when you're in the slurry vat pushing  
the buttons to keep the slurry coming into your mouth that will not be they will  
not feel like it's a post-apocalypse you will feel a continuum because the the because  
this the cultural uh firmament and and the probably even like the political uh uh  
architecture are gonna be not if not the same over time only changing slowly ship of  
theseus style until there's something else that's the most likely outcome and it's not  
that hard to say it because duh but we're also here we have free will to the degree  
we're unaware of our roundings and that's totally we have free will and we have the  
responsibility to ourselves and each other to prevent that from happening if if we can  
and even if we can't because a life spent in the pursuit of the virtuous end will be a  
more rewarding life and a more meaningful life than one uh that acknowledges reality 0:19:36  
and accommodates itself to it it says rich people are happy this is a great transition  
thank you so much someone says i don't know man rich people are happy someone  
pointed this out uh to me uh on the internet today it is a it is uh a little delightful  
little article uh about sumner redstone the immediate mom uh the media giant one  
of the one of the guys who created the modern media landscape uh specifically um  
specifically like the cable television concept he was the ceo of viacom uh and he died 0:20:37  
like they all do at 97 years old they live forever because god delights in human evil  
and their ability to suck vampire-like the life essence of the working people that they  
exploit it really does give them a natural long life i mean that's it's a metaphor you  
know and it's not literal but like the adrenochrome notion that is just a a a mythic  
reinterpretation of the of the real flow of life energy down to up in capitalism uh  
but he died at 97 r.i.p to a real one but there was an article about his death about  
his last days that i wanted to find here because yes i'm sure that sumner redstone  
had a great life i'm sure cumulatively he had a great time more good days than bad 0:21:40  
a lot of delicious steaks a lot of a lot of hot dames uh hot air ballooning uh eating  
children's brains if he wanted to all the fun you can have in his life he had it summer  
uh so this was oh no never mind never mind uh this is yes it's about his last days  
but it actually came out two years ago i thought this was like his just came out but  
apparently this has been his life for at least like four years so this was his life the last  
four years of his life this was him uh media mogul sumner redstone who maintains  
vocal voting control over cbs and viacom has resorted to communicating through an  
ipad reloaded with audio clips of his voice saying yes no and \*\*\*\*\* you uh the ailing 0:22:43  
94 year old is currently caught in the middle of merger talks between two companies  
cbs close to making all stock offer for viacom uh this is not the one there's another  
article does anyone know well i can't find the goddamn thing but anyway the story  
is is that apparently in his last days he was reduced in his mental capacity to just his

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most base urges uh and he was just based like frantically trying to \*\*\*\*\* like trying to get his dick hard and i know that that's a common thing with dementia patients is that they get like sexually compulsive as they age but i don't think that there's any reason to think that redstone uh was not i mean just think about it for someone who devotes their life to sensual pleasure and exploiting others for their own stockpiling of sensual pleasure your ability to enjoy it is attenuated over time so even if as you live longer because you have all the life extension powers of the vampire that you are your ability to enjoy that life drains out of you not only do things just get less novel over time and if you have money you can do everything which means everything gets less novel but your ability to enjoy them your actual sensory ability to enjoy them goes down because i mean if you like \*\*\*\*\* your dick stops working uh if you like eating you get your taste buds your things are shutting down no matter until they invent some sort of machinery to stop it your brain entropy baby those telomeres are \*\*\*\*\* and so you get whittle so you can't even have the sensory pleasures you once were and they're at their least so at a time when you would need them to be the most centrally overwhelming as possible to make up for the fact that they're bold you can have them like it's it's the \*\*\*\*\* guy with the with the \*\*\*\*\* apples who's the one the greek guy the guy with the apples and so the only thing in your life that had meaning is now something you can't indulge with and you're left with only a growing recognition of your body's uh impermanence and your impending end and how and the world ending with your consciousness or the world ending and going beyond and the world continuing beyond your consciousness is unconceivable because your consciousness is the only thing that you credit is existing and you live that way even if you don't think that's how you think that's how you behave and so your last years are torture our torture and you might say well hey i'd take that deal yeah a lot of people would that's why there's so many \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* in the world tantalus i thought it was tantalus but then uh i thought he couldn't get i thought the thing was he couldn't get the the apples i'm talking but he can eat and of course like that's why they're all trying to extend their lives unnaturally that's why they're all trying to go to the moon that's why they're all trying to live forever that's why they want the singularity because they think oh i'll do it on the computer and my circuits will never die and i'll be able to get infinite amounts of pleasure an infinite amount of experience but of course that's fantasy that's a delusion these people are deluded that's one of the big reasons i do not credit ai as a threat the way these people ever do ai these people is freaking out about ai is it's just backhanded congratulations of themselves they think god i'm so smart i've created a thing that's going to destroy civilization take a \*\*\*\*\* break pal i mean like oppenheimer could say that but this is the \*\*\*\*\* roomba \*\*Music playing\*\* and also it's because they uh like at this point

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they have their entire uh metaphysical all their metaphysical chips on the board are pushed towards uh artificial intelligence becoming sufficiently uh similar to human intelligence to allow transference of consciousness from one format to the other their entire worlds depend on that that's why they're doing what they're doing that's why they're destroying people that's why they're drinking blood so that they can get a a they can make some sort of pact with the devil to get out of the deal of being a human being but it's not going to work our assumption that it'll work it's like it does does any of this look like it's working and i know people will say oh yeah no it's working for the people at the top who are hyper exploiting yes but there's a frenzy behind all of this that indicates a sickness at the center of and of course it's better to be rich than poor that's why people shouldn't be poor we should get rid of that \*\*\*\*\* the the the tragedy of human existence is something that cannot be transcended regardless of where you end up in the rawlsian state of nature where else you get thrown out of the out of the butthole of the of the random humans uh uh circulator from the va and then pushed through the veil of ignorance like jim carrey going out of a rubber hmm i mean ai is not the same as capitalism the algorithm taking over because the algorithm already exists like you don't have to invent a i for the algorithm all it is a question of his efficiency of transmission of the algorithm through physical space it already exists something separate like a like a machine consciousness that is not uh-uh someone uh is thanking me for the uh for hosting uh a screening of gremlins 2 with joe dante that we did a few years ago in l.a i want and and thank you for saying thank you i just that that was a great night and i wanted to just i thank you for reminding me that was a lot of fun uh it's getting to see gremlins too which is a movie that i've worshipped since i was a kid so on a vhs uh was actually tricked at the beginning by the vhs specific uh fake out in the middle uh think it's a seminal film joe dante one of the great american directors uh getting able to see it in the theater with him every laugh hit every joke hitting like a \*\*\*\*\* neutron bomb everyone having a great time uh and then joe getting to take questions and get to talk about a movie that did not do well at the time and was one of the things that sort of contributed to joe dante losing his ability to get whatever he wanted made that he had there for a minute which is tragic because it's such a brilliant \*\*\*\*\* film uh but i think he said something about enjoying getting to see it and just getting to see people like it and noticing that no this was a good idea you were not wrong but also if you haven't seen gremlins 2 that's another big recommend from me \*\*Music playing\*\* and the burbs is amazing too i would if covet ever ends i would like to go back to la and do a screening of the burbs too because i think that's it's a one-two punch man uh in terms of and also if you want to get like political which i don't you think you have to with those movies but they are both really

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perceptive uh uh artistic expressions of real phenomenon happening like suburban 0:31:3  
on we in alienation and and like the the emergence of like uh yeah the death of the  
mid-budget movie it's a real bummer man and the thing is that's the kind of stuff  
that would be perfect for like that is exactly the kind of art that public funding like  
public arts is best for because like low budget movies i'm you don't really need the  
government you know like you should have foundations and stuff for people who are  
like uh i'm talking though about like a relatively even playing field here where we've  
eliminated massive amounts of poverty in that situation low budget movies should  
be like a hobby thing uh and big budget movies i mean if they were to still exist if 0:32:7  
you had enough money circulating for that to be worthwhile doing which is i think  
a big if uh but if that were to happen they're for everybody you know they're gonna  
the market's gonna make them no matter what those mid-budget movies they need  
there to be a dimension beyond profit in the calculation of whether to make it or  
not and there used to be and now there aren't and that's a real thing where you can  
say the system is not really different but over time it accumulates uh pathologies  
because as that profit it's really so much of this \*\*\*\*\* comes down to the fact that  
that things other than profit that used to be built into the architecture of american  
capitalism and and art uh were there because they could be in the minds of the  
bean counters in the minds of the bondholders and the minds of of the in the mind  
that is in the mind of the global market economy they could be afforded profit rates  
were such that they could be indulged and people could because people don't want  
to be a mere instrument of an algorithm no one wants that they fight against it 0:33:8  
even if they're part of it even if they do well out of it and cultural superstructure is  
created in part by people trying to alleviate that sense of being instrumentalized by  
capitalism and that's it's a double-edged sword because like that acclimatizes people  
to capitalism like all superstructural culture does but at the same time it means the  
stuff is better it means the actual art even though it's compromised by capitalism  
is better and more and more it has more qualities and and has a richness to those  
qualities and that gets squeezed out like a toothpaste as the profit falls and the need  
for return increases the ability to lose money on things that aren't sure things that  
are part of the algorithm is get squeezed out of the system too and it's it's and that's  
where the government could stand in and be like cool uh someone's asking about 0:34:25  
digital art i think it's one of those things where i'm of two minds part of me is like  
there's some elements of it like squibs where i think no this is objectively wrong  
don't do this but other things like cgi wear i kind of acknowledge i'm just i have a  
different frame of reference like i think that here's an example i find and i've always  
found matte paintings and rear projection in films charming fun and even if you can  
see it even if you can notice it it does not really disrupt my uh my suspension of

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disbelief i'm willing to give it to the benefit of the doubt whereas i think somebody who grows up with digital art they see a a flat screen or they see a rear projection or a matte painting and they think wait a minute that's fake and the thing is from certain perspectives like fluidity of motion and like seamlessness it is faker but they 0:35:26  
to them that fakeness is is throbbing it it pops out because of their their seamlessness of their of their cultural context i didn't come from that i can grow older so i still value it so that's the thing where i could say it's uh it's but man i was just i had a chill today i think i was thinking about squibs again which i'm always doing never 10 minutes away from thinking about squibs they say they say the average man thinks about sex every eight minutes uh that's me with squibs every eight minutes thinking about squibs getting mad about now there's no squibs anymore and it occurred to me in horror that because of the whole because of the new uh uh economic dynamic around firearms and movies it's just it's cost prohibitive on on the basic slat to do indulgent \*\*\*\*\* like use incredibly expensive cameras or use rare film you have to 0:36:28  
fight for that it's it's not it's not included in the suite it's been seamlessly removed which means that in the future real guns firing blanks and real squibs are going to only be featured in films that are doing it as a self-conscious artistic choice that are doing it as part of a broader thing like movies that are in black and white now that are that are that are conceptual that means that everything else all the genre movies that i would love to enjoy and are at the level of we're not trying to deconstruct anything we're not making an artistic point we're just doing an action movie it's gonna be off the table as much as it would be to film one in \*\*\*\*\* uh uh in like the academy ratio and black and white like the lighthouse that's a bummer man and i think it's true i i can't really think i can't really imagine that that's not the case now especially with everybody streaming every movie now on those dog \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* 0:37:29  
streaming links where like though you can't even get really black or anything and it's just less saturated and everyone's on their dang phone now i sound like andy rooney i was trying to be even-handed there and then i ended up turning into annie rooney the squibs will do that to me oh danny boy the squibs the squibs are calling from plan to plan and down the mountain's eyes falling what's my favorite nugget sauce szechuan baby no i had the szechuan sauce it was dog \*\*\*\*\* like not even disappointing compared to the ridiculous height because nothing could have been that good considering the cultural the amount of cultural ink and energy spent on a dipping sauce at mcdonald's how good it would have had to have been to make 0:38:31  
that in any way proportional it would have had to have been the best tasting food on earth it's like the \*\*\*\*\* squeezed like uh like they took the uh like a ibis and like wrung out its it would have to be made of ground unicorn horn or something but even for a mcdonald's sauce it was dog \*\*\*\*\* very very sweet it was basically just a

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sweet and sour sauce i was thinking the reason i actually did kind of i'll admit get a little excited about it when i brought it back is because when they said szechuan sauce that made me think of szechuan pepper sauce like with the red like with the peppercorns you know in szechuan cuisine and i thought oh oh \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* that'd be good uh but no it was just another sweet and sour sauce it was dog \*\*\*\*\* and the funny thing is is they introduced it after the big \*\*\*\*\* up they introduced it 0:39:33 and they said hey we have it now hey guys we have it we have such one sauce and it lasted like two weeks because nobody gave a \*\*\*\*\* and it wasn't good enough to stick around i would say of the mass market ones you can get i like ranch i suspect that my favorite sauce if it could be found if someone could make this if if a if like a chick-fil-a or a wendy's or mcdonald's made this they would have my my business for life a a nugget dipping sauce based on uh korean red pepper paste the stuff they use on uh on the korean fried chicken it's it's it's i don't know how to uh that is the bomb that stuff is awesome and if i could dip those mo go go chujang gochujang that's it a gochujang pepper paste because the thing about is i wanted to have i 0:40:36 wanted to have a velvety texture but i also want like a ketchupy umami residence and i don't want that spice it's perfect so yes that stuff oh i'm really hungry i haven't had dinner yet i can't wait what am i going to get what am i going to get maybe i'll get nuggets but maybe i wouldn't get nuggets because i don't have any of that paste and it would feel like actually i might have that paste hey guys feeling good feel like this has been a good stream good mixture of the high and the low dionysian and such and the the apollonian that's it dinosaur and uh you guys i gotta admit 0:41:40 someone's asking about how much i go outside and if i feel panicked i gotta say i kind of i it's not that i don't care about getting it it looks terrifying and i really don't want to get it uh but uh i kind of am not really that afraid of getting it i i think that we've reached at least where i live a a mass saturation point that when i go out i don't feel that scared i don't get i'm not uh willy-nilly about it of course i keep my distance and i keep my mask on but i feel like enough people are doing that and everything is distanced enough that i'm not really feeling like i'm anymore 0:42:42 but i mean i could get it but you know oh that's funny idea someone said there should be an official chapel mask where it's the soy face god the nazis would get so mad because they thought that up and we stole it from them tough \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* that's what happens maybe if you value jacking off in the bank lobby do i feel that the left is due for a spiritual awakening i have to say i mean i've said on the show explicitly yes i mean i've been saying that for a while now i have been saying that spirituality needs to be enmeshed with practice now and with analysis to overcome the sort of this liberal hedonic treadmill loggerheads we're at uh and i think it's going 0:43:45 to happen i just don't know if it's good what form it's going to take or whether it's

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going to be effective that's that's the big those are the big questions as always but i also think it's gonna happen because i've been as i've been talking about it people have talked to me about what they're thinking and a lot of people i know including people who do not even listen to this \*\*\*\*\* and have no idea what i'm yelling about on the goddamn internet have come to the same conclusion and are trying to move like graspingly towards that direction and i feel like that's very good i don't know what direction it'll take but so far i have faith that that will that i think people get it i think enough people get it that you could build a kernel of something and that's all we can ask for right now because for the love of god you can't get ahead of yourself numbers are so small getting the people on your side real real challenge and i think people say well we're totally atomized how that's ever you know we're totally pleasure seeking but like the pleasure is getting attenuated very quickly and 0:44:46 that's that's one of the situations that can lead people towards change and i hate i know it's awful to have to depend on individual like awakenings as i have said that's not how change happens in the mass but the traditional methods are kind of i guess it's less a question of like who to appeal to and more a question of what can dialectics defeat the demiurge uh i mean yeah they better they better because that's that's the only thing that could can we get that spiritual awakening by normalizing 0:45:47 psychedelics i hate to do any of that normalizing stuff because one i think it's sort of a trap to say that you can normalize something because then it gives more weight to your individual indulgence and then is warranted by the actual weight of the act and then conversely it provides you with a cudgel like if you hate somebody and they're not doing anything outwardly terrible they're not they're not doing it they're not saying any of the uh the prescribed curse slurs and they're not they're not doing any of the the dog whistles you can say that they're normalizing something bad you need to say like and then you're already halfway there to to righteousness but uh the problem with the psychedelic thing is it's the same problem as like getting it's the same problem in heron and people who think that you can do something like have robin d'angelo struggle session stand racism they both they both assume a subject 0:46:48 who is already halfway to your position they assume a subject who is voluntarily in a room having accepted your certain opening premise that you could then build a psychedelic experience on top of or build a uh a note a recognition of my own racial privilege on top of but you're you're assuming when you're talking about an unbounded population a lot of the assumptions built in our assumptions are based around self-selected groups and when it comes to psychedelics you have to be taking it on purpose and you have to have some sort of purpose to it now not necessarily but it sure as hell makes it a more uh taiping rebellion but instead of jesus we do it with marx you're basically describing the chinese revolution that was that was 0:47:49

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the uh that was the chinese communist revolution was the taiping rebellion have i ever fired myself uh someone asked if i have ever fired a gun myself yes i fired a number of guns i mean uh i have fired an elephant gun like i fired a sks which is uh sort of like a knockoff ak-47 banana clip i fired a 454 sewell which is one of the largest handguns or most powerful handguns \*\*\*\*\* kicks like a mule almost put my arms over my head shotgun glock bra i'm strapped what shane would i review for doughboys good question i assume they've covered most of them if they haven't done culver's obviously i would do culverts that's a no-brainer but i got to assume they've done covers already if not culvers i would if they have not had somebody on that show to defend arby's i would defend arby's for sure i would do that too ah of course they did culver's in the live show yeah i'm trying to think of another one then another has anyone talked about that dickies place i've never been there it seems weird fast food barbecue restaurant that seems like a we do have a w in america not that many but i remember going to one as a kid oh god rocky rococo garbage oh barf oh god i could do mission barbecue that'd be funny and go to mission bbq i guarantee you that you could go in there without a mask they don't give a \*\*\*\*\* fazzoli's there is a fazzoli's in indiana i think it's got to be one of the last ones in america i would love to go to one of the last fazoli's because i went to the zoli's all of the time when i was a kid fazzoli's was a top tier choice that was that was a i remember i have a distinct memory of skipping school with some guys and gals uh senior year getting a car and going to vizzoli's that's how \*\*\*\*\* hot that's how i partied in high school \*\*\*\*\* this \*\*\*\*\* going to eat these thin ass ravioli with like the ketchup sauce on them but they had the \*\*\*\*\* they had unlimited breadsticks baby you go up there and they bring them around they had like they had like half-assed table service they'd bring it around and they'd bring you they'd have a basket they'd bring in the the breadsticks oh hell yeah if i could find it for zollies i would absolutely go um yes yes yes yes yes oh man i'm getting prusie and reveries thinking about fazoli's now i guarantee you if i ate it it would be like this is not fit for hogs this is pig slop but uh also another one that was a favorite is this a kid that has gone away now and i think there are still a few are left schlotzky's i remember enjoying their weird bread they had their sandwiches had a very very weird bread the almost unique sort of the way that uh in and out fries are unique among fast food fries and just like with in-n-out fries i like it because it's weird and different and i i remember liking the weird schlatsky's bread and so if there's a schlotzkis i would oh man people are saying shilatsuki's is still good damn it i had a chance to go to schlotzki's a while ago and i talked i said nah i just remember it i remember it as being good and now people are telling me it rips damn it next time i just gotta go yolo i would love to go to publix i've never been never been never spent enough time but i've heard the chicken is very good and

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i would like to try it god damn i'm i'm gonna oh i'm gonna nug up i think after this 0:53:14  
a chicken tender sub see i don't know if i like that idea that just seems like it's too  
much starch it's like i don't eat the fries and the chicken tenders at the same time i  
don't like wrap the chicken tender in french fries and eat it why would i want to put  
a big carb around the fries to me they're sex they're secret zaxby's is another one  
i would like to yeah i don't think i like it it's like i why am i biting through bread  
to get to breading nope you have not sold me on the concept of a chicken tender  
sub i'm afraid i'm sorry i'm just gonna get regular chicken and besides i always take  
bone in over tendees dandies are fine once in a while 10 days and nuggets are fine  
if you're in the mood like i've kind of talked because of the dipping sauces but it's  
because of the dipping sauces that's all beef let's all let's stop \*\*\*\*\* ourselves okay  
all non-bone in fried chicken is about the sauce and it's about what's the easiest way 0:54:17  
oh boneless oh great i could stuff this in my mouth fast without having to get around  
bones if you want to taste the chicken if you're about the flavor you gotta have the  
bone gotta have bone-in and i'll i so i usually want bone in but once in a while if  
it's really because i want to dip something in something that's when i'm gonna get a  
boneless fried chicken item like canes uh not raisin canes or no it is raisin canes but  
it is not the guy that trump talked to who he loves uh who he thought it was raisin  
he thought it was raisin like he thought it was raisin like the fruit he thought it was  
raisin like the fruit because raisin cane i think that's like an old-timey saying from  
the bible i don't think he had any as a little lord fought leroy and crushed velvet  
pantaloons in his little gated community in queens i don't think he knew anything  
about now yeah like uh i think the canes is pretty good it's juicy which is usually the 0:55:20  
hard part with wings are worth uh strip tenders especially when they're that thick  
because those they're relatively thick and it stays juicy and the breading's fine but  
you stay you come for that sauce and i do think the sauce is good but if the sauce  
wasn't good i would not raisin herman cain i don't think i mean i know people say  
wow things move so fast we just normalize things but i really don't think i don't  
think enough people emphasized the sheer hallucinatory mad fellini-esque uh dark  
humor of a former presidential candidate a guy who pulled at the top of the heap  
in the crowded 2012 field for a while and if he hadn't stumbled under the pressure  
when he was the front runner if he'd been able to hold up a little stronger i think 0:56:21  
he had a very good chance at that nomination because he was wildly and uniquely  
popular in the south people loved him in the south because he was the dr he was  
a dream for all the white southern reactionaries who vote in republican primaries  
he was a black guy who said which meant they weren't racist and he really loved  
god and he hated muslims and he had like that kind of dumb guy thing that they  
think is charming because they're all and they loved him if they had gotten to the

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south he might have won this guy goes to a rally to the for the president not even it's not even close to the election it's just as a way for him to get his spirits up because everyone's been saying mean things to him during the covid quarantine and he wanted to have people say nice things to him and people talk about his endless campaigning and his rallies and how oh he's going to oklahoma uh he's going to tulsa uh uh for juneteenth he's he's signaling the alt-right and oh he's going to he's 0:57:23  
going look at the days going here and he's trying to what happens with trump is he watches tv all day and yes he watches the people being nice to him on fox but he also watches everyone else be mean to him and it gets him his power his health power levels go down his power bar depletes and the only thing that can really top it off like watching fox does it a little bit is getting a rally and having people say he's good and so for \*\*\*\*\* kermit came for no reason and just to own the libs who think that there's really a virus going around he goes masculine to this rally where the highlight was watching the president of the united states during a world defining crisis brag about how he was able to drink a glass of water with one hand and walk successfully down a \*\*\*\*\* very na a very slight incline while hooting barbarian slap jaws bang their hooves together and then he \*\*\*\*\* died for that he died his ass is dead because he did that because he wanted to give the president a little pick-me-up 0:58:27  
because he was was so shattered he did drink that water you did a good job and that corona that's not real corona just puking my just bit right in my face that's not real stuff oh i don't feel so good dead and his \*\*\*\*\* twitter account is still up and is posting banal mega \*\*\*\*\* about like kamala harris is trying to say that she's a centrist girlfriend you're tripping the that's all of our fates just to be this echoing digital signature created by an algorithm meant to like represent our entire time on earth in a little little pithy little epic uh sayings that just flatten us into ourselves 0:59:30  
jobs i had before i was podcaster the longest gig i had was for the number of years i worked at barnes noble i was a cashier i was very frustrated with being a cashier and thankfully i was able to get moved over to the information desk where i helped people find books and that was and then did stocking and stuff and that was good that was probably the best job i had and the longest i held a grad student where i was a ta during my abortive uh my abortive m.a pursuit i worked as i've said it before for regis the company that goes in and inventories retail retail inventory and when i was a kid i was a dishwasher i worked at a grocery store unloading the truck before my back obviously i got to say that somebody asked the most subversive book 1:0:40  
i read and i did get it at a barnes noble i saw the title and it just struck me and i ended up buying it when i was in college i think uh so a little older but you know it took me a while to really even think politically it was it's a it's a by a guy who i don't actually agree with very much anymore uh derek jensen the culture of make-believe

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which is because the thing about him is he's essentially an and prim and i i discount that entire tradition but just in terms of reading something that was so radically at odds with everything i thought i had kind of come to terms with as understanding the world even through like a jaded a relatively jaded like left lens like i wasn't a chut or anything i was like you know i i was a uh i was not a bush fan but it was still relatively uh it's you know it was it was a narrow conception of like why i believe what i believe and it was such a shock reading it and it was such a challenge that i ended up having to like break down and reconfigure a number of things that i'd held his assumptions and even though i don't think that he's right in any kind of like you know uh removed uh objective sense i feel like for me anyway his contribution to my but i would certainly not endorse even i can't even remember what a lot of the stuff in the book was and i probably wouldn't endorse any of it because at this point i don't think i need i need that same thing you know and like that's why it's so hard to recommend books and talk about books objectively is because especially when you're talking about things that contribute to intellectual progression there's times you need something and then you don't need it anymore and then like if somebody else is asking about it and trying to evaluate it well where where are they what do they need you don't know and it's it's subsumed into the into the debate and it and it makes it harder to kind of clarify what you're talking about all right i'm going to uh i'm going to sign off here the fred hampton movie it's probably not going to be good i will say this though uh there's this funny thing of people saying \*\*\*\*\* this hollywood movie about uh about fred hampton \*\*\*\*\* off but then they'll be like and you know what they did this wrong and it's like hold on a minute what's the problem here you know is this thing categorically to be condemned or is it to be engaged with artistically if it's one or the other you don't have to you don't have to say both you know uh nobody's gonna think you're a sellout if you just engage with the thing as a work of art under capitalism attenuated at every level by that fact but if you want to condemn it condemn it and then just don't talk about its aesthetic qualities what's the point it's beyond it's beside the point you're implying that there is a version of this movie that would have been better and then you're denying the material under pertinent undergirdings of the endeavor of making a \*\*\*\*\* film i will say that one thing that so people who are engaging with it artistically i've seen a number of people annoy that it appears to be through the uh point of view of uh the guy who ratted him out that's the fbi informant and not fred hampton uh and i mean the title is kind of a of a clue there it's called judas and the black messiah and people get mad at that and i have to say from a dramatic point of view if if you're just like looking to make a movie i ge there are ways that you can make a movie about fred hampton where he's the protagonist but i think it's a lot harder but there

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are more there are more artistically the character who stands out as the character who you would follow is him because he's conflicted because he has a dynamic within his character of being torn between uh his self interest and his growing devotion you might say well that's you know giving him that credit is bad because he's a piece of \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* him if you make any of the characters like that it'll be a bad movie if you make any of the characters as one-dimensional as people on twitter want to make every historical character it's going to suck because fred hampton's going to be boringly perfect and that guy's going to be boringly evil and i have to say that these guys people who say they want a movie were fred hampton's the protagonist you'd have to show flaws and are you ready for that are you gonna how far can they go in conflict in in depicting a con a complex character before you start freaking out that they're doing propaganda and undermining his his legacy like if you if you're sort of stuck with hampton as saint which the title implies yeah we are and i think we are i think given like anxiety of influence and and the public space and people knowing what's expected of them they plan to first stuck with hampton as the saint so then where's the interesting story judas judas much more interesting than jesus and i guess you could try to make like a sainted hampton interesting but it's a what are hot dogs made out of \*\*\*\*\* alright guys one more question and then i'm i'm piecing out nugs oh i'll just end with this the uae israel thing i'm wondering i guess it's just evidence of like the lack the fact that the uae essentially doesn't have a public it's got a royal family and a bunch of slaves if they don't have to worry about public opinion the way the saudis do and there and so it's easier for them to just take the the fact that everybody at the diplomatic level knows and everyone who pays attention really to anything knows is that there is a that israel and the gcc countries bahrain uae and uh saudi arabia are uh our allies they might as well be in a defense pact they've got their own nato for the middle east essentially uh and they're doing their own gladio in syria and they have been for the last decade and they're doing conventional like kosovo-style warfare in uh in yemen only much more intensely horrifying uh like they have they have an agreement they're together uh but that's not a thing that like the public in saudi arabia would be able to accept but since there's no public in in the uae i guess the thought was i guess they wanted to do trump a favor like hey trump's looking like he's getting his ass kicked doesn't know what he's doing he needs a win what if he brokers midi's piece i mean remember he sent jared to do that and his came back with something that no one could agree with it was absolutely out of the question and it just died on the table complete disaster another humiliation after building it up so much these guys keep doing that because they keep not realizing how little they actually can do dunning-kruger all-stars a lot of them but here it's like hey millie's piece just like jimmy carter got got uh got got him on the table got

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him to it's like they're just taking something that was understood uh and making it formal they're just taking the conversations that had to be had like on the non-uh government line can now be done on the on the landline that's it um and it's funny i think it's i more than anything i think it's proof that trump wanted a win and asked them as a favor hey could you guys pretend to like apparently israel's big concession is they're going to stop expanding their illegal west bank settlements they're going to stop doing something that they are already enjoined from doing under international law wow and not even forever slow down yeah no the orb picture tells you all you need to know about those freaks and they're all allied with israel it's all one it's all one block it's a block opposed to the iranian bloc with turkey in the middle sort of the trying to have it both ways the great game baby you got the ant you got the american gcc israel block jordan and whatnot egypt then you've got the the uh you've got iran iraq is a contested point and syria hanging on there and then turkey for a while was pretty much firmly in the u.s saudi camp but they have been over the past half decade after uh they didn't get the results they wanted in syria they had to start intervening more are now sort of playing both sides although they're still going hard to the paint against egypt in uh in libya but that's i mean that's that's about border security libya is right there they want to have make sure that they have uh complete control of whatever government is in that area next to uh next to the egyptian border especially considering that they've been in a low-grade insurgency ever since cece overthrew morsii and killed everybody in the square whoo man this is a long one but i had fun i might might do one more question but i am really craving those 10 d's it's just i have nothing else to do tonight so it's like but i am i'm basically fighting my own hunger oh the guy who wrote the bush the guy who wrote the uh bear about uh the guy the bush guy who wrote about who wrote the novel where a bear is used to have sex with women and like a brothel in japan i believe it was scooter libby let me confirm that i'm not i didn't check that first i didn't cheat i'm pretty sure using my my bush era blog memory i think yeah it was booyah now i remember all that \*\*\*\*\* man scooter libby that was the guy there was a time one of the reasons i was immunized i mean one of the many reasons just time and experience being most of them but one of the big reasons i was immunized against russiagate from the beginning immunized against anything having to do with comey or \*\*\*\*\* mueller was that that has already happened before in the form of patrick fitzgerald and the \*\*\*\*\* plane investigation and that little twerp scooter \*\*\*\*\* libby the amount of amount of attention that i gave that guy the amount of psychic energy i put into his fate because i thought it was going to break the whole thing open and they were going to frog march just like joe wilson said they were going to frog march uh karl rove out of the white house and then he was going to flip

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on cheney all right guys this has been fun i never wore a big johnson shirt in high school i actually avoided the graphic tee era i respected them from afar but i don't think i owned a single one but maybe i should get some ironically like i could be the compound in the in the uh after the collapse of the east coast wearing uh wearing track pants and a co-ed naked lacrosse shirt and it still won't feel like the apocalypse it'll feel like a tuesday they're like oh i gotta fight the marauders again god damn it it's par it's part and parcel with the whole package of being part of society the market the market uh sinews will not break they have to be severed 1:12:26

*Mind Realm - Zortex Protocol*

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oh no i said bugs back here now not that many how many we got got a few shouldn't be around to the virgin chapel fym twitch stream and i've got to stream free to the good people of twitch.com mosquitoes are here took a while but they're here now not that bad certainly not wisconsin level but i'm being reminded of their their needling little noses their demonic uh although i am relatively lucky when it comes to mosquitoes because they bite me and you know it stings when they bite me the way it does anybody but i guess i'm not allergic to whatever this the goo is that they put into the wound that makes people get the little uh red bumps that itch like i can watch it i can watch a mosquito land on me take a little pouch full of blood off and it's nothing ever comes up i never get a rash does anybody else have that i explain that to people they're all baffled saliva uh i know that there's it's it's a common place it's one of those things that people uh think they know is like a fun fact that you could kill all the mosquitos in the world if you could figure out a way to kill them it wouldn't really undermine any ecologies it would be a pure win for everyone because not only do they kill more humans than any other animal thanks to malaria spread and of course now with west nile expanding into the us and marching up the globe it's going to be even more vectors of disease and they also do not provide like the primary food stuff for any other animals because that's usually the argument is ah see you can't get rid of this animal because it's part of a chain there's no animal or key key insect species whose diet is primarily mosquitoes they're they're a uh they're ancillary so if we can get rid of them we could that would be cool uh and that's the kind of thing where you know we're not going to fix climate change but someone will figure out a way to kill all the mosquitoes as they become more of more of a problem after supply chains accelerates that's that's how we're going to manage climate change there will be no huge break that destroys civilization all of all of the like the meta problems emanating are going to be rationalized away and marketized away through some combination of technology and but the main thing making everything worse will just continue to go because there's no alternative to that there's no profitable alternative to that uh someone asked me what blood type

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i am and that's an interesting question vis-a-vis the mosquitoes but i'll admit it i don't think i know my blood type i don't think i've ever actually i got one of them bleeding and i'll watch i'll see if anything comes up uh does anyone know if there's a correlation there that'd be interesting to know but yeah i don't know and yeah 0:4:10 that's probably not the kind of thing you're supposed to say publicly anyway but i wouldn't be able to if i if i knew it now i never gave blood because i was terrified of needles for a long time thanks to uh the fact that i went for being a kid who is terrified of needles the way normal people are to a teenager who had every nightmare of needles that ever scared me happen all at once uh i actually had a spinal tap like it's like an exorcist which you are awake for you're fully conscious of that and there's not really an anesthetic uh it's pretty horrifying and just having that happen i was just like kind of i was in shock just because i was so unbelie i was unable to assimilate that this thing i was terrified happening was actually happening to me and so that after that i was just and ever since i've had this i've been got the main like traumatic 0:5:11 elements is i have this fear of medicine and fear of medical implements and also uh hypochondria i spent years vacillating between different conditions that i was certain i had like i was a lot i have uh i have some issues related to the spinal injury that caused cascading you know uh discomforts in the body and over the years i've convinced myself that i'm i've have cancer a bunch of times uh and then when that's no longer viable i have been very sure i was about to have a heart attack and you know the you can always rationalize it like sure you know you're probably not going to die of one of those but odds are in america you're gonna die of one of them right at some point uh so i was in this thing where i was a hypochondriac but i could never really have my fear dispelled because the hospital was just as scary as thinking i was dying the thing i was thinking i was dying of i've gotten over that recently though 0:6:12 like this spirituality to sound hokey has helped has genuinely done what i've i saw it do with other people for most of my life jealousy which has soothed those kind of fears yeah like i don't worry anymore even though i'm older than i've ever been and it got worse with time because i got more aware of you know bodies breaking down uh and just like the longer you're alive the more likely you are to die right just that's the actuarial table at but now i don't feel that way anymore i i mean i when i say about spirituality it's like it's everything i've been talking about like the satori moment the recognition i have now what i what sort of what i've intuited 0:7:13 from reading about people's descriptions of like feeling the divine or something like the idea that there is a presence and that was the big thing that was why i always rejoined a religion for my entire life was my brain doesn't work that way i don't feel anything i don't feel presence and i don't feel that there's anything there but my own voice clanging around in my brain and now i feel a presence it's not of a person

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though it's not of an i it's not of a consciousness it's of all consciousnesses the the the veil of maya between me and everyone else and everything else and every time else i'm aware that that is a membrane i'm aware that there's something like vibrating at a different frequency beyond it and that makes a lot of the uh existential nightmare stuff that used to make it hard for me to someone is across across the sink here that's what they call the interior parts of uh of uh like townhouse blocks in in cities like this 0:8:15 you know with apartments and stuff like apartment buildings and townhouses well it's a whole thing and it's all facing outward and the inside is everyone's backyard and that's called the sink i can see a big puff of light smoke like they just elected the \*\*\*\*\* pope over there and that means grilling is happening i'm also going to be growing tonight uh having to have an uh having a little fun gonna do some grilling and do some steaks the low end low effort tonight i do have the long term before the summer ends or maybe i think september maybe realistically like like a sort of goodbye to the grill thing i'm going to try to do the yeah less humid too and i'm going to try to do i'm going to try to do the brisket the all-day brisket that's the big project we got to find a butcher and do that but that'll be later i think for the rest of summer for the rest of august or anything anyway i'm but it's a good example of like 0:9:18 the uh the hollowness of capitalism the hollow the hollow value the hollow rewards of this system so the thing behind the thing in the middle of a block an apartment block in new york it's called the sink right and it's divided up by the lot by the areas so this one for example it's a little narrow thing the length of the house and then because i'm in the service quarters i'm in the basement i get a little area here that you've seen and then there's a wall at the other side you've seen at the other side of the uh there's a wall on the other that's right next to the grill that is a much bigger portion for the upstairs neighbors like it's it's got it's almost a lawn and they also have the deck up there but that's because they got more money and so the advantage there is both of us now have this like secluded area where we can sort of have privacy and that's true you know and that has its uses but at the same time for everyone 0:10:20 this entire area is completely broken up and blocked off and i just like to sometimes i imagine because there's a lot of trees not in our backyard but in neighboring yards that are really nice and i'm just imagining if this was like an internal park you know and i just feel like that would be uh that that would be worth that would i think be an addition i think you could have enough privacy like in the area around your home to like do what you would do otherwise like have a cookout or something but then there would also be you could like take a walk there could be like a path in the middle here with the trees and everything as opposed to feeling like i am in a and bunker and that's that it's that thing of like the value the the the because there is a 0:11:22 genuine you know the promises of capitalism are not entirely hollow like like privacy

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is a uh is an actual thing that has use value in something that people need to be able to negotiate the pressures of dealing with other people but as a totalizing value it is it destroys so much that is vital to the very functioning of the human mind and replaces it with only further indulgence along the axis of isolation i mean that's why infinite jest is the book of the moment because he was he figured out he saw where everything was going like not only just uh not just in terms of how like loneliness was going to take over uh the social order and just strip every one of their souls because they don't know how to relate across the chasm of experienced other people where there see them as equals and not instruments and the terrifying isolation caused by 0:12:23 viewing all people like that but he also predicted uh skype and uh i believe instacart and a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* and his president johnny gentle famous crooner is closer than any 90s dystopian vision of the president ever written there is one exception there's only one other thing was there's one other president idea like for a future 90 sci-fi thing that is in my opinion the most perfect for future casting imaginable so there is so robocop has a sequel a robocab has two sequels less said about the third one the better it's not even r-rated directed i believe by frank miller or he wrote the second one i don't know if he directed the third one anyway dog \*\*\*\*\* uh it doesn't even have peter weller it's got that canadian guy it literally had a canadian non-union 0:13:24 canadian equivalent of robocop fobo cop more like it zing that's right i said it i called him phobocop okay irvine kirschner the same guy who did uh an empire of strikes back and you know what it's another it's not quite as well the thing is it's not as good as empire strikes back but it's definitely better than its reputation and it's that and a lot of it's the the fun of it is it's actually about like the making of a sequel and my the best sequence in that movie is when they show all of the attempts to make another robocop and they fail because like the guy shows up and he just starts shooting the the doctors and then blows his brains out and one guy pulls this helmet off revealing his screaming skull and then dies just the way that like the the artist the human revolts against the idea of a cash-based sequel but even with all that uh but with that kind of mindset it's it's a good movie uh pressing it in its way it talks about uh detroit being declared bankrupt and then sold to a company which is essentially 0:14:25 what has happened to detroit but there was another there was another screenplay uh for robocop 2 not by uh frank miller but by the writer of the first robocop ed neumeyer and they never ended up using it and i've read it it's online you can find it it's not good uh i will say that it is a it is i mean it's always hard with scripts especially scripts that didn't get made to imagine them in your head but it's there's a lot in it that does not work but there's one thing that's actually kind of just a throwaway that is so perfect that it almost redeems the entire project is that is that so the premise is that robocop gets like ambushed and essentially disconnected like

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he gets he gets his plug pulled and he ends up in a warehouse for like 20 years before  
some scavengers grab him and try to reconnect him for reasons and then he goes to 0:15:26  
war and it's and it's it's much it's pit it's pit it's pitched at a much higher dramatic  
level than either the real robocop two or the first robocop the stakes are much higher  
it's like the fate of the planet and everything uh which is often thing that happens  
with sequels and but they mention in in passing the president in this future world  
and it's bixby snyder and bixby snyder is the name of the i'll buy that for a dollar  
guy from robocop the guy who's on tv every moment that they're watching television  
except when it's johnny laser uh and that's essentially what we got we got we have  
president bixby schneider we have president the star wars sequels aren't good either  
and edney meyer wrote those too i think the budget has a lot to do with things and 0:16:28  
collaboration and yeah you got to give cr verhoeven a lot of credit because newmeier  
basically his entire career has been writing robocops and starship troopers movies  
and none of them are as good as the first one and you got to think that verhoeven  
someone asks an interesting question uh is romance inherently reactionary capital r  
romance and i would say like anything it's something that needs to be resolved it  
needs it needs to be stripped of its reaction and it because it emanates from a genuine 0:17:30  
desire when that is the desire to transcend and and renounce the rationalization of  
human life which is the de-sacralization of human life it's not just that but that's  
one thing that it is and that process well it's necessary if you want to overcome you  
know the bounds of incredibly limited tribal societies with no understanding of the  
natural world or ability to harness its resources which you do if you want to create  
a human a self-aware species if you want to if you want to immunize the world  
spirits which you do i mean it's not even a question of wanting to it's inevitable so  
de-saccharization has to happen because you have to be able to move in a world  
of objects not in a world of gods and and you know powerful powerfully enchanted  
symbols you have to be able to to strip them to their nes to their uh utility but  
the process has to be managed by a a intensifying heart elsewhere and romance is 0:18:32  
that heart and in the wrong hands in the wrong moment it turns into fascism if it  
attempts to suborn rational to to the uh attempt to enforce a a purely emotive uh  
a non-structured libido that's not good that's where you get the fashion but like  
there needs to be a sacral there needs to be a recognition of the insufficiency of the  
material world and that's and the i got \*\*\*\*\* i got one second here i might have  
to i might have to log off but i'll log right back on i got a message i gotta respond  
to sorry about the ads yes i've been replaced by q anon clone the proofs so by the 0:19:50  
way i got bit by i got i got stung by a mosquito or bitten sucked off by a mosquito  
about uh what i'd say about 10 minutes ago i got nothing i got nothing i got no  
irritation i got no redness i got no itchiness i don't know what that means i don't

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know does that mean that i'm the messiah probably not but until i meet somebody else who has that same condition i'm gonna have to assume it means that in some way i have been chosen by the cosmos to complete a great destiny no i'm kidding i'm normal how long does it take i kind of assumed oh man i'm wondering if there's something i could spray out here to get these guys away from us i don't want to make the grilling i'm still rocking the lacroix gotta finish these before i get a new one fingers crossed hard by the way guys i got uh i got chicken nuggets last night as i promised i would and i used my uh gochujang the the pepper paste as a dipping sauce i uh mixed in a little ketchup which is uh a that and garlic is is the recipe for the sauce they put on the uh uh the spread of q anon it's inevitable man i mean everyone has to resolve these contradictions everyone has to resolve the reality of bourgeois democracy losing its legitimacy in real time uh and and the flight to like a a narrative a a compensatory narrative that allows you to believe that someone's in charge someone's in control and that you don't have to do anything it's it's going to be incredibly powerful especially among the petty bourgeois the the most the most alienated portion of the \*\*\*\*\* economy in terms of of the society in terms of uh like being alienated from each other and alienated from the social basis for fascism and q is is a is a is a it's a uh it's a backstage mission legend or whatever the hell they call it in german it's it's the november criminals all over again uh only the thing is is that the the nazi pitch and this is why fascism is not a useful term in my opinion to describe what we're going through so compare q anon to the nazi doshas legend backstab myth right uh the the nazi uh history history of world war one was brave powerful german empire was in a position to win defeat the horrible uh the the dirty anglos and the and the uh jacques uh when these uh politicians these sdp politicians spd politicians these triple parentheses politicians rose up and stabbed them in the back uh but that was just the first part of the narrative the second part of the narrative and we have to punish them join the nazis come out into the streets march uh vote beat up a communist maybe shoot one uh and what does q anon say q anon says we live in this decaying \*\*\*\*\* realm that's supposed to be the greatest country in the world because our the institutions of governance and and social control uh are ruled by a cabal of of child worshipping monsters uh not they have the same otherness of the of the jewish of november criminals but because anti-semitism has become less of a cohesive social expression and now more of like a fringe alienating thing it gets turned into essentially stuff that was taken from uh culture the same way that anti-semitism is drawn from like folk european culture vocal european culture was suffused with anti-semitism because the jews were not part of the community that's the that's the flip side of community and why community is such a \*\*\*\*\* fraught concept is because it's unity but it's also

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unity against and that is why the fight that's why there's a teleology to marxism is because a global self-conscious human species has transcended between self and other between group and out group uh and but if in the absence of that you have tribalism and you have fear of other and so the jews were always an excuse for why things went wrong because it's easier to take it out on someone else than it is to deal with an internal problem if you're on the top of the pyramid or the bottom it's still there so anti-semitism is a folk european uh folk european concept that could then be channeled to explain away the the incongruity of the mighty german army losing a war to a bunch of frogs and we don't have that that's not really i mean it's part of the firmament and like the more gut evocative or as widespread as european anti-semitism was it's now been transferred by culture by by our uh by our hollywood uh dreamweavers ironically enough into these archetypes which these guys have decided this is the bad guys and they're why we don't have a good country and but the difference is the next step for them is not and now we have to stop them we have to punish them it's enjoy the show watch what happens next it's yeah there's bad guys in charge of everything this is but the institutions are not bad the institutions are not that it produced this outcome are not irredeemable because those institutions are institutions i have a lot of emotional and financial in a lot of cases commitment to no there are still there is still uh there's an immune system that has been activated by us and by donald trump and if we let him do his job buy gum we're going to \*\*\*\*\* uh we're going to take care of him but not by us doing anything we get to watch we and we get to interact we get it's basically a giant game of goo blues clues you get to follow the clues but it's up to steve to \*\*\*\*\* like actually grab the thing and that's why fascism is not what we have because you need a society you have to have a social dimension to politics to be activated for fascism to be an operative concept and and that's the thing that abs the fascism concept obscures when we're trying to figure out what the \*\*\*\*\* is going on because it assumes a public and we don't have one and if you assume a public it leads you to incorrect conclusions about what to do next because you're making assumptions about organizational capacity that are not true we don't we don't have the social fabric necessary to sustain or require that all we need is the \*\*\*\*\* technology of authoritarianism which is what we have oh like you need this much you need ex this is the amount of authoritarian control you need in a society where bourgeois democratic norms have been stripped away by crisis and can no longer sustain the social uh friction caused by our uh by exploitation of capitalism because there's no more money to lubricate the exchange we're grinding gears here it's pure extraction we're being proletar we're being we're going from being proletarianized to being reinsurfent under techno feudalism and it's like the mach the chassis is buckling under that reality what do you do well you've

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got to have a certain amount of repression you have to have a repressive apparatus to maintain enough of a social bond to keep these people in the positions as consumers and workers that we need them to be so this is it and it's a mixture of human inputs and political legitimacy and technology and in the 1930s like the ratio is mostly human political input because the political spirit is engaged everyone's political they just got democracy in in germany for christ's sake at that point uh everyone was the vast majority of people imagine themselves as political vectors and specifically the working class all communists or uh or social democrats considered themselves part of a political project and lived politically and had a political uh and that meant that the government required a political legitimacy and fascism was a mechanism to to put to procure political legitimacy for capital in in the realm by adopting a lot of the language that's why they call themselves socialists that's why there's a red in the banner they actually said why do you want it red the communist flags are red and i think it was hitler said or it might have been anton drexler said we want to out herod herod like they're red we're redder because beginning at the end of the day fascism stripped of all of the confusing \*\*\*\*\* and the and the loaded emotional stuff and the argument about like is it is it the theory or the practice before it was anything it was a sales pitch that's what distinguishes fascism every other political uh ideology that dominated european democracy at that point from from socialism to liberalism to arch reaction embodied a class perspective a specific class or in the case of the center party religious perspective some acts an axis of identity that cut against capital because very few people saw themselves as capitalists not the way people sell themselves as farmers and workers and so where's the mass constituency for for capital fascism emerged the guys who created it guys like hitler and mussolini were con artists first and foremost they had no real beliefs they saw a need in the marketplace and they filled it post-facto with the first post-modern political the self-consciously post-modern political movement designed as a sales pitch to an electorate in order to capture enough people in the in the in the space of the public sphere to confer confirm political legitimacy on capitalism in crisis which is what it did the current model now where we're living in this same amount you need the same amount relative size right of repression almost all of it is technology now there's barely any public space the public sphere has been completely deracinated and depoliticized and destroyed by suburbanization by the long labor piece uh weakening class bonds to racial conflict everything you could name to television to the internet all of these things together uh have stripped us of a social fabric and therefore stripped our institutions of the need for a certain degree of public political legitimacy that they used to have the legitimacy is now just stark power in the form of our police power and our military so that means that nothing there is no need for that pitch you don't

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need to pitch anything the extent the the the mask will slowly fall but at every level it will be legitimized by process and then reinforced by our techno authoritarian systems of control at no point will it intersect with uh someone asked for a good book on buddhism uh there's a couple actually my friend shout out to my friend john uh who's who can he had a very similar experience to me before i did and has been a buddhism for longer than me uh when i first had my moment he helped me hook me up he got me a couple of great books uh uh tick the hans the heart of the buddhist teachings and mindfulness in plain english which is apparently a textbook for school kids in thailand and is a very good entryway to the practice of like meditation and uh and essentially trying in any way just shut your \*\*\*\*\* mind off which is the hardest thing in the world for me anyway it's insanely difficult and i need help i mean at this point chomsky has ran out of things to say for 30 years because he does not have in fact a dialectical understanding of history so all he can do is keep ringing the same dinner belt keep saying you got to vote for a democrat because the republicans are nihilistic well the over time the democrats by embodying the the values they do and partially the reason they do that continually is because there's no pressure at the bottom for them to change because their votes the votes of voters uh are being held hostage by the party because of the very moral rubric that chomsky endorses like chomsky tells them you have to vote for democrats because of the moral question because as distinct objects the democrats are better than the republicans on some scale that that is idealism and it is garbage the reality is because the democrats fear nothing from their base and fear no rebellion fear losing no real votes from their base as long then can continue to be the party that drifts rightward with the republicans and in fact accelerates the republican push right because if the democrats push right like as a triangulation strategy that means that the republicans have to go further right even independent of like the natural uh flow that pushes them right they get accelerated even farther right by the democrats accommodating them they're connected all these things are in connection with another they're not discreet things and that's why i don't really have any use for chomsky anymore but that doesn't mean he's bad or that like his classic works aren't worth reading or anything because everything isn't all or nothing it's all on a gradient because everything's connected to everything else so you cannot cut something off from its connection and determine it all to be all of one thing now you can make 51 judgment which is what we all do and need to do for everything because things do boil down to yes no questions and binaries but that answer is not complete this is all of this and this is all of that of course if the democrats lose of course they'll go to the right i mean look how far right they are now look at look at how the democrats went from humoring people on medicare for all to essentially curb stopping anybody who even

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mentions the concept like remember when uh when obama pushed uh the aca as a first step towards socialized medicine as something that they could be built on now half of these \*\*\*\*\* people think that socialized medicine is racist or something but of course that means they're going to get push they're going to get pushed further and further and further to the left on social issues that will of course happen but only at the realm of rhetoric and symbol that's the thing that's important to remember is that everybody talking about this \*\*\*\*\* forgets that when you're referring to corporate and major party uh co-optation of social issues they're doing it at the level of symbol and costume and if they aren't that doesn't help either because none of these problems can be resolved at the level of symbol or at the level of social issue because you have to make material changes to generate new social relationships that are more equal see somebody somebody points out well fascism if fascism is as you have said colonial efforts being brought inward bologna methods of control being brought into it isn't that fascism no yes but that is a \*\*\*\*\* that's a element of a greater project and to me you have to strip like capitalism and crisis from fascism as a response to capitalism in crisis i think capitalism and crisis necessitates as i've said increased authoritarianism resolving contradictions through force by by abolishing the play act the kabuki of the political process that is no longer affordable like it's like i was talking about how you don't see squibs or real guns in movies it's because the the the line item the amount of money they need on return on this stuff means it's not affordable bourgeois democratic niceties at a certain point become unaffordable and then you have to resolve that because you still have a public to deal with who are used to a certain degree of niceties they you know die buy a girl dinner first and with them being gone they have to be replaced with something and colonial methods of control are going to be part of it because that's where the state learns how to coerce in the absence of any kind of uh local political legitimacy that's where that's where the st a state that is bound by in its uh core like the like uh i would say even early in like uh early colonial england was to a degree like they had the purging democracy that was post-post uh english civil war uh certainly post-revolutionary france and definitely the united states they have at their center like a a a basic political culture because there is a basic political legitimacy being distributed through a social order even if it's exploitative as they all are there's still a hegemony a buy-in at every level colonies especially colonies of like invasion and and occupation are zones where the authority is exercised but there is no corresponding political identity and political legitimacy just given to that authority by the people it's just naked force and so when political when the political facade of the core uh capitalism is no longer affordable is dissolved away in the acid of crisis then you got to bring back these instruments and they've obviously been flowing there over time as as the facade has gone away but it

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accelerates with time fascism in my opinion the thing that's useful as a as a historical and political concept is that political project and i would say that focusing on the term focuses on us on an understanding of the i think that made sense right that i've 0:40:29  
been trying to get at something with that and i feel like i finally got it out of there i felt like i pulled a sliver out of my thumb or something i the thing is is somebody's asking like is it historically contingent or is it ideological it's both everything is both the question is what's what elements are operative in the current moment you're looking at through it through the lens of i would say the ideology of not of fascism is relatively uh second order of importance more important is its political efficacy as a concept to the current moment i believe it is linen it's very nice this is one 0:41:35  
of my favorite summer shirts yeah it has an ideology but the thing is because it was a sales pitch before it was an ideology it's inherently incoherent it's it's just a death drive turned into a party platform and that is why it's so hard it's so shifting because that makes it culturally contingent that means the ideology is culturally shaped in a way that isn't true necessarily with other ideologies because it is first and foremost a channeling of native cultural emanations of alienation specifically from like the dominant middle class strata as it encounters economic conflict and ah the downshine with the linen is that it always feels like it always kind of looks 0:42:36  
uh really recently laundered and you get like the curled up the bacon but it's it's a it's a chill out outfit people are telling me that you could be the ottomans and sieve i absolutely want to see what i can do with that because i don't really think they could walter scheible is pretty persuasive that they couldn't have taken europe but in a video game if i'm good enough i bet i could do it also i i i'm a big fan of just the whole like battle for the mediterranean so also i would imagine i'd like to be the the serene republic itself and see if i could create like i could write could i could i from venice start capitalism in 1400 instead of 1800 like just get that puppy going let me maybe we literally would have flying cars or the earth would be a completely okay 0:43:44  
someone said yeah that seems more of a universal universalist thing but that's a good one i was thinking of like different things to shoot for and i like get create capitalism in europe and that's it's it's the ottomans are a big reason that venice declined and ended up being sort of a prefigurative model and not the beginnings of capitalism because it was the reef it was trade it was the reflow of the redirection of trade to the northern tier that helped jump started in the low countries and and the uk but also legitimately the the the culture wasn't ready for it because the the technology didn't exist to to yeah i know i mean i mean there's no there was no other way for venice 0:44:46  
to go i mean that's that's why these things are all kind of you know bad history because they they make you assume conditions that didn't obtain and undermine like the fixedness of things how like you really don't have a lot of options you really

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don't have a lot of choice uh in any moment uh but in a video game hey maybe i can people are also telling me to play victoria someone told me that victoria is the most realistic because it's got the it's in the most material is because it's got the most uh fixation on creating an economy and sustaining like an industrial production honestly that kind of sounds boring come on i'm playing a video game just give me a country to click on and so i can click on another guy and like i also would like to see if i could prevent the uh reformation from happening for sure get a habsburg universal hegemony going i played kaiser rock i actually went on left trigger and played kaiser like a while ago and it was i was terrible but the thing is i don't think anybody really knew how to play it i would need experienced players with thing is though if you end the reformation but it doesn't change the fact that there's this trade trade thing in the northern tier of europe even if it doesn't get called the but maybe it's a different version maybe it's restrained maybe it's in a horse maybe it's in teasers in a way that protestantism wasn't and maybe it goes in a more humane direction i i mean obviously towards armageddon towards annihilation towards barbarism but maybe at a chant or maybe at a saunter instead of a jaunt i mean i think that's really all you can ever talk about with counterfactuals is are you like are you lessening over time the impact of a process not changing it completely because the flow is just not you can't pick out the thing that does it because it's all bounded together it's all it's all it's all it's all rhizomatic as i hate as a term that is always fun to say to get shittiest founding father okay i like shittiest because it doesn't imply the historical judgment that i don't like making like good or bad shitty is a personal trait and that you can talk about you could you could talk about his historical figure like is he an \*\*\*\*\* is this guy a piece of \*\*\*\*\* that you could talk about all day whether they were good or bad especially if they were very consequential now you're you're mixing your categories up like you're trying that's what 90 of conflict comes down to is that you've got like the meta spiritual dimension of something that is personal and then you have the uh the material fully determined uh uh relationship of items to one another and one emanates for the other but they that but the judgment you use for one is not the one you use for the other one uh but i'd say the shitty is just like personally i don't like him is jefferson he just seems like the biggest like just smug posing prick just i mean obviously there's the cheap uh there's the cheap irony of him writing the declaration of independence while owning slaves but not only that the way he wrote about slavery the way he tried to like self exercise like exert exercise himself from the moral uh question of it just the um and the way he was a slave owner too like he was uh given money i believe in lafayette it was either lafayette or kosciuszko might have i think it was kosciuszko uh kozushko's uh was of course you know a polish noble who'd fought with the americans during revolution it was no new

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jefferson and he died and he he left a substantial portion of his uh state to jefferson uh who was always broke but the condition of the will was that he freed the slaves and he didn't do it he took the money and he didn't do it and it's like this guy and it's not like he was hard scrabble he just had extravagant tastes he loved wine and he loved collecting books and he it wasn't it was it was the there was no other conditions to it it was just pure a sacrifice of any moral consideration on an altar of just purely personal sensual indulgence it's about as bad a moral also the yeoman farmer \*\*\*\*\* 0:50:1

jacked me off forever just a complete fantasy no relationship to the to reality no relationship to the wheel of history and its inevitable turning uh just just this pure moralistic idealistic notion of like well cities are bad and have bad things in them and and and farms are good and have good things in them as though these things are not interconnected and and and require one another and therefore moral and is of course this brilliant idea like oh what about a yeoman republic where everybody is a small farmer entirely predicated on the fantasy of continual expansion which you can't tell and the thing about that is that you could say hey they didn't know any better first of all jefferson knew better because he knew how big the country was he literally was one of the only guys who actually knew because he sent lewis and clark out there after he bought half the \*\*\*\*\* thing and the other is that other people knew what this was going to do to us john quincy adams in his uh diaries talks very 0:51:2

much about how like the the westward expansion is going to destroy the fabric of this country the soul is going to be eaten out of it from within by this westward expansion by this ceaseless demand for and supply of export exportable land takeable land uh conquerable land uh whereas the rest of these virginia dynasty \*\*\*\*\* are just like what no everybody gets a farm it's fine no social issues will ever emerge we'll all be great conflict schmonflicked even though schmuck it's like hamil i'm not snorting uh how can you guys not understand the difference in sound come on or that i'm not like moving my head up you got to do the head thing right if i was going if i was doing coke on stream which i would not i think i'm done i'm not i don't do coke uh i would every time i did it i would put on a manish boy by when he waters and go 0:52:3

into the camera you can climb a mountain you can see in the sea coke is a bad drug very very no use at all for anything garbage the junk food of drugs and i mean when you consider its uh ecological footprint and the amount of violence that it engenders just all around thumbs down on i think cocaine must be popular i mean i wonder 0:53:7

why people like it really i think some people just aren't like confident enough in their opinions to state them until they're suited like they have to have their they have to be like have a button press that says you know tell your ideas some of us just have the confidence to just say our ideas to anyone oh this is an interesting one who is the most cringe president that's a good question i gotta i gotta think back through here

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i would say from the modern perspective and maybe even at the time it's got to be nixon due to his uh his raw need right because that's what cringe is you're cringing with embarrassment you're cringing because you're imagining how bad it would feel 0:54:8 if you had said that right that's why you're cringing and nixon his entire prospect presentation was this hang dog uh very kind of self-consciously uh self-pitying style and then of course he he he debates with nick with kennedy and just gets trounced because he looks like a sallow loser and then he does things like after he lost the 1962 gubernatorial race to pat brown he just vents to the media and he goes you guys won't have dick nixon to kick her out anymore i mean and then he had to resign the only guy ever to do it embarrassing oh god can you imagine just giving it up every instinct in my body rebels against the notion but i must step down of course the guy had wanted to be pre all these guys they've only ever wanted to be president he gave it up because of how badly he \*\*\*\*\* up and the whole time sweating five o'clock shadow talking about his mother my mother is a saint george w bush george 0:55:13 h.w bush also very cringe because one turner and one termers are all cringe carter's cringe poor martin van buren as much as he was a political genius is kind of cringe the guy built the democracy around the the figure of andrew jackson and then he gets turfed out after one term because the \*\*\*\*\* uh because of a depression that started under jackson and then spends the whole time getting derided as a little fancy lad with silk cufflinks and fine wines sitting in the white house even though he was the guy who invented the democracy the democratic party originally founded around yeoman masculinity and some \*\*\*\*\* wig the party of the party of church boys and and financiers the the citified party gets this guy to come in from a war uh guy come from the from the from the uh war with the natives which is exactly the kind of thing that democrats waged unceasingly to keep the the mob at bay with land and he \*\*\*\*\* says hi we're up in a hard i grew up in a log cabin and drank hard 0:56:15 cider what did you do you little fancy lad and it worked like the mush like the rush of mighty water all the country through it is the ball i'm rolling on for tippecanoe and tyler too and with it will beat little van van van is a used up man damn it nobody remembers anything about martin van buren but maybe they heard that song van is a used up man i mean that's a \*\*\*\*\* diss the guy was a \*\*\*\*\* political genius the guy invented the modern political party basically from scratch from the ruins of the of the of the of the the arrow of good feeling and under the nose of poor john quincy adams who thought he was living in a post-sectional america can you believe 0:57:16 it van buren saw no no no this system this conflicts they're going to be resolved through political dreams they're going to be resolved along party lines they're going to be resolved factually the dream of a non-function non-factional democracy in a capitalist system where all uh relationships produce uh conflicts and contradictions

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that have to be resolved will not involve party conflict foolish yes trump is not cringe not yet anyway although he's getting there i gotta say if he loses he'll be cringe the whole thing will be cringe retroactively but he's like the more it looks like he's losing the more cringe he is it's honest like he's not only uh i don't know how he would wanna it's interesting this is like a good psychological experiment here like a good or a good it's like psychological thought experiment like this is a heisenberg thing so i really feel like as biden has sit there sat there at the high poles certainly before the whole like now with the post office thing everyone's convinced trump's going to win and they've already basically admitted to themselves it's going to happen which 0:58:17 means when it happens no one's going to do anything because we've all essentially reconciled ourselves now to oh he's going to steal the election by by closing all the uh post offices that means when he does it we're all going to be okay with it because we're already okay with it because we're letting it happen in front of us i'm not blaming anyone for that i'm just saying that's what's happening so before that though when it looked like biden was going to win trump's posts appeared lamer they didn't have the fire they didn't have the home it seemed he seemed more desperate he seemed less sure of himself but was that him responding to the reality of the of the of the the presidency maybe slipping away from him or more importantly him losing something and making him a loser which is all he really cares about or do i only perceive it that way because i think that he is how could i this is why we all need to get together this is why we need to overlap our lacuna because i can't answer that question definitively about myself no one can it is only through the the the stacking of experience that 0:59:19 we can find a commonality and then like pierce a put a needle through it and find core out something close to the truth or closer to the truth that any one of us is going to get to by themselves obama obama the thing is he it worked i don't know if you can ever call it president cringe when he cruises through two terms i mean he got his ass kicked but did he care like all the stuff that he got his ass kicked on it's not stuff that he cares about what he cares about is god two terms is cool hangs out with hollywood celebrities gets to eat the baby brains with all the other guys hard to imagine truman can't be cringed because there's no more epic moment than the 1948 election holding up holding up the truman you will not beat that for ownage that lyndon johnson also very cringe that's a hell of a cringe spell there and 1:0:25 of course of course it comes after i would also say that mckinley and garfield are cringe because they're the presidents who got assassinated but nobody remembers which is brutal that's that's like absolutely they're not here to cringe but we get to cringe at the thought of being that even though we wouldn't know because like you think about assassinated presidents it's lincoln and \*\*\*\*\* jfk and they have all those things in common right oh lincoln's secretary was named kennedy kennedy secretary

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was named lincoln kennedy got shot in a lincoln ford lincoln lincoln got shot in a  
ford's theater uh losers i would say john quincy adams is was cringe in his lifetime  
but is now uh andrew johnson was was cringe in that he would do things like go on 1:1:29  
drunken rants i mean he was shit-faced at his inauguration which was you know ad  
hoc in front of a judge because the president just been shot but he was hammered he  
gave a speech he gave an impromptu speech it was filled with retributive bitterness  
and resentment because he was super self-conscious of the fact that he was a but he  
also pissed off he like he was able to single-handedly like derailed reconstruction to  
the horror of basically the entire political class of the the the winning country like  
we won that \*\*\*\*\* and the party that won it was in charge of the entire legislature  
and couldn't do anything or couldn't do a lot of the stuff i wanted to do because this  
\*\*\*\*\* cornpone \*\*\*\*\* was hooting a jug in the white house uh so that made him base 1:2:30  
the fact that he was able to exert that kind of power in the face of unified opposition  
almost jimmy carter was incredibly cringe hey everybody there's a terminal crisis of  
capitalism happening we cannot consume at the rate we used to uh you guys just  
need to all wear sweaters and feel bad about yourself for being so materialistic and  
and everyone's gonna see the importance of that and they're gonna give me they're  
gonna pat me on the back for being straight with them that was for like five minutes  
people did he got a big bump after that speech people forget that but then at the  
end of the and then the hostage crisis happened and it was like oh yeah you're just  
a big yeah uh carter was a complete uh psycho did you guys know this he did not  
have a chief of staff for his first two years in office he was essentially his own chief of  
staff chief of staff is one of the most uh intense jobs in washington very few people 1:3:31  
do it for more than uh two years unless they have like no family like andy card i  
think was uh uh secretary or secretary of state uh chief of staff he was bush's chief of  
staff for the full second term but he had he was like an incel he had no wife he had  
no kids it's usually two years and he was president and chief of staff for the first two  
years of his term uh wow nutcase uh yeah i know carter sold everyone a good bill of  
goods carter was obama and the reason he's cringing obama isn't is because obama  
got that second turn baby can't \*\*\*\*\* no phase can't see him got that second term  
carter got the boot because the forces allied against him in the wrong order booyah  
out of here he sucked and he he got people in because he convinced people that he 1:4:32  
was a good person that he was a good human being and that that's what mattered  
because everyone had been horrified by nixon and because we cannot systematize  
anything because we have to personalize everything that's what this culture does  
nixon's evil had to be described in personal terms his personal personality and his  
personal wickedness and that meant that the problem of the lack of trust we now had  
in our political institutions it's not because gas has you know gone up 100 it's not

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because every uh factory in the company country is already starting to shut down uh that that you know things cost more and and people are making less uh no no no that has nothing to do with it it's because we have evil people in charge and if we get a good guy in there he'll be good and the thing is is that that was also a carter thought carter thought he was a good person he wasn't lying and that's why people believed him he was not selling people some fraud about how he was a great guy he really thought he was a great guy and tending his moral garden was the only thing he really cared about and that meant that when he was confronted with the crisis of uh you know of stagflation his answer was well uh we need to be virtuous and that starts with me and one of the most virtuous things i could do is start imposing limits on uh what's politically possible in terms of spending and tell people that hey you know we're the democratic party and our job is to provide you with the goods of capitalism you don't get any of that they still get to keep all the gooker the corporations are still in charge of everything they still run your life and they demand your money and they get all the profit but you're going to get less money and you should you should you should just fill that hole with spirit i'm not going to give you even an idea where to get any of that read some for christopher lash or go to church i don't \*\*\*\*\* know uh and it's virtuous of me to level with you and you know what if i lose power if i get out of office it's virtuous too and carter losing was obviously kind of like maybe not at the time but in retrospect it's probably one of that sicko's favorite moments of his life is losing because he feels like he now can in his mind believe that he uh did what all christians are called to do and that is imitate christ in his life he was he was crucified all right guys i'm outta here

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that should do it right hello hey guys how you doing we're back quite overcast day but not humid it's a miracle it's a miraculous occurrence it's all cloudy and and gray 0:1:5  
but the air is not thick like a swollen sponge not bad oh no i got a cord i got a cord flip here oh dear i got a situation there we go measure twice cut once oh somebody says their entire state is burning is that colorado yeah that good if you've got trees uh in your state you're in trouble but that's also where where the air gets made so it's kind of a where are you going to run center man where are you going to run 0:2:6  
i don't think there's anywhere to go so i talked last time a little bit about uh q anon and i was thinking some more about q anon and how q anon really is they call they say they call themselves a great awakening right they say that explicitly they genuinely are if you think about it you could you if you wanted to squint through the right aperture you could call them the third great awakening of american protestant christianity because you had a first great awakening in the colonial era when uh people were coming to grips with the fact that they were entering into totally new social relationships uh in in in ways that they'd never expected uh or had come to you know uh had been acculturated to uh and and that needed to be reconciled and so you saw this huge intense uh efflorescence of of religious piety to sort of deal with the 0:3:7  
dislocations of creating a new structure for social living the second great awakening happened uh at the dawn of the industrial age uh centered as i talked about before on the stream and the erie canal area the spots in the in the yeoman farming heartland of new york that were being infiltrated with this this commercial culture that was antithetical to everyone's understanding of the social formations that they sort of come to terms with and so another explosion of religious piety came up to kind of re to uh to reassess and restructure the relationship between uh the conditions of of a industrializing america and religion mormons who joseph smith being part of that uh burned over district movement being the ones who perfected it the most the ones who took it to the farthest and i think if you think of the way that the 0:4:9  
way q anon is structuring itself specifically and now apparently they're kidnapping people's children because they're free now they're now they've taken family court

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which has been an incredibly fraught area and a huge uh nexus of alienation and uh and conspiracy theory and and and hostility towards conventional post-60s cultural norms father's rights movement well not only is your \*\*\*\*\* wife and the \*\*\*\*\* judge you know they're not just taking your kids because they're uh because they're damn feminazis it's because they're going to have them be molested by the evil lizard people in charge it adds an extra level to that to that narrative so they're getting more intense they're getting more popular we've got them in congress now there's going to be at least two q people in congress with the start of the next district next uh the next congress so that's awesome and they call themselves a great awakening and you could really look at it as a third great awakening because if the second great 0:5:10 awakening helped create the protestantism that led to prosperity gospel which is sort of the closest thing you could come to an american theology if you want to say like what's the american theology regardless of any specific you know doctrinal issues it's prosperity gospel but now we're in the era of lack of prosperity gospel like there's no more prosperity so how do you square that and their answer is with this hugely you know baroque narrative that that rescues the the holy parts of what they think of as america from the corrupt parts and and and joins them to try to purify themselves through observation that's why it's the third one that's why it's that's why it's the pringle one it's the one where we're already de-rascinated too much to turn it into a social movement partially because christianity has gone from sort of the text of social uh relationships to the subtext because we've secularized the culture and of course 0:6:13 these guys aren't going to do anything they're not they mostly just go to rallies but i mean if you think of those as like and what's my favorite thing about it is that i've talked about how cue is gnostic you know like we all are in terms of seeing the world as a as a fallen and deformed thing built by evil that keep us from the real thing as a way to make sense of the contradictions of life and they are the cue starts with the premise right there's the real america and then there's this deep state that just deforms it but then trump will come and stop them trump will save us trump will bring about the end times but like with any millennia uh uh uh religious tradition which christianity always was early christians thought that the world was gonna end in their lifetime uh the revelation of saint john is something that was supposed to happen in the lifetime of the people who were gonna read it and so christianity 0:7:15 has from the beginning been able to constantly adapt to the non-appearance of the messiah and the way that and narcissism is one mechanism and with the the q anon people they have now created they're now in the process of creating like a two-layered uh simulation like a matrix within a matrix because trump's in power but things aren't changing how do you explain that one way you explain it and something i don't think that q has ever said about said but this is of course you know we're

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talking about we're well beyond the actual uh text these are the people arguing it like the council of nicaea or something long afterwards uh there is a theory that oh yeah all the bad people a lot of them have been arrested and in fact executed but they've been replaced by holograms or clones or robots so that no one knows because the moment isn't right to reveal it well if that goes on long enough and if trump gets reelected especially and things don't change eventually the entire deep state and the entire apparatus of sicko pedophiles who run our lives will have been replaced by synthetic doubles they will still be in charge they will still be eating children but they'll just be a simulated version of it because that's the only way that you can reconcile the persistent failure of the apocalypse to arrive and that's why yeah there's going to be a lot of uh there's going to be a lot of violence i don't i think q is uh q's going to get violent for sure but not in an organized way not black shirts in the streets uh it's gonna be just a bunch of uh a bunch of psychos just who are already loose in the shoes for a number of reasons and who get a final push by this narrative this this all-encompassing but it can never be the source of like an actual movement because it's it's very existence in the form of it are determined by the lack of movement and the lack of even people conceiving of creating a movement that's why they create q anon that's why they grasp to it because of a fundamental understanding of their own powerlessness are there any good john wilkes booth conspiracies i mean well technically that was a conspiracy i mean there was there were conspirators they were hanging out in mary's uh sarat's boarding house they had a whole plan one of them was going to kill lincoln one of them was going to kill andrew johnson i wish that \*\*\*\*\* had succeeded one of them was going to kill grant uh and hilariously i think it was george azeroth tries to kill uh henry william seward in his in his bed but he had a neck he had a neck injury in a in a carriage crash and he was wearing a neck brace and when he went to stab him in the neck he couldn't he couldn't get through and he ended up just running away and the guy was supposed to shoot grant uh just chickened out but if you want to talk about something that uh you know behind that that hasn't been revealed i'd say the most mainstream is that booth was working as an as an agent of the confederate government and there is some proof there is some evidence that he had contact with the confederate government and they were aware of his operation when he was planning to kidnap lincoln and that they might have provided him with with material support to do it there's no proof though that they were aware of his decision to just go with the decapitation strategy but it's not outside the realm of possibility if you want to get wackier there's a theory that uh edwin stanton the um lincoln's combative secretary of war was actually behind the whole thing and it was because he wanted to become president uh and there's not much evidence for that except for the fact that the telegram lines out of telegraph

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lines out of dc mysteriously uh failed right after the assassination uh which people say oh that's like that's pretty coincidental and then there's the fact that uh there's a number of pages removed from uh booth's diary when it was recovered and no one knows what was on them uh and people build out of that the i actually the idea of lincoln getting kidnapped is kind of fascinating because he is one of like those great souls you know like lincoln's one of those characters you read about him in history you read his words and you read what people say who knew him one of those guys and and i gotta say as bad as it is politically and and historically uh the the spielberg lincoln movie really got that better than anything that his just like his uh his ability to disarm uh and you know it's interesting to imagine him interacting with a uh with with kidnappers who hated him and then maybe like trying to talk them into maybe seeing how that would be sort of like a it would be like a reversal of the ransom of red chief only this guy's too cool for us to kidnap he's too awesome but they were uh i mean they were foaming uh secessionist scumbags so it probably wouldn't matter but it might have been it's a funny thing to think about another thing that actually happened that i like to think about with lincoln is that after martin van buren the little magician the old fox of kinderhook uh or the red fox of kinderhook was defeated he went on a western swing uh to see the western states and and uh meet local political leaders and he went to springfield and he met a young whig state senator uh or state legislator named abraham lincoln and they ended up spending the night together getting drunk uh i like to imagine that that seems like it'd be a fun convo and the thing is is that they were on the other side like at that point uh lincoln was a wig who were def like their entire party existed to oppose the democracy that van buren had yeah they just went they scissored like nuts ooh the oh this is a good one the most demonic city in america this might take the rest of the stream \*\*\*\*\* ooh all right well dc is the obvious number one that's number one with a bullet that's number one that's the obvious pick so we have to mention it but we have to also go beyond it because we want to be interesting with this dc literally laid out by freemasons using a cult a sacred geometry in architecture like \*\*\*\*\* hawks more in london to like inscribe ritualized power onto the land on a cleared stretch of \*\*\*\*\* uh of of of swamplands built by \*\*\*\*\* compelled labor of slaves the home to uh which is like the the the the brain stem of of a all-world-consuming uh and world-destroying monstrosity of a and also it is incredibly unpleasant to be in they call it the city of magnificent distances but that what that means in practice is that in the summer you have just giant fields of dust that just fill the air as you walk trying to get from one thing to the other uh and of course all you know the entire federal area is is all in this honestly pretentious and and embarrassing and kind of cringe neoclassical architecture come on dude oh wow it's like ancient rome

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yeah do you guys have any ideas of yourselves anything at all you're just gonna do  
rome again really i don't know man i think he could do better than rome oh wait a  
minute no uh if i can slave aristocracy with like a fake culture of honor to mask this  
brutality never mind i get why you went wrong so dc definitely very very satanic  
very demonic uh obviously los angeles the city of dreams the city of of seduction the 0:16:28  
city where where all of the pain and horror and exploitation of the life in america are  
abstracted and turned into a dream version of itself where all the pleasure pain turns  
into pleasure that's pretty that's pretty demonic that's like \*\*\*\*\* right that's some  
hellraiser \*\*\*\*\* but it's it's so nice though you got the wet and they got the water  
right there san francisco of course san francisco and la have both have a very sinister  
occult histories so uh either one of them is very evocative that way like san francisco  
i mean my god bohemian groves right right there out of town of town founded by uh  
san francisco theater people uh you've got uh oh in southern california you've got uh  
jack parsons and the and l ron hubbard and the \*\*\*\*\* and trying to uh summon the  
the \*\*\*\*\* of babylon for god's sakes uh you've got manson in both cities connected 0:17:29  
to mk ultra you've got uh anton levay anton \*\*\*\*\* lava in in san francisco and the  
church of satan which by the way the fact that it's las vegas is of course like a pu  
it's pure id it's it's on it's unpretensed it's uh unpretentious it it's it's the peeled  
banana uh but honestly that makes it kind of less demonic in that it's less of a uh  
it's it's less dishonest it it involves less seduc less trickery it's a pure appeal to the 0:18:30  
to to one's base instinct which at least makes you have to confront those when you  
give in to them rather than wrapping a doom in some sort of damask cloth of of  
of imagined virtue and then allowing yourself to plunge uh yes didn't very much  
like glasgow i like edinburgh and glasgow but i honestly i feel like after having been  
there glasgow gets a bad rap as being like the ugly one it's actually very very pretty  
and it's got a lot of uh intact you know 19th century uh bones to its downtown uh 0:19:31  
i like them both i like scotland scotland's pro scotland i think is the prettiest part  
of the united kingdom and i didn't go to edinburgh on the tour but i've been there  
previously by myself i actually uh i got i almost bla i blacked out and had a very  
bad uh could have been very bad but some very friendly uh scottish people i just  
met were able to get me home because that was when i just started learning how  
to drink and i did not know how to do it yet that was a bad place to try to uh to  
try to practice wales is very pretty too but it's just there's something about the hills  
the highlands and there's the heathered \*\*\*\*\* in scotland it's very uh i don't know  
it's uh it's romantic with a new orleans has a claim i mean there's a reason all those 0:20:32  
iron that's the reason all those vampire people love new orleans right like anne rice  
and that \*\*\*\*\* like there's a certain uh ritualized but i gotta say it's like there's a  
there is a there is a continental resistance to efficiency in new orleans that i find in

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the current moment other generations of like you know protestants sort of said that's the devil itself but i'd say in the current concept context uh anything that resists anything that resists efficiency at least the way that we conceive of it what do you think the chances are that trump gets kicked out of the white house by the feds if he loses uh i mean if he loses in a sense like i was saying if if he win if he loses if he is certified loser of the states if they aren't able to you know get a court to determine that x number of ballots aren't valid or something or that like x impartial result is true which could happen um if if the mechanisms of state come to the conclusion that biden won yeah he'll in fact i don't think they'll even have to i think at that point he would give up because he's a coward he would not try to make a phone call and get one of those guys to like put tanks on the street and i think even a guy like barr who's clearly fully committed to using trump as an excuse to like extend state prerogatives in any direction he wants them to at the benefit of the republican party would recognize that that would not be a useful field of conflict if you had a unified you know consensus in the public that he lost which is different than if you muddy the results that's different and now then all i kind of think all bets are off but i also kind of don't think that's going to happen because it seems like the kind of thing everybody worries about because it's it provides some sort of vision and more than anything it provides a fantasy of an escape it does it it uh brings up to mind the notion that okay this will be the final this will be an actual rupture this will be the one unlike all these other ruptures that ended up not being as dramatic as would have required to break loose the moorings of these systems of reproducing themselves this is going to be it this is going to be a free a real frisian point and as always with any kind of big incident like this especially one where you've got \*\*\*\*\* corona being in the the x factor and the institutions crumbling before our eyes uh hyper reality just obliterating any need to have like a consensus a a a a k fabe of political legitimacy that's all real but it also it lies on like i think more likely is biden wins outright trump mumbles and goes away or trump wins narrowly in a way that most a lot that liberals are mad at and that probably will involve what would it will be less legitimate than elections that we have sponsored coups over you know it would be less legitimate by far than any venezuelan election that has been won in by chavez or maduro vastly less legitimate than any election uh that uh uh evo morales won just it'll make a mockery of all of our \*\*\*\*\* about about election integrity being you know the cornerstone of democratic legitimacy but mostly liberals will just whine about it they'll just mutter about it and so will the left because they're not gonna fight on the streets on behalf of joe biden and even if they wanted to they wouldn't somebody asked if kamala is the worst vp pick since lieberman i think kamala is an absolute uh she is the kane she's basically she is as much of a a safety pick as tim kaine was just

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with a different slightly different political valence because he's because the because biden's different i don't think it's a good i don't think it's good or bad it just is and i honestly think probably there is they're all going to be terrible and they weren't going to pick somebody they wouldn't be able to control because biden could die at any moment and they yeah the union endorsing trump the new york nypd union endorsing the trump yep like that's why that's why if if if there is that moment that people are fret dreading and also kind of edging towards that i mean make no bones 0:25:59 about it it would be enforced by the people who right now are operating under you know a thin social consensus but will but again uh if that happened i think it would compromise a lot of uh cultural like super structural load-bearing members of like uh of if not legitimacy efficacy of of of market transmission that i don't think is anything that anyone who is really in charge wants because there is no threat like that's the big reason because it is really it would just be kind of like trump and and like the lumpin uh cult around him versus a versus like the broader ruling class because biden is not a threat bind's not worth throwing away the the uh throwing away the last shreds of 0:27:1 you know manufactured social legitimacy over uh suddenly asked if somebody says the cops seem to be even more reactionary than soldiers and that's true one of the big reasons is just demographics uh police officers are self that's a career right like that's a that's a career choice that is made by overwhelmingly white dudes whereas uh the military is sort of a broad last-ditch uh social welfare program basically so it's more uh demographically diverse so there's just there's less like concentrated white reaction to even exist part of it is the pro is is that is the uh internal culture even even all these christian psychos i mean except for the real like you know uh what 0:28:2 was that guy's name the one who uh got fired under obama it was always freaking out about like dipping blood and dipping bullets in pig's blood to kill the muslims or something he said he was a holy warrior anyone remember this dude jerry something uh anyway there's those guys but like most of these dudes are just you know they're college graduates especially at the top boykin jerry boykin that's it uh they need some sort of like architecture to understand their purpose and it's about protecting america or an idea of america from a foreign threat and that means that they have to have a certain sense of america as virtuous as something worth defending in order to defend it cops they patrol the actual streets with an attitude of hardening hostility and eventual contempt for the people that they actually are supposed to be among 0:29:4 who are americans which means that they are not operating off of a idealized america that they are justifying their actions by referencing they are um they are immersed in a america that they see as violently split between the sheep and the wolves or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* uh because like army guys do that too but for them the wolves are outside the wolves are not americans for the cops half of america basically is a wolf

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or a \*\*\*\*\* sheepdog whatever the hell dumb thing they like to talk about one way or another that like they have they've they cannot be their proximity to suppression of their fellow citizens doesn't allow them the same degree of ideological fantasy that sees america as a like single project to be protected as opposed to it just terrain of the funny thing about the uh about the usps thing is like i i mean it seems like they're 0:30:54 trying to make it harder to vote by mail but i don't know to what extent but like the way people the way people immediately clatched onto it i think it's it's fear but it's also tinged with like this oh god this is going to be the thing this is going to be the thing that breaks it this is going to be the break the break that we've all wanted that we've all secretly feared but also craved in equal measure that the social death wish and uh so that's why it's hard to untangle you know when when when you're when your interaction with an event or a series of events is much less data related to the event than a echoing series of reactions from people around you it's very hard to extract any real coherent idea of what's going on you're really more than anything taking in the emotional temperature of a group of people i do say the people who 0:31:57 are like going to buying stamps to support the post office that's pretty perfect isn't it i mean you couldn't get a better example of the of the consumer self-conception and how it's our only frame of reference for kind everyone's saying they like my shirt 0:33:21 thank you i didn't this shouldn't used to fit when i ever got their shirt i wasn't able to wear it it was too uh it was too snug but now i gotta say it's it's actually kind of a it is very funny that the people now whining about the u.s post office on the democratic side are the people who killed it like the the post office is already dead uh it's it's just it's a question of when it's gonna finally collapse and it was killed by that this bill in 2006 it's a postal service uh uh accountability act or something like that uh that required them to fully fund their pension for like 50 years in advance which no other no private organization does and no other public uh no other public 0:34:24 sector employer does it it was just done to give them an unsustainable budget load that would eventually necessitate uh privatization and when the when obama and biden and those guys got in there those \*\*\*\*\* they didn't repeal that \*\*\*\*\* and it was bipartisan because privatizing state industry is a bipartisan consensus it's part of that unspoken consensus that forms the real terrain of politics while we fight over the \*\*\*\*\* uh uh puppet show and so the democrats might in the moment be crying crocodile tears because they think we all we might lose some jobs in the white house which is what we actually care about uh but and you know liberal elite liberals who have never been to the post office uh wouldn't dane to go uh uh they support it with you know purchasing stamps and by hashtagging it uh but they have no concern 0:35:26 when about the the actual trend towards privatization and undermining of the of the service that is that's just something that happens directing it in such a way

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to pro to create one or another political outcome that is the bridge too far that is the crime and it and it shows like there's a there's the stuff that is there's the parts of our awfulness that are unique to party politics and part of the narrow set of interests dominating political parties as separate institutions competing for power for the people in them versus the broader agenda that that bickering essentially helps cover for and uh and helps drive through through the political process and you get a good example here between the two you've got the broader agenda of overtime turning the post office into uh into i mean into i guess what would it even be there'd 0:36:27 be no post offices i guess it would just be taken over like we would just get rid of it or like because if they privatized it i guess it would just get bought right wouldn't it get bought immediately by like uh by by like ups or something like it would be like russia it would be like any anytime they sold off a big asset and post soviet union you'd just get bought up by an oligarch so it would just be it would no longer and then boom you know uh tons of people out of work obviously and uh and another vector for like any kind of resistance to uh privatization gone and that's fine that's not a problem uh the problem is for people who only care about the political zone and the and who they who they're rooting for uh in the political theater what matters is that they're interfering in their minds with uh some sort of neutral arbitration of the electoral process as 20 minutes lottery instead of elections i've long thought that was 0:37:44 the solution honestly i mean not to this system you can't just replace elections with lottery now saying as an administrative uh as just purely as a as a representative a structure i prefer the lottery to elections but that would have to be under a i might have more guests when i do the thing from the office with chris i bet we'll have guests because that's the thing that's easy it's easy i can't really i mean you've seen me try to grill while doing this it's very hard for me to divide my attention so uh but 0:38:46 if he's there we can definitely like get somebody in because i'm just using my phone here i don't even i don't even know how to like pour it in another uh video but once we're in the office i think we could get guests that'd be fun maybe we could play some sieve together did i read david frostwall's last book if you're talking about the pale king the one that didn't finish yes a lot of good stuff in there it's stuff pale king pretty brutally boring well that was literally the point it was a novel about boredom as like a spiritual concept and i know that's uh dumb but i i found the boring stuff uh interesting best sequel i'd i mean in my instinct is uh gremlins 2 because it's not 0:39:56 only a great movie in its own right is specifically a sequel and like its sequelness is the text like the idea of making a sequel is part of the concept of it so it's like it's more of a sequel see people say terminator 2 and terminator 2 is very good but 0:40:58 i'm sorry terminator is better it just is the original terminator is basically perfect terminator 2 very good but it's just it's getting a little it's getting a little of that a

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little lacrimos it's getting it's it's it's that it's the first hint of that of cameron kind of getting a little uh a little uh corny that's a good word for it t2 is a little corny i don't know how you could look at that compared to just the perfect instrument of term the terminator and say that it's better why because like he fight he drove a truck off of a overpass that's an awesome scene but you know and there's a and the effects are obviously great but and it's a great movie but that just makes us that should just make us appreciate the original terminator see i disagree about aliens i think aliens is better than alien but that's partially because really scott is a garbage creature and uh james cameron's a five-star pimp i don't actually like godfather 2 that much i i haven't seen it in a long time but i kind of thought it was uh i'm everyone wants to say alien is better i'm sorry i will not bow i will not give ridley scott credit for anything aliens good which is more than i can say yeah that's right i said it but both of them to me are just so absurdly valued beyond uh i do love dan o'bannon of course i'll respect dan o'bannon he's a king and i and i choose to believe everything scott did i read crack i had a subscription to correct i don't know why i had it and not mad but i i just i guess mad felt too uh matt felt old-fashioned because mad was so old and i i'm not i'm sure crack wasn't even much less old but it felt more i don't know dynamic even though it's most zooted president is very easy jfk john fitzgerald kennedy like hitler was absolutely flying on amphetamines at all times he had a guy a doctor feel good uh who just boosted his ass up with amphetamine injections on the regular because partially because he was riddled with uh pain uh he had the image of you know this this this vigorous young jock the the new front of the new generation of americans born in this century but he was acting you know him playing touch football on the lawn with the with the boys but he was actually wildly ill his whole life he had addison's disease which creates your eyeballs bug out and i think it's a thyroid condition and he also had uh courtesy i think of the pt 109 or something else just awfully bad back uh like and he was in he was in a lot of pain basically all the time because of his back injuries graves disease that's it uh lincoln had addison's disease graves disease correct sorry um and he was just in pain all the time and so he was on medication all the time and he would get he would get boosted and then he would go score with two secretaries in the pool under the white house have uh affairs with the uh the oh lincoln had marfan syndrome that's right i always forget which they are no great you're right and it wasn't graves disease it was addison's disease who the \*\*\*\*\* is trying to gaslight me no he had addison's disease lincoln had marfan syndrome none of them i always thought a funny counterfactual would be you know like uh jfk is uh jfk's dr feelgood comes in a little bit too feeling good himself and like overdoses kennedy and his heart explodes like on day three of the cuban missile crisis that's a funny counterfactual because uh uh lbj was not

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taken seriously during the cuban missile crisis or ever by the white by the by the kennedys which was bad in some cases because he actually he kind of knew what they needed to do to get civil rights passed but they they thought they knew better than him on that but when it came to the cuban missile crisis he was like the one pushing the maximal conflict line he was saying we gotta like escalate this and they kind of just ignored it but uh it's interesting to imagine that if he right like in the middle of the crisis if that doesn't uh change the outcome in a significant way uh rfk's assassination is very interesting i've said that i am a a agnostic on jfk and a lot of that is just because i i i got so much information about it at some point that it just it stopped having meaning really and i just kind of wondered if it's just one of those things where if you take any event of significant size and an effect on 0:48:29 lives and you trace it out you'll find like this pattern of stuff that appears to be like incontrovertible evidence of of a conspiracy when in reality you're dealing with something that is so multifaceted and multi-fractal that any any preconceived notion can be reaffirmed by tracing things that come off of it but the rfk assassination is also very interesting in its own right uh he was shot right in the back of the head even though everyone in the kitchen was in agreement that saran saron was a good seven to ten feet in front of him uh they were cut there's conflicting our uh accounts of how many uh bullet holes and bullet wounds were accounted for relative to the number of bullets that were fired by the pistol or the capable of being fired by the pistol that he had he asked the speckling and he had he had a powder stippling behind his ear and so he was shot directly behind his ear even though sirhan was right in front was in front of him you have all the wacky mk ultra stuff uh you have 0:49:30 the sirhan's own claim about being blacked out uh automatic writing which is very odd not very much like most assassins diaries because it's not like it's not like it's gibberish or uh or like convoluted conspiracy thinking or like arthur bremer just sort of banal narcissism it's just the same thing over and over again very odd and he actually was i believe he was treated for a head injury uh after uh fall from a horse he was a jockey at a at a medical institution in california that had mk ultra funding but who knows and then there's the fact that the guy who is standing directly behind rfk the private security guard who was thane eugene caesar was in possession of a of the exact caliber pistol was also and was employed by hughes as i said and the guy 0:50:34 in charge of hugh's tool was uh the guy this guy bob mayhew and bob mayhew is one of the most \*\*\*\*\* uh jerry uh james elroy asked characters in american history he he is like a guy when elroy writes about guys in like uh american tabloid the government fixers and \*\*\*\*\* he's thinking of bob mayhew he was an fbi agent uh he was also a cia asset he uh coordinated uh uh the fbi or the cia and the mafia's attempts to kill castro and then he went to work for howard hughes so it's very uh

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very eyebrow-raising but okay is the soul real someone asked that's a good question 0:52:42  
is the soul real i think it is i mean the soul i would say is defined as just our uh it's  
the human operating off of our understanding our awareness or lack of awareness  
really of what is motivating us it's it's it's stepping through it's stepping across the  
the necessary leap from a partial conception of the world around us to acting on  
that world even though we know we don't know everything that's what continually  
doing that is what accumulates so i mean like it's not a ghost or anything it's just a  
if you you need a word for for the accumulated action the accumulated choice made 0:53:46  
in ignorance of every human you can call that the soul but you probably can't bust  
it with a no it's not the unconscious the unconscious is all souls the unconscious is  
all experiencing consciousness is all matter and humanity this the individual soul is  
is is that that like revolves around the the partial perception of separateness that we  
all have by virtue of our individual perception of apparatus that creates an idea of a  
self and then we act according to that self reduced by our specific ignorance relative  
to the reality we're trying to perceive and that that and that there's a gap there  
between the reality we're trying to perceive and the reality that exists and we still 0:54:47  
have to act we still have to be and making that choice it's basically about perceiving  
time right because like i've said humans conscious beings can perceive time three-  
dimensionally because we understand time in terms of we have a memory of past we  
have a consciousness of present and we can project into the future but our projections  
of the future are limited by our data we can only guess another thing is our guesses  
are better or worse depending on how much sensory data and ability to process it  
and compare it to other people's we have so there is so this is not fixed the gap right  
and it's impossible to fully bridge because if someone could fully understand what is  
leading them to the moment that they fully understand every influence on their on  
their moment every every every different thread pushing them well then they would  
be able to perceive time completely they would be able to project forward perfectly 0:55:48  
all things they would be able to see literally the future but we can't do that because  
we're we're our individuals and our our machinery uh and our circumstances are  
all randomized essentially and uh and have their own distinct formation effects on  
us that prevent us from getting the full consciousness of time and so we can only  
approximate we can imagine a future and then move towards one we want but it's  
just a guess and we have to have some sort of uh belief we have to convince ourselves  
that this is the thing to do and the thing that drives us to do that is our collection  
of desires conscious and mostly unconscious and that is what pushes us forward and 0:56:54  
then like the the the task of life is to return be able to try to consciously return that  
soul because it's separateness that drives our fear of death and all the trauma that  
i've never done dmt to my knowledge somebody might have given me some without

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my consent i mean i took it i thought it was weed but i didn't even have i confirmed  
it was dmt either it felt weird but it certainly wasn't enough to do whatever that  
people tell me it does i would be interested in seeing one though is i would love to go 0:58:20  
to cpac again i would specifically like to go after uh biden wins presuming he does  
because i think cpac i suspect it's much more interesting when uh the right is uh uh  
broken up and is competing for like a new competing between uh sects for for uh for  
prominence like in the wilderness because cpac was a trip but it was just a trump  
love fest and that was obviously it was grotesque to watch and seeing his speech is  
still one of the most surreal experiences of my life but there's a fundamental stop uh  
like uh stagnants whereas i would think it would be fun to go there with biden in 0:59:22  
there and just see the different the different prophets coming out to try to uh you  
know whip up support for their particular sect you know and and anoint a new all  
right i'm going to ask one more question and then i gotta get out of here surgery  
um i guess there's no good questions i'll just close on this somebody said somebody 1:0:54  
would announce they were q on cpac i would bet more than one person would have  
tried to announce they were queue on cpac i could i could see some like junior uh  
some like uh hack congressman or something be like hey if i want to be president i'll  
just convince them on cue that would be really funny he had ya

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ugh okay there's me hey i'm on tv oh yeah baby's lovecraft country no good no good 0:1:6  
very bad obviously first minute of it there's cgi blood thumbs down it's all cgi so  
that's already you have to get over a very large bar to just deal with it because you're  
a \*\*\*\*\* genre show i don't care if you have prestige trappings you're a \*\*\*\*\* genre  
show that means your effects have to be good they have to be immersive they're not  
but bye but maybe they could have salvaged that if there was something on top of it  
that was like textually dense and interesting enough to to make it worthwhile but in  
my mind any chance of that happening went out the window when a montage of uh  
of racial ins abuse in the 40s of of white people being racist to black people as they  
travel across the country was scored to a james baldwin speech i believe his debate  
with buckley maybe it might have been i mean for one thing that's anachronistic 0:2:7  
obviously that happened much later than the events of the film secondly i mean  
who are they imagining is watching this how small how what kind of guppy-brained  
children are they pitching this to where they have to it's like even though the text of  
every scene is racism like the text of every scene is a racial disparity in racial abuse  
and i'm not saying that's necessarily bad but you have to with that with being that  
limited a palette you have to like keep it interesting and innovative and just saying  
like oh you know i usually use music to you know sort of evoke a subtextual thing  
we're just going to add more text on top of the text i mean what the \*\*\*\*\* it's just to  
me i'm just going to assume that you don't think that i have a brain at that point as  
a viewer and so why the you you you don't think i'm very bright and that probably  
means you're not too smart either uh yeah like being kinda because that's the thing 0:3:11  
it's not like the level of art on the show is really great being condescended to by a  
dummy is one of the most infuriating things in so thumbs down to that but it also  
so it what but i'll give a credit that show helped spark a real uh a real revelation  
to me and that was i was i did a tweet about oh the show's got cgi squibs \*\*\*\*\*  
this and of course a lot of people were like well yes but the show itself is great no  
wrong incorrect not great uh or they'll say well it's a dream sequence it's it's it's  
kitschy it's stuff they're all it's all cgi so nope that's clearly just the style that's the

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aesthetic so out with that uh and then but someone god bless them linked a uh a montage of squib uh a squib hits from movies that's on youtube and i watched it it was like eight minutes long and i'd seen a bunch of those movies and i was it was 0:4:12 kind of fun like picking them out like oh no i know that one i know that one but just watching this this the the drama of an actual explosion happening on screen and the unpredictable and viscous uh physicality of fake blood coming out of a wound and i was like god damn that really is like why else have someone to get shot in the movie as an aesthetic experience which is of course what 99 of the time is you're not really moving the plot along you're showing that because you want to see it and so that's what shooting is for and i realized my god like the the gun fight the gun fight in movies is doomed like who'll ever want to watch people get shot if that's gone because that's what makes it interesting that's what makes it visceral as i've said and the movies that don't have that they just lose it's like oh okay this is fake these are kids playing with fake guns i don't care anymore uh and the and that was a real challenge i think to hollywood in general how are we going to make gun based action 0:5:14 which is one of our bread and butter events still exciting and visually interesting and aesthetically pleasing when one of the main elements of the aesthetics of gunfights on movies is gone and the answer was we're going to replace it with physical uh dexterity smoothness of motion elegance grace basically human grace uh to replace the missing visceral impact of of real squibs and that's what the john wick movies were did and the first john wick movie one of the reasons everyone loved it i think is because it appeared to solve the problem it said here we're going to give you gun fights that aren't going to have the visceral impact of squibs but are still going to be amazing because of how fast and elegant they are how how how quickly they happen you won't even notice that there's no real blood you won't even notice that they're not really shooting the guns because it's going to move so fast and you know what it worked i liked the first john wick a lot i think everybody did holy crap look at this thing it was like now we have a solution but the thing was like with any kind of 0:6:15 any answer like this any sort of attempt to patch over a key artistic uh uh you know deficit of of accelerated capitalist cinema uh it ends up becoming a cure-all and then it no longer works and i realize this is that now every one of these movies every one of these gun-based action movies has decided oh that's how we're going to trick people into thinking this doesn't look bad by having them do kickflips and grab guys by the head and flip them around and then shoot them real close and then have it be very like uh very kinetic and it's now that that's every movie the horror of it comes into realization like oh god this sucks like by the time i watch jada with three it's like not only is it just repetitive you and having now seen john wick three and like when you see john wick that was just that movie you know yes people say oh well what

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about equilibrium it's like equilibrium was like 20 years ago and it was an isolated 0:7:17  
movie that a lot of people made fun of at the time gunkata it was sort of a joke and  
it became a cult classic later but it did not it was not the beginner of a totalizing  
trend and now since every movie is john wick you see john wick 3 and you're like oh  
god more of this and now there's going to be two more at least every one is going to  
be oh \*\*\*\*\* more of this well everything else just turns into john wick to hype it's  
like putting sawdust in the \*\*\*\*\* uh in the in the flour because you want to make  
more bread than you than you have flour for that's what they're doing it's it's \*\*\*\*\*  
it's sawdust in the flour it's uh it's anti-freeze in the wine it's another way to obscure  
the just the the the the spiring reality of having every everything that we thought  
of as like the compensatory cultural superstructure that we can enjoy even as our  
lives are sort of drilled drained of any kind of power over our destinies no you don't 0:8:18  
that's not even good that's bad we can't afford those real bullets we can't oh what a  
gun that actually fires you mean real blanks what okay you gonna pay for that who's  
gonna pay for it it's like universal and so now it's like oh yeah another but at every  
level you can't just take something away you can't just take something away you  
have to offer something that's shittier but still better than without having the thing  
that's being taken away and all the flip john wick \*\*\*\*\* is the is the lesser thing now  
so i gotta say that uh i'm now anti-john wake gotta be a thumbs down for me for  
the entire franchise and you know what hey that's the way the cookie crumbles you  
gotta accept no action movies are done as a genre \*\*\*\*\* is next \*\*\*\*\* next horror 0:9:19  
is doing a little bit better but i mean part of it is the a24 \*\*\*\*\* where there's like  
they're not really horror movies in my opinion but like they they kind of ride around  
with horror movies and like maintain sort of an artistic credibility around them that  
allows them people to do things like insist on real effects because horror film hasn't  
been totally like uh uh has totally lost any kind of artistic credibility as a genre the  
way action has so that means there's still a few good horror movies and they'll still  
like you know invest the extra for for real effects but now that's going to be gone too  
and the only thing the only good horror movies will be the a24 things where it's like  
you watch it you go was that really or was it just sort of a just sort of a very uh like  
a a a dark drama or a thriller it seems almost like a thriller would be more accurate 0:10:21  
a term blumhouse is totally like first of all they make the purge movies and they use  
cgi bullets in them so they already are on my \*\*\*\*\* list because the purge in my  
opinion is a great idea for especially a a exploitation style series of films and they  
really they really undercut the enjoyability of their of of the trashiness of everything  
when some guy goes down in a \*\*\*\*\* bunch of pixels yeah no hereditary for example  
that's a horror movie but mid-summer i don't light see lighthouse is another one i i 0:11:25  
don't really think the lighthouse is a yeah the the the lighthouse is as it's a dude's

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rock yeah there's a real horror movie it's called the \*\*\*\*\* news uh speaking of horror movies we're going to be streaming the uh the dnc second night tonight at 9 00 or 8 30 i think we're going on but we're gonna be there for the opening gavel the opening zoom gavel for the opening monster uh \*\*\*\*\* garbage \*\*\*\*\* that we're gonna get to see does clinton go tonight i hope clinton gets tonight at the day after the picture or the day yes the day the picture of him getting massaged by an epstein victim on the flight to africa gets revealed good that'll be fun oh we're going to have some riffing to do on that one oh boy god damn we might have to empty the notebooks for that one they're putting him on stage just the insanity of this a guy who is a close personal \*\*\*\*\* friend to a serial pedophile a world a world-spanning human trafficker with connections to the highest levels of power including by the way the evil president that we all hate donald trump and this \*\*\*\*\* hangs around with him there's pictures of them yucking it up on the private planes been to the the island and zorro by the way let's not forget uh zorro ranch where apparently they went for christmas or something every \*\*\*\*\* year and brought chelsea one time sickos and this guy still the big dog that these guys panther over and are just enraptured to because he happened he managed to win two elections wow well amazing he was able to basically show up at the right moment to ride the credit the \*\*\*\*\* uh nascent tech bubble and just watch watch the tide of history turn towards reaction and just go hey what if we did that too that's his brilliant innovation to politics that means we have to worship him for the rest of our lives hey what if we just did what the republicans do because that's what people seem to like that's the easiest solution you could possibly give to an answer in any kind of uh uh like brainstorming session it's like these guys are kicking our ass what to do well why don't we just do what they do and usually that's the wrong answer because doing that kind of undermines everything else but he didn't give a \*\*\*\*\* about that he wanted to be in the \*\*\*\*\* power and he did it and i think that's something that gets under looked when we talk about the way these guys like reckon politics when they're talking about what's pragmatic to get things done what they what the the unstated assumption is not uh is that they are the ones getting the things done the the the assumption is that no matter what they will be in power they assume the position of centrality to the process because for them politics is an expression of their their ego that's why they're in that position that's what motivated them to get into politics someone has to take that job it gets taken by people who self-select towards that uh that psychological structure that need and what that means is that if they get into a situation where oh the the uh the you know the democrats before me made this pact with the devil to uh balance to end inflation on the backs of the american working class and not no longer be able to offer them any kind of meaningful economic uh intervention

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we've essentially seeded the economic ground of politics completely and we're going to have to completely depend on culture war uh and like identity based uh influences and and corporate money uh to maintain relevance oh boy uh that's shitty what do i do well most people when they're asking that question are trying to do it from the perspective of a country like what could we do together to like move this ship away from the iceberg uh and a person who is psychologically fixated on assuming power does not think that they think what do i have to do to use the level of power in front of me the democratic party in this case in order to gain power in this situation and so for the people who were in charge of the democratic party in the early 90s they when they tell you this is what we had to do they're not lying this is what they had to do if they were going to wield power it was going to be under those conditions but the thing is that's not there's there's a greater interest that they're not considering which is what most people who don't imagine themselves in those 0:16:34 positions are imagining when they imagine the we or who like making decisions that's the problem with a representative structure is that is that you're concentrating the the will of whatever organized political coalition that can exert power in the ballot on one individual or or a bunch of individuals but concentrated into individuals like the president specifically and you know members of the specifically the federal and those people are going to be uh motivated by an underlying assumption that they have to be in the room and that means compromise is always going to be what they say because anything else might involve them losing king hobo dnc what's that 0:17:45 who's king hobo i didn't see that i saw i saw the \*\*\*\*\* uh the steven stills billy porter thing about where they did some weird like rem funk remix of for what it's worth with him voguing oh king hobo is kasich okay i didn't watch it i just saw he looked like he was at a baseball field oh my god that was amazing because it really reminds you is that politics now it's just like the lev at the level of the spectacle of our little rock'em socket robot puppet show that we love so much the people actually in charge of the controls the literal channel changers for what we get to fight over are just a bunch of old people a bunch of senior citizens uh who lived through the 60s litigating whether or not they were groovy that's it it's all just re-arguing the 60s cultural split because they they because all else has been foreclosed first by 0:18:47 you know the the changing of the the party structures relationship to the market in the 70s the introduction of what they call neoliberalism and then of course they're just aging and reactive brains like no longer being able to to process reality as it happens being much happier to live in their past like joe biden all of these people they're thinking back joe biden's that's how you know joe biden's brain is really gone because he's in the 50s these people are in the 60s because you know that's how progressed the the the collective senility is but biden is of course because he is

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their tribune he is their concentrated will he is the most senile and so he's already back in the 50s he's already back banging the the razors to get them rusty so uh once again we get steven steel's 900-year ass \*\*\*\*\* noodling on a guitar and this guy 0:19:48 singing the song that's just from \*\*\*\*\* vietnam war movies just get to get the blood stirring in these people who just want to have one more chance to go to the polls and say in the in the face of a \*\*\*\*\* society falling apart around them through through through there could i direct connivance and absolute uh blithe indifference for the most part uh that actually no man uh the 60s it was about peace dude it was about peace and love i'm gonna go out there and vote for joe biden who thinks that it's actually about hep cats being able to take their main squeeze to the soda shop no neoliberalism is is is tina i in my opinion neoliberalism is the full is the full logic of the market unleashed on all society which is only possible in a context where there is no alternative to it where its energies can are no longer constrained by having to 0:20:49 battle like an a a different system to compete it no longer has to compete and so like in the in the in in the economy that leads to monopoly and they're they're in the monopoly stage now it's it's and they're uh and as such they can move inward and and take that like market and that's and and carter carter carter was the guy who in terms of if you want to talk about like one figure who embodies the whole process he was the guy who on behalf of a democratic party that had lost its connection to the working class in any meaningful way and the working class had lost their ability to influence and direct uh the the first the democratic party and then a large enough section of the american people willing to vote for that party uh we're no longer able to exercise enough power and the big economic questions that used to dominate 0:21:51 politics universal health like direct government provision of resources the extension of government provision of resources into other areas of life nationalization is a real priority of the state the creeping the creeping uh socialism that really does happen or or can happen anyway uh is or is is theorized to happen uh in social democracies to keep making these you know non-reformist reforms to keep pressing things until a point of crisis at which point if you've assembled sufficient uh state capacity expressed through sufficient organizational capacity as the class project you can then push it over the coke machine uh like sweden looked like they were getting to that point when the meidner plan was introduced as a possible uh road map towards the state consolidation of of the economy in sweden uh through the the direct what the miner plan basically said is that instead of paying cash taxes corporations are going to have 0:22:53 to have give a percentage of their stock to the state every year and it's and that's not going to be like you give it once and it's ever every year so that means the state gains stock over time and eventually contrarians has complete control that's the kind of thing that was potential and the us of course was not in any position to uh to do

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anything that dramatic because of how relatively \*\*\*\*\* our social democratic path was relative to europe but especially relative to the scandinavians but there was still stuff like like nixon was talking nixon proposed a universal health care plan that is to the left of anything we have now or proposed by democrats shy of bernie uh and teddy kennedy rejected it because they thought they could get the real thing that's how close they felt they were universal free college was a real thing on the possibility and in every country the crisis moment came and because the because of 0:23:56 the arrangement of forces because the insufficientness of the working class to exercise political authority through the closest instrument it had whatever that might be led to capital taking over now you could argue that that was inevitable that you can never get uh get there through the electoral process and that's proof of it uh i'm not i don't know i'm kind of agnostic on that point uh but i do know that a crisis moment the crisis point came emerged which was theorized uh the the the victory of capital uh being inevitable the victory of capital being inevitable that is what i'm not sure of i don't know if it necessarily had to go that way uh but of course then you get into counterfactuals i do i would say plainly that obviously given the conditions we had it couldn't go any other way but the question is to what degree were there 0:24:57 people and forces that could have changed the direction at what point could the river have been flowed like changed its its course uh and i'm not sure i that's why i feel uh uh i do i do enjoy that's why i feel basically agnostic and i feel like that's kind of like that's where like history even if you have a dialectical understanding of the you know materialism it none of it is is uh that doesn't make everything self-evident it still has to be investigated i would say like whether anybody could have punched through in the west anyway through the electoral process i don't know but i would say that the 70s were the moment when the contest was definitively won by capital which has means that the neoliberal area is the era of hegemonic capitalist victory over the political process like if you wanna that's i think that's as good a definition 0:25:59 of any it is when it is when it is when uh like the the libertarian conception of the state the the the uh yeah becomes the undergirding political principle the governing ideology as it were of both parties meaning that there is no longer a meaningful political vector for alternatives to libertarian state notion emerging oh uh this brings me to something that i wanted to talk about i hope it doesn't get too goopy and abstract so bear with me and tell me if i'm sounding a little uh too out to lunch but i wanted to talk there more about the concept that we know and love and no no call it ideology yes of course what do we speak of when we speak of ideology and there's 0:27:0 a bunch of different definitions because there's ideology in different contexts and there's ideology as like the undergirding uh system that generates that's generated by a material relationship and that structures the politics and the culture uh then

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there's self-conscious ideology is in what we think of as our politics that's different too uh but i want to start at the basic level with what what ideology uh what purpose ideology ideology serves in this in the mind what what what bridge does it what uh what function does it carry out in the establishment of the self out of just the the the data that our bodies perceive because that's all we are it was just a big thing absorbing at least as far as we know our brains are just the thing that absorbs what is given what it what's what is what its sensor organs pick up in the thing around it and then that is then turned into an understanding of the world that includes 0:28:3 an understanding of the self and relationship to the world and ideology is i would say the way that we bridge the gap between two different uh but but distinct but linked and and and completely codependent so there's two types of self-interest in in in social species uh like humans specific more humans more than anyone and that is one you have the perceived interest the narrow interests physical and then you know like basal id related interests like first there's you know pure self-preservation in terms of preventing death and injury and then the satisfaction of urges that arise from uh the task of staying alive like that that's like that's the id but even though our 0:29:6 understanding of humans is that is the sum total of human of the human uh self is that id and then the stuff that we wrap around it and that's us and it's independent and we're all independent uh that's not true uh you can talk all you want about survival of the fittest but once uh once an animal in a species gains a certain degree of complexity of its its its social arrangement and its ability to communicate communicate to itself and then communicate outward to other members of the species it creates a new vec a complementary vector of evolution which is social evolution and it it there there is an equilibrium point at which even though everyone has an individual id with an individual self-interest that all interests are mutually advanced by cooperation and 0:30:9 ideology is negotiating the gap how do we square having an individualized desire which could be you know that guy's got a chicken i want that chicken you know that guy's uh got a wife i want that wife the hobbsian state of nature how do we how do we uh assimilate this abstract notion of self-interest which we can recognize through trial and error we will recognize that there is a necessary social component to life uh and then we have to pursue it but how do we convince ourselves how do we put the i into the we in such a way that we can and ideology is is the is the structure of that relationship and i would say that the dominant western ideology the the ideology 0:31:10 the undergirding of the capitalism or our response to living in capitalism rather uh and steadily taking over the world is one where the relationship is is that there is only the the i there's only the id and then there is this social stream of otherness which we contract to engage with strictly to our advancement and then any kind of social question like how does that how does that allow everyone else to advance

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because remember there has to be a social component to existence they would say no if everybody is self-interested the collection of that self-interest by negotiating it through a frictionless market without with no latency of transmission of information will rise all boats at once of course that's absurd because we are not one uh even though we perceive the social dimension of our persistence more abstractly than our id it is in reality as important it's it's co-equal and it and what that means is that society is co-constitutive of what we think of as ourselves like think about language think about how much our thoughts and our minds and our conceptions are our deep deep dreams are structured by the language we we are born with we don't have any choice in that that literally structures our entire mind and it comes from outside and it comes from the collective decisions of people we've never met before and it is co-constitutive of our perceptions our individualized perceptions which are filtered through these structures that are socially \*\*\*\*\* formed it's co-equal and ideol and and uh that is why i think like socialism properly understood the ideology of socialism you know as i'm saying is an abstract concept not as as something that is generated something you act to create with the create in the world but whatever you create it's not going to be quite what you wanted but it might move you in that direction and it will create a new ideology i'm saying the abstract ideology that you operate from uh of should in my opinion be one that acknowledges the self as socially constructed like and not just constructed constitutive like society is me at a fundamental level and i think if you actually absorb that reality as opposed to just as something you mouth it it reduces a lot of the inherent conflict in in our notions of what socialism could be the things that say like well you know people are always going to want to get ahead people are always going to want to you know have more money than their neighbor and stuff it's like yeah but that is because we operate from an ideology that assumes we are individuated that that is the fundamental capitalist ideology and it is it is essentially psychosis if you want to get like specific if you want to get dramatic again i don't know i mean i don't i think you could argue that in the in the sense that it is radically fractured away from the reality that they're living it like and a real reality a fundamental reality that under like that's why we're here obvious the only reason human existence exists is because of that and capitalism is us trying to chop our arms off that's what we're doing it's insane uh social suicide caused by a deluded psychotic sense of self that's the ideology of capitalism that's the ideology that is generated by turning every relationship into a transaction between strangers eventually you lose all social forms as you lose uh investment in social forms as having meaning and pile all meaning into personal indulgence it turns you into a little psychopath it turns you into an instrument of pure desire which means pure competition with those around you which means eventually destruction of all common ruin of the

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contending classes that's and that is the social animal that is man gnawing at itself because it's basically got a \*\*\*\*\* uh it's got a it's got a rabies it's got a \*\*\*\*\* infection that's overheating its brain and the thing is is the capitalism serves a role 0:35:18  
you know capitalism is a healthy bacteria at one point in that it facilitated the the uh the concentration of capital that was necessary to allow humankind to come into awareness of itself the problem with humankind is that over time it spreads and stretches and the possibility of tr of transcending the abstraction of space and time to imagine that we are all part of one species a true species with a species being and a spirit a collective spirit that necessitates a degree of technological transmission and ease of life most of all of social exchange where labor uh and ex labor and uh subsistence uh the the linkage has been severed allowing for like the full flowering and 0:36:19  
development of human consciousness uh and that's only that's only possible because over time the need for those distinguishing indulgences goes away because you can there's there's actual worth there's value that is not to be found literally there's not there's there's non-market value without if there's if the only value should be found on the market that the only the only worth of self the only in the only pleasures of the life the only pleasures of a spiritless world life in a world where god is dead and we replaced him with nothing except fear of the devil like nobody believes in god but we're all afraid of dying which means we're afraid of hell essentially so we killed god and left the devil and so in that world what is to be done but piling up lucker for yourself distracting pleasures of self and then see everyone else is competing for 0:37:21  
those you know in a world of dwindling resources if you believe that there's a value to social to social life you create structures that allow social life to thrive that get that don't require people to to flee to self-indulgence as a sucker because there's no lack there's no hole to be filled the way and i think there has to be some place for religion to help in the in terms of if you're going to create like an ideological bridge like a self-conscious ideology that could that could break this this suicidal log jam it's going to have to involves the language of religion and spirituality because that's what people organize their minds and and you can define it depends on how you 0:38:24  
define ideology there's one way you can divide ideology where yeah like what i'm describing that's not ideology because that's just that's a social life as it should exist you know it's it's act the actual harmonious existence of humans the problem is you have to burrow through you know the the millennium of human development to get there and maybe you won't uh because of the intervening reality of ideology emerging and reifying pathological uh mistakes pathological accruing errors created by a a rapidly uh expanding uh just a de-sacralization of of life i the processes are contained 0:39:25  
i mean in the sense that they don't kill everybody but they're clearly regulated and that's why as much as like the trad nazi types think oh no i've solved it i've solved

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this i've recognized the problems of capitalism but i've just replaced uh the self with uh the people the volk i've replaced the self as the locus of all you know meaning with uh my fantasy idea of a people but what a coincidence i'm picking the people who are most like me because i am using the concept of a social life to just recreate the individual self on a larger scale like hitler was not trying to subsume himself into the social reality of german existence he was trying to suborn german existence to him to become an expression of him and that's that's the that's that's what fascism angles towards because even if you create your your beautiful corporate uh corporate state it's going to have to define itself against others internal and external who have to be destroyed and that process continues over time regardless of whatever happens you win the war you have to start another one you will destroy yourself because you are at the end of the day not engaging in a in a move towards the sort of degradation of ego away from individual market expression of self towards a social uh relationship with others a contextualized self uh if you're not doing that you are steering it towards none couldn't you know you're somewhat doing the same thing what's same thing as what same thing as who i would like to know because i'm trying to figure out like the way i the thing that really made me reminded me about the reality of that like how ethnonationalism can never stabilize it will always destroy itself and it's not because you could argue because like the libertarian the fantasy the the fantasy the ideological fantasy that undergirds the libertarian sense of self is if everybody works towards their own advantage over time and you remove uh you remove barriers to to to exchange everyone will advance now that's not true but that's what they think it's ideological it's deeper than thought you know it's just it's it's a motivator that they don't even know is there um but we know that that's destructive and like the fascist notion is that you recognize that but then you say oh no we can all get together if we are operating out of uh you know the self-interest is ourselves conceived as part of some volk well in that case the only competition at that level has to be war which is what they saw it uh and even if you win all the wars you have to define yourself against another so another emerges from within depending on whatever crisis are being created by your uh unstable economic model which is capitalism which is going to drill through the world's resources eventually and uh leave you in a position of unsustainable crisis of distribution uh and the one thing that made me think of that most recently is john cornyn the senator from texas early on in uh the coven was asked about you know hey what about this covet thing seems pretty serious because he was talking about \*\*\*\*\* it you know open up we got to save the economy and he was saying well you know the people who are dying are people who are older people with heart disease and stuff and he's not necessarily talking at that point about oh you know they're poor black people or they're poor

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mexicans he's just talking about like his constituents and in a state like texas where everybody has heart disease i think it's like the state flowers and he's talking about people who are unlucky enough to get the thing because at a certain level you have to like break off from a group and determine it other in order to redefine the self it's the only it's the only way thing that keeps you in a vacuum conscious of yourself is by recognizing distinction that's why the idea of like essentially deprivation is so terrifying to people because it's you alone but eventually you lose the sense of self because you're not comparing it to anything and that means that the the the ethno state will eventually destroy itself either by over exertion or by turning inward that's the death drive that undergirds uh undergirds fascism and because they both and there's a death drive that undergirds capitalism more broadly and both of them are embedded in this notion that you can be an individual person on this planet that you that there's something called an individual human being that there is a meaningful that's a meaningful category like to distinguish a person at a level beyond just to note that this is a distinguishing feature of that's what i thought was uh good about the book man in the high castle which it has the nazis and the japanese as world spanning empires with no enemies to see in the 60s and they're still going to have a nuclear war it's inevitable they will destroy each uh i uh on the on the fashion thing i remember i saw a map some nazi it made of europe and it showed it where all the countries were under the rule of whatever like weird you know uh crypto nazi party is in that country you know like the true finns or whatever well what if they ran every country and it was supposed to be like oh this if that happened every one of those countries will go to war with every other one over like irredentist territorial claims sure yes of course they would cleanse all the muslims but what do you think they would do you don't think that al sas lorraine comes back into play if like the \*\*\*\*\* national front and it wouldn't even be the uh afd and probably be farther left right than that in germany take over uh someone wants to know about the death drive i would say that the death drive is the brain's way of uh just coping with the irreconcilable phenomena of being an individual consciousness that is both the sum total of existence and also find uh aware of its own finitude mortal self-consciously moral is that and that is that the closer you clean to your individuated being the more uh the more fraught and horrific life becomes the more the more the more the the the experience of life is undermined like pleasure is is is literally sapped out of the world by due to the overweening anxiety of you the consciousness of of time progressing and your awareness coming toward an end a thing that a mind cannot conceive of because you cannot conceive of anything that is it's it's the opposite of everything it's ever experienced it can't handle that and so life becomes misery and so but because what makes us miserable is that we can't hold on to life we don't

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want to kill ourselves but deeper where we can't even get at we we want to end this but we don't want to know it's coming we want it we want to end it and so we act in ways reasonable interp oh is that something else man somebody's really mad at gnosticism in terms of people who are doing the oh somebody asked me this 0:51:2 on twitter and now they're repeating it the most cringe vp vice president that's an interesting question because all vice presidents the ones who didn't become president anyway are inherently cringe because what look at you look how close you came you schmuck you freaking drool losers you got so close couldn't get it so they're all cringed like ooh and then especially the ones who ran and lost so guys like gore mega cringe mega cringe al gore is so i'd say anybody who ran and lost any vp who ran and lost his cringe which is why one of the things that makes nixon cringe even though he was president is that he was also somehow one of those losers even though he 0:52:3 eventually won uh john nance garner is pretty cringe the guy was two terms under uh vp under fdr hated it every minute he's the guy who famously said the president the vice president ain't worth a bucket of war piss and worst of all it was because he represented the southern reactionary segment of the democratic party and he was just watched in horror as those east coast fancy lad new dealers ran roughshod over the place and he was going to go in there and clean house because he was assuming like everybody that you only do two terms uh but franklin uh ef good old fdr got in that the end of that convention he didn't trust any of those other horses to carry carry you know the the ferry across the river so he he did it and uh after telling garner he wouldn't and he was pretty pissed there was a guy named richard mentor johnson who was van buren's vp mainly because he i mean this isn't cringe in the 0:53:5 present moment of course but it certainly would have been cringe at the time he like many slave owners of the day he had a relationship of one kind or another with a slave and children by her but unlike those guys who kept it on the down low you know taking the candle to the back room or whatever he uh had he i don't think he married her but he had her like as a public consort and it was scandalous i would say that henry wallace is pretty cringe definitely uh one because god he got so close if they if if fdr died a little earlier or the right wingers hadn't uh foisted truman onto fdr at the convention he could have been president but the thing is he was kind of a goofus i mean it's known now that the entire progressive party that he ran on 0:54:6 that they kind of like spun up out of nowhere for him to run on the the platform of was just entirely shot through with communists uh and you know a lot of course you go that's epic that's cool that's epically cool uh but the thing is the one guy on earth who didn't know that was henry wallace he was he was a genuine like good government progressive type from the midwest like he was a farm expert just the \*\*\*\*\* he was a he was a nerd he didn't even know that he was sort of being moved

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around uh by by moscow which again hey if he got into the presidency have you gone into the presidency uh and like set the course the cold war differently you know that's a real counterfactual that might have genuine valence in terms of changing the larger cheney is based as hell janey's not cringe come on the guy ran the entire show by himself he \*\*\*\*\* took his house off of google satellite views he had a man's size safe at his office he suggested himself for his job and then took over the other guy's job nothing cringe about cheney evil yes but but not cringe william rufus devane king died two months he never even got sworn in he died in uh an uh in cuba of yellow fever malaria or something uh the other thing about william rufus devayne king is that he was noted in washington for his flamboyant appearance dress and affect and when you read the way people talk about him uh it's pretty clear if you read between the lines that he was a he was kind of a he was he was fabulous i guess you you'd pau you'd call it uh his nic his uh his nickname in washington was uh andrew jackson called him miss nancy uh and james buchanan who was a good friend of his uh aunt fancy so they were uh they were boying they were boyfriends william rufus devane king and james and cannon were probably boyfriend a girl boyfriend and boyfriend so that's not cringe in 20th century standards by by night 21st century standards but it was probably pretty cringe at the time uh and then he died cringe hubert humphrey is pretty cringe oh yeah yeah ooh that's gotta be high on the list so hubert humphrey was a guy who super ambitious sort of a northern northern uh lbj at least in like his his his clear craving for high office he was the boy mayor of minneapolis he famously got the uh dixiecrats to walk out of the dnc in 1948 uh for giving a speech about putting a civil rights plank into the into the party platform uh then he became a senator from minnesota he was a favorite of the afl-cio and he ran for president in 60 against uh kennedy and he just got blown off the stage by the glamour there's a great uh documentary called primary about the wisconsin primary 1960 which a lot of people thought was going to definitely be humphreys because he was considered like the third senator from wisconsin because he was always a guaranteed vote on all of the dairy price support legislation that wisconsinites cared about very very much back then they still do but not as much as they used to we had a guy herb cole who was \*\*\*\*\* senator for life basically because he was a guy in washington who made sure that the \*\*\*\*\* that the milk stayed above a certain price so uh and then lb and then kennedy is this you know jet-setting uh east coast catholic guy in a state that even though you've got catholics obviously in milwaukee uh has a large you know rural protestant population uh and there's this footage of poor hubert humphrey and like a vfw hall in rural wisconsin going i'll tell you about this kennedy he doesn't know an era corn from a ukulele but then you see kennedy in was in milwaukee you know surrounded by a bunch of bavarians and then and polox just like losing their

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\*\*\*\*\* uh and and he won he won even and they went in west virginia which was huge of course the teamsters helped him out there but so he was an ambitious guy got to be lbj's vp got bullied by lbj the whole four years basically forced by lbj to take his and run for president with his vietnam policy like that was the condition of johnson's support to humphrey for the nomination which of course he had to rest from the dead grip of of rfk at the \*\*\*\*\* convention in the face of a giant police riot uh and screaming and and a tumult within um the condition for lbj supporting him was you better \*\*\*\*\* take my my position even though he didn't really believe in it and so he had to \*\*\*\*\* flog uh he had to flog that dead dog of lbj's vietnam policy until the fall when he finally last month ago he stopped supporting it and called for a moratorium on bombing and like you know a peace pursuit like being being prioritized and he's he actually had been way in the in the back in the polls and he kind of climbed and then the election itself was very very close uh if you look at it nixon won the the electoral college pretty convincingly but the actual vote total was was it was almost a tie i mean it was not it was in 1960 but it was very very close uh and it could have gone the other way very easily especially if humphrey had gotten autom out of lbj's pocket a little earlier so by virtue of just being a cringing toady who ended up going down a guy who really was a very principled dude his early career was like a civil rights stalwart and also a labor uh like a labor first guy who's like for providing his presiding um political obsession was to create full employment in america through like a guaranteed federal jobs program which was something that the right fought tooth and nail until it was finally passed uh in during the carter administration but by that point had its entire actual enforceability and meaning drained from it so loser big old loser uh and nixon it's funny nixon actually uh lbj actually played ftse with nixon during the campaign because he worried about humphrey stabbing in the back on vietnam because at that point he was like psychopathically obsessed with protecting his legacy in vietnam and his position so he was willing to \*\*\*\*\* that's how far he got he went to make sure that humphrey stayed on team so he just he whipped his ass down the \*\*\*\*\* campaign trail until he finally was able to get out from under but it was too late absolute uh cringe pence is incredibly cringe i mean come on to just be such a colorless cipher known mostly for being an absolute supre repressed christian freak pathetic dan quayle is very cringe he ran for president too just not after that he ran in 2000 and got no votes so dan quayle he was an actual just punchline he was only known ashley for being just a dumb goofus and for spelling potato wrong so he's definitely very high on the list the first guy i man what a dire presidential state so they've got two of the most cringed vice presidents ever and their one president william william henry harrison a wasn't from indiana and b \*\*\*\*\* died his ass because he drank poo poo water a month after being he \*\*\*\*\*

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out his doodoo ass can you believe it there's only one answer to the question most  
cringe presidential candidate there are many contenders george romney mitt's dad 1:3:24  
very high on that list adley stevenson of course anybody who ran more than once  
they get the stink of loser on them like the buffalo bills of the or the vikings so adley  
stevenson henry clay william jennings brian losers bob dole guy ran his whole life  
but i don't think any of them compared to number one on with a bullet oh hillary's  
on the list of course hillary's highly cringe hillary may be number two number one  
with a bullet and an exclamation point jeb george john ellis bush just please clap you  
can't can't beat it can't beat it and when you consider how much money he spent  
per delegate in that which is i think by far the largest amount ever he spent like uh  
he spent like he got like two delegates i think and he spent over a hundred million  
dollars i believe that's like the quick math there so it's something like 15 million  
dollars a delegate after coming from the pole position after and being like not being 1:4:26  
like some crank millionaire who spends his own money being the inside track guy  
and he was the young he was the loved brother son he was the good guy he was the  
one who followed the rules well george was out gallivanting and snorting coke in the  
\*\*\*\*\* cockpit of a \*\*\*\*\* a-10 war dog this guy was studying the blade he learned  
spanish uh he went to camp he went to puerto rico with his with his with his uh  
mexican wife to like campaign for uh his dad when he was running against reagan in  
1980 well george did nothing and who got to be president for \*\*\*\*\* four eight years  
who got to be president goofus not gallot eight years later after his \*\*\*\*\* family's  
name is \*\*\*\*\* because of how badly his dumb ass brother \*\*\*\*\* everything up and  
all because he lost his first race lawton childs is who we have to thank for that lawton  
childs beat him uh er for governor in his first run which threw off the timetable and 1:5:29  
he was in his first term but uh in florida it took him that long to get back in which  
was not enough time whereas george had already had two terms in texas because he  
went like two years later if he'd gotten it then if he got in the florida presidency then  
or the florida uh the florida governorship then he would have been the candidate in  
2000 now maybe he doesn't win in 2000 there's an interesting counterfactual because  
there is something to george bush's just frat boy \*\*\*\*\* charisma like i always hated  
him and never thought he was charming because he is just like a bully he's like a rich  
bully \*\*\*\*\* but that's an archetype that a lot of people like jeb is sort of absolutely  
without character he's he's drained he doesn't even have sort of the towering no  
blessed bleach of his dad like his dad is obviously was obviously a weenie you know  
they call him a wimp and everything this is this blue blood but he also just had  
this imperious authority that meant that it didn't matter that you thought he was  
a nerd he was still judging you and that made you kind of feel some sort of respect 1:6:31  
for him jeb had nothing jeb is just this cringing and all right so you guys got one

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more question oh all right i found it most cringe civil war general well obviously you got basically everybody in the army of potomac before grant joe hooker cringe uh mcelellan huge cringe might be number one right there just this pompous little turd scared scared of his own shadow burnside obviously hugely cringe uh on the confederate side braxton bragg wildly cringe john bell hood amazingly cringe i do 1:7:33 think it's funny that everyone got mad the the two of these huge military bases are named after confederates and it is kind of \*\*\*\*\* up but it almost feels like they were trolling when they did that because they're two of the biggest fuck-ups of the confederate army bel hood i mean hood himself personally destroyed his own army by just heedlessly smashing it against uh against the army of the cumberland like at franklin they just had to post up and just watch these \*\*\*\*\* march across the field without even doing an artillery cover the way lee did before picks charge and just oh jeb jeb stewart was amazingly cringed just this ridiculous fauntleroy who thought he was thinking fight he thought he was fighting in the english civil war he thought he was prince rupert of the rhine goes on a galavant around gettysburg while they're while they're fighting and has no idea isn't able to provide any uh reconnaissance and then gets uh gets scattered when attempting to attack the reader by custer of 1:8:34 all people and then gets owned at yellow tavern so jeb's are uh crid cringe generally how would i win with the war for the confederates i wouldn't why would i do that that's absurd you're crazy no the only way they had a chance of winning was with uh uh european recognition that's that's the only way so you start from that premise and then work outward i don't really know i'd

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so dappled back here it's always causing so there i am i'm on the cv i'm on the television whatever you want to call it i'm streaming 21st century streaming who would have thunk it that's funny you think about oh we never got flying cars you know we never got moon cities or underwater bubble cities like epcot but what do we got instead we've got twitch streams and i'm not saying that to disparage them really none of that shit's in there if you think about like all that high modernist sci-fi how much time do they spend on entertainment you know uh things like image transmission and the internet there's nothing even close to the internet in any of that mid-century sci-fi \*\*\*\*\* but that's because they didn't realize the deal was gonna break down and people are gonna have to replace any kind of uh meaningful existence with a speculation an interaction with entertainment so what is shock that's where all the actual sci-fi \*\*\*\*\* happen instead of having a moon city i get to sit back here and talk to my phone my telephone and have thousands of people watch me over the course of of the broadcast and its afterlife on youtube an entirely different uh place to watch videos and that's because if we had moon cities if we'd actually been able to muster that sort of social resource to do that we probably wouldn't have twitch realistically we probably wouldn't have gaming as we know it as a culture because it wouldn't be necessary it wouldn't be compensatory we wouldn't be needing to compensate for lack of purpose and meaning in the rest of our lives which were either underemployed hyper-exploited i mean presumably if you're on the moon it wouldn't be just to be on the moon it would be in the moon to do something to be part of a project i'm actually kind of uh i don't know i'm over i'm over space travel realistically it seems like it's cope it seems like it's delusional cope by cultures and specifically super rich people to try to imagine that there's some there's somewhere we can start over a new america like oh no the american concept of of endless resource uh consumption to offset all social conflict that's no longer viable in a closed circuit it's no longer viable on a world market it's no longer viable with uh with way too many uh way too much demand put of a biome for for items for pleasures for gigas for szechuan sauces and they're like for little uh minions eraser tip things so what

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if we do it find another one what if we go find some other new land to conquer a new city on a hill where we get to offload all of our social conflict once again by just grabbing what we want it's not realistic and more importantly even if it was it doesn't solve anything it just puts it off a little longer puts off the final conflict a little longer but that might be worth it if it was even close but it's so far get out of there come on not for the moon enough with mars let's uh let's try to figure out this i mean i don't know how we're going to terraform another planet if we can't keep keep earth terraformed the planet that was already terraformed when we got here it was literally terra and we have managed to un-terraform it that's how \*\*\*\*\* bad we are at this \*\*\*\*\* you really think we can re-terraform an entire \*\*\*\*\* planet how about you try re-terraforming before you start so yeah like uh put chips in the heads of all the rich people where they if they if they leave earth's atmosphere their heads explode i want to ask you guys a question this is relative to god help me it's a tweet but i thought this one was one of the rare ones that you can use to to reveal a larger point and it was something that jonathan shaite said today that got a lot of people upset he was talking about aoc speech from last night when she uses a lot of intersectional language the language of like the contemporary left as we understand it online certainly uh and someone calls that an outreach to millennial language it's millennial language stuff like decolonization and xenophobia and fight in anti-racism like these concepts and chad says i don't think it's millennials i think it's elite institutions now that made everyone lose their \*\*\*\*\* because they saw the word elite and i mean shaytan dumbass who likes causing people to get mad at him so you can't take his word for what he's trying to say like elite is there to infuriate people because god damn it people love bristling over the concept of being elite uh and they hate it and they want to thrust it away like a hot potato because that's the fantasy that allowed america to shred its class consciousness over time is that we is that uh we've made that we've made being common a fetish of even our richest citizens which makes it much harder to see class as it actually functions in society but anyway so you know the number of people i saw tweeting today who said well i've just got a degree from a state school and i understand this i just went to a small liberal arts school you never have and you know if you i'll give people the benefit of the doubt that if you read there's a perfectly reasonable argument that if you you read him from what he's trying to say elite means like ivy league institutions like very selective schools and that's not the useful way to talk about it so \*\*\*\*\* that \*\*\*\*\* jonathan shade he's an idiot this is just a chance to talk about something that's real even though the actual conversation is being had by dullards well ignore what they actually said and pull out what is useful that they could have said so you can actually make something interesting out of it that you could talk about because if you stay

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in the playpen fighting over the words of the actual \*\*\*\*\* and the meaning of the actual moron's words then you will just be as dumb as they are so it's the way trump has made everybody stupider by having to live in the world where his utterances are your entire daily emotional reactive life anyway if we strip the connotation from elite and we talk about like what realistically we're talking about when when because what's what's what does what does it mean when what is cheat trying to say jade is trying to say it's not millennial as in this this whole group of people it is a subset of that group of people now if he means elite by like ivy league people that's wrong 0:8:11 but there is another way of thinking of elite shorn from class and shorn from the the prestigiousness of the institutions and the ties that relate to them that is potentially realistic like do you guys know what the percentage of adults who have a four-year degree minimum have at least detained a four-year degree is in the united states what do you think it is what do you think the percentage of adults with a four-year college degree is off the off the top of your head don't someone says 30 someone says 15 someone says 35 25 it's 27 percent yeah uh as as in 20 in 2020 20 20 27 percent that's not how you would imagine if you lived online and talked about politics online because the people conversating on all points on all of these questions whenever they come up almost universally are among that 27 percent so chait is idiotically and and provocatively and stupidly bumbling into a real observation which is that aoc comes 0:9:12 from a milieu of a subset of millennials meaning millennials who went to a four-year college and absorbed the the social vocabulary and etiquette of college and i think that's a meaningful distinction now it doesn't make them a different class that's that's these people want to like because they want to spend all that time online and the only way they convince themselves it means anything is if the discourse is the only thing that matters in the world and that means that the fact that these people are now like at a separate class position relative to culture to people who didn't go to college then therefore they are the new ruling class that's absurd but it does mean that there is a cultural distinction that has to be just talked about when you're talking about all these other questions because uh there is this distinct belief among a lot of people that the that the college-based vocabulary of american leftism all the stuff all the intersectional \*\*\*\*\* we talk about all the stuff about all the language of 0:10:13 of oppression and the language of white fragility and like racial centeredness and all this stuff that you learn in college that it's bad that racism exists and is bad those are the two things you learn in college uh uh misogyny is exists and is bad like that's the one two punch that's what college teachers not everybody who goes to college has that feeling a lot of people get alienated by that because it's so hegemonic they get no annoyed by it and they become like the the elite the culturally elite of the right or uh or of like some third position trying to aggravate both because they're

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so alienated from either uh and that they say that that language alienates potential allies among that vast swath that potential those those non-college educated people those non-educ if they're seeing you do this stuff and they're getting mad at you and just even though they would love to sign on to socialism you are making them either turn off completely or turn to conservatism and reaction as a response and the truth or falseness of that theory can never be tested because no one involved in the theorizing it is a member of the group they're talking about because all these conversations around like how to talk about subjects and what subjects to focus on imagine they're creating an imagined non-college educated person because all the people in the inside this bubble are whatever their opinions are members of that subgroup they're not being observed or if they are they can't no they're in a black box because if they were on the other side they would be there like the reasoning seems to be these poor non-college-educated but good-hearted people see you awful people with your awful bitter sectarian wokeness and absurd blaming of whiteness and whatever and making it and then they turn away because that's what i would do if i was in their position but they're not in their position none of us are we are in the bubble and what's going on outside the bubble we can guess at it but we certainly can't have any kind of confidence enough to act from a premise and act like no no i need to fight the battles of the internet i need to joust online with these people because there's this audience of trolls that i'm imagining are there that's in your head dude it's it's just a different version of the same phenomenon in concert in among liberals like the reason biden's the nominee right now more than anything and the reason that there's all those republicans uh at the convention i mean yes obviously it shifts it signals the general shift to the right of the democrats over time but in the in the in the near now like at that level of like decision making by voters it's because they don't vote from a position of um what they want to see they vote for what they imagine someone else generally a more conservative person than them because they believe america is a conservative country because of their cultural surroundings because we segregate by income and by by cultural attainment and so they say yeah i don't care about colin powell i don't care about john mccain but some guy some disaffected republican watching mike now he probably doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* but one way or another it doesn't matter because you can never know you're not him you're just putting yourself in that position but the whole point of them being in a different position does that make sense it's all wish casting what it is is it's people laundering their own anxiety that they are in a bubble by projecting out a fantasy of another woke people do it too their their counter their counter rejoinder is always no like working-class people are basically they're all good-hearted they're all waiting they're yearning to be connected to this network of beliefs that i all learned in college and

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that take a long time to get to for a lot of people because it's counter-intuitive premises especially from stuff you learn growing up especially if you tend to be white or male and it takes a while to work through the process you have to be committed to it you have to be committed enough to \*\*\*\*\* spend four years in a goddamn college and go into debt for the you don't know what they're thinking about any of this you don't know that they're just waiting for some uh some real like son of the soil to arise some richard jojeta guy to lead them to some unwoke socialist paradise you have no idea and what it does is it allows you to deal with ignore the real problem the real functional problem that is far beyond any questions of what people are talking about or any issue that is on the agenda or or any controversy or any podcast or anything it is that there is no connection between these two groups culturally they are separate and the majority we certainly know of the non-college educated in this country do not process the alienation and horror of their lives through a political or class lens which is the only way the class consciousness emerges and traditionally what made that happen was the close quarters and this and the and the the uh social context of living as a working-class person which doesn't exist now and never really existed in the united states and that is really the difference when you talk about american exceptionalism it boils down to the fact that our vastness of land and resources excorporated from natives who are not part of our political calculus could be exterminated meant that we never created the the the uh the pressured situations or very rarely anyway like in pockets certainly at immigrant pockets for example of of the east coast yes but generally did not generalize a a single working class experience and and the class and the class got sort of bleached out of america as distance allowed people to live separately enough that the accumulated experience of living near fellow working-class people dissipated and that's the real challenge and instead people would much rather because it's more fun and you can do it online you can do it in your house you can do it in your underwear you can do it while jacking off you can't do it you know it's easy there's no uh there's no there's nothing stopping you and it's and it's and it's a nice place to dump anxiety and this and sense of purposelessness in life uh but it's not gonna nothing that is attained on that level regardless of how it boils down to the like people say this stuff starts online and then it goes in the real world right but it can never be stopped online not all gremlins are nude that's absurd greta gremlin is never nude she's um somebody asked if huey long could have ended the great new deal by by splitting the vote in 1936 i honestly considering fdr's margin in 36 i suspect and the reality of like the already existing like uh uh mechanism for red baiting that was being twirled up uh by by the powers that be the upton sinclair campaign in california being like the the practice run i don't think he would have hoover and biden are very similar because they're both

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going to be in a position where they're going to be dealing with the precedent crisis that cannot be handled with any of the available tools but with no willingness ability 0:18:35  
or willingness or ability to change them so something's going to have to break off  
and oh boy so the u.s so so it does look like china and russia are trying to wean us off  
of the dollar globally they're they're apparently cutting their uh their percentage of  
transactions that they're doing from 90 to 50. and i know china just bought literally  
tons of gold uh i mean i still would assume this is hedging uh because nothing in  
the current situation makes me think that china is in a position to make that change  
right now uh but they're very i mean they're very wise to have an alternative like 0:19:36  
if the if the greeks had really like it really taken the concept of of leaving the euro  
seriously they could have won but the thing is that the the the germans knew that  
they didn't the the germans knew that they were bluffing and since the germans  
knew they were bluffing they were never going to get pushed off their position even  
after they won that uh referendum it didn't change the calculus and the thing is is  
that the way to beat that was not to have bluffed or at least to a bluff at a higher  
level of commitment as in really making moves towards getting their own goddamn  
currency going again instead of just saying we might do it in the future if we can't  
get a deal because they'll be like yeah no you late it would be nice if they came back  
to the drachma because that's a great name one of the best named currencies i would  
say the drachma is great drachma wonderful the zloty in uh poland also delightful  
the dong of vietnam how can you not love that uh let me think i'm gonna i i was like 0:20:38  
colonists the costa rican currency uh ruble is just kind of fun to say rupee also shekel  
kind of seems anti-semitic honestly maybe it's just the k in there it's like a comedy  
sound that you would use to make fun of somebody who really loved money lira is  
very nice and i'm glad turkey still uses the lira so that it's still around frank is one  
sounds like you're sneezing too typically self-absorbed oh yes we're french and it's  
the franc kroner is fun kroner is like all of the currencies in europe like that aren't  
euro or all by like the relatively you know high hdi countries that figured rightly that  
the euro wasn't in their interests like in scandinavia and it's all cronus oh yes the  
quetzal in guatemala that's nice scudo that's a good one dinars are fun i wish this i 0:21:43  
wish somebody had the cistercy the old roman cistercy i always liked that it was very  
very dramatic name for a currency ducats of course i have a ton of dinars somebody  
sent me a bunch of dinars so i have if they do the revalue uh one thing i don't like  
about the chinese currency right is that it's the yuan right but also it's the renminbi  
pick one what's wrong with the ruwan just make it do you want get out of here get  
out of here people should need to get over the idea of aoc running for president the 0:22:44  
president's not going to save anybody the circuit's broken it's not going to happen  
wish casting presidents is just you'll need to just get over the idea of the presidential

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bernie was different in a qualitative way and worth supporting for specific reasons everything else is just trying to imagine you can you can have lightning strike twice and i don't think you can and when we saw the results with bernie and the failure to activate that group i was talking about like bernie didn't do it your \*\*\*\*\* like argument over a jacobin article isn't gonna do it one way or the other either uh like some 30 caller account saying like that it's uh that it's actually ableism not to follow back it's not going to \*\*\*\*\* have any kind of impact if the \*\*\*\*\* presidential if the presidential campaign that had hundreds of like what tens of millions of dollars behind it wasn't able to do the \*\*\*\*\* job it's gonna have to start from the st scratch ground up that does not mean not electoral it means electoral at the local level 0:23:45 the only place you've seen any movement anywhere and that's good that's where it always starts oh new rights started there the new rights didn't start with president barry goldwater got his ass shellacked in 1964 but then they won started winning town councils school boards incredibly importantly school boards local elections uh and then congress then they could start getting senators they did not start with the president the presidency started moving things it was a momentum thing and that was what bernie was always supposed to be so the better he did the better it would work that strategy of of activating the movement like in the core where they get the core of the earth to start spinning again with the nukes that was what bernie was supposed to be and i don't think i don't think he absolutely failed he certainly six 2016 definitely started something and 2020 continues it it's just that it wasn't sufficient to do what anyone imagined they were going to do in their head which 0:24:46 for most of the part was delusional anybody who thought bernie was going to get her universal health care passed i'm sorry was if they needed to think that to keep going good but it was not realistic the fight was supposed to build a social base for socialism that was the best we could hope for and so we got less than with that but we got more than nothing but it's still that's the process the idea that you could just put another figurehead on top of this process even though it has failed to get into its own you know circulation it's failed to start the process it's failed to kick start the the so if you want to care about elections and i don't think people shouldn't i think that's silly and childish then care about ones that can be won at the local level and i know it's horrible to think of that considering how late it feels but we have no idea how things are going to break we don't how things are going to break loose we don't know what those conditions are going to be you need all you can control 0:25:47 is what position you are in when those things happen and that means finding this the smartest application the most effective and efficient application of your energies and then applying it so that whenever things change whenever the the the fault lines crack and things start rolling downhill that rolling up then you're somewhere that

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can meet that moment and that is the thing that i can't tell you and that no one can tell anyone that has to come from in them side they have to clear all the \*\*\*\*\* gunk off of their windshield sit quietly look at the wife around them for really instead of just reacting to shadows in their mind really look at the conditions of their life and move forward and you say how will i know you'll know but we don't operate at that level that level of clarity we operate at this the fog level where we're always constantly entertaining and exercising uh a distraction on our own minds in order not to have to make look through that clear pain at what's within and what's without we 0:26:48 would rather filter it through this layer of irony or distraction or or mythic heroic uh self-conception or or to carry off social media conflicts with one another that we charge with epic emotional and immoral weight for no reason that's why uh the pale king someone says pale king hours yeah the pale king was about like the spiritual the magical implications of the concept of boredom because boredom is sat with if boredom is is actually engaged instead of annihilated you can get to some pretty profound realizations without anything getting not without needing any intervention without needing to to have the right moment appear to you where you get like aha 0:27:49 that happens sometimes but you can't guarantee it's ever going to happen what you can do is actually try to be bored for a minute and listen and you might get a little yourself someone wants me to rate amy klobuchar's feet posts i will not i will say is let's dispense with the fiction that amy klobuchar doesn't know what she's doing she knows exactly what she's doing this is the second foot post she's ever done this one is clearly intentional she is like all these people an attention monster who whose ego is unsuspectingly huge she ran for president for god's sakes so you know that she is aware of every meme related her she knows everything about throat about she knows everything about throwing the staplers and eating with the comb she even tried to do a horrible disgusting joke about eating with the comb she's fully aware of everything that's ever said about hers which means she knows about that her army of simps and she wants to throw a little gasoline on that feet sip fire and uh i say more power to her 0:28:50 not hurting anybody which she certainly would have done much and whatever she's doing in the senate which i'm sure is monstrous wallerstein world systems theory very important very good stuff i think it's the only real way you can understand how capitalism actually spreads and interacts first with like different systems of local uh social order and then eventually spreads throughout them the capillary action of trade like building veins that bring blood in and actually change the the act the structure of societies just through prolonged interaction someone asked what's the deal with feet i have a theory about the feed thing uh i have no idea if it's true like most of the things i say it's just something that kind of makes sense to me and 0:29:51 that is that the foot fetish the rise of the foot fetish because like foot fetishes have

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already always existed but they've gone from being marginal things like a creep in a james arrow novel with a bunch of shoes in his arms or something to something that is now the most common fetish and one that is just sort of offhandedly is like if you want to suggest some sort of vanilla kink for a uh for especially a white male character or a male character a straight male character specifically foot is the perfect it's the first one and it's like it's mildly kinky or creepy but it's not full it's like the way that geekiness used to be this actual thing for actual social outcasts and then \*\*\*\*\* marvel made it just everybody same thing with the foot fetish what fetish is the marvel movies of uh of of kinks and the reason for that and my theory is is that the modern a guy who grows up now and has grown up like in the last 30 years has for the first time in history been able to access from the age of uh puberty the age of horny all of the pornography they've ever wanted which in my opinion is a terrible 0:30:53 thing and very bad and i feel like uh i'm of the last generation where nudity was a scarce resource like i have distinct memories around like videotapes that i owned uh and uh like taping things off cinemax like that kind of thing uh because it was it was scarce you know it was an incredibly precious resource back in my day but of course what that means is you know if your contact with something that you desire is less then your enthrallment of it is not removed and i think that if you can see like boobs put it into a computer from 13 and just see every boob on earth you're going to eventually boobs are eventually going to be boring you have to find another thing and it has to still be like part of the body that is in general and in public hidden and nowadays that basically means like ass and then so your brain basically rewires 0:31:56 its desire circuit around the dead area where boobs used to be and uh connects it to feet and that's like the process of like being desensitized to pornography that makes guys you know addicted and make it hard for them to have sex for real is because of that process so that's my i have not someone asked if i've read christopher lash i've only read excerpts posted on twitter but i will say that uh i wanted to mention him because in lash makes an appearance because when rake when carter was really \*\*\*\*\* like carter was over a barrel with with uh gas lines and inflation had no idea what to do uh and his numbers were tanking and he could not get anything passed in congress pat cattle his like uh his wunderkind pollster uh who would help propel him 0:32:59 to the presidency and who later on became like uh he was like the favorite democrat at fox news during like i think during the trump bush years he would just come out and talk about how the democrats sucked their losers uh and trust him he was the carter guy you know but anyway pat cattle had this like revelation because he read lash and you know oh my god the real problem with this the real problem we have here is not the fact that you know gas is incredibly expensive and people waiting in lines for it or that savings are being destroyed by uh by inflation and the jobs are

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going away de-industrialized and and all that it's there's a spiritual void at the heart of america and he wrote this huge memo to carter saying we need a letter we need to address america about its soul not about its material conditions and then carter was blown away by the thing and he read lash and then he had lash be read by all of his like top guys hamilton jordan and all those the the georgia mafia guys then and i had no idea this happened like a month bef i think or so before he did the crisis a confident speech that it came to be known as he went to camp david and went off the grid for over a week and had meetings with different groups of of like spiritual and governmental leaders like he had a bunch of governors to ask them like what's going on in your state he had a bunch of religious leaders and he had lash he invited lash to david and asked him like what should i say what should i do and lash told him you know all the stuff about the heart and he's like well what about like you know what about energy prices and what about credit and stuff he's like i don't know eventually jimmy has like this satori moment like i know what i need to say and he he get they get together and they write the thing and when they present it to the press before they're going to do the big thing like they present the idea before they they uh they had the actual speech they handed out lash to the reporters at the at the conference they handed the books out uh to like give him an idea of like what they were actually gonna be going for and then he gave the speech which was very well received at the time it's remembered as him kind of eating \*\*\*\*\* but uh and like it's it's an emblem of his impotence as president uh and his lameness and the way he presided over a domestic limp failure but at the time it boosted his approval rating uh but of course you know then things happened \*\*\*\*\* gas didn't get any cheaper inflation went up and the \*\*\*\*\* hostages got taken that didn't help um and i just think it's really funny that now you got people like oh people need to read lash people need to relash it's like maybe some of the stuff i've seen is good i certainly get like the vibe of what he's going for you know like the and i do think that narcissism is the condition of of the self in neoliberalism it's like hegemonic everyone's a narcissist to calling people narcissists is almost banal because it's the only way that you are rewarded for operating or that the the ideology of the world around you makes sense narcissism is the only lens through looking at human a contemporary life that comports with what you're told it's supposed to be so yes of course we're \*\*\*\*\* narcissists and that means that we we uh we tunnel blindly towards what we think is a greater good that is actually just our own worship of self and even when we become political we end up importing that narcissism with us and that undermines our attempts to build solidarity uh yeah that's true absolutely uh but i think it's funny though that at one point in this country at a crucial hinge point in american history in fact the the one of the most important the one that set this the one that broke the back of american

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labor and led us towards hegemonic neoliberalism the president the president united states and his top advisors had all redlash and and we ended up \*\*\*\*\* and i'm not saying it's because they read lash um tom country man rules that guy looks like he has seen some \*\*\*\*\* you know what he kind of looked like he kind of looked like uh the guy saul star from deadwood what the john hawks that's it uh he looks like the john he looks like a real-life version of the john hawks character terrifying teardrop yeah that's it it looks like teardrop from \*\*\*\*\* tom country man sounds like a like an alien trying to come to earth through customs and just making \*\*\*\*\* up on their on their head i am tom country man hello i am tom countryman i'd like to be introduced to your country i love it here is he really the undersecretary of state for international security oh he's one of the deep state guys even like when they got a guy who looks kind of rough and tumble he's still a \*\*\*\*\* deep state \*\*\*\*\* langley ghoul amazing democrats man laura loomer in congress would be great i mean the funny thing is is that even if she doesn't win and i don't think she will it's apparently a relatively safe democratic district uh but hey it doesn't mean she won't is that she even if she didn't get in like even if she got in she would not be the \*\*\*\*\* craziest person elected because i think loomer i don't think she actually goes full cue and on which is not true of the rifle lady the rifle car uh restaurant lady from colorado or the one from georgia both of whom are likely to \*\*\*\*\* win and they're both nuttier than laura loomer which think about that is is q and on this generation's fry core what they're all geriatric senior citizens who are on the computer all day yes actually they are this generation's fry core because the guys who would have done that then are doing fry core yeah f r e i core it sounds like fry but that is the correct pronunciation i'm not going to roll my oh someone's wanting someone wants to to monday morning quarterback the soviet the the the the polish soviet war it's one of those that's like the polish soviet war is kind of like uh like uh post-soviet war is pickett's charge for tankies or uh or whatever you want to call them because i think they like that name now i'm not trying to to uh criticize anybody ussr fans ussr the version of the ussr people the version of like lost causers for the conf for the ussr they just think oh if they hadn't if they'd just driven to warsaw and the funny thing is is if that if anybody \*\*\*\*\* that up it was stalin which if you're also loving stalin then you've got to figure out a different reason that that war didn't go so good let me guess it was trotsky well the funny thing about people being called revisionists is that i mean if your stance is this ussr was was good until gorbachev showed up well then you're abreznavid and brezhnev had revised a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* from even stalin if it's like hungary and chuckle and \*\*\*\*\* then it's like all right khrushchev he did a lot of \*\*\*\*\* revisionism too and stalin i'm sorry revised \*\*\*\*\* it's all of it has to be revised it's a question of what you're revising it to the idea that anything can be

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fixed in time and not applied to the circumstances of the moment i don't know man  
it's not very what's the word what's trotsky's whole deal i would define trotsky's 0:43:3  
whole deal as a guy who couldn't make the tough call a guy who wanted to have ice  
cream for dinner a guy who did not want to accept the moral responsibility of being  
at the and that's what the world revolution was for trotsky it was the thing that was  
going to come cut through the impossible choice the gordian knot and just slice it  
for him and since it never happened he and the thing is is that at a certain point if  
you can't answer the question before you you have to re-examine your premises and  
like say take take uh take the whole question of like industrialization or uh uh like  
creating a modus vivendi with peasantry using the market system bucharan versus 0:44:4  
zenovia broadly conceived trotsky of course wanted to rapidly industrialize but at  
the same time he recoiled what he knew it would take to get that \*\*\*\*\* grain out of  
those \*\*\*\*\* pet from those \*\*\*\*\* peasants and he didn't want to make the choice  
because that choice was never supposed to have to have been made that choice was  
supposed to have been obviated by the world revolution following shortly after the  
martian revolution both lenin and trotsky were operating in october of 1918 from  
the premise that it would be the beginning of a world revolution and for a minute  
it looked like they would they were it looked like it might have happened then it  
didn't happen and they had to improvise from that point but they could not look  
back and that was the problem like you either have to say like stalin eventually did  
all right full steam ahead there's no going back the history runs runaway and this  
is the moral horror if this is horrible it might that doesn't mean it's not necessary  
or you go like bukhara and you're like you know what maybe martov had kind of a  
point maybe russia really wasn't ready in the absence of a world revolution maybe 0:45:5  
russia really wasn't ready for this and you know this kind of the consolidation stuff  
like the capital accumulation that's not really supposed to happen under us that's  
supposed to happen that's that's the dirty hands of capitalism like our system is not  
built on blood the way capitalism will be that's the whole that's the whole brilliance  
of the teleology the way we met what we're acting on the morals we're acting from  
is that we don't have to start a world and the blood we shed will be righteous  
blood the blood of revolution the blood of punishment of criminals it will not be  
wholesale exploitation and and and in human instrument human instrumentation  
human instrumentality uh because that work will have been done by capitalism  
and but that would have required taking a step back and going maybe capitalism  
has to come back which is essentially what pokharan was arguing for even though  
he wouldn't say it that way he was like look this \*\*\*\*\* up make a deal with the  
peasants and this will eventually like dissolve back into something like the bourgeois  
democracy that technically we all used to think you needed to have before you could

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get communism drop all our \*\*\*\*\* we all used to think that until we decided we didn't 0:46:6  
think it anymore because the germans didn't successfully revolt and then after that  
we could we couldn't take warsaw and it's you got to make a decision so now if you  
haven't stalling and those guys made theirs bucharan made his but he couldn't make  
the choice i think that was trotsky's deal and that's why trotsky is a choice of very  
educated people because even the thought of making a morally monstrous decision  
is repellent because they they enshrine their own sense of being the good ones the  
the bet the ones who have absorbed the theory the most successfully and therefore  
have comported personal morality with sync i i'm talking about discrete choices and 0:47:8  
decisions obviously they're all they're all predetermined to a degree but people don't  
operate from that assumption they operate from a illusion of free will that actually  
ends up being the stochastic stamping of space-time that propels history forward you  
have the shape determined by materiality that is unbending and then you have the  
random application of actions caused by the diluted human brains operating without  
full it does not somebody ask does it make considering counterfactuals pointless it 0:48:16  
doesn't because what you end up i think you can't really distinguish when you're  
talking about counterfactuals you should it should always be in reference to one  
another what are more and less likely or possible or realistic counterfactuals and  
that can be determined by saying what major change could have been caused what's  
the biggest change that could have come from the smallest number of people either  
changing their minds or like randomly dying before they are involved and somebody  
else replacing them you know like and and and from that you can kind of uh get the  
the aperture of genuine like choice that any given moment uh jill biden man that's 0:49:28  
a hell of a speech i didn't really watch it i just watched her looking like looking like  
she was uh a merry widow honestly like my husband of 27 years is dead and now i'm  
dr joe biden i think she is a lady macbeth figure because i don't think someone who  
really loved their husband would put him through this because there's no way she  
couldn't put her foot down until and made him not not become president i mean the  
guy is is clearly at sea and aware of it and as such probably very grateful for the few  
friendly and familiar faces that he sees every day and that ground him and keep him  
anchored if she said i'm not gonna \*\*\*\*\* go with you on this he would be terrified  
so she's doing it on purpose because she wants to be first lady or more maybe she  
wants to be edith wilson but that doesn't mean that she is not a uh done did bill 0:50:30  
clinton look real or like a deep freight fake man he sure looked uh he looked bad  
that's for sure and man all that charisma because i mean i've seen the old speeches  
and maybe it's just because there's no crowd but i think i think it's honestly his life  
force is finally draining the agreed chrome has run out i guess after epstein's death  
uh is that he was just sallow and gravely and not he couldn't inflect anything that

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thing really was like a just a \*\*\*\*\* it was a funeral where it was a funeral where the bodies were also uh the guests like the people doing the eulogy were also the uh corpses and the people attending were also the corpses it was just like some sick undertaker just stacks up all the bodies in the morgue and has them all sit in the at the pulp at the at the pews and then have one of them stand next to the cam the uh the casket and then guess who's in the casket us we're in the casket people are loving this new game fall guys i've watched it it looks very easy i think i do very very well very quickly you just run you have a little guy run down a hill that seems incredibly easy why would that be difficult seems like it'd be incredibly easy i might pay five guys i'll definitely play here's the games we know we're gonna play in the very near future uh fall guys sure katamari damasi the rolling up game that looks fun uh and universal europa universalis i'm gonna play that i'll say it right now me and uh trill byrne aka everett aka age of napoleon are going to try to create a uh a unified italy under under venice uh maybe even a continent spanning uh empire so that's going to be fun i want to be a universal doge even if they have to call me a king in oh oh yes napoleon total war we should play that too for sure also i want to try to see if i can like max out the ottomans is there a game where you can try to have the mongols take over europe because that's the thing they actually could have tried i don't think they necessarily could have succeeded because they would have been too far all right looks like crusader kings 2 you can try to have a mongol conquest of no no i know that they didn't uh they were not stopped in europe they could have stayed but it wasn't profitable that it wasn't it wasn't the most useful place to go they had other ideas they had other but there's a way where like they could have stayed but i think it would have all right dudes i'm going to sign off a little early today bye

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*JFK JR JR*

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*The Chiving Will Continue Until Morale Improves*

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a little bit too much there ugh all right i'm i'm on tv on the computer computer  
tv way of the future wave of the future wave of the future hey guys so in about 0:1:1  
half an hour apparently trump's going to have a speech i'm going to do a react  
how's that sound that sounds like fun he's probably going to announce there's some  
experimental vaccine that they're going to like fast track which genius it's it is exactly  
what a really dumb guy would do in this situation what would a really stupid person  
do tell everybody that there's going to be a vaccine it doesn't matter if it's going  
to work or if there is one just tell them and then they'll vote for you goes well  
with the hydrochloroquine thing and all the \*\*\*\*\* patent medicines and snake oil  
they've been selling his whole career uh that's the thing about the republican party  
most of all is that they because they fully embrace the notion of the marketized self  
the the individuated market actors the only moral node they have no compunctions  
about ripping each other off all the time i mean we saw it with the gofundme kris 0:2:3  
kobach is a good example uh ben carson and and and trump and all these guys  
selling old people medicine that will kill them even though they're also their voters  
that's one of the things that undermines rule uh capitalist rule is is that is that at a  
certain level competition is mutually destructive for favor within a structure like the  
republican party uh is also similarly self-defeating in the long run but in the short  
run it can be ah but that's because as i was saying yes the other day i was talking  
about democrats are like they're not just consume they're not just enthralled to this  
overpowering superego i would actually say that democrats function as the superego 0:3:4  
of the american political system and the republicans are the id and the ego is capital  
and it has to be kept in check or else the whole thing will destroy itself and the fact  
that the uh the very s the things within that suka superego model both as a party  
and this is the psychology of people who choose to become democrats eventually  
undermines the superego's ability to actually check the id in any significant way  
leading to a death spiral towards oblivion but this is interesting because the vaccine  
is like the third rail of all the queue stuff because people have noticed that one of  
the things that has made q expand faster than it might otherwise have is that a

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lot of relatively apolitical anti-vax people have grabbed onto it which makes perfect sense uh i mean anti-vaccination ideology is perfect expression of alienated uh of 0:4:7 isolated atomized alienation in capitalism right we have people totally disconnected from any kind of uh any kind of like mental conception that can get around the idea of a vaccine because in a in a society that is increasingly technologically uh complicated and necessitates increasing levels of technological sophistication there becomes a bigger and bigger uh psychic gap between specialists and the public i mean we genuinely actually think that you can \*\*\*\*\* uh that people should just why don't you believe in science like i'm sorry what are most people's interactions with science in their life they got a combined 100 hours of instruction from a \*\*\*\*\* bored uh 0:5:8 gym teacher about about mitochondria that they do not remember because anyone who actually went to school will can tell you that the sh if you don't get continued exposure to something you will not retain it so even if it ever stuck it was gone by the time you're an adult and then you're just told by this technological priesthood to do this thing why you haven't you haven't ascended the ladder of of of empirical and rational thoughts that get from regular joe to someone who knows why you should have vaccines because we assume that science is apolitical oops oh sh turns out nothing is damn owned again owned again by the political reality than the fact that that's what reality is \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* and so there's so and because the democratic party is you know the party of uh the party of freaking science and facts they're hostile to the anti-vaxxers but the thing is is a lot of these people because it's a cross section of people and it's sort of a natural outcropping of different uh social 0:6:9 phenomena it's a reaction to different social contexts a lot of antibiotics people do not have reactionary social views and so they don't really want to be a republican either until and then q comes along to solve the puzzle to to provide what no one really other had no one else was even trying to do which was a broader uh uh uh context for their specific alienation and what that means is that once and so now q has a bunch of people who aren't really along for the ride on trump specifically that came later vaccines were first a lot most cute the q people the original cue and like this is how this is how religions and political uh movements always splinter because you have one group of people who emerge uh to begin something or sign on in an early stage because they have fixation around the certain thing that that at that moment is represented by that movement but over time the movement changes as 0:7:10 conditions and events occur and as people respond to it and join it bringing in new concerns and so you end up with over time sort of these these fissures along lines of who showed up when basically because that's going to influence what your what is what you cared about like q got all the they sopped up all the trump psychos very quickly because they needed an explanation for why things weren't changing

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why they didn't feel like they were winning even though and even though all but that's something that a relatively apolitical anti-vaxx person doesn't care about they don't need to square the circle of why epic uh mean trump is not uh pwning the libs they don't think of things that way but they do care about vaccines and here's a movement that says hey here are the people who want you to be vaccinated and here's the people who are trying to stop them okay that's donald trump great but if 0:8:12  
uh if he's really going out there going vaccine folks you gotta love it you're good bong bong and then you're better it's like magic i said it would just go away and it did it's going away bye-bye by christmas there's gonna be no more comment by christmas and we're going to be saying merry christmas by the way we're going to do it we're going to say merry christmas and we're all going to be alive everyone i'm talking to everyone who hears this will be alive i promise because we got it that's going to \*\*\*\*\* rattle the cages of the people who actually care about vaccines and that could cause a little fracture now if vaccine doesn't really show up until biden oh that will only solidify the connection between the gop on one end the the heuristic sort of the social heuristic uh of q in the middle and then anti-vaxx alienated sentiment on the other end just a perfect uh uh or the other way around i guess it's the perfect conveyor belt from from anti-vax sentiment to the republican party because now you will have uh the entire democratic party aligned around ending covert as quickly 0:9:13  
as possible so that biden can be as much of a contrast with trump as possible like people were dying like flies and now we got biden and so there's going to be this huge huge democratic pressure to get epically uh down with the \*\*\*\*\* owning vaccine and that's going to only compact the snowball even tighter and since there's a lot of native anavax sentiment because there's a lot of native alienated anti-technology sentiment basically neolithism because people have no investment in these technologies they don't know why they exist they don't know how they work and they okay so now that people are saying it's a blood plasma treatment so we're talking about like a serum like at the end of outbreak like a synthesized thing of blood uh that might make a difference for some people but i gotta say that most of your vaccine people might not like that but that's enough of a distinction that it might be able to just 0:10:14  
like keep the keep the oh my man and especially if it's all \*\*\*\*\* and it never appears which it probably won't realistically then when we do get a vaccine under biden you will have the perfect morality play of epic trump was going to epically save us with a real epic science and then the lizard people using biden as their puppet stole the election and then instituted the vaccine you will see upwards of a 40 refusal to vaccinate i would say you will almost have you would have something like that 35 to 40. higher an income of course higher among the republicans the higher the income the more likely you would be to just take the vaccine because the less you need q the

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less you need to reconcile because the better things are going for you and so if it's 0:11:17  
a choice between keeping the charade up and doing the \*\*\*\*\* uh proofs and being  
able to go to uh to but as i have said and someone can explain to me why i'm wrong  
about this if we get a vaccine say in a year and a half or let's say let's be optimistic  
biden gets in we get a vaccine within three months which is not wildly unrealistic i  
mean it depends on who you talk to because there's people who insist anything less  
than anything younger earlier than five years isn't gonna happen but i've heard other  
people say that it could in this case you have so many \*\*\*\*\* people out working on  
it that if you're sharing information at least you could expedite it much more fast  
whatever let's just say early early biden term right after the 100 uh that will be 0:12:18  
telling them they intervened to stop us from getting cured from the disease they  
gave us in a way that would have stopped us oh no i'm sorry i got off my train of  
thought so there's a vaccine that comes out like three months after biden that means  
people start getting it and i know people are worried well what if you got 40 percent  
who won't take it and like i'm saying it's gonna be 25 to 30 percent maybe 20 let's  
say 25. we're talking like the hardcore oh my god maybe 30. uh what's is that a big  
deal other than to them you know like yeah they're gonna keep getting covered and  
they're gonna they're gonna be thinned out but for everyone else can't you just go  
back out because everybody you see will either have also been vaccinated or even if  
they have it it doesn't matter because you're vaccinated am i wrong wouldn't you  
just be like oh i'm vaccinated now i can go outside like you wouldn't even need to  
have little bracelets to ensure that people were vaccinated because if everybody is 0:13:19  
vaccinated or they ha or they have it then what's and i guess the question is well  
what if you have it but to that i say there are only there are certain things you  
can do in certain things you can't do and force back forcibly vaccinating that many  
people is a thing you can't do and still have a democracy so i'm sorry you're just  
gonna have to you're just going to have to work it out yourself you know you'll  
either catch it and be cured or catch it and then get over it in which case hey you  
got anybody it's great come through the party you'll catch it and die in which case  
that's too bad but what do you want people to do about it uh or you'll eventually  
get the vaccine like what is the i'm not talking about if it works or anything like  
that i'm saying hypothetically if it did if it was an effective vaccine would not what 0:14:20  
would the difference be about whether or not we could actually like reopen and try  
to reestablish normality big big lol on that concept but what would what would an  
effect how would it affect how would the question i'm guessing what i'm asking is  
and someone answered me now after i've clarified it what would what is the actual  
consequence like in terms of what is the consequence of a mass refusal to take the  
vaccine on the project of reopening uh the public spaces and allowing people to go

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inside places and go to baseball games and all that stuff what is what what is the what is them not getting it how does that stop you from doing the other thing see people are saying well some people can't get vaccines sure but that's not everybody if you're saying people are gonna die okay so everyone is basically saying it comes down to the poor unfortunates who can't get vaccinated and can't depend on herd immunity to which i say that sucks but what do you do about it realistically if the because the only alternative i'm reminding you is some sort of coercive vaccination program on millions of people are you willing to do that and more importantly do you think that the political capacity exists for anyone to do that in this country someone says vaccine is not effective if everyone doesn't have it if i'm it's effective in that way what i'm saying is every person who's vaccinated now has a simplified risk calculus of going outside you're saying no getting vaccinated doesn't mean you won't get it okay but it significantly increases the likelihood you won't get it right what is the percentage like if it's zero you have zero protection what is the what is the uh amount that you would uh be protected someone give me a uh percentage like if i'm gonna get if i'm gonna get a hundred exposures to covid what percentage of those would be prevented from turning into infection so it's not it's not a guaranteed cure but it is a significant prophylactic is what you're telling me this isn't it's like you're saying you're acting like there's no like a distinction doesn't matter like you either no no you could get it therefore it's as good as not getting one and you should act like you didn't get one and i don't think that's true i don't think you guys you guys are talking about herd immunity i'm talking about individual person getting it i need someone to distinguish you're all throwing numbers around here i need what are you talking about in terms of i get it how many times out of a hundred will i not get corona if i'm exposed to it that's not i'm not asking about herd you can't know in advance is what right it's more than zero what i'm all i am saying is that you if you could get a thing that millions of people could use and would i think millions of people would get vaccinated immediately wouldn't you just go outside wouldn't at that point aren't you tamping it down enough that everybody except the most freaked out people are gonna be fine with going out this is all i'm asking i'm not asking i don't know the science is beyond me i'm not that guy i'm asking about the social psychology of reopening with a vaccine even if people don't take it you guys are all like getting well no no people some people yeah i'm talking that's an individual calculus of someone who's incredibly online and focused on this and filtering i'm talking about regular people hey there's a vaccine now will they not just go out and could they not probably just go out until it's a sure uh until it sorted itself out i'm only asking because are you guys who are fixating on these numbers and worried about all these people are you saying that we should forcibly

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vaccinate millions of people so that's what i'm asking i'm hearing yes okay i mean if you think that that's the right thing to do a feasible thing to do or the smart thing to do i don't know what to tell you i'm saying realistically what happens is hey everyone's freaking like i'm just saying is that there's this like oh no we're gonna get a vaccine and it won't matter because people won't take it and i am saying no we will get a vaccine people won't take it but everyone else will just kind of go along with it and it'll eventually sort itself out that's what i'm saying and yeah you can have like an incentive structure you can say like hey you get like a tax refund if you get the vaccine or something although that's a bad idea because then people who would get it otherwise just say we'll say they won't so they can get the money he says no somebody says eventually after another 50 000 dead no biggie you people it's amazing how this happens all of these moral questions get cut off from each other and and examined individually and and say and through a lens of of total isolation like a butterfly in a \*\*\*\*\* under under glass i'm not talking about 50 000 people dying because we just kind of let people get vaccinated and deal with it i'm talking about that versus what the \*\*\*\*\* 82nd airborne at those things have to be held at the same time in your hands i mean yeah you could do i mean obviously you do the thing of uh you can't go to kids can't go to school if they don't get the vaccine yeah duh that's easy that's not that's a no-brainer but there's you think it's just gonna be kids of course there's one app the other option and this is i guess you would argue the most moral option and that is you get the vaccine people won't take it but then you don't reopen the economy and you don't let people go back out again and you keep things closed down because of that hurt immunity and those vulnerable people and that is another one where i think that is more morally defensible and in fact morally superior and abstract to either the other two options inconceivable both as politics so i just want to know like when people are arguing these things in isolation i like to bring them back together and then ask people like you you you want to make like these very strident demands of the moment but that means that you have to be willing to embrace the implications of those and this specific instance i'm referring to it's mass forced vaccination and now the virtues and advices of that as a policy uh i'm not that interested in talking about because it's never going to happen but i would just like to say that i think that they're pretty \*\*\*\*\* complicated and it's not a no-brainer and it needs to be considered when you're considering other things but uh if there's a blood serum i don't think it will actually ever be released which is too bad uh because it makes way more sense to promise that uh he actually it's a kind of amazing the brazenness of it right before the uh right before the midterms he said we're going to pass a bill a huge middle-class tax cut we're going to pass it middle class tax cut midterms happened it never he never mentioned it again he gets

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elected it's like blood serums out the windows he could just say all you'd have to say is we looked into it and it looks like the vaccine is gonna be better it's gonna be better we're gonna wait for the next seat okay we're gonna wait we're gonna wait for the back seat uh and if that happens then you will definitely see some stress within the but if it was real and they did actually put it out there wow i would not take that that's i would say that just right now but i would be very interested in seeing who did and what happened as a result and you know what it might be good it might work but i would certainly want to wait and see i would not want to be in the first wave so now i want to speak uh wait a minute somebody said i won't take the trump vaccine and that that's like the the trump people not thinking this is not a vaccine people are saying that's the whole point is that they're saying it's some sort of blood serum and that they're like pushing it through experimental trials or whatever considering what these guys like to put out as public i would not take that and like i said it doesn't even exist i mean in terms of it being a real uh uh product that will actually be available certainly before the election i mean the hydrochloroquine thing was just an earlier version of that find a thing that exists to throw it at so that people will stop freaking out about it and now my pillow guy has got another one which is apparently even more deadly to the to people who take it more poisonous than hydrochloroquine uh oleander right that's it yeah that's why mike lindell is my pick for the guy everyone says who's going to emerge from after trump and a lot of it depends on does trumpism survive intact or does it break up if it breaks up i think all bets are off and a bunch of options come up tucker carlson gets brought up a lot i think that's potentially true i have less i'm less sanguine about any of the politicians the actual political figures because they're such stiff uh but they could grab they could like pick back up a chunk like the people who used to be ted cruz people before they decided trump was the king maybe they could be weaned back towards regular politics the the the people who are trump from the jump are not are beyond help so that chunk is going to have to be suborned somehow uh because they will only take the reddest meat but i think the my pillow guy you know i think he's got it he's got the story he's got the just dumb guy voice and attitude he's more authentically himself i think than any of these other people including tucker \*\*\*\*\* carlson who is as phony as a three dollar bill i trump lies more than any american president ever he lies compulsively but he is also the most authentic president we've ever had and i don't know and i think that's what they're addicted to i think that the real trump heads are addicted to that and that's a lot of people now in the trump in the democrat and it's not everybody in the republican party people say the party is trump now it's like that's because of the array of forces like they like trump because libs hate him and and like it's a context if he's gone then their calculus changes if

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there's another option their calculus changes but that chunk man they're not going anywhere and they want authenticity more than anything and that's why they're never gonna \*\*\*\*\* cleave to a guy like cotton or \*\*\*\*\* holly uh they're gonna need they're gonna need the real the real thing just a person who even if he's lying to them is lying them from a place of sincerity if you know what i mean uh and that to me the only figure on the national stage right now who fits that what i mean by trump is authentic is that he is transparent trump does not have an artifice he is naked raw need he is naked raw agreement as are his fans he reflects their experience in in a magnified fantasy version he is them someone who has spent their entire life getting basically what they want and so that connection is more authentic than the connection between any paul any president and any chunk of the my pillow guy putting money on him uh so i wanted to say something about the snyder cut which is apparently coming and i'm very excited i'm glad they got it and someone had a very good tweet the other day where they said because now there's the teaser toilet teaser a teaser trailer for it out and they said that people hate the snyder cut people because they're the only ones on twitter who actually ever got anything done by tweeting and i thought that was very very correct and astute but and that's why i can't wait to see the movie though because snyder really does represent culturally a very similar figure uh to trump in that he is such a a figure that has been fixated on at like a psychic uh libidinal level like at the level of fantasy at the level of identification there's been a psychic infusion with the concept of zack snyder that is similar to the way people feel about trump and it's from a subset of people uh who are essentially the same sort of stunted manch child as most people of their age right they grew up in the same culturally desertified the the cultural output was such that they never had any pressure to move towards anything challenging artistically they stuck at the level of adolescent art but they're and that happened to a lot of people it happened to me you know i'm trying to break through that i'm reading i'm reading again and i'm enjoying it but for a while there i was just like turn my brain off just at the level of junk and i'm gonna critique it through a lens and that makes it smart i'll fully cop to that and that's that's an endemic phenomenon but there are some guys among that who are cursed with a specific alienation a specific uh uh discomfort within the culture usually around some sort of grievance uh that makes them aware that they are enmeshed in a in network of kitty \*\*\*\*\* and at a deep level dissatisfied with it but unable to break out of it they cannot transcend the thing because they aren't aware of the conflict they don't know what why they're actually dissatisfied with this cultural context they don't know what their soul is really crying for which is something transcendent they can't even see it they're they're like dogs as they said and dogs can't look up as they say in sean of the dead uh they're unaware of this

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of the thing that's actually the engine of their dissatisfaction and so the way that they uh that they manage that the the the gap between the art that they kind of are 0:31:49 aware dimly that they should be consuming and what they do is to take the garbage crap that we all consume and divide it into kitty \*\*\*\*\* they don't realize though that they are already working in the limited horizons of the culture that they live within and that the real problem is that they aren't pushing through them they aren't resolving the contradiction they're trying to to sublimate it and so that's why they hate marvel i was like marvel is kitty \*\*\*\*\* this is for little children and then they have to and because they know at their heart of hearts that that's not a convincing argument because they're not convinced because they're so miserable they're still unhappy with it it doesn't work for them it doesn't provide the sucker that they think it can't they have to put off that extra energy onto resentment towards people who would deny the reality that they are the adults that this is serious art and so 0:32:52 they they fixate on fighting on behalf of uh of snyder within the cultural realm if any of this sounds familiar by the way please let me know if any of this rings any bells in terms of the way the culture well conversations and political conversations are conducted and who's conducting them and so that's why they demanded the snyder cut because the snyder cut is prestor john the snyder cut is the resolution of the contradiction the snyder cut is the movie that will finally validate their point of view it's the movie that will finally give them the transcendent experience that they cannot receive from the limited stunted art that they consume but still believe is possible because it could be produced by sac schneider if the feminist \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* sjws didn't stop him because they were too triggered by how awesome he was he's he's going to he's going to redeem them he that that's that movie will redeem them 0:33:54 and that's why they fixated on so much but within these kind of questions the worst thing in the world is getting what you want it is absolutely the curse because and the reason they're not happy now like they won they actually did it they succeeded and they're still out there screaming at everyone who is even mildly disrespectful to zack snyder or to his the \*\*\*\*\* trailer or whatever like why are you mad dude why are you so pissed you won why are you so pissed it's because they know deep down that it's not going to do it it's not now that they have it they're not going to be satisfied with it and of course when they see it they're going to be blown away it's going to result it's going to sit there for a while they're going to have triumph in their hearts but it's never going to do what they want they're imagining it when they're defending it the movie in their head that they're defending now is not the movie that they will see it can't be the movie they will see it will be less than it will not complete the circuit that they think will because no movie like that can complete the circuit that they're demanding of it they will then be left to start the circle again 0:34:56

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and and turn it and and you know what it'll be the argument will be i don't feel the way i should about seeing this because those \*\*\*\*\* those marvel scumbags those sjw pink hairs they didn't like it they didn't recognize how good it was they didn't recognize that it was great because the wicked flea would not pursue it they know it's not great they know deep down it's not great so the person reminding of them them that of people who are reminding them with every utterance that it wasn't that great will drive them insane and it will turn them towards the same cycle of resentment and there will be an and because as long as zack snyder makes movies the next one can be the one the next one can be the promised land and on earth they're just going to stay they're going to be mole people digging through the cultural dirt 0:35:57 looking for a nugget of \*\*\*\*\* and screaming at everybody else because they can't reckon with the reality of the insufficiency of what they've been uh consuming and it goes the other way too the marvel soy people who hate uh zack snyder uh they i don't think they would argue that it's that i think they would they would be like you think i i don't understand uh that uh marv that comic book movies aren't great art uh buddy i know they're not great art that's not their point of delusion they aren't deluded that this is great art this is adult uh entertainment which it does not it is for kids and that's fine kids can watch it and adults can watch kids movies and enjoy them you just can't make it your entire \*\*\*\*\* cultural diet and that's all these people eat their teeth are \*\*\*\*\* rotted from the \*\*\*\*\* sugar they're just eating uh they're eating the frog the lucky charms all marshmallows every day for \*\*\*\*\* breakfast lunch and dinner and their teeth are rotting out of their head and they have no idea why they think some \*\*\*\*\* somebody's poisoning them or something they think the sjw's or something somebody or whatever poison but the marvel 0:36:58 soy people who like gesture towards higher higher uh higher intellectual expressions because they watch prestige tv they don't really read i mean and maybe they read a few books they read more books than the snyder guys do but not that many more and they watch better tv shows so they would say yeah no i understand but this is mass culture and we have to deal with it and it has its own values and i'm fully but they fight the same war but it's along a political axis not an aesthetic one the snyder movies are problematic the snyder movies are dude bro the snyder movies are toxic masculinity and fascist and make people go on school shootings and make the world a worse place marvel movies are about inclusion marvel movies are about acceptance they're about everyone uh recognizing uh the epic witness of diverse multicultural uh america and so watching them and enjoying them makes me a good 0:37:59 person the snyder guy doesn't care about being a good person he's just \*\*\*\*\* he's epically uh twisted he cares though about being a smart person he cares about being intellectually advanced in a way incommensurate with his actions which are watching

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\*\*\*\*\* the marvel person the soy man of the marvel world he sees himself first and foremost is good smart too of course but he has more pretensions there because he has in his mind has something other than marvel that he can point to even though it's not much better even though it's it's like oh wow you have the lucky charms with the uh the the grain part for dinner every day much better but it's enough for him to see a distinction and distinctions all that matter the only thing that matters is that you notice a distinction what they care about is being a good person and watching this \*\*\*\*\* makes them feel good that they're good people and they're advancing good and they're making the world a better place but they are and so the question 0:39:0 of like well how come things are still shitty how come the world sucks dicks through a straw maybe your actions aren't enough maybe what you have decided is your activism is hollow masturbatory \*\*\*\*\* and self-delusion because wow nothing seems to be getting any better uh their answer is what's the \*\*\*\*\* cider people they keep putting bad culture out there if we just had soy epic marvel stuff if that was all that was out there oh man we would have pie in the sky when we die we would have a just society and we would be the vanguard of creating one it's these \*\*\*\*\* and so they have to epically own the but it's the same process it's it's a laundry it's it's a cultural laundering of alienation and in this case alienation from the self alienation from one's deeper aspirations because of the suffocating blanket of cultural uh hegemony produced by a mass market capitalist and i hope and i want to re re 0:40:15 reinforce the fact uh the re-emphasize that that phenomenon that that the structure of that dynamic that's universally universalizable along every axis of politics when people are unaware of the source of their dissatisfaction around a part of their life a spectral cause that they can engage with uh at the at a removed level from the reality of their of their alienation and and then they are met by people who have a similarly uh allied uh alienation but find them to be this the the symbol or the their ideas or the phenomenon to be the symbol of their so oh \*\*\*\*\* the thing started all right i'm 0:41:19 going to go on twitter here and see if anything's hashtagging oh they want to who's hashtagging who's trending who's trending in hashtagging i just started the august book shout out to david dixon who sent me a copy of his book the book that i wanted to write back in 2014 but lacked the uh scholarly rigor or training uh language skills uh attention general brain power to do and uh when i abandoned it i felt kind of reassured knowing that this story was so good someone was gonna \*\*\*\*\* do it and i did an inebriated past about willach just so that something was out there uh and now there's a freaking uh a book by david dixon called radical warrior that's the life of my boy uh david dixon and i would like to shout out to him for acknowledging in the very second sentence of his acknowledgments how much of a \*\*\*\*\* it is to 0:42:20 translate froctor uh on old documents that's actually the thing more than anything

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else i have very bad german skills i took it all through college i never got it in my brain it's like math there are certain symbolic orders that my brain cannot really process at least not in a way that i know how to like push forward without just giving up out of laziness and that is languages and uh are foreign languages and numbers they don't work for me and uh so that really hurt but i figured i could like \*\*\*\*\* it i could like you know kind of squint at it and get maybe help but it was trying to get from the fractured german but i'm looking forward to it i'm i'm just glad somebody wrote it and it's like i'm i didn't write it but now the good thing is is i get to read it which is more fun definitely than writing oh my god that sucks all right uh let's see nothing's trending yet is this thing happening none of the trending topics are relating to uh to eliminating to trump does it have did they did they delay it i'm gonna go to cnn here i'm gonna go to the fake news media i'm gonna go to cnn oh yeah i gotta turn that off jumps coronavirus announcement convalescent plasma is this a way to treat it once you have it or is it a yeah see they're saying it's been used to treat patients but that's people who have it that's different like what people want because nobody wants to get it it's like hey this is this will make you less likely to die if you get the thing that like permanently scars your \*\*\*\*\* blood vessels yeah they're not saying if it's treating maybe he'll say today it doesn't look like he's out yet um yeah it's not good i mean he's just they're expedite they're gonna expedite it come on come on you really think it's gonna if anybody thinks this expedition uh is is consummated by november 5th there's a couple of bridges in the near vicinity that i live in that i could \*\*\*\*\* sell you there's zero percent chance that's going to happen but it'll be a big thing that his supporters can wrap in their head as a reason that he needs to get reelected and it might work on a few saps but at this point if you're that big of a sap i think you just already like biden you know or i mean sorry if you're a big enough zap to do that i think you're already like on board with trump uh i have no idea yeah he's going to say we're going to expedite it and that's really interesting is that i was reading the article is that they're saying that like this is stuff that's been tried in europe and fda or the fda is is holding off because they need more confirmation and of course trump just gets to say no they're doing it to stop me from winning they don't want they don't want a big win they're doing it and it's like once you've exposed the meta that way in politics you are have ascended to god mode because you can neutralize anything it's a question of getting 51 of people to accept that line of reasoning that's the problem if you just if that just satisfies his base that's not enough like we're really in a question like this election really does come down to the planet middle right so you've got the two we're talking about the three balls of people right you got the republicans and the democrats and you got that third floaty ball in the middle of people who do not feel not necessarily that

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they might vote more one way or the other it's the more important thing is that they do not consciously filter outside events through a partisan lens the way that republicans and democrats do and these are the guys that are for the jump ball and they're essentially being asked to respond to one of two fantasies and i think this is probably true in every election two projected fantasies of reality uh one from trump that 170 000 people is a totally acceptable number of people to die during a thing like this uh it's all the chinese fault anyway and you know those state governors uh and what about fauci that guy's uh guys he's very very very bad he's very bad for me and the other who says joe biden writes his own speeches uh and actually joe biden uh can fix all of this and that this isn't just a systemic problem that's going to continue until uh it like runs into either technology or calamity which is basically all of our problems now like there's either going to be a point where technology intervenes to to uh inhibit collapse or uh it just keeps sliding off the uh but no no biden's going to fix it being's going to make any of this work those are two fantasies and i'd say the one thing that gives trump a edge there and i think that is the thing that you know i'm not one of these people who say oh trump's definitely going to win or watch this horrible convention and say look at how terrible that is biden's doomed i don't think that's true at all i'd say biden's still the favorite uh but he could absolutely lose even in this situation because that jump ball is being attested by these two fantasies one is biden's gonna fix all the boo-boos and he writes his own speeches and he loves you and he loves ice cream and he loves america and he loves his family and he loves his dead family and he loves cars and did i mention he loves you and your family that's the other one trump loves you trump's stopping the bad guys not even trump loves you they hate you and i'm the one standing between them them and you and they're the reason all these people are dead and they're the reason everything's bad and i gotta say that one has a lot more going for it as a narrative because think about how q spices that up like what is biden biden is trump bad naughty man uh cheeto russia good guy loves america jesus loves you trump is cannibals i mean how do you beat that as just like a brain stem narrative and of course the thing that prevents that from being the way the politics goes because if that worked everyone would do that but they don't because there's credulity it has to be a credible thing it has to align with the perceptions of a large enough group of people and that has generally been the thing that has prevented demagoguery from going too out of hand within the democratic system as we have it but the problem is is that that's eroding credulity is eroding as the internet dissolves her ability to distinguish reality from fantasy completely and at a certain point people because of the stream of information how fast it moves throw up their hands and grab for some epistemic life preserver to make sense of it and since it's all it's all flow none of it

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is material none of it connects to the world it's just a spectacle then credulity isn't a question and cannibals want to eat your children connects it does not have to go through because everything is everything else everything is just the flow it's just a giant river of \*\*\*\*\* and you're just looking for a hand and this hand is telling you 0:50:36 that it's uh democrats want to eat your children what do democrats tell you trump is russian what the \*\*\*\*\* why would or he's bad and he's bad for people most folks aren't thinking that way that sanctimony is not something a lot of people center in their politics the way that liberals do the way that liberals do they do in their own ways but there's a specific sort of public sanctimony that goes along with the liberalism that liberals generalize so which of the things am i going to believe if i if it's all the same if it's all just if it's all just a way out of the maze it doesn't matter am i going to pick cannibals are going to be your children or joe Biden writes his own speeches at that point aesthetics enter into it and like pleasure enters into it and and 0:51:39 what's more pleasurable than the idea of playing in a giant cosmic i mean it's almost like scientology it's like scientology was i want to take like the vastness of the jets age this this world where god is dying and out of his rotting corpse brings this metal marvel of technological innovation that can end and and bring life anywhere at a moment and allows the idea of a god to be embodied in a man that's tempting feels like anything's possible in that moment and hubbard was there to say it is and q is uh q is similar in that it's similarly totalizing out of the moment because of course now it's a moment of catastrophe that was a moment of triumph that was america transcendent resplendent this is american decline q is scientology for an american 0:52:41 decline but has the potential to because the client is much more accelerated uh and the social order is much more frayed so that \*\*\*\*\* like crackpot world views have fewer uh resistance points to have to go through they'll turn into gamma rays and just pierce your ass it becomes more widespread but that was mormonism too 19th century the amer the reality of the american frontier had an implication and it was of godhood for man and the mormons they were the they were the most sensitive antenna to connect to that just like the scientologists were to that moment in the 50s and now q is in the current moment of crisis and reversal that's gone but the need for the narrative the need for uh transcendence uh is that is everywhere and 0:53:43 there's an alternative to it there's an alternative transcendence to seek of course to the cue fantasy of annihilation and uh and the ragnarok it's that good old thing socialism it's kind it's world communism baby it's expanding the human spirit until it encompasses all into one self-aware being a world spirit if you will it's the only psychic alternative it's the only way to tac the only other way to attack your boat everything else will drift you eventually towards annihilation everything even if you think you're creating a third way well congratulations it might look good for a while

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your path might look good for a while but eventually the current is going to pull you over to obliterate obliteration and annihilation eventually you will resolve all those contradictions towards suicidal destruction or you orientate torch yourself towards the awakening of the world spirit that you might not get there you might have a life of reversal because you can't control events you can't control the tide but god damn it you can grow your muscles as you \*\*\*\*\* paddle and you can maybe get there and along the way you gain abilities to maneuver righteousness if anybody is cute in the chat please so there's a number of people claiming to be cue in the chat darn how am i going to tell one from the other \*\*\*\*\* oh well talk about belarus what would i what do i know about belarus how would i have an informed opinion oh i want to say one thing about that uh the i don't even remember the tweet about oh not voting in the elections like going to going to a restaurant there's a bunch of things wrong with all those tweets like there's also the david sedaris one about if you're on the airplane and they give you two choices for a meal and one of them is chicken and the other is \*\*\*\*\* you know uh of course raising the question of why are you on an airplane that has \*\*\*\*\* in their kitchen maybe you should get out of there uh it does the specific idiocy of those metaphors is beside the point although it is manifest and manifold uh the react the thing that's hilarious and basic is that it's all viewing they're telling on themselves they're subconsciously revealing that the reality that they see i mean that they see voting as a consumer choice it is p i mean the like add buster \*\*\*\*\* is like oh democrats and republicans that's like coke and pepsi but then you have actual liberals who \*\*\*\*\* ma when when when trying to create a metaphor to describe the voting process invariably settle on the metaphor of a consumer choice when you're pick when you get to things and the thing is they're not wrong about that it is they think that that is that means that that is a sufficient expression of like some sort of civic democracy no no no it is insufficient as insufficient as consumer choices are to stand in for real freedom because if consumer choices can stand in for real freedom what is your problem with any what is your problem with libertarianism at all because the libertarian idea is freedom is the freedom to choose as as friedman put it and specifically the choosing the market that's freedom that is libertarian notion that's what undergirds neoliberalism if you think that's bad then you don't think that our voting system should because if it is real freedom just be a no i'm saying voting would not be a consumer choice voter voting would be it would be a culmination of one's political life not necessarily that you'd have to like be you know posting not that you'd be posting all the time but that you would have political investment in life you'd be in a union you know you would be managing say some sector of your employment like i'm talking about should here i'm talking about hypothetical say we had a real existing socialism like you would be directing

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your work life from a position of authority of of co cooperative authority with the fellow workers rather than subordination to management voting is just an expression a bureaucratic expression of of of those democratic structures it's just a signal point within a corpus a social corpus that contains the economic and the political and want that is that is that is what voting should be and more importantly voting that isn't that cannot truly direct the democracy in a way that can that can that can lead that can create sufficient change for the moment let's just say that it can move things it will it will absolutely move the flow in one or another direction but it cannot do it on on the timetable let's just say that the current moment requires in terms of urgency around certain questions of and i think you could say well what about what next what next is the challenging part but a lot of the reason that people don't go to what next is one they don't really want things to change because they're smug right which rich liberals or they kind of know there's nothing to do and so they freak they don't know what else to do so they clutch that thing that they think they can control that's why they fetishize the vote so psychotically because it stands in for a bunch of freedom they know they don't have and the first step towards breaking from this mind control is to recognize that this consumer model for democracy is is not operative is insufficient to the moment not that you can't participate in it not that you can't run for office the people shouldn't run for office and voting should happen but that it is insufficient as a sole basis for politics which is what it is now everything is a spook but the thing that sterner didn't get is that the ego is the biggest spook of all the ego is phonier than the rest of it the phoniness and the fakeness and the and the delusion of the ego is what generates all the \*\*\*\*\* social spooks in the first place it's the it's the uh the containment grid that gets shut down at the end of ghostbusters that's why the only way that uh we could have a social order that allows for real freedom and to banish some of these most harmful spooks is to diminish the ego not to reify it as the soul uh aperture of meaning good lord it's it is a it's a it's it is a genuinely counterproductive delusion we need it in order to navigate physical space but over time it pulls us out of a social fabric and makes us able it makes us create structures that are ghosts real maybe i'm now fully on maybe am i agnostic now on all para paranormal uh stuff i if aliens exist i would i would bet that they were probably uh extra dimensional rather than uh extraterrestrial well the extraterrestrial technically yes but not not distant in the current moment in the current universe that's what i mean but maybe i got the shrugs on all that i just think of all that dark matter just sitting there you know i think of all that dark matter everywhere all over the place and how the hell do i know what's in there i do love uh that marx wrote more words denouncing sterner than sterner wrote himself which i find very very marks of him he would have been he would have loved the posting wars that's the thing but but but

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the difference is is that he existed in a cultural context when posting was praxis due to the emergent nature of uh of media and the still tight uh social bonds in emerging he has subscriptions to those magazines he never waves when he goes by he's hiding 1:5:14 something from the rest of us what's in there what's in that there about dark matter he took down the from the pepper tree he has no children of his own you see if biden wins and things keep getting really terrible and q-related political violence uh starts spiking this is gonna be the song of uh 2021 this is going to be every every other every 1:6:15 third crack-headed or just crack-skulled suburban q guy whose mortgages do maybe grandma died of kovid getting closer to sawing the end off of a shotgun and going to the local democratic party headquarters or papa john's well no not papa john's the pizza of course there's also enough formaldehyde to choke a horse second civil war they say antifa versus on i don't think so guys i think that's portland i think that's portland you can see it as a prefiguration and i think it is pre-figurative in certain ways certainly a way around the way that uh what law enforcement is responding i think that is pre-figurative but the social element i think might be specific to that 1:7:17 context the specific social dynamic in portland between antifa and the proud boys and a prayer circle or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* to me it feels sort of sweet generous or relative or more like like a concentration of elements that exist in other places but that in portland are so specifically uh condensed that they lead to the cycle that i don't know is generally generalizable i don't know i am saying once again from a position of ignorance i'm doing the shruggie as always doing the shruggie chiving keeping calm and chiving on

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uh okay i think and now we've established everything is inherently worthless and there's nothing in the universe with any kind of objective purpose and i scream a hundred years split the sky with a thousand curses a grammatical that can do and you wouldn't match the surface too many implications not enough time to make 0:1:2 them specific too many generalizations not enough time to make them sit back hello it's overcast it might rain i'm warning because if it gets really bad i'll probably have to go inside the night is overcast there is a foreboding about about there's this feeling of tension but uh i'll keep an eye on it oh god i wish i looked when i wear this is a terrible shirt and it looks like crap and it has this big round terrible collar and i still remember that i \*\*\*\*\* went on television wearing this \*\*\*\*\* thing once god i like to think that i have a little a modicum more uh social awareness to do that 0:2:5 now but i'm now on twitch which is i guess the modern television and i'm wearing it but it's i'm cycled through my clothing and i don't want to wear anything again too recently i get neurotic about it so now i got to take go to i got to do a little laundry but man this shirt is really terrible i should just throw it out so i don't even i don't even like get tempted to wear it ah i am flexing with the drip that's right folks i'm flexing with the drip we are streaming the rnc uh last week we just did tuesday wednesday thursday this week though because the republicans are always more fun and have more juicy \*\*\*\*\* uh i mean the first night we're gonna have the gun couple from st louis and dj tj who are both the can't misses in my opinion so 0:3:6 me and law and option are gonna be streaming tonight too uh i don't know who else will be on uh virgil said he might do it but it'll be at least us but then we're gonna have more amber or felix and other special guests will be all through the week oh and on third and on wednesday i should put this out here uh before that and after uh the fym team the streaming guys tom and those gentlemen uh will be doing a fundraiser for the milwaukee freedom fund related to providing i think jail support and other help to protesters after the horrifying police shooting that just happened in kenosha uh and that's going to be happening before that's gonna happen from seven to nine and then we're gonna hop on at nine we're gonna do the convention and

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then we're gonna do some more uh spoofs and goofs with the fym crew afterwards and that'll be donating raising money for the milwaukee am i jfk junior well that's just ridiculous oh come on uh what did trump say about bernie today is he trying to do the triangulation thing where he reminds people that bernie's a good guy and wonderful and we love him uh and that the dnc stole the nomination from him which is very very clever but very disingenuous because if bernie had gotten the nomination i think honestly bernie got the nomination trump might have fully embraced cue by now he might be going he wants to eat your children this brit cause he's terry he was terrified of bernie sanders socialist appeal because he has an understanding because he's more connected to to popular trends than bloodless vampire republicans he sensed that there was something stirring in the masses that could have potentially been connected to things like medicare for all i mean the guy wanted to run for president in 2000 on the reform party platform with medicare for all basically as the principle of domestic reform he has that animal instinct and so he was scared of bernie and he would have nothing else so he would probably be fulfilling on because that would be the handiest tool the whole convention would be pictures of bernie like photoshop next to anton levay and a folks eats babies this guy is bernie sanders he seems like a great guy he's a bad guy anyway what did trump say about bernie they say he would have been unbeatable that's pretty funny because it's true and he can admit it now that it's no i don't think he called him a triflin hoe that sounds ridiculous he said he was the greatest loser of all time that's i actually just rewatched the stuff somebody asked me i saw the blob i rewatched the stuff the stuff has good stuff in it but it's not very good it's a great performance by michael moriarty more than anything that's the thing about a lot of those larry cohen movies is that the movies aren't that great but \*\*\*\*\* moriarty is fantastic he's doing like this method goofy counter-intuitive \*\*\*\*\* in all of his movies with them like that and q that makes it interesting even if the direction's flat and it's very choppy apparently it was much longer and the version i don't know if there's ever been a director's cut but the original cut of the stuff was much longer and you could tell it's very very uh herky-jerky and uh and missing a lot of stuff and it doesn't have a lot of energy as a result of that but michael moriarty is fantastic having paul sorvino in there basically playing a fictionalized lightly fictionalized version of bogue rights fantastic uh garrett morris is delightful as chocolate chip charlie but the whole thing with the stuff none uh somebody says the next carter was the first guy who told people to uh to do more with less and he says no that there was like there was meat there was a whole thing about meat uh with nixon but the thing about that is that was an emergency that was an emergency um that was an emergency situation and it was nixon specifically it was mixed with it was part of a broader policy of kicking the can down the road

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because remember uh so carter faced with the ch with the uh with the reality of stagflation decides to to start do austerity nixon was faced with that same option in his first term but he was fully fixated on winning because as i said the democrats are super ego the republicans are id nixon wanted power first and foremost everything flowed from that carter wanted to think he was a good boy carter wanted to be a sanctimonious good man he was going to be the good man who redeemed america 0:8:28  
america that had fallen it was going to be redeemed by him a person who embodied righteousness that is not what dixon was nixon thought he knew of the future and the funny thing is nixon is a guy who anticipates a lot of our current crisis because nixon saw coming because he presided over the the end of bretton woods in the beginning of the uh of the current uh floating fiat system with the us dollars this global reserve currency he saw the future he knew this means that america will no longer be the productive powerhouse of the world america will not be able to be a net exporter you can't be a reserve currency without connection to gold or some species you cannot be a reserve currency and be a net exporter it doesn't work the money's got to circulate it's got to be out of the country that means people have to be you have to be buying things from the rest of the world that is unbreakable that that had a lot of implications for the future of the american military project 0:9:30  
and at that point the still hot cold the still existing cold war because nixon didn't know that the soviet union was going to be gone soon he thought they'd have to be reckoned with while america declined and he was going to manage the decline and that meant that whatever it took to get uh through to these dumb asses to get him elected what he would do and so when he was faced with that crisis he did not sit america down and tell them i need you to suffer as i need to suffer he told people we're doing waging price controls he did the thing that no republican was supposed to do the thing that made the thing that made milton friedman \*\*\*\*\* rivets because he wanted to get reelected because he didn't want to cause a recession carter basic carter's policy in uh this is not a joke and this is not a theory of mine this is pretty well documented carter's economic project in his first term was to induce a recession and then he had to run for reelection you wouldn't do that if winning was what 0:10:32  
you cared about carter didn't care about winning because it wasn't about his what he was going to do to make america like manage manage its actual government it was what it was he was going to do for its soul he was what he was going to do for its spirit but that's not that job and that's that's one of the the horrors of the american presidency is because it is this civic uh god it's this it's this god king like there's so much energy around the presidency and they have so much actual power and they have so much psychic power and so much of it is put into the demands of one individual that that that the mechanics of power that they preside over and

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the spiritual like metaphorical internal uh spiritual processing of that mater reality get inter intermingled and so carter did not start from the principle of i know what i could do to make america's mil government function he was gonna fix the spirit but that wasn't what was the problem there was no problem with that it emanated 0:11:34 from the structure nixon understood that i mean he didn't really give a \*\*\*\*\* about if america was moral or not he wanted to be in charge he was a \*\*\*\*\* sick little pervert who got off on power because it filled the gaping hole in his in his stomach and so nixon says uh no we'll do wage and price controls even though that was that's the keynesian answer that's like that's the that that was the hegemonic new dealer answer and that is why when carter got in there the only option anyone saw was austerity because the only alternative the left-wing alternative the one that teddy kennedy ran on in 1980 was waging price controls and the thing is when they said that was a bad idea they were not wrong we literally had just had wage and price controls under nixon and they didn't work but that's all that was in the keynesian cupboard that was all that was in the new deal the great society covered because it was trapped in the logic of the \*\*\*\*\* capitalist system that demanded profit that 0:12:35 demanded the uh that that demanded continued purchasing in a consumer matrix to offset the amount of alienation being being carried out through the process of of the wage relationship in that context there's two roads one of them you know doesn't work but it could maybe work in the short term to make keep your party in power and the other deals with the the actual uh like econo political political economic malfunction within the system transfers from the political to the economic uh and and change it and actually addresses the problem and that's what they po chose they chose austerity and the thing is by addressing the problem in capitalist terms what's this oh it increases exploitation \*\*\*\*\* it increases exploitation of third world people by turning them from peasants into uh wage laborers which means yes 0:13:37 standard of living goes up but so does exploitation and alienation it does and you can say it's a trade-off worth making but it's not one that those people are making by choice it's not a democratic choice it's being thrust upon them they're getting more a higher standard of living and in a lot of cases barely that in exchange for giving up control over their uh environment but but the j but that's their decision or hypothetically you would think by people who claim otherwise to believe the idea that we are independent beings who deserve to make a choice in our destiny but no that just happens because it's invisible because the market doesn't the market draws people through capillary action for the country to the city and turns them into a proletariat no one's hands are on the trigger there's no law there's no uh there's no emptying you're not empty like pol pot emptied the cities by gunpoint and that's a horrible thing and it was but filling those cities was a horrible thing too but there

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was no you didn't need to put a gun on anybody and so and in the country in the 0:14:42  
us which had been the arsenal democracy and then then the winner of world war ii  
and then the sole industrial behemoth of a world coming back into a demand for a  
civic \*\*\*\*\* consumer infrastructure which we provided but in so doing we also had  
to stand up our former enemies to keep them from being subsumed by the soviets  
which depleted our ability to dominate the uh the export markets decreasing profits  
for american industry putting pressure on the bretton woods uh dollar system which  
resulted in nixon taking us off gold which meant that if we were going to still be  
the reserve currency we had to run a massive trade deficit which we have basically  
ever since that is why anybody who talks about how like there's some right populism  
that's going to come up and it's going to from the like the economic left outflank the  
democrats like tucker carlson's going to lead some heron folk democracy that's going 0:15:43  
to really bring the jobs back instead of just say they're going to do like trump that's  
wishful thinking in certain degree like i mean even if you say it would be horrible you  
at least would love to see some sort of acknowledgement that we are masters of our  
economic destiny but they would in order to do that they would have to be willing  
to get rid of the world reserve currency being the american dollar and go towards  
something that kane suggested at bretton woods which is to have a global exchange  
currency that was not tied to do you think tucker carlson is going to sign up for that  
globalism but that's the thing that is how you can that's you got nixon and carter  
who basically the same problem in front of them and what determines their action 0:16:45  
is which psychological like what what what role that they think they're doing and  
republicans because they're the id of the system think that they're operating out of  
uh just dr blind drive that's then cloaked in righteousness however they decide to  
tell themselves the democrat thinks of themselves first and foremost as someone who  
exists to be a virtuous to be outward focusing even though it's in this context of  
capitalism where that is rendered a joke by the reality of the brutal oppression and  
alienation of capitalism and the desacralization of all exchanges and then replace  
them with them replacement of them by market relationships which are inherently  
sterile and which accumulate towards exploitation you don't you're not going to  
record with that but so but you're going to try to be a good person and so you either  
put a cynical lid on inflation so you can get to that second term and negotiate that  
trilateral uh deal with the other world powers that puts us on a position to step down  
from dollar hegemony in a way that doesn't destroy our us our economic system so 0:17:46  
we can like have a handoff to a more globalized system of world capitalism where  
we're no longer the headquarters but we keep most of the uh the the lucr because  
we're like senior partners the way that this uh the way that the uk i gotta do it i'm  
nixon i'm the smart guy i can do that carter on the other hand is like oh people need

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to work look people need to learn to live with less and be less consumers be more citizens put more investment into their lives around them and not in what they buy really are you going to do anything to change the thing that makes america consumer society any of the brutal alienating factors that replace all of our meaning with dollar worth like we replace any kind of of abstract spiritual social worth with concretized dollar worth and all and you're going to tell people you need to live on less but we're not going to let you live in any different way you still need to pay the rent every 0:18:49  
\*\*\*\*\* month you still need to save for your kids college you still uh need to work 40 or 50 hours a week for a boss who tells you what to do and whose labor and who takes your labor and keeps it for himself the vast and you got to live in a physical infrastructure that keeps people apart from each other and uh and a mass media topped on top of that that that uh further alienates and splinters and keeps people away and replaces the social with some imagined uh monoculture that you're all participating in spite like at the etheric plane but never interacting with personally never generating from the ground up but you but you're you you're gonna be able to find more meaning in life even though conditions for your life haven't changed right no you're gonna listen to another guy ronald reagan when he says \*\*\*\*\* that and then what happens is the volcker shock ends up uh doing what carter wanted to do and said we needed to do which was balance the economy on the back of workers 0:19:51  
by breaking labor power and the demand of the labor share of profit which is one of the things that did drive inflation it's not like it didn't drive inflation but it's the one driver of inflation that they essentially decided to get rid of they neutered labor flat line on the chart for the last 40 years but they did it behind our backs they did it slowly they did it under morning in america they did it with the reagan finery around it and people didn't even know it was happening carter because he was honest wanted to tell people up front what he was going to do to them and as long as there's another party that's not bound by your weird kink your weird subconscious need to be uh to be uh seen by others as virtuous this this uh part of this this party that exists to suppress the urges for the greater good without confronting any of the underlying psychosis that generates that desire which is the actual reality of 0:20:52  
capitalism the unexamined ego you want people to like be wide awake when they get uh their medicine you're gonna lose and then the other party's gonna win since the cicadas are out there they're clacking away people are telling me that that was a squirrel the other day by the way that was just hollering that's terrifying they just look so cute and fluffy i did not know they could make noises like that you know i'm 0:21:53  
starting to think that the conspiracy mindset that's now emerging on the left it's not obvious it's not the same thing as the q anon thing in fact the q anon thing is like a flight from reality and i think that the uh conspiracy mongering on the left

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about stuff about what's psyops also counts as a sort of step for uh it counts as a step forward for some people which is why i think it's to be encouraged whereas the the uh the q one is to be lamented not like anything you can do about it but just to look down with horror and be like oh god oh god now i'm not talking about chewing on i'm not talking about true and on i feel like those guys do their homework and and their \*\*\*\*\* is real and that like there are ops obviously ops are everywhere what i'm saying is the instinct people have that is generated by this new awareness that epstein helped create of the reality of parapolitics to say everything that you encounter is a is an op that's what i'm talking about and i think what that is is people are essentially trying to psychically red pill themselves towards an awareness of cap 0:22:55  
of like capitalism like trying to get the no live glasses on you know trying to forge the no sorry that they live glasses of of socialism but you know it's it's it's not going to be fast and easy for everybody because a lot none of this stuff is intuitive if you grew up in america like it runs counter to everything you've been taught the deep ideology and pushing against that is difficult and i feel like understanding on one level that all social uh phenomenon are generated not by rna like uh uh our individual sins our individual deficiencies like bad things in culture bad things in society don't just come from us being bad people like choosing to do bad that that moralistic calvinist framework that's not true that's that's that's a fanta that's a spook that's meant to mystify you uh it's generated by the social relationship the the actual relationship of production that shapes the world everyone lives in making people's uh making life 0:23:58  
making daily life is what makes bad things happen because it's generated by those those interactions by by that that fundamental the fundamental quest for sustenance of all kinds that makes up human existence but it's hard to hold on to that because it's abstract and it's hard to connect it to the world around you because it's so far removed from your experience of events and i feel like it is an intermediate step for people trying to get deeper to the idea of these things being generated by by the social order to a like they can't get there they can't stay there but where they can stay create like imaginatively is to some some expression of that order in the form of intelligence in the form of the deep state in the form of the the the men in black and 0:24:59  
then say aha i understand that school shootings or stepmom porn i understand that these aren't because we're not doing this because we're naughty people we're sinful people we don't deserve nice things these aren't these aren't the expressions of a sick society as in six citizens it's an expression of a social relationship that is untenable and producing more and more horrifying alienating lives for the people who live in it that is generating more and more profanity of spirit uh but it is an agent of our structure that does it the cia the deep state that's that's connects you it's the it's the it's the linkage between just events as they occur and as they coalesce into trends

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that we recognize and the the the superstructure and then the base it connects the two connects bass and superstructure as a mental architecture as i like to use that 0:26:0  
term i know i say it too much but in this case i'm literally meaning like a like a  
piece of \*\*\*\*\* connective tissue or so um so i i say i so that's why i don't get mad  
at people when they want to ask what they want think everything's an op i just say  
there are ops but they're not everything because if they're everything then we have  
no agency at all right if everything but that's there's a paradox there if everything  
is an op then they wouldn't need to do ops if you know what i mean you've reached  
the point where you're not really uh you're you're you've stepped back too far you're  
you're not describing discrete you're not just that you're turning the ter the map  
into the territory basically because like every like there are events within a a there's  
like a sheet of events rippling out you know and they form into events that have and 0:27:1  
some of them are cause of some things and some other cause are other things at a  
certain point you've lost descriptive ability if the thing that you're describing is what  
is responsible for everything so that that leaves you with a situation of well some  
things are real and some things aren't how do i find out you actually have to like look  
into it you actually have to start you have to assume that they aren't and then and  
then change your opinion based on discovering more evidence that they are you have  
to start from an assumption that they aren't all because at this point there's so much  
amorphous \*\*\*\*\* in the internet and it's so easy to get curated versions of events  
even if you don't even realize that's what you're searching for the way that people  
might not even know that they're the ones moving the uh planchette in a game of  
ouija you're you're tunneling into a reinforcing uh epistemic circle without even being  
aware of it so you got to start from the assumption that they aren't and then have 0:28:2  
to be convinced like it's it's it's it's a mod like there's a reason that it became that  
that's the basis of like the english common law because it is a uh it's a epistemic tool  
to array things into like into yes or no propositions where's your starting position and  
it needs to be no or else everything would just piles up like stepmother porn my i see  
it absent any evidence if everybody is literally if huge if a bigger bigger percentage  
of people stay at home and a bigger and bigger percentage of people uh get divorced  
or at least you know at this point a solid 50 percent of marriage is divorced but more  
and more people live at home the amount of interactions between step parents and  
step children is going to increase exponentially over time clarice i mean part of it is 0:29:10  
for me it's like for a lot of these needs especially like porn addicted neats who are like  
consuming a lot of the porn which is a lot of people because there's a lot of people  
who just just watch porn or mostly watch porn in terms of their sexual life they  
don't have jobs you know they're they what what are they gonna do with a fantasy  
of like having sex with somebody at the water cooler they don't have a \*\*\*\*\* job

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they live in their parents house they don't go anywhere they're on the internet all day the only woman they engage in in any way with in any given moment or maybe their stepmom or whoever lives in their house so giving them a fantasy of having sex with their stepmom is a fantasy that's achievable in their mind is like a possible thing as a gateway it's something to intensify the pleasure because you can imagine actually having sex with somebody in your house you're going to interact with a strange woman so and same thing with like mass shootings i think america's messed up enough to produce people who snap and shoot each other considering how many guns and how much just unregulated social dysfunction we've got uh and if you have but if you have specific evidence i'll listen to it i just think that like you need to just start from a position that these things aren't and then you have to be convinced and like i think the thing like true and on is good because i think they're actually a model for doing it but the problem is is that like it takes rigor to do it the way they do and it's much easier to just sort of have a hip off the hip cake but that's because people that's that's because like the stakes are lower your take you know you're not you're not a professional podcaster that take doesn't matter it's just going to accrue some likes or whatever but if that's the case just like well then why have an opinion at all like why do you have to have a take at all why not if there's nothing in it for you like my thing with a lot of the issues people demand i have an argument about and like have a real strong opinion about it's like well what does it benefit me to have this opinion what does it benefit anyone else to have an opinion about something that has by definition to be largely cut off from any deeper understanding of it that i could even but the thing is everything gets flattened so q anon doing like rigorous stuff gets turned into takes for everything and then that turns into your world view now you know obviously as i've said a million times if it's happening online it doesn't matter but if enough people have like the wrong world overview in their head it's hard for them to uh to act effectively but can't convince them of that and that's why you can't change it at the level of the discourse because they have to they have to have a real experience in life that leads them in one or another direction you cannot convince them out of it you might convince that a few people but the pers the uh efficacy is so low that it and i might point out that the backlash is so much more like i would say that i think you could definitely argue successfully that the discourse has changed the minds of people but i would make another argument that is just as you know unbound by facts like this isn't the thing we could decide for us empirically this is purely a rational exercise because we're not going to be able to ever get this information and everything that will be called information is going to be anecdote so i would say on the question of whether it's like the discourse is an effective place to fight i would say this there's two propositions one is that more people have their

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minds changed by encountering arguments online than our reinforced in bad opinions that lead to bad outcomes by the very act of observing and engaging in the and you 0:33:41 cannot prove either of these you have to just say what into yourself which one you think is more realistic which one is fits with your vision of like your rational mind your reason which one seems more reasonable to you that more people discreetly as individuals read an opinion that is diet that is uh right interact with their wrong opinion and have a change and this is important not just switch from one wrong opinion to the other because that happens but that's different and you'd have to be able to say no no no not when anybody not like when ian miles chong goes from sjw to red pill like that doesn't count he changed his mind even if you you know you can say it was cynical but say it wasn't that happens sometimes that doesn't that's not good uh you have to say that that happens enough to be worth spending that time there barring how much time people spend there how much energy is put 0:34:44 there there's another proposition that says that whatever that number is that people change their mind towards something better it is by far overwhelmed by people who are reinforced in wrong opinions by engaging in this stupid \*\*\*\*\* in and i would say a good example of that is the thing in kansas which became this battle of like absolute propositions human like dignity the ability to like be a human being without without your attempts to live your life in good faith being destroyed by some monstrous uh uh mechanism of of punishment this foucaulian nightmare uh or or the proposition that uh that there's like this monstrous misogynist left that essentially just wants to uh you know create a heron folk democracy around uh around socialized labor uh 0:35:45 but subjugated socialized public labor but subjugated private female house house labor and it's like holy \*\*\*\*\* that's a big argument damn i see the point on both sides what's this about it's about a 19 year old running why is a 19 year old running for that seat because and this is where this is where the \*\*\*\*\* mystification of the discourse comes in although the only way people filter this stuff like who's a good candidate in the political sphere who's a good guy who's a bad guy it's do they have the right opinions right because it's just i'm running for congress on a platform of these opinions and so this is the shibboleths i talk about when i talk about how online argumentation just creates lines where everything is just a formal shibboleth 0:36:47 so that means that when you're evaluating a campaign or a candidacy or an event the only thing that matters is what they say about anything but there's a reality that you're trying to elect somebody to a job and presumably that is supposed to be an advance for forces of good they're supposed to do something in that office that is positive i would suggest and submit that a 19 year old by definition cannot do that they do not have the life skills mental uh competence knowledge base uh maturity to do it and more importantly the social ability to negotiate the halls of power no

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identify good faith from bad faith actors among the current legislatures picking your moment with pieces of legislation to make to actually push something forward find out who you can deal with in good faith and who would require you to get rid of your morals if you have them if you're not just saying it and how would we ever know if you weren't just saying it the devil can quote scripture if he wants to so i say a 19 year old can't do that job and you could say well then no one else there was nobody in that district who stood up would you rather have no one stand up honestly yes i would i would rather have no one do it than a 19 year old and the fact that a 19 year old did it tells me that whatever the situation is uh that legislature was never gonna do anything he wasn't gonna serve as a beacon he wasn't gonna like lead some sort of realignment because there is no groundwork there is no social base to generate anything other than a 19 year old no one else stepped forward that is fallow ground now you can run in fallow ground if you have uh some sort of connection to a project but being 19 tells me there was no project it's just people doing what they want to do it's people going from hey one vote is just one vote this isn't really doing politics to me running for office is doing politics but really it's not that much more because these things have to multiply upon access of coordination we have to do these things in concert the org the activism has to be the kids bouncing the basketball in the goddamn chinese video everyone's talking about and if it's a 19 year old then the structure did not exist to generate and all the other arguments that became world-ending questions of morality are built on a edifice of delusion if people look through that lens of that event realistically they would say do i have to say anything about this at all and they would say no that's not cowardice that is triage and the only way that that doesn't make sense to you is if the only access is the is the is the axis of ideology and getting the right opinions and dividing the good from the bad you could say this guy's a good guy and the evidence is look at the things he says and look at the things he believes in that's one thing you have to judge somebody by and it certainly beats judging them by whatever the hell democrats talk about like he said he's a nice person he said he likes ice cream and he said he thinks i'm cool it's much better for it to be cold political points of view but those are still just things you can say because nobody is acting from a it's all air words are wind and they're not just wind and you have to use them as a first step but then guess what happens you organize first by what people say and then what by they do and i'm sorry there's nothing you've done by 19 that necessitates especially at state senate in kansas that necessitates that level of investment you have to be deluded you have to be stuck on this narrow strip of ideological combat between other people all of whom are caught in the epistemic chamber totally disconnected from the and even if you're right in a narrow sense you are wasting your time and everyone wastes some time you your life

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i mean wasting time is one of the things that makes uh life bearable in under current conditions but you might be wasting time that we don't have to waste see this person says what if he's a 19 year old with a unusually savvy political might and a movement behind him a movement that produces a 19 year old candidate is not a movement that i respect how about that because ideas aren't the only thing ideas aren't the only thing there's a you're you live in three dimensions and one and there's a social dimension to life like you're trying to turn these things into just like you're trying to turn them into this abstracted battle of ideas instead of a real attempt to gain power through human existing political structures there was nobody older than that in your movement you aren't there yet and that's not that doesn't mean don't try for it it does mean that whether you win or not it's epiphenomenal because there is they're too track and this is what gets a lot of people confused about the efficacy of electoral politics is that there are two tracks of electoral politics that are going to emerge from the left moment that we're living in to the extent that it exists one is going to be coordinated action involving uh you know organizations of different levels of of uh volunteer and cadre intensity coming together through coalitions to coalesce around candidates that agreed to an existing platform and work in concert with others and then there are going to be adventurous people who inspired by that movement decide on their own to do it there is nothing that they're not ops some of them might be there's no you shouldn't assume any of them are ops until you're presented with evidence to the contrary uh they are totally totally in 100 percent um earnest and they want what's best for everyone but because they're americans they don't know what that means they're guessing like we all are they're struggling blindly through the dark that's why that's what the class project is it's people hollering in the dark until they can hear each other and then they can hold hands and then they can lead each other out of the \*\*\*\*\* darkness people doing it outside of the context it's not they're not hurting anything necessarily unless their battle becomes a huge sink for resources and attention that it doesn't deserve but it is just going to be somebody hollering out into the darkness voices and it's like yeah it sucks to be able to figure out which one's which but you've got to do it you got to try fred hampton didn't run for anything it's levels of accountability within an organization you can trust people because you have a level of accountability that involves personal relationships elected officials are abstracted from that so you have less of a social dimension to your control over their actions and that has to be filled by their own virtues and you can only know that through the accumulation of their actions to that point all these categories are getting confused in people's minds i'm not going to say a 19 year old can't lead a \*\*\*\*\* political grassroots political organization that involves like committees of people who are in in absolute uh like uh relationship to one another and accountable

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to each other elected officials are accountable and the thing is this is going to be a problem because we've talked a lot about how the middle section of america political class the people who might realistically run for office has been completely gutted uh and that it's created a political class that is reinforcing and part of a broader managerial class and that it's gonna have to emerge from the working class that's true but it has to at some point these things have to come into contact with other spokes with other nodes in order to be reinforced into a meaningful action see this is the thing people say you're saying a kid can't do something running for office is qualitatively different and this is the thing everybody wants to do everything the idea that there's anything constraining anyone's relationship to any action is horrifying and why is that because we're operating out of a libido understanding of politics where as much as we think we want what's best for everybody at the end of the day what we really want is what's best for what we think we want and we have confused those to an extent or they're overlapping to an extent that we can delude ourselves further into thinking that our personal selfish uh pursuits are for the greater good but at some point that turns into an unsustainable delusion and you know when that point is when you connect to other people and then they check you and you realize oh i can't do this as long as you're online as long as you're fighting these battles in the virtual space then you can do i mean the sunrise movement i mean i i definitely think that's a step in the right direction compared to one off's runs for congress and \*\*\*\*\* by people who have no experience or understanding of what they're doing and are not connected to anything broader than like a friend network or a bunch of people on a facebook page or a subreddit uh but it's they're also showing that they are their kids they're figuring it out like the way they got rolled on the on the uh it was very predictable the way they got rolled on the morse thing you could have seen that coming a mile away and one of the things that would have aided that was maturity was a little more experience to know what what principles like how principles should be applied in reality instead of just like squirting squid ink out of virtue because that's all you've learned because your politics is until very recently because you're young by i mean i just think if somebody had that on their record they would say oh i'm a bad candidate for this i shouldn't do this because as much as you can say that the uh the mob was wrong and awful and disgusting to see it was how do you not assume that's going to happen because the number of people i see who complain every day about the awful bang woke mobs are now outraged that the anti-will the mo the woke mobs are out again but what did you expect to happen and essentially what they i assume happened what hoped to happen was well no one will find out you can't operate off that assumption in a political battle these people are \*\*\*\*\* monsters look what look what the \*\*\*\*\* richard angle or what the

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\*\*\*\*\* his name the guy and uh the guy who who put the honey the weird honey trap for morse look \*\*\*\*\* franklin roosevelt's grandson was involved in that \*\*\*\*\* badger game this is this is capital you're dealing with these are the cosmic forces of nature these are the warlocks who have seized control who actually wield power in this structure you're not going to exploit every \*\*\*\*\* thing they can and then have 0:49:8 armies of of useful idiot woke people who are going to grasp on to a chance to show their virtue again and a chance to show how they're they're the good people and to find heretics to burn you don't think they're going to do that of course they're going to \*\*\*\*\* do that that's what they do and what you're going to tell them not to like you do every \*\*\*\*\* day how's that going going how has been telling them not to do it it's an irresponsible thing to do in the first place and as bad as horrible as it is to drag a kid for that it is irresponsible to do in the first place and it's not his fault it doesn't make him a bad person it means he didn't have anybody to tell him not to do it and why didn't he have anybody to tell him what to do why didn't he tell anybody to why didn't he have anybody to tell him not to do it because he didn't have anybody who had any \*\*\*\*\* perspective on this outside of we should be we should be running for office we need to be the ones in power and the thing is is 0:50:9 like the horrible thing is i could say all that and people and then say well then what and that's the horror that's the nauseas that i don't know because by definition it can't be any of this stuff but where else are we able to feel that we're acting it's a nightmare and that is where that is where changing material conditions come in as just a thing to cling to a thing to get you through the day but also a reality not just coping but part of it is coping i don't know it's going to work but i do think it requires people to take a good hard look at their relationship to politics in terms of what they think is effective action and to challenge themselves to ask themselves deeply do i 0:51:10 want this because i think it'll do any good in the world or do i want this because it satisfies some need some social need to be reaffirmed in a social platform and the hope the only hope we have is that if enough people will ask themselves that and by asking themselves that able to they are able to clear the foggy windshield of their perception of the world around them the leap of faith and i know that sucks because people want to \*\*\*\*\* blueprint but it has to be felt you have to be driven by by a self an engine of self-interest of some kind and it's either our our libido self-interest 0:52:11 or it is a deeper understanding is a deeper understanding of the greater good that emotionally encompasses everyone and not just us and that is very hard to come by and it's not something even that once you feel you just keep feeling you have to work for it and it goes away because the the world in front of you is arrayed before you as this buffet of pleasures in this litany of horrors that you have to negotiate and that drives you towards self-satisfaction to self-comfort it it drives all of us but we

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have to find a practice in our lives to allow a clarity to see the distinction between us and the world around us recognize the delusion that delusion for what it is and genuinely feel a social obligation that's spirituality broadly understood the specific definition of it that's personal that's why anybody who wants some sort of trad return to enforced state religion is deluding themselves you cannot un \*\*\*\*\* the dog you cannot take the toothpaste and put it back in the tube we are different we have been transformed through the dialectical process we have been pulverized against the rocks of capitalism and \*\*\*\*\* uh protestantism and materialism and every ism uh in science and under and and technology more than anything in capitalism most of all we are different things and we have to recommit we have to re we have to recycle eyes the world on a new uh a new foundation and it's going to include you know the language and vocabulary and mental worlds of existing religions because that's what people have in their head that's what has meaning to them already and they're going to have to accrue they will accrue meaning along those axis but that meaning will not be you know the the sectarian horrible religion practiced by most you know religious people in the world sadly but a broader a rhizomatic understanding of of interest is co-mingling and emotional that's the thing a lot of people understand uh as a matter of intellectual exercise that we are all in this together the way bernie says that we genuinely are social beings who need to act from a social basis we understand that intellectually but we don't really feel it we and this was true for me for many years i understand that a lot intellectually but at the end of the day i'm still me and they're them i perceive myself as outside of them and so therefore i have to get mine first a spiritual understanding of the world that i'm talking about understands oh no no there is no distinction meaningfully to be made between me and them and by them i mean everybody on earth there's no meaning there are gradients of like uh of familiarity that array along like symbolic orders that we've encountered in our lives but they are just gradients they're gradients of of that add up to the demiurgical shadow reality we find ourselves in but in reality everyone is me and what that means is that you are operating libidially from a position of altruism not managing to go through not ideologically transitioning from self-interest to uh altruism genuine like your self-expression is towards an understanding of a social obligation and i'm not saying people are bad if they don't have that i don't think i was a bad person when i didn't have that and by the way i don't have that all the time it's it's a it's a light bulb that is flickering at all times it gutters out and it flies up and i have to work to tend that \*\*\*\*\* uh that that is not something that is blaring and it's like i'm not a better person i'm not some sort of a better person than people who don't think that way because you can operate from personal or from a personal uh perspective and do good things and be a good person absolutely and someone i respect what i'm saying is

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that if that's the only way people operate people in aggregate not individually people in aggregate will move towards pathological behavior will move towards undermining their own uh efforts and undermining their own uh uh movements but that's not an individual judgment of individual people it is a no it is a recognition of the law of large numbers if everyone's operating out of self-interest eventually especially in a culture like ours those are going to in aggregate lead people to misaligning and not misaligning as like good and bad but as a gradient like these things are in everyone these instincts are in everyone and have to be battled and uh are part of life and part of the struggle of life and getting towards a position where we all feel that is what we're talking about when we're talking about the world spirit coming into recognition of itself this is what we're talking about when we mean the teleology of marxism is a moment when everybody is operating from a felt position of interconnection not a reasoned position of interconnection that's when you get rid of the idea of coercion that's when the state literally doesn't need to exist and markets don't need to exist because no one is operating from a position of self-interest at all but it isn't but the thing is is that it cannot be con enforced you can't do it through re-education camps or gulags you can't do it through rude propaganda people have to feel it they have to feel it because they have to live in conditions that allow them to feel it that is why we have to all make leaps of faith every day to make the world more like that in our interactions with each other so that people can sustain it in their hearts and give it to others until that we can stave off disaster and i am not on acid no not on acid i hope some of that made sense some people are mad at me but i'm good if people have honestly i i do think if people i get i i have open dms i talk i read i read the reddit about me if people got problems i about my stuff i definitely encounter it and i and i try to reason it out i just don't want to do it in a public forum because that contributes to the debate \*\*\*\*\* i hate uh in the preening and it makes me less likely to act the way that i know i should it'll make makes me more likely to disassemble and be dishonest and to use uh solipsistic trickery in order to get my way because of my awareness that i'm competing you know in front of an audience if it brings out the worst in me i think it brings out the worst in a lot of people not everybody some people thrive in it in terms of it making them better able to you know engage with the truth for me it gets me farther from the truth and farther from the best version of myself but i encount i engage with feedback so all right maybe i'll take a couple questions that went pretty wow holy crap that was an hour wow so yeah maybe a couple of cool down questions and yes uh nine uh 8 30 tonight me and uh loan option will be starting our rnc stream it's there's a lot of lamos tonight but we've got the \*\*\*\*\* gun couple which i'm very excited for and dj tj who is i really hope that he like kills it because i really want him to run for a president someday he's the copy of the

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copy of the copy he's like if if the uh if the fourth copy of michael keaton in if that sounded too abstract and like not grounded that's because i'm describing the actions of people a people and i'd say like a people like a sub-grouping of americans who are essentially frictionless in their mental realm like even when they interact with other people they're they're they're beveling the world and i'm a part of it i'm not saying i'm not who they bevel the world around their psychic world like the fixation on like seven seven warning signs on a guy's bed or uh seven books that it's a warning sign if a guy has on his shelf i mean it boils down to editing people to be reflections perfect reflections of your opinions it's it's it's literally shed shaving the world down to the to the shape of your opinions that you totally that are totally detached from reality and totally generated from entirely hypothetical conversations online so i feel like yes this is all like flighty but i mean i hope when i talk about something that's more grounded i like to think that i'm i can i can summon it but right now there isn't this is this is the the pseudo-reality that people are spinning their wheels within there is no way to ground it it is purely generated and does not reconnect except through the discrete actions of individuals whose actions dissipate because they're not cumulative and i will admit that i'm good at thinking frictionlessly because i'm one of these people i know how the bastards think i am one of i've been staring at this machine for 20 \*\*\*\*\* years it just rewired my brain in ways that i are maybe irreparable and i'm trying to make some sort of uh understanding of it like some sort of retrospective understanding of what it did to me and how i can move forward from it things okay you know i would actually say that uh somebody asked who the stars the the chapel if they were on the enterprise uh i would say will's obviously captain kirk felix is uh amber is scotty oh all right guys uh i'm outta here

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so ah i heard why people invented existential angst well they were out of other problems because the thing about those problems was typically hello i'm back like joey's world tour i'm a little sweaty right now so the hair is looking uh positively uh 0:1:3  
all right i didn't want to talk about this but now i feel like since it's the very first thing i got in the chat i have to the goddamn thing in dc you can point out the fact the obvious fact that such a trivial encounter should not be something that anybody knows about and that only the reality of our fast twitch muscle social media diet would even make it possible for something that insignificant to become something you would know know about let alone something that you would form very strong opinions around related to your larger like political goals and ideologies that's kind of absurd and of course other stuff's happening \*\*\*\*\* kenosha's on fire there's a 0:2:4  
guy who was walking from milwaukee to dc got shot by some psycho but it's all over there and the thing about it that makes me want to talk about it is the same thing is related to what i said yesterday about ops someone says was it libs or an op i thought that's great that's a perfect this is as insignificant an episode of it as it is we can use it to try to suss out some broader questions and i talked yesterday about how the compulsion to turn everything into an op eventually leaves the point where you can no longer distinguish the mechanisms of propaganda and you know state control and uh intelligence from just the mechanisms of capitalism creating a cultural uh superstructure out of material relationships but there's another big part that i actually forgot to mention that direct ties directly to this and that is that 0:3:6  
another big driver another another big problem with uh the the instinctive desire the instinctive belief to see something like that and think up for those of you who don't know what i'm talking about there was a video today of some people who attacked some brunchers or i didn't attack them but they a bunch of mostly white uh black lives matter protesters just getting in the faces of people who were not giving them the power fist in response and just screaming at this woman for not doing the fist and a lot of people are going ooh ah that's is that really helpful and a lot of people are saying like we heard from the first person is this enough and i

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understand that desire because who wants to take credit for that even like as just at the abstract level of i agree broadly with the sentiment that they're trying to protest on behalf of uh but the instinct to call it an op is the instinct to soothe your cognitive dissonance it's to say oh this thing this movement that i i support that sometimes i even feel that i may be a part of if i participate in protests or something is doing something i don't agree with ah \*\*\*\*\* the it's the authorities they're doing this no one who is really true of heart like me would yell at some random person uh that's crazy that must be the work of of the dastardly deep state and absent any evidence and all of this happens immediately when nobody has any context at all let alone evidence i think that comes more than anything not from like a recognition of the role of intelligence and propaganda or reality it comes from a desire to soothe cognitive dissonance and soothing cognitive dissonance through the creation of narratives of conspiracy is literally how we got q anon and i don't think that's necessarily going to happen on the left because you know the the centers are different the social structure of the people involved is different or the social like context of the people involved is different uh but what is not different uh is that it is a soothing balm that leads you away from confronting reality and if you're on the left confronting reality is very very important because you don't have the luxury of capital to be buff to buffer your your failures of analysis and your failures of of strategy you are out there we're all out here on our on our own we don't we aren't we aren't able to uh to be like q anon might come true because eventually the reactionary forces in this country might just come to believe it to justify the actions they were going to do anyway that's not because they organized that's not because uh their delusions were correct it's because that was the flow of history and they're going with the flow they're salmon or no they're not sam and they're the other ones the left is salmon you're swimming upstream you don't have the benefit of being able to just soothe yourself with this notion that oh you know we're an incredibly collapsed timeline here and everyone who is politically active really has to be thinking in terms of what they could do in the here and now to push things in a positive direction to go oh everything that's bad that happens is part of any left project is the is the is the police is an op one that's just you soothing yourself and making you fail and allowing you to ignore the real problems that this thing creates which i'll talk about a second but secondly uh even if it's true so what oh it's an op all right so what can you prove it's an opera you're gonna go bust the guy who did it and have him confess no it's just a way what when you tell others someone else it's an op you just want them to read it and then not worry anymore so your strategy for defeating the deep state is just telling people there's a i mean once again not effective soothing coping and i understand why people want to cope i don't blaming anybody

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for this because my god why wouldn't people want to \*\*\*\*\* cope when they're so 0:7:14  
little on the horizon that looks like there's any hope but but compensating for that  
by indulging in in personally uh personal personally soothing and pleasing and uh  
exciting exercises at the expense of efficacy is actually counterproductive it's a waste  
of time and resources that can't and when something like this pops up you can say  
it's \*\*\*\*\* that everyone's talking about this yeah does that change anything okay  
it's \*\*\*\*\* it's \*\*\*\*\* people are talking about this correct are they still talking about  
it oh no they are it's an op okay it's an op now what the same people who believed  
it was the exact people who thought it was an app at the beginning still think that  
no one else does because they don't have your epistemic window that makes it look 0:8:16  
like an op before anything else now what the fact is even if it wasn't up there would  
be no way to isolate it because there's no movement there's no organized movement  
that can either like endorse or ratify the actions of any particular outcropping of this  
this uh leaderless kind of passionate outbursting that we're seeing which is totally  
predictable and understandable given the horrible conditions and be given things like  
monstrous horrifying police executions that everybody gets to watch on television  
but that desire to cleanse oneself of the feeling of guilt and the feeling of rage cannot  
overcome our greater commitment and duty to and seeing something like that and  
not making you making it use and not having it make you stop and say okay what  
are we doing here instead to just have an ex an excuse a complaint and then to move 0:9:18  
on you're not going to get anywhere you're not wrong in some sort of ideal sense  
but that's not the \*\*\*\*\* point the point as someone once said is not to describe  
the world but to and if your big piece of evidence that it's an op is i don't think  
people would do that people i believe in no it has to be like dastardly libs or police  
officers people i agree with would never do that you're telling me that in a country  
of 300 million adult infants who have been indulged their entire lives along uh the  
the notion that that the sum total of human freedom is their personal happiness  
whatever that means oh here's what it means we're going to tell you what happiness  
is you're telling me that even that if people in that context find themselves horrified 0:10:19  
by a genuine outrage this genuine social wrong that in the absence of the mechanisms  
of a organized movement that can take everyone's passions and organize them along  
effective tranches of behavior absent that that we're going to go to what feels good  
and what could feel better than screaming in someone's \*\*\*\*\* face and making them  
hold up their hand for you that that isn't a power trip yeah i i just i find that a  
plausible motivation i think that's something people could do absent the government  
telling them to or absent it being a uh a total false flag the people i encounter in  
this world in this country they're the kind of people who would do that oh i get  
to scream in someone's uh and so you have that and then there's the greater and

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then there's the other problem that it's not like everybody is saying that this is a terrible thing some people are saying that this is a good this is good or that \*\*\*\*\* them it's like what's the big you know it's like oh crap boo hoo yeah of course it's nothing who cares in terms of like broad but as a as a strategy like if these things are supposed to be examples of actions to create difference there are people who see this and they think that it's a good thing to do and i got a i got a tweet here from someone i know yeah blah blah you shouldn't go on twitter but this is a person with not no followers and somebody who seems to be somewhere in here and i just i'm going to read this because it seems to be to be exemplary of the mindset of someone who would see that and think it was a good idea the thing about protesting that's not supposed to cause a crisis of leaders is that it's supposed to cause a crisis of leadership if someone doesn't want to be screamed at by blm protesters while eating they should call their local pauls and demand they reign in the \*\*\*\*\* cops now i would agree with that the reason i quoted that is not because like look at all these people who think that but because i think that's actually the thought process i think that is the correct thought process if you were to like split open the brains of the people doing this in good faith i think you would find this is the basic idea that you you get everybody on your side through either persuasion and if that fails through coercion of social pressure uh in medieval germany they used to call it cat music uh if somebody in the in like a village or a hamlet was a real prick uh because there was no real law enforcement people would gather in front of their house and they'd bang pots and pans and they wouldn't let them sleep and it would tell them to shape up and a lot of people actually see that as a model for restorative justice absent uh the carceral state which i mean once again if you want to have if you're talking if you're assuming a feudal level of social relationship a futile level of social connectedness and interwovenness maybe we can start talking but if you don't have that that's not going to be a good idea but but so then everybody does that now of course that's not the only response you can have from someone doing this the other the next tweet from this person is or they can go sign up on racist subreddit because now they want to race war it's their choice the protest forced them to make one and i think that gets it another thing that's essential here is that that kind of action is not designed to change things so much as it is designed to separate the good people from the bad people by doing it by banging it yelling at somebody by demanding they move their hand in public by bullying someone by the way they're not hitting cops anymore at least in dc and it's like i get that why would you want to risk that why would you want to get your split hats get your head split open without any hope it's going to lead to anything i wouldn't want to fight with the cops either with a la any kind of lack of plan behind it i could yell at somebody

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with no plan behind it because what's that what's the downside for me and i get to feel like a big big big person i get to feel like i'm bossing somebody around which everybody wants everybody wants to be karen but karen people want to be cared not just that they can dominate others but because it is a model for getting things done in a consumer context yelling at the man yelling at an employee until he brings a manager then yelling at the manager is a way to get the discount because you have basically badgered the company into doing doing it to make you go away that's what they're talking about they're saying yell at people attack people until they feel they do what you want to make them go away and what that assumes always is that 0:14:25 the people in charge are will always be there there will always be a separate class of political and economic uh elite and that your only way of changing their behavior the changing the conditions of your life is by getting them to change their actions even though things like having like our police state ex are not optional to capitalism as it currently exists these things are not just fun gigas this is the core functions of the state all the stuff that was superfluous has already gone they sold it off the stuff that's left is the real steel it's the exoskeleton of the state they're not going to give it up no matter what if you complain too much if it really becomes a problem they will and this and so the only way to stop that horrible police state we have is to organize to defeat it replace it replace the political system and replace the economic system 0:15:26 that's your only way around that you're not going to get them to change something that is a crucial piece of the architecture of like capitalism a load-bearing structure they're not going to kick it away because you said so because you asked because you dabbled on some people who were eating but they don't even know that what they're talking about is carrinism because they're because that's the only thing they've ever known complaining to the manager is all people know in this country because we've never had the disciplinary experiential behavior of having a social uh a social element added to our personal pleasure seeking id through collective action through working through working together something like i don't know a labor union we're coming together as individuals we're marching together in a big group but nobody knows each other there's gonna be no there's gonna be no strategy there's only going to be 0:16:31 letting out your frustration your anger your your sense of guilt if you're white and a lot of the people yelling were white your sense of complicity you want to yell it out and then you can convince yourself oh if i yell enough they're going to do what i want them to do well i mean if the thing is is optional if it's if it's something up in the up in the cultural element of culture like what tv shows are on or you know whether there's interracial couples in television ads or you know if there's a black spider-man that's negotiable the police are not negotiable but nobody has ever had any effect on their lives on the lab oh boy effective activism that wasn't just

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asking it wasn't just demanding to make other people do something someone is else  
someone in charge is going to do it but that's not going to work we have to change it 0:17:34  
because at this point the things we're pissed at are not optional unless you really care  
about stuff like you know having lbgtq marvel characters if you care about things  
like the liability of the planet uh and the fact that like a democracy is just turning  
into even even the \*\*\*\*\* even the kabuki of democracy is being replaced by uh just  
sheer authoritarian uh exertion i mean we're on the verge of electing a president  
without who didn't even win the popular vote twice in a row who is going to bring  
upon himself unprecedented power but any president would do that and that's why  
fascism is such a bad thing to be banging on about right now because if there's going  
to be camps in the near future for people if we're going to get rounded up biden  
would do it too it'll just be a different b maybe it'll be a different group of people  
getting rounded up maybe it'll be a more racially inclusive group of people rather 0:18:35  
than just minorities that get rounded up but it will be a rounding up and it will  
have a neoliberal smiley face gloss on it but it will be the same thing because it will  
be necessitated by the conditions by the crisis i'm not saying that will happen but  
i'm saying it's not like trump's going to snap his fingers and make it happen from  
a position of carrying out a uh a a fascist coup it's going to be a seeding to a crisis  
that cannot be otherwise contained and that crisis would exist under biden there's  
going to be some some rain i think there's some fat boys coming some fat uh but  
yeah i mean at the end of the day nobody wants to confront the fact that a lot of  
a lot of what we think of as an uprising is really just people getting their jollies in  
one way or another including the people online cheering them on or talking about  
them or even us talking about the me talking about them all just getting a little bit 0:19:36  
of pleasure rather than doing effective action and that who wants to confront that  
reality but i do think that until you confront oh boy oh yeah i might not make it an  
hour out here guys we'll see i might have to but the reality is is that you you can  
argue all you want about whether it's good to burn a building you can't press a bit  
button and stop them from doing it or press a button to make people do it you can't  
vote on it you can't make it happen or not happen you can't make or not make a  
group of people yell at some uh brunchers in dc it's everyone's just operating out 0:20:40  
of out of i hate to lean on a clutch lean on a verbal crutch but it's very uh crucial  
in this case a libidinal political instinct a desire to what i mean by that more than  
anything is a individualized id based political instinct that is not to achieve a better  
world but is to gain the pleasures associated with feeling that you are on the right  
side of history and the thing about that is that's got to motivate everybody to an  
extent but it has to connect also to a greater project which will the exercising of  
which will bleed your need for the libidinal because you're getting results or even

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if you're not getting results you're feeling comradeship you're feeling effective in a narrow sense in a way that you never will by going out and hollering at people but that means that that drive is only going to become more more fixating because over time you need to compensate more and more for the lack of effectiveness lacan's good wakanda's correct on a lot of stuff come on especially since this central \*\*\*\*\* is just buddhism it's just buddhism with continental gloss i got i got the uh i got the black cherry all right guys maybe we can get in and still record but i gotta get out of here guys haven't been inside for a while i've been not since my neighbor scared me back in by uh telling me to stop hooting and hollering out there all right how's everybody doing we're back in the house we're back in the new york groove indoors someone wants to know what authoritarian neoliberalism is gonna look like and i would say uh china it's a good example letting all the letting boat people i mean it's all happening you know the apocalypse already has happened it's but mostly it's going to be about pairing around the edges it's about it's going to be about creating new borders and liminal spaces that can be negotiated violently uh because for the you know for the for the length of american history america was able to export its most like dysfunctional social pathologies onto its border regions and i was always pushing out that way and able to push them out that way and that's why they never had to confront them that's why we never had a real like socialist movement in this country or one of the big reasons but now that we've hit all borders now that we've hit the edge of space we are now having to reinscribe borders to find a new liminal space for maximal violence where people where citizens are allowed to carry out the maximum amount of violence uh and the people subject to their violence are not part of the conceived of group of right-bearing citizens it's a gambin stuff you know what i'm talking about and we have those at the border now and those borders will just be increased they will become other places they will probably become distributed within the united states around cities probably specific areas of like where where where the cataclysm is hitting most directly places attacked by global warming uh flooding like consistent wildfires uh desertification uh urban areas that are like where where there were not where the there's the cycle of like police violence and response is is made uh permanent like right now it's sort of it's uh it waxes away it's like we had it's not getting compressed like the the time from like think of the time it took to get from so like you got mike brown to uh to uh baltimore and now we've got uh from george floyd three months later like the violence is gonna go up which means the cycle is gonna speed up which means the intervals are gonna get shorter and eventually it just becomes a permanent condition and that's a new border that's a new internal border that where you get to exercise maximal violence and is because there is still that social continuum within that air with uh with out i'm sorry the

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places beyond those borders that's still the same atomized social slurry of consumers basically being free to consume that we have now it will be functionally identical there will not be marching jack boots in the streets there's not going to be a new flag with like a weird symbol a weird rune on it you know there's not going to be jack boots there's not going to be theater there's not going to be this frisian of of apocalypse of of revelation of of the truth of the whole condition and for the leftists the validation of their world view i have always said that america was fascist and now i have been proven correct that moment which is i think undergirding a lot of the fantasy projection of american fascism that won't happen i highly highly doubt it what you will have is you will have the border regions within and at the edge where violence is maximally applied and then you will have america where we're doing tick tocks or whatever progress goes after tick tock and we're arguing over the problematic content of uh no gilead what are you talking about oh my god no it's just like this only more people are dying and there are fewer people who are still living our absurdly inflated consumer standard of living at the very end of do you understand the distinction i think that the the i i guess the what i find most reasonable about the fascist framing is that it seems to me to be at a certain level a a a fantasy something that deeply at a level i mean not in terms of their morals you know they are they are horrified by fascism and want to defeat it and in fact the fantasy of fascism is what gives their actions romance and and uh and power to them and it allows them to expend orgone along the axis of politics it's it's the horribleness of that possibility and then if you talk about it a lot and say it's coming its occurrence is a validation and i feel like that that means that you're not looking at reality that means that you are abstracting and i just have to like as a general rule as a rubric i could look at somebody who's fixated on fascism and say this person is they're nice their eye isn't on the ball they're and so they're gonna be more likely and haven't you noticed by the way that people the most fixated on fascism and calling what were in fascism are also the most committed to things like theatrical demonstrative non-organized political action to replace real either electoral or labor activism and organization like spectacular demonstrations of anti-fascist sentiment and that's because they think we're at a level of social development that we are not we need to organize way more people getting people needs to be the only question sorting people has to come later these people want to sort remember that tweet i wrote you about uh the tweet that said hey they'll either tell they'll either call up the mayor and tell him to get rid of racism which wow it's so nice that we they can do that uh or they'll go and become a storm front editor and uh get a gun and become a \*\*\*\*\* uh militia member and that's not good you don't want that to happen to somebody who's like uh not engaged you want to minimize that but no if your goal is

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sorting people into good and bad then you're you want that to happen i'm saying we cannot be sorting we need to be organizing everybody who has any genuine access of alienation that is aware of capitalism that was aware of their their misery being connected to the system of the economy the i th that they have not been captured by fantasies of like racism being the cause of all evil or uh uh cue people thinking that it's hollywood hollywood pedophiles or jews or whatever right-wing fantasy you need to to square the reality of living under somebody else's design in a free country if you identify under if you're aware at all that there is a class component to your immigration then you have to be engaged with and of course that's going to make people uncomfortable but that discomfort gets edged out through actual behavior 0:32:16 together but it will never get etched out in the phantom realm of online where all disagreement has now been defined as how many people think being disagreed with is abusing someone now if you really thought that in your day-to-day behavior you wouldn't be able to function you don't really think that online your fantasy life can sustain that belief and you can use it to batter down everyone you're interacting with to do what you want them to do now if you were acting politically in the real world over time your ability to do that would be blunted against everyone else's desire to get something done and you would have to accommodate it also i must say there are also people who are genuinely like very racist and committed to racism or deeply 0:33:18 misogynistic and hostile to women uh or wildly wildly reactionary about some group of people they and that they can't get rid of that well they can maintain that all they want online is they duel with the sjws and in fact the more they believe those things the more they trigger people they hate so they can believe in them more if they really wanted to alleviate their misery and they can understand it as a result as that class action was the only thing that would do it they wouldn't \*\*\*\*\* bring that \*\*\*\*\* up and even if they still thought it it wouldn't matter because they would have to accommodate to organizing into the group and that would mean that either it would go or they would alienate everybody else and they'd get kicked out they would have to choose between actually trying to fix things and holding on to this \*\*\*\*\* just like people would have to choose between actually trying to fix things and holding on to the all disagreement is a is abuse all experiences should be totally frictionless no one should ever have any conflict at all and that i'm going to use that belief to badger everyone else into basically never disagreeing with me none of those neither 0:34:19 of those are sustainable beliefs in a genuinely effective left-wing organization at this point everyone now like people like to say oh look at the uaw look at the sea look at all the racists and the old crafts unions history has moved forward i'm afraid and a lot of those problems that shattered the labor movement in the 60s a lot of them not all of them for the love of god not all of them but of course not all of them have been

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resolved we are dealing with a fundamentally less instinctively racist population than we had to deal with in the 60s and that means that the people who even are racist can be dealt with as long as they think they can make their lives better through so all this desire to separate the sheep from the goats and the fascists from the anti-fascist all of it does is to serve to guarantee that the fewest people are going to make the step from online to the real world the fewest people are going to want to talk to other people in the real world about politics and try to figure out how to fix things and the more of them are going to sink all of their \*\*\*\*\* jism all of their nut all of their oregon all of their life essence into battling on the etheric plane because they get to hold on to their \*\*\*\*\* they get to hold on to their greasy little center of of perverted pleasure whether it's a racial fixation sexual inadequacy brought on by being a gross unfuckable incel or the trauma associated with with you know being a minority that that manifests itself in such a way that you cannot countenance you are so distrustful of non-whites or women or men if you're a woman that you cannot ever trust their motives in any situation and have to constantly prove to yourself that they're on your side because you fundamentally do not trust them and i'm not saying that you don't have a good reason not to trust men if you're a woman or white people if you're black but i am saying that if you cannot let go of that make a say it with me folks leap of faith sufficient to meet someone that way a man or a a white person halfway then you will leave and that's fine that's the kind of person who should not be part of an organization but guess what the bet of marxism the bet of socialism the bet of the human race is that major the majority of people if they properly understand that moment and that choice will choose to cooperate and will choose to put the greater good above their own but they have to see evidence that there's a reason to do it or else it all comes back to the self and the disgusting little jack off session oh boy i afraid i am afraid that i have gone down again i have gone i've gone off sirs and madames that you may be watching i am uh sipping not the tea but i'm i hope the thing isn't shaking too much but i don't really have anywhere to put my phone i have the thing out there i'm not even sure if it's raining it just felt like it was going to kierkegaard baby give me some kierkegaard he's in the stew when i think of who's in the gumbo who's in my mental gumbo he's in there spinoza kierkegaard for sure wittgenstein i think and of course plato because forms are crucial someone wants me to talk about the batavian republic there are other listeners to the age of napoleon podcast out there because today i in fact also just listened to his episode about the end of the uh the peace that batavian republic just makes me think of it just makes me think of pretzels i don't know why but i just think of a pretzel big hot a hot pretzel with mustard when i hear batavian it's it's deeply it's pavlovia i don't know where it came from and now i really want a big oh god i want a big oh big

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soft pretzel with mustard not hot nacho sauce mustard for sure oh big bavarian and i know it's i know it's the batavian republic not the bavarian republic but maybe 0:39:26 they're close enough that they make me think of it god damn you guys just make but i don't really know much about switzerland it's very interesting i mean when you consider how how sweet suinaris it is in europe to this day in terms of a country like it broke off from the holy roman emperor very early and then i guess you know because of its defensible physical position was able to establish independence from all of the reigning houses uh you know of of the middle ages in the early modern era and uh an institute what uh what harry lyme and the third man called the 500 years of democracy and peace what did it bring us the cuckoo clock and that's the funny thing about switzerland they cut themselves off they like basically signed off and said we're done with this and you didn't really ever hear from him again they just sat there collecting money they made the smart move it's like mussolini was half right when he said blood alone moves the wheel of history it's like well blood first 0:40:29 but then gold and the swiss knew why fight these wars when you can make money they were the first really effective mercenaries in the in the and now they get to just sit there in their mountain castle in the hall of the oh \*\*\*\*\* that was the helvetica republic you're right yeah uh the dutch one i like that they ate a guy dutch rebels one time ate a dude they ate a governor they were mad at goddammit i knew lance next were german they ate a dude uh when uh i like the fact that they've got a 90 0:41:36 years war which people don't normally know about or 80 years war or rather but yeah all those sister republics were failures as as i think everett does a good job of talking about on the episode today because they were not organic you know they did not they did not adhere to the social soil because they were imposed from without contradictions have to be worked from within worked out from within a social order which is why honestly a lot of the soviet fantasies of like of of uh revolutionary war like the guys like bukhari who wanted to continue the war uh under the flag of the you know of class revolution stuff imposed from without even if it's like even if you 0:42:37 are representing like the correct force of history or the progressive side of history you still have to contend and that's why the idea that you can like invade and impose betterness i mean it never worked it didn't work for the french and it didn't work really for any of the uh any of the marxist or you know wood uh so-called marxist it it's sort of a macro version of how you can't scream at someone's face to like who are you you're just some \*\*\*\*\* like they don't they they haven't bought your you they haven't gotten your assumptions they aren't sharing a lot of your assumptions to so that they're gonna there's gonna be a lot of cultural and and uh symbolic screens between your understanding of the reality in theirs all you can do is stoke 0:43:39 the fires for for internal resolution of of contradiction which is why the trotskyists

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are wrong as \*\*\*\*\* they want world revolution so much that they think we can make it happen because it has to happen soon if we're going to get world socialism or any kind of socialism like we're going to have to they believe we're going to the real thing of trotskyism is they believe you can't get rid of capitalism with until you have a world system and they might actually have a point with that i don't know i haven't thought about it that much honestly but like the reasoning is when you look at what happened with the soviet union if you're in a world market system you will suborn yourself to it that's why they became deformed marks deformed workers states like they called them and they talked about the rise of the bureaucratic class that had to manage the state capitalism that's because they were part of this global system uh and they were in competition and that need for competition made them capitalists and you know that that's i think that's an accurate description of like the structure of the uh soviet economy but what do you do about it is the question 0:44:41 and and i don't think that trotskyism resolves that question trotskyism offloads the question by saying well you export it you revolt everybody else and then you can have a system where that state capitalism it has to emerge independ it has to emerge from the ground up everywhere and that doesn't mean we can't cooperate we have to co-op like things like solidarity strikes and \*\*\*\*\* like that historically has been the kind of thing we're talking about i mean if in world war one when all the countries had declared war on each other if class consciousness had been developed enough in the advanced countries for all of their work all of their labor cl all of their socialist parties and all of their labor unions to just declare us general strikes that would have really created world revolution right there or could have or would have been the start of i think an unstoppable tide effective uh the best chance we could have 0:45:45 had basically and there's an argument to be made that world war one was basically a false flag to get the working classes of europe to kill each other instead of unite but the thing is once you're in that state sector and that's another country's flag coming over the uh the wall with guns and uh in a different vocabulary then conflict will arise they will not accept it uh robespierre who warned against the the republic declaring war and that's one of those things you can use if you want to defend robespierre is that the conditions that led to the the great terror were exacerbated wildly by the early years of the war with the first with the austrians uh and how badly it went and how terrified everybody was that the \*\*\*\*\* king was going to come or that the king was going to come back to power and everybody killed but 0:46:47 that war was uh that war was opposed by the jacobins that war was opposed by the mountain because robespierre said the only thing people hate that mission more than missionaries are armed missionaries and what happened was is that that frenzied war condition is what led to people fleeing to the you know the safety of the jacobins

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to like carry them through the conflict and all the sister republics that were left in the wake of uh french revolutionary success were never able to take root even with national organic political movements think about the the italian peasantry who rose up against the french because the local priests told them to your your peasantry has to get alienated against the priests themselves you cannot alienate a peasantry from their own priesthood from outside because why the hell would they listen because i mean maybe maybe the crown heads of europe looked around and said oh in a few years these guys at any doubt at any moment forget having to stop a war at any moment can just put down their tools and we're done what if we fight each other and these guys all writing letters to each other kaiser wilhelm writing during the war to nicholas and calling him dearest nicki he was \*\*\*\*\* he was he was i believe wilhelm was also uh queen victoria's grandson and king ed king uh king george v looked exactly like nicholas ii exactly uh you know you look think of it and the thing is is that i don't think that that's the thing that they thought to do they weren't like hey let's do a big false flag war to kill off the working class i think that one of the drivers of the military mobilization around late imperialism was the effective agitation of the working class it drove it exacerbated the the the perceived need for militaristic uh uh an imperial advancement among the leadership of the of the countries and also militated against de-escalation because from the perspective of a country dealing with a rising and more effective working class the idea of conscripting millions of them into the military is a contributing variable towards making the decision to go well i hope i hope i made sense today i kind of went off there time stopped moving cuba's more base than vietnam because vietnam is basically china junior and that they let in western capital they've managed it relatively well i mean their covered response shows that they have not sacrificed social cohesion uh and like social welfare completely which i think wouldn't have happened if they hadn't won the war like if you're vietnamese i think if you're if you're if you're a guy who fought in that war i think you can look back at all that sacrifice and i don't think you can look at the mcdonald's across the street and go you know what it was all for nothing because if the south had won certainly if they had been able to you know take over the whole country or sir but if they had been able to like dominate lower the lower half of that peninsula they would have become a bangladeshi like a place of hyperexploitation of labor whereas they have capitalism now but it's one that still has a degree of control uh but at the same time you look at that compared to cuba holding out against the world market for \*\*\*\*\* 70 years surviving the fall of the soviet union and then surviving the death of castro which nobody really thought was gonna happen it's astounding it really does bring a tear to the eye i don't want to choose solidarity with i do wonder if like the people who are really pro china like the campus deng

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people if they know how little the vietnamese communists like china or the maoists  
in india for that exam yeah striking is illegal in vietnam yeah i mean the person 0:51:59  
you really have to ask if it was worth vietnam was us for us it was like not worth  
it for any kind of perspective because we got in there anyway on terms that even  
if they weren't ideal were better than nothing and have been wildly helpful to uh  
facilitating global capital flows which of course is all of this matters the flow if there's  
one word when you think about the economy all this \*\*\*\*\* just think of the word  
flow they're not discrete economies in this world it is one holistic system of systems  
and it is described its actions are described as a flow in my mind it is a circulation it  
is a circular system and they're in the flow i think that they are at a better position  
as a country than they would have been uh if they hadn't fought and hadn't kicked  
us out but certainly when you consider what the stakes were for america and how  
psychically damaging that war was for us and how it deformed our politics for the  
rest of its existence it's kind of breathtaking but of course an example had to be 0:53:2  
made like it was in indonesia like it was in iran like it was in guatemala like it was  
in chile argentina brazil greece italy france uh ireland if you count all the the aid  
to the the sas against the it's uh it was a global war like you could say you could  
call it the third world war i think they said that on q and on and i are true true  
or not sorry i think i think mike judge said that on true and on that it's that the  
third world war already happened and it was the battle between capitalism and  
the whole world like not just the soviet union but like arrayed differently like all  
of the world uh and like you could consider the soviets and like the chinese as big 0:54:3  
factions within a broader uncoordinated coalition against one massive enemy which  
is global capitalism and that the battlefields were not in russia or the united states  
but in korea vietnam uh the drc south africa uh namibia mozambique algeria iraq  
iran turkey all all the for all the europe itself through the gladio program algeria uh  
the entire the entire western hemisphere the entire american sphere of influence and  
i'm not talking about and in all those cases i'm talking about real violence actual  
battlefields deaths in the millions and the end of which has left a rampant and un  
and uh unchallenged global capitalism with a global capital flow and so i would say 0:55:6  
that from the point of view of like american policy makers and american american  
stakeholders specifically american political stakeholders vietnam was a mistake even  
if it did prevent an example from forging but i think as stepped away as like one  
one chess move in a global chess game uh in the in the in the in the interest of  
the creation of those flow networks like if you don't have vietnam what like it's a  
reverse domino theory if you don't go in in vietnam where else don't you go in and  
what battles maybe do you lose and then how much does that change the conditions  
hussites uh bad timing you gotta wait man you gotta wait for that printing press 0:56:16

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what are you doing all right guys maybe one more question and i'm gonna i'm gonna wrap it up i'm a little i'm a oh man twilight struggle okay i will leave on this thank you for reminding him of that i tried to play twilight struggle once and it seems to me to be a very very complicated game but that's exactly the kind of game that chris could walk me through so a lot i would love to do twilight struggle that's a great idea we'll do that and i hope i hope the stream is going to start in september fingers crossed i think we're going to do it and like i said there'll still be an hour whenever 0:57:17 we do it there will be an hour of me doing this that's not going anywhere maybe chris will help with fielding the questions so i'm not staring into the screen so much but i will basically be doing this then we'll do games and other stuff but this is not going anywhere it's being added to benghazi ain't going away all right guys

*Ballistic - ALF vs Noid*

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um okay it's it's good to have like a major piece of cultural real estate reaffirm you 0:1:5  
know your demands that's it's it's very validating and uh and it helps morale for  
sure it definitely i think that's for sure uh in this in in this society for especially so  
that's good so i have no no complaints obviously i wouldn't criticize them for doing  
it that would be churlish and i think people should be excited but i think people need  
to also be a little realistic i think people are kind of hoping that this snowballs into 0:2:6  
something but i feel like that's sort of what everybody is doing all the time is hoping  
that the next demonstrative act leads to in a sort of bunch of copycat behavior and  
i'm not and that is not because anybody is making a bad analysis in fact i would say  
they're making a correct analysis of the city society they live in like the kind of social  
organizations we would need to coordinate action don't exist what we have instead  
is the hope that we could that individuals could be simultaneously inspired and that  
that's what we have kind of i've been banking on and i think that there's a role to  
play for that it's just i worry that it becomes a totalizing theory yeah i got a mug i 0:3:23  
switched to a mug tonight it's just water actually not even seltzer ooh what if the  
romans never left britain well i mean that's really covered in uh escape from rome  
among other things but uh one of the reasons that the british political system proved  
dynamic enough to accommodate the cultural revolution relative to the stagnant  
monarchies of uh of the continent like france for example was that because roman  
rule collapsed apocalyptically there leaving very little civic remnant uh that as a 0:4:28  
result british society rebuilt along more horizontally oriented lines of authority just  
because there were no existing nodes of authority to to build up from that's why  
you have like the common-law tradition and \*\*\*\*\* and like english freedoms which  
of course once they fuse with capitalism become just licensed to turn the planet into  
an empty \*\*\*\*\* cinder but those elements as uh were progressive uh in in in the past  
in the past in that they helped create a political culture that instead of allowing the  
industrial revolution to uh like fatally undermine uh social balance of powers like it  
did in a lot of other countries and that's why it was suppressed and kind of kept  
away uh for and uh for so long uh the brits were able to accommodate it because

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the romans weren't around long enough and with enough residual influence to shape 0:5:33  
their political structures towards the sort of absolutist trend uh and specifically uh  
like high uh rule by large land owners that makes the emergence of bourgeois i had  
to take it i took a i took an ancestry dna test yes i know they have my dna whatever  
they have anything anyway i underst i understand why people who aren't enmeshed  
in these networks should try not to to stay not enmeshed in them but i feel like i lost  
my soul a while ago uh so but we were gonna do an episode about it that we never  
really got around to uh where we were going to talk about like the weird politics and  
cultural resonance of uh this genetic history stuff and the way it recreates a lot of kind  
of terrifying racial essentialism honestly uh not a good it's really not been a great 0:6:34  
development it plus like hyper awareness of race as like a a as a perceived positive  
social force it's a it's a back and of course deepening economic contradictions in crisis  
this is not a good stew but anyway i did take the thing yes uh it gave me basically  
what i assumed i would get which is mostly northern northern europe germany it  
looked i got it was like a map with a bunch of lines coming off of it germany denmark  
uh england i think nor france a little bit or belgium or something and then the big  
surprise 15 mediterranean which usually means italian but of course as we all know  
this is pseudoscience what they're doing is they're taking mark markers that appear  
predominantly or not even predominantly but like statistically more likely in certain  
areas than others and then assigning that in your dna because for any one individual 0:7:37  
person those could be from anywhere so yeah you're saying you probably are from  
here you might be but it's barely above a guess which is not how people take it people  
are like well i'm 25 percent freezian 36 percent uh waloonian and i've got a third uh  
got a half a s a half a percent swabian but i mean i would not be surprised if my  
actual like real ancestry in terms of the people not weird allele blobs was aligned that  
line all i really the only real clues i have is i was born i was born in wisconsin born my  
family has all been like multi-generational from wisconsin my last name is christman  
my mother's mask my mother's maiden name is even more german sounding than  
that it has two ends which are the real german sounding names or the ones with 0:8:39  
two ends and that both of my grandparents were catholic families i put two and two  
together and it comes but i mean i honestly feel like if you don't have relatives who  
are alive that you could visit in another country you aren't really from there and you  
shouldn't really identify that way it's kind of dumb it's it's it's it's uh it's basically  
astrology it's the exact same sort of deal of like trying to uh take a random thing and  
then like tack your personality around it uh intentionally like self-hypnotize yourself  
into an identity that is so like if you visited family members in in another country 0:9:43  
where they live you know and and certainly you don't get to cut and if you got a  
uh yeah i was going to say if you have like dual passports but those irish guys those

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\*\*\*\*\* the irish will give it to anybody they will give citizenship to basically anybody anybody with a anybody with an apostrophe in their last name no matter what gets a \*\*\*\*\* irish baloney uh aldo morrow assassination false flag i would say not even possible i would say it's probable when you look at the fact that morrow was in the process of negotiating to bring the communists into government for the first time in the post-war history of italy in the middle of the years of lead in which the vast majority of terror attacks including ones that were publicly blamed on red brigade uh communists were being carried out by the p2 masonic lodge black aristocracy uh fascist paramilitary groups that gladio uh funded with bob mub money funneled through the vatican bank hilariously enough uh and in fact moro before he was kidnapped he was he visited the united states and kissinger gave him a talking to about the communists that i don't think there's a record of what he said but there is a record that after morrow got out of his office he was essentially shell-shocked he was stunned and he like talked about how he was gonna \*\*\*\*\* quit so and then you got the actual case itself has a the evidence like oh you know all italian uh criminal cases is all over the place but there's a fair one of the most interesting one of the fun uh one of the things that i think is funny just in terms of you know circumstantial evidence is is that the kidnapping of moro was it wasn't like i mean my god like by the way they the gladio also or the like the gladio network the south africans probably killed uh uh olaf palm but that assassination really could have just been any crank the guy was he never had bodyguards he was walking off out of a movie theater shot him in the back morrow was in a \*\*\*\*\* motorcade and his guards were like eliminated uh with machine guns by guys dressed as cops there aren't a lot of uh of genuine uh left-wing kidnappings and terror attacks from that era with that kind of coordination if you look at like the ship spider-man hop pulled in germany the just hilariously botched bloody goofy mops that those guys pulled off while they were trying to kidnap or assassinate how close are we to a civil war stop it tell me who the two sides are hassan has asked me to come on the stream and i would love to i'll be honest on stream in the future uh because we're gonna be chris and i are gonna be adding a uh i guess i should announce this here the there is like they're already i know people have asked like could you get an audio only version of these which i totally get because i don't watch youtube videos i really only listen to podcasts in terms of engaging with audio media on the internet uh but i also am uh dullard and lazy and don't know what i'm doing technologically uh so like they've been uh bootleg uh our rss feeds of the audio of this which is fine by me but we're gonna be creating a like mixed and uh like audio spike audio juiced uh podcast stream for the vlogs all of them and that'll just be going on to all of your uh podcasting app applications incl and spotify which we uh we're talking about the civil war see people

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say it's going to be anti-5 versus militia i'm sorry i don't i've talked i think i've i hope i've expressed enough why i don't think that's a real thing why i don't think that this is a real demonstration of social forces so much as a a performance by people who have self-radicalized away from a a fundamentally apathetic and a political public 0:14:53  
you might see a breakdown of social order that will then be reasserted from beloved above technologically and uh militarily but i just don't think that that's a civil war does anybody know about the greensboro massacre have you ever guys ever heard about that i'm curious how how well-known that event is on like online left circles has anybody all right we got a lot some no's we got some yeses don't know i'd say i'm gonna go it's probably honestly it's like 60 40 note of yes yeah so uh in 1979 a bunch of members of the uh communist workers party which was a maoist group uh that came out of the whole the new left uh uh was getting ready to do a big anti-clan march in greensboro north carolina and there had been a escalating series of provocations between the two leading up to that uh and there was a lot of heated rhetoric it was called death to the clan was the name of the march uh and while they were setting getting ready they were getting their pickets ready and while they were uh uh marshalling uh for the parade a carloads of members card-carrying members of the american nazi party and the local clan organization pulled up and there's video of this their people had camcorders they took rifles out of their trunks of their cars they walked over to where the uh communists were they started shouting and and there was an exchange of of insults and then fists and swinging uh i believe there was maybe one gun on the side of the of the uh marchers but at some point the clan guys and the nazi guys just opened fire and they killed five people uh and wounded 0:16:56  
over 12 others uh they were all charged and and uh uh charged with first-degree murder and they were all acquitted uh on under self-defense uh and later it came out that uh the that the klan groups which had uh informants within them which all those clan organizations did they were half of them just like it's hilariously just like the communist party half of the klan in the 60s were feds and they local police had a tip that the local clans was planning to do something violent to the the the communists and they sat on it and this happened and these guys got acquitted uh in that was in 1979 and i just bring that up to say that as horrifying as what we're seeing happen is i noticing a trend where people are without even knowing it seeking 0:17:59  
some ratification of the horror that they're imagining like i talked about yesterday and things like that things like what happened in kenosha it really fires that cylinder uh like but apparently the person who did this i was talking the other day about how a 19 year old kid uh running for you know state senate is an expression of a meat of a of a movement that is not being organized that is that is individuals acting individually a 17 year old uh fascist gunman is similarly uh indicative of a

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movement that is uncoordinated apparently he went there because like somebody tweeted about it or did a facebook post about how like hey let's come up let's go up to kenosha and he just grabbed his ar and he went that is an expression of the kind of social enemy that is bringing everything to the \*\*\*\*\* it is but one of the big symptoms of that is that people don't organize effectively they come together 0:19:1 along axes of shared interest an affinity but they are always self-interested and that means that they cannot coordinate and that means we're not going to get a civil war and people pointing out the horrible fact that the cops basically let this guy get away with it at the time i mean he's arrested now but they were hands off him all day and they they didn't they didn't engage him after he'd shot yes of course that's horrifying and proof of whose side these guys are they are reactionary forces they are they are filling the role that there is such as it is for a social expression of the coming authoritarianism or end latent and current authoritarianism but it's a narrow thin strip it's not a big fat steak full of social uh like organization the way that the nazi party was the way that fascism was in italy uh the thing you have to worry about is that the cops that are the power that they really represent the cops 0:20:3 to the power they really represent that is where the authority rests that is that is one of the load-bearing structures of this edifice and that has to be attacked directly that has to be attacked head on and i i i think that there's a there is a libidonal desire to have a public confrontation that will be satisfying you know what i was talking about yesterday that will be satisfying personally to engage in to finally see but i don't think that that is recognizing the broader moment and the real the reign of struggle which is organizing which is mobilizing now there is an argument to be made that these public displays have that propaganda of the deed function and i would say yes but like with anything you have to do a cost-benefit analysis and is the benefit 0:21:4 of that propaganda of inspiration is it offset by the way that it counter mobilizes among the enemy pushes away the unengaged uh and distracts from meaningful work opportunity cost and my main concern about the current moment is that no one seems to be even aware that that cost-benefit analysis has to be made because everyone knows that no one's really in charge and so they don't want to say don't do a thing to people who are going to do it anyway you're left having to defend it as a maximal position why because that accords with letting everybody do what they want everybody do what they want which is what they think is good for everybody but is really just good for them the way that it's good it's fun to yell in the face of people having brunch you know the way that it's fun to to to smash a fash if you're 0:22:5 that kind of person or doxyfash if you're that kind of person or just call other people fash to win arguments uh eric jr and john and don jr and eric both had tarot very bad speeches uh eric is just hilarious because he's complaining about the working

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man being left behind like you've nev you've never we watched him work for that show we watched that was on fox where it was one of his job is picking the cover of the of the magazine that they just put in the \*\*\*\*\* of the hotel rooms it's not even 0:23:7 like an actual magazine uh it used to be he tried to make it a magazine but nobody read it and then he put it into his \*\*\*\*\* uh hotels but they bring four out and they lay him in front of him and he goes we were thinking this one they actually push one towards him and he goes yeah i think that one too like they might as well just put peanut butter on it and had him lick it like he was mr edge to make him look like he was talking they're dollars and they've never worked for anyone but their father and they've never held a meaningful position of authority or influence anywhere they've never done any of the things that they demand everyone else do to just deserve to live in this country serve in the military build a small business disgusting uh pig boys and the fact that anybody likes them and the fact that i mean previous generations working like people talk about how in culture a lot of the cultural changes of the last 0:24:8 40 years would be alienating to working-class people 100 years ago the factory guys they wouldn't really go to the pride parade and like feel included they would more likely kind of just think it was wrong and they would go reject it i mean there's you can argue about what that means i doesn't mean much because once again those were that's 100 years ago we're here these these are not the same things that is not this that working class is not this working class its composition is similar people in relationship to each other but it's not a comported social category so that is that's why it's wrong you know uh but it's still it's still an argument to be made but just in the same way as that a hundred years ago working-class people would have looked at don jr and eric and they would have thought look at these little fault leroy pieces of \*\*\*\*\* look at these rich kids i'd like to cave their \*\*\*\*\* faces in they'd 0:25:10 spit tobacco on him if they saw him on a \*\*\*\*\* which means that you know none of these things are \*\*\*\*\* uh one-sided in any direction like the social turn pushes people in directions that are not controllable or predictable in the moment but that have to be reckoned with as they occur and then dealt with we live in a different reality where we have to deal with the fact that a lot of a lot of rough and tumble regular folk look at a chinless goon like eric trump a \*\*\*\*\* habsburg like he is he's like if the fourth clone of michael keaton in multiplicity got cloned and he's going to tell people about the virtues of hard work like culture has zapped our brains and one of the ways that zapped them is to tell people that it's like the west virginia coal 0:26:12 miners who sat in a big theater to listen to donald trump ex complain about how the hair spray isn't as good as it used to be that's that just shows that like these categories only look the same everything is inside the contents may uh contents may shift does anyone know who was on tonight i forgot i i couldn't even remember i got

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to say last night you guys anybody who watched last night how \*\*\*\*\* bad was that  
uh like it was it was democrats bad oh crenshaw's tonight \*\*\*\*\* oh that smarmy  
little prick well i got my eye on him ah we all like to have fun we like to melania 0:27:14  
just went on forever what the i gotta say that we had a lot of fun on the stream it  
was a fun stream uh honestly i think that the boring nights are more fun because i  
don't get distracted as much by getting mad at it because i understand it's okay fake  
and you should never argue these things on their merits because they're pointless the  
argument exists independently of like ever being resolved it's uh it's just it's the s it's  
the subject you have to step away from it uh but god damn it they pull me in with  
when they get really going they really pull me in all that stuff the first night about  
how like thanks to donald trump i got a z-pack in antibiotics uh when i got sick  
with covid or whatever it's like do you guys you guys think that he's like a volcano 0:28:16  
god i mean you think that if if donald trump was not president the sun would not  
have risen that day and earth would have flipped off of its axis and pinwheeled  
into space and we would all have died in frozen horror all that stuff still would have  
happened dude oh still gets me so but it's more when it's more boring you don't  
even really process the garbage it just kind of goes smoothly over your brain but if  
i might get i get might get a little head up at crenshaw because he's such a smug  
prick and he's he's he really is trying to be the conservative aoc that is exactly what  
he's trying to be because he is he is soy he is a conservative soy man and i'm not  
talking about because he likes israel i'm not talking about his positions i mean that  
he is the embodiment of the caricature of a millennial uh a social media star the  
way aoc is the way that he uh is just uh the way that he weaponizes grievance uh 0:29:17  
and the way that he um and specifically the way he plays on sympathy of uh uh on  
amongst the public he like tries to flip all the social justice stuff on his head and be  
like well if you he really does do like well if you were really tolerant you'd be tolerant  
of this and i feel like that and the way that he courts epicness you know like he's  
epic in a very specific way he's bacony you know he he's like oh me and me and pete  
davidson went on snl he's like a millennial he is in his essence a like a millennial bug  
man that these guys hate uh but because he grew up in texas or whatever and also  
he's a loser i really think felix is onto something with this thing about how we're  
getting a million veterans running for things but people don't want to \*\*\*\*\* elect  
a veteran because look we want we've had enough losers in this \*\*\*\*\* country we 0:30:19  
don't want to get \*\*\*\*\* represented by a bunch of guys who couldn't beat a bunch  
of dudes wearing \*\*\*\*\* uh like bathrobes and and tires strapped to their feet i mean  
\*\*\*\*\* what the hell a bunch of losers that guy lost his eye in afghanistan yeah there's  
something cuckish about being a veteran you're not a winner and like conservatism  
is nothing else if not a sorting mechanism for winners and losers we're going to use

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we're going to use this extractive hierarchy to sort people and there's rewards and punishments there's rights and responsibilities and they arrive how much worth you have how much of a winner you are how how uh how much do you contribute to the market what are you worth to me don't give me some abstract \*\*\*\*\* about that we're all human that we all share like a drive towards understanding of the universe that can only be found by understanding each other don't give me that \*\*\*\*\* what do you what is it dude what is uh what do i get out of you being here what do i get out of you if you're a woman what do i get out of you are you attractive do i want to have sex with you all right you have value if you're if you're a minority it's like well what do you have to give me and if it's a bunch of stuff about how oh we don't have as much to contribute because uh you know enslavement in poverty and racism i'm sorry what does that got to do with me you're a loser you lost white men won black people lost and along the way there's winners and losers within those strata and they get rewarded and punished individually and then as a group and it all over time sorts out itself so everyone is totally uh seen as they must be in a market through the utility and a winner is by definition of having won something possesses value if they've won they've won something whatever it is social material sexual spiritual whatever you want to think if they've won something they have something they have value if they're a loser you've lost something you don't have value veterans sorry losers and of course you know that's very low that's down on the reptile at this point but over time as the sorting keeps happening they get added and that's why i said that there's no future for ethnonationalism ethnonationalism is a dead end because because it fixates on sorting it it imagines itself oh well we'll stop at white people or whatever we'll stop at slurbs we'll stop at this group we will create a a full enclosed harmonic social order but if the thing that got you there is not changed when you have that harmonic social order you're going to keep sorting winners from losers and you get new categories of people who are on people and you get new explosions of social strife you get new uh admiseration and then you have new social conflict congratulations until all is destroyed mutually the mutual ruin of the contending classes which you idiotically thought were not going to exist because race is the real class well guess what race is not the real class class is a real class and that's why class has to be the first basis of analysis because otherwise you could make a utilitarian argument for ethnonationalism that's the echo fascist thing right like well it's too late socialism is too late it's barbarism and improves in the lifeboat and who's out we're gonna go by race but i'm saying no it doesn't even it doesn't even um make that case that isn't even accurate because even if it got there it would destroy itself then because the sorting mechanism wouldn't continue the winners and the losers would get put apart stretched apart and it would undermine the social order and obliterate

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it and socialism is a different sorting it is a sorting outward of pain so that instead of some people experiencing exquisite amounts of alienation and pain and other people experience and i'm not i'm talking material and other people experiencing almost none that you can re-distribute that pain so that it is felt lightly by everybody and the more lightly it can be felt the more our social antenna can be connected to each other and facilitate actual harmonic existence and a flow that is regulated not by the brutal algorithm of the market which none of us can trust with one another because we're alienated from one another to a holistic market a market that doesn't require signals because it is uh it's uh and you can say oh that's not likely with no \*\*\*\*\* i mean ethnonationalists aren't going to get what they want either like i'm sorry we're not going to get the pepe uh kekistan we're going to get military camps like worst case scenario like it really does collapse it's going to be military fiefdoms it's not going to be a epic new uh like fourth reich meme lord land you're not even gonna get that so you're living in a fantasy world too at least my fantasy world actually is a oh the brabant killings man that's wild stuff just think about this belgium's got like seven people in it right it's a \*\*\*\*\* postage stamp it's it's it does it shouldn't even exist it's this stupid it's like why didn't the netherlands and france when they pulled it apart why didn't they pull harder and get the whole thing and then they wouldn't have had to worry about this stupid \*\*\*\*\* so it's a weird little appendix in the low countries very small small population 11 million now okay but we're talking in the 80s we're talking single-digit millions which is about as many people as our within uh and over the course of a number of years in the 80s there was a string of insanely violent robberies mostly at grocery stores but also break-ins at gas stations that led to the deaths of over 30 people these are the the the descriptions of these crimes are like grand theft auto do three dudes pull up you know their little citrion or whatever her little nose it was a van pop out and just if someone's in the parking lot just start shooting people in the parking lot go into the place shoot anyone they see grab the money and they got barely any money they would like steal camping supplies and and like a bulk food items and toilet paper and \*\*\*\*\* and then a little bit of cash so these were like if this was uh economically motivated is the most widely like miscalculated decision matrix that humans ever possessed like i want 40 how am i going to get it how about i kill 12 people in broad daylight or like in the or in the middle of a city and then at several points they had shootouts with cops where they killed the cops cops showed up at one point as they were leaving one uh uh one of the grocery stores they lift their asses up and it got it never got solved they never found them how would that happen how does that happen they never found him and then when you consider the fact that there's a cache of weapons associated with the problem killings that included in it nato specific firearms and and shells that

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were part of like the complement of armories given uh to the belgian special forces as part of their nato training uh the connections of uh people to the stolen goods from the robbery connected to far right not neo-nazi orgs with ties to the military including a guy who had in his possession at one point nato documents classified nato documents when he was arrested and at another point before his suicide uh said that he had connections to mark dutrow mark dutrow was a belgian uh child murderer one of the most monstrous human beings really i i've ever encountered uh in my in my readings a real piece of \*\*\*\*\* uh who was allowed through a baffling array of police misconducts to go undetected while abducting raping and murdering numbers i can't remember how many it wasn't i think it was more than ten young girls after being released from prison for that very crime uh and at one point he had girls in a subterranean vault that he built himself while police officers were searching his home and even though the girls were screaming none of them investigated the downstairs and they found tapes in his house of him building the basement lair that they did not look at until after he had been arrested late uh later for something else for like and when he was arrested he said i work with a network of high-level political financial and military leaders in belgian society uh and providing them with young children for ritual sexual assault and murder uh and he gave names he listed actual people and those associates uh alarmingly ended up mostly get dying one way or the other there's it's like jfk only i think even more impressive the number of people involved in the investigation both as prosecutors and police officers and as potential witnesses who died through accident and suicide uh and there at one point uh and and then the real eye raising stuff eyebrow raising stuff is that the victims came forward claiming that they had seen dutrow during abuse at the hands of like belgian social people and those witnesses gave descriptions of buildings the interiors of buildings that they otherwise would not have been able to have and it's not obviously an open and shut case but the connections you have there just in belgium between international child sex rings right wing neo-nazi biker gangs prison gangs uh police off networks of fascist police officers literal former nazis like the gellen oregon and west virginia west germany and of course the the uh the neo the neo fascists in italy i mean those guys were led by those p2 lounges had guys who had been who had been actual card carrying fascists under mussolini in there and then of course coordinating the thing nato the arctic are the architecture of our of our uh western military alliance against the soviet union where always at every point the front of the cold war like you could talk i've said that like you could call it the third world war the cold war is the third world war but there was one quiet front and that was europe but that was where the game actually was everything else was battle for europe in the minds of the planners i mean there's a reason the folded gap was the fixation of planters on both sides of

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the urals and the obsession among the military for the creation of uh tactical nuclear weapons small nuclear weapons that could be deployed at the battlefield level by generals they actually thought that they could create our nuclear artillery shells and biz and like a mortar rounds that could be fired to destroy like a tank column and that would not escalate to a full exchange of nuclear fire which of course was madness there's something called the davy crockett it was a it was a nuclear mortar it had it was looked like a regular mortar almost but with a giant mushroom head and like donald trump's dick according to story daniels and it was supposed to like fire in a 0:44:41  
mile and go off one of those just like the delusion going down to the idea that you're gonna survive after you press that button amazing but anyway the reason they were folks fixated on that is because that was the ball game europe was the ball game in the minds of the planners because that was the developed world that was the that was like the rest of the world was where we were getting the resources the rest of the world is where we were getting the \*\*\*\*\* that we ground into the end and the end result the commodities the world commodities they were consumed in the uk or i mean they were consumed in the united states and europe and so that's why it's called the cold war because the one place that didn't there was no fighting the one front that was quiet i do not have a thousand islands there thank you i would like 0:46:13  
more information about the milwaukee uh child trafficking house by the way i i got yelled at by a guy because i had said that i didn't know anything else about after it happened and he screamed he got my dms and he was furious because he said you're from milwaukee you should know this stuff why are you asking and i said i i don't know man and i just i don't know what sources to go with it's i'm not there i don't have local connections there anymore and he just and i even asked him like is there anything i could look at he's like you don't know you fraud \*\*\*\*\* and i was like damn i'm sorry and i felt bad for the guy because he seemed very invested in it but i swear to god i have after the initial thing i have no idea how to do anything with that other than drive myself insane by trying to find a pattern that i couldn't realistically think was uh you know or i find a pattern out of something that i could not even really i my guess is is that what people were saying at the time probably isn't true 0:47:17  
because that kind of stuff is almost never true the first draft i mean come on because how much stuff are people drawing conclusions from that is just inference and then eventually it gets fall like how many how many people think that there's uh crisis actors and false flags because they because of the evidence that initial reports said there were multiple gunmen how many people use that as evidence of course there's going to say that because the guys over here people are running somebody's over there they see him what if they see a cop there's another gunman what if somebody comes around the bend and twice people somebody's over you hear screaming how

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the hell are you going to say that initial reports are going to indicate anything other than initial reports have to be sifted through and when all you have is like a live stream and then and that's why i say it's about triage a lot of this stuff like the first step towards disengaging from the discourse is triage like one of the things that will really make you cut down on the amount of time you spend on here swear to god is if you cut down the number of things that you allow yourself to give a \*\*\*\*\* about i'm not talking about like you know this specific case i'm talking more about something like the kansas thing i talked about the other day uh you have to be able to recognize quickly what is pure discourse what is discourse brain and what is meat and then that allows you to funnel out and that means if there's less stuff you're paying attention to twitter gets boring faster because there's only so many takes and only so much to talk about if everything is worth getting excited about then you'll never leave you'll never find an end to that you can stay there for hours but if you start whittling down what cares you care about it's like oh i'm done i'm basically done with the internet right now and then you can go read a \*\*\*\*\* book oh my battery is running low might have to cut under early but i'm good for now uh why should we not freak out about kenosha i think i said that earlier if you didn't come on i may i think i made my argument about that oh my god how would a evangelical view spinoza i mean as as the devil he's a demon he's a communist you they would just say he's a communist because it means there's no hell there's no damnation and that means that you can do the devil's business without punishment and that means because they're because they are bad people because they are fully libidonally motivated they also have to motivate themselves to even hold the fiction of their religious belief that they need in order to maintain sanity uh through a coercive mechanism there has to be a hell there has to be punishment because if i didn't believe in god i would do these things i would rape i would pillage i would murder i would do i mean honestly they already do a bunch of terrible stuff that they've convinced themselves as good but they would also do even worse stuff and they think that what's governing them is god but it's not it's their own superego protecting them from annihilation by going too far against the social world that they don't recognize as social because it's but the spinozian the spinoza religious perspective by robbing by getting rid of hell gets rid of the stakes of interactions personally in such a way that unity can be can arise in perception it can become perceivable because the stakes are lower because the pressure is lower it's why people it's why uh that's why social enlightenment comes to the middle and upper classes before it comes to the working class because you have to have a certain level of comfort in order to accommodate others or else you're in tunnel vision gotta get my mode which is what these people have even though they already have everything but that's the thing you're a hungry ghost you have no perspective that

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means that even as you are always satiated any displeasure becomes as bad to your brain any displeasure like a pee like the the pee in the princesses uh mattresses that becomes as searing as the hunger pains of someone who has had to skip the last three meals because their \*\*\*\*\* uh covet payment is late or because they live in a \*\*\*\*\* 0:52:26  
uh favela in brazil or something to them it's as real because they feel nothing but pleasure any any pain any discomfort is is is everything if you don't have that uh that the horror of obliteration there the the the consciousness of the obliteration of your ego which you are worshiping without knowing it you're you're secretly worshiping your own ego but it will annihilate it will be annihilated it can't be reconciled unless the ego can be turned outward essentially and externalized into social connections with others people don't have to be told not to kill each other people don't have to be told not to uh exploit one another for profit it would occur to them to do it now 0:53:28  
of course that's not going to be true of everyone at once and that's why utopians utopianism is a bad way to organize your politics because it is so far from us that we have to have some vision of what this is for i believe and i believe this is not and and i believe that what sounds goofy about it what sounds pie in the sky about it only feels that way if you're imagining it as being totalizing and instantaneous but if you imagine it as a process being moved towards and then at one point you get a critical mass of people and the the social mechanism that generates evil is overcome over time and fewer and fewer people are operating under those constraints that social dysfunction will also be leached out of society and out of our out of our human nature our human nature will now be something completely different than what we think it 0:54:29  
is but it's only because we've resolved all the contradictions of producing for use and surplus and so that over time that becomes it goes there's a tipping point is reached where that because the thing is there's that in society at all times it's just right now being crushed it's it's being destroyed it's being obliterated by capitalism but of course capitalism is acquiring elements of it like the wokification of capitalism is a dialectical process like the the the the base of neoliberalism is actually being changed the way because the base this has to be remembered and i don't think i sometimes i emphasize this enough is that the base generates the superstructure but then the superstructure but the reason that that distinction matters is because you can never 0:55:32  
change the operation at the superstructural level because it's not generative once the process begins though it's reinforcing and so the woke stuff that looks like to a lot of people who are just kind of reactionary socially and they want a reason for it to be socially acceptable they see that and they're like oh this is socialism being uh you know uh commodified it's like well kind yeah that's the motive but it's also at a social level it is capitalism being humanized a little but of course over time it shrinks and grows according to how much money we have how much wealth we have how

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much ability we have to spread pain around like we had the civil rights movement during the height of america's prosperity for a reason because expectations were heightened and more and just as importantly among the white people there was enough prosperity for most of them to go ah you that wasn't an accident those two things drove each other now we're in a situation where standards of living are declining where people are feeling more and more even if they are not materially deprived they sense the impending deprivation of their material circumstances like they say that the the white the uh the white bourgeois most likely to vote for trump were white bourgeois in places that had high levels of unemployment poverty and opiate overdose as in they were the rich people but the rich people in the poor towns as in they saw what could happen to white people something they thought could only happen to the lazy and the black could happen to white people which means and so that is happening now and now we're getting this locification of capitalism and it is trying to like back down the generalized anime produced by the system and the need to maintain and increase structures of control both enforced through the law the military and the police but also culturally through the discourse not generative but culturally generated by which is yes you could argue that all this discourse this is all cia operation you could say the cia created critical theory in the 60s to make everybody talk about this \*\*\*\*\* all day you could say it and in in function that that discourse does serve capitalism which you can argue very clearly because it exists within capitalism and nothing that prominent at a social cultural level could exist if it was incompatible with capitalism but it doesn't mean that that thing must be negated in socialism it's created by the social instinct it has to be kept it has to be cherished and integrated into a class analysis and bike and through class action and protected the way that the labor movement was one of the founding uh funders and uh uh infrastructure providers of the civil i i do declare man that feels good i feel like i got something out there that i've been like trying to articulate for a while and i just didn't have the right the moment wasn't there where i had the right symbols in my head that i could \*\*Music playing\*\* does anyone remember when madonna became an edm dj reinventions oh general strike oh no no no no no general strike no nobody is nobody knows how to strike nobody nobody can strike we cannot strike the few general strikes that have ever happened in western history have happened at the city level which is because that's the degree of organization or the degree of organizational coherence you need to pull one off for even a few days is neces is usually only found at the city level uh san francisco uh there's one in vancouver i believe they never they don't spread generally because it's difficult to maintain that organizational coherence beyond the city level and even and but those were in cities with super high union density within key industries we have

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unprecedentedly low union density in this country winnipeg in in unprecedentedly low union density in this country we have uh we um do not have the coordination to ensure any significant degree of critical labor inputs being withheld from the system which is what you need for it to be anything other than a demonstration and the thing is is that i think there is limited value to be had in demonstrations and i think like like a national day of action type thing like a real show of strength type one day like they used to do during the iraq war uh like the mobilization against the war did during vietnam the mobe that could have a clarifying effect and could certainly help shape the political landscape in a positive direction but i don't think that you should put it through the you should not look at it as a strike people should not organize or create expectations along the avenue of it being a strike guarantee if people think that they're going to do what a strike can do on the timetable people are talking about they will only be disappointed it will only be a disappointment if it is understood to be a demonstration of just voices heard you could be some you i wouldn't say far because demonstrations are of limited value but a coordinated national moment as opposed to individual related explosions of discontent could have an effect on just getting people out there hell exchanging \*\*\*\*\* emails texting each other joining orgs put some tables out hey here's an org hey here's who's got a who works at who works uh in a big box retailer show of hands who works at a big box retailer you know that could be useful but that's not a strike and because and the one the desire to call it a strike is that same libido forgive me desire to see the moment it has having arrived to know that you're not just participating in the slow boring of hard boards and the tedious creation of a new political reality no you were at the summit you were at the mountaintop because everyone wants to get to the top everyone wants to see it resolve towards something great they don't want to see their work just be seen to themselves in their life the only one they're ever going to have is a \*\*\*\*\* waste of time but that instinct is what drives us to the grandiosity of our reach overseeing our grass and our and the constant compulsive misidentification of how much organizing needs still to be done and how weak the left is talking about a strike talking about a civil war those things delude the self and anyone who hears them and believes them into how strong the left is how coherent it is it's not coherent enough to be the side in a civil war and it's not coherent enough to organize a strike at any kind for getting a \*\*\*\*\* general one but god can you imagine it one day everybody in the streets works at a big box retailer who works at amazon who wants to do this who's who hey you know hey who lives in this building maybe we like the rent strike thing was also kind of in the same thing if it's just people just deciding not to pay the rent a lot of people love the idea of a rent strike because oh i don't have to talk to anybody i'll just not pay my rent everybody else will just not pay their rent and boom we won't have

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to pay our rent that's precisely how you get \*\*\*\*\* because you're not coordinated but like a full building rent strike that has actual power a block of buildings rent strike now you're \*\*\*\*\* talking everybody in the street who lives in this building who lives in this neighborhood who needs this thing like mutual aid is another thing that feels to a lot of people revolutionary but i think is more people just sort of doing the charity that feels good to them in the moment which god bless and is better than doing nothing but that's the kind of situation where that sort of mutual aid organization could be hypothetically linked to some other organs and create actual structures of connection at the level of membership not at the level of so yeah damn i mean maybe that's a bad idea i'm sure some \*\*\*\*\* i'm sure some hardcore uh materialist types will tell me that that's that's all rad liberty too it's a fantasy it's a la rad lib fantasy that we could ever do that because how would you even get enough people to agree to show up and ask the people the same questions and not have it boil into a big argument about what representation should exist within the structure of the organizing that i'm i'm forgetting the role the culture is going to play and poisoning the well because everyone's going to have to do their own little thing and everyone is going to have to feel represented regardless of whether or not it is um congruent with the project or whether it makes it uh more difficult and the thing is is that i don't know the answers to those questions i don't know what where you draw the line that's a thing that has to be worked out but it can't be worked out and here's where i get back to what i was talking about yesterday with the uh the idea of the difference between libidinal politics and like a social a socialized it's essentially because it's sin it's the same libido like i i called it the other day i think i called it like a social uh obligation and i think that's wrong it's not social obligation obligation kind of implies coercion it's a social will like you you're doing it for other people because you identify at the level of the self them with your your their interest with yours so you are it's a social being not a social obligation so there's a difference between libido politics and like a socialized spiritual let's call it spiritual politics the uh the the yeah the spiritual and and the personal and what what's the difference between those and like how specifically does going by the one make it impossible to actually organize and i would give us an example people who say want to do real organizing to the like their libidinal their their desire to feel like they're contributing to politics uh matches their personal desire or matches their social desire to engage with the world so they join an org say the org says hey we're organizing we think we're going to do uh medicare for all we're going to do a medicare for all we're going to uh operation to try to build support for medicare for all by talking to people by getting in people's face and this is like a building the baseline outreach that can contribute to building greater capacity and now here's where the first uh the first

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hurdle is going to come uh doing things like going door-to-door suck they're not fun they're not fun in the way that we have been acculturated to think things should be fun so that means that we have found now our first division our first conflict do we go yeah it's not fun but i could make it fun and it'll feel fun right because it'll make me feel like i'm contributing and the thing is that's what happens that's the process right of turning your life into you're spiritualizing your life right getting rid of individualized desires and creating a a social a social self that gets spiritual sucker from other people's advancement and the advancement of humanity so by going and doing it it becomes fun or at least more fun than you thought it was going to be 1:10:28

it's still going to suck the way that all things that involve dealing with people suck but if you're going to be able to find more out of it but you haven't done it yet in your head it's just something that you don't want to do in your head it's a thing that your libido wants to avoid so maybe you think you know i don't really want to go door-to-door what else could i do well it looks like nothing else i could do would satisfy my sense that i'm doing something which is what i really want to feel uh what if it's actually bad that they're going door-to-door what if that because i i'm uncomfortable going to door-to-door i actually i have a condition that means i can't go door-to-door it makes me uncomfortable it gives me anxiety interacting with strangers gives me anxiety unlike other people and like saying that i'm not a really good socialist if i don't do that you know what they're uh they're not being 1:11:30

socialists they're being ableist and i'm actually serving the revolution and serving the advancement of humanity more if i denounce them and form an organization of people to also denounce them until they understand that i need to be centered and at every point this is where i want to stress subjectively that person doesn't think that they have ever deviated from doing the best thing and the right thing and the good thing they are not operating off of bad faith they think they're doing the right thing because they have no idea that they are only operating libidinally they have no idea that they don't have a spiritual connection that would allow them to make the leap and you can take that example and it happens a million different ways i mean how many people once dsa started said uh oh they're too they're too epically uh they're too epically uh woke for me it's all a bunch of handholding it's like well i 1:12:31

mean that's what you see online but maybe it's different in person nah \*\*\*\*\* that's like well wouldn't you want to find out if you thought it was worth getting mad about as an org if you thought the organization had enough um if you thought the organization had enough potential to be worth getting to be worth caring about to be worth pending and spending any attention on and focusing on and caring about what happens with if it was worth that attention wouldn't it be worth you getting off your \*\*\*\*\* ass and trying to look at it and then once you're in that situation yeah

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you might see some wokeness but there's not just one line of wokeness that might makes all the good-hearted you know would-be well-intentioned white guys flee how much of that is this is a dysfunctional organization and i'd say the thing is is that you could only know that at the level of the um of the local and i think that there were locals that were irredeemably messed up internally and that yeah i would walk out but i would i would also say that was a minority and that in majority of them 1:13:32

as much as you would have to roll your eyes well maybe you roll your eyes a little bit huh maybe maybe you ignore it a little bit if you think it's worth doing and then at some point maybe the point where you decide it's too much wokeness it's really just that you want not do anything because it sucks to sit in meetings and it sucks to go door-to-door and it's more fun to complain about it and so once again same way that person doesn't think that they're not operating in good faith that person thinks no i'm i want what's best for everybody these guys are the enemy i have to no but because they aren't even aware of the disconnect they don't know they're merely operating out of libidinal political satisfaction and the thing is i would like to say if you're saying now how does that not describe you it 1 million zillion billion describes 1:14:33

me i became a podcaster because i was a poster and i was a poster because i would rather post about politics and be seen posting about politics then i go off my ass and do anything and i have the excuse that well what's to do everything sucks it's like yes everything sucks but one of the reasons everything sucks is because people have an excuse to not even engage and make them suck less and i'm not saying that means everyone should join dsa i mean the ship might have sailed honestly like at this point it was so distorted by this process i'm describing on both sides that it might be it might be beside the point it might be pre-figurative without being able to be like emergent but something i'm just saying is that orgs like that anything you can find that seems like a plausible place for you to put your energies um you have to 1:15:34

actually evaluate from a from a spiritual level you have to apply the spiritual lens not the personal lens to the project and you might still find it's \*\*\*\*\* and it probably is because we don't know what we're doing it might be irredeemable but it might be redeemable if you were willing to put the work in and you got to ask yourself am i convincing myself i don't have to put the work in because it's easier not to and i'd rather go online or is it really irredeemable at least get to that point and the thing is i think we're where we are and why things are so bad and there's no transmission belt of persuasion from the left to anywhere is because not enough people ask that question and i must stress i have not asked that question i am only even coming into realization of the void that i had in my conception of myself my conception of the world my duty to my fellow \*\*\*\*\* human and myself so if no and the the point of 1:16:36

talks of talking like stuff like this is to disarm these things because so much of these

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arguments are based around people feeling deeply nestled guilt about their inaction and wanting to expiate it through validation from others in a public realm they want it so everyone's on trial every day in front of everybody else and we all have to prove that we're on the side of the angels because of the consequences because the rage will feel towards the people who fall short and the shame we will feel and the misery will feel if we are found to be falling short and i'm saying is if there is a jubilee if we drop the \*\*\*\*\* rocks and start over we can actually move forward wow i hope that made sense i was getting some stuff in my face all right maybe i'll ask have one i'm almost out of battery actually so let me take one question and no i'm out that was the last gasp it was like i got i hit i hit the i hit the apogee came back down i got like a second second wind but you only get two wins with my cardiovascular health you only get two wins so i and and my battery's almost dead so i gotta go thank you guys though i felt i felt really good about this one i hope it's i hope it makes sense i hope people like it bye-bye 1:17:38

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\*Music playing\*\* foreign \*\*Music playing\*\* going for the hat trick if someone says i've been on a roll not gonna lie i'm feeling good last couple days i felt on the beam uh hoping to make it three for three i don't want to psych myself out i just want to admit that i'm aware that i feel like i'm getting to something and i'm trying to pull that thread as far as it will go before i kind of lose focus which will be inevitable and then i have to talk about squibs for another week and a half before i can get back to it i guess i'll start by addressing something that is on people's minds especially in the wake of first of course the kenosha shooting the kanoshi demonstrations the kenosha shooting again by the 17 year old griper and i do think that people who are freaking out about a civil war being on the horizon really need to stop and just try to ponder as just a discreet fact the reality that the perpetrators of our of our contemporary greensboro massacre which was carried out as was remembered by card-carrying nazis and clan members uh was done by a 17 year old kid whose but then of course the the strike the nba strike one of outside of the bubble of politics something in the rest of the world in this case sports validates the movement that feels like that feels like getting a goddamn uh getting a the paddles to the chest with a defibrillator it's like oh my god yes and so people are saying general strike people have been kind of muttering about general strike for a while now but now people are saying \*\*\*\*\* yeah general strike and i've talked i talked yesterday about how that is it's not just a misnomer it's genuinely potentially dangerous if it leads people to expectations that the event can't uh manage and that like a mass demonstration with the intent of building specifically labor-based organizing around i'm sorry not just police brutality but about economic issues that undergird the system that produces racism and produces police violence but that can be broadened to include concerns of other people who are suffering and struggling right now who have not gone to college maybe and do not absorb the the etiquette of that um and that's one thing but like that's a thing that you do with the recognition that if you do a good enough job over time it could lead to strikes it could lead to strikes because that like the general strike is like an idea fix on the left it always has been because it is the end

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it's the end result of your if your job is organizing the working class the end of 0:4:12  
that is a general strike because you don't have to do anything else you have full  
organization and full awareness you have a class that has come from being of itself  
to being in itself what marx talks about when he says that there's one thing to have  
an existing social class created by a mode of production it is another to have one  
whose experiences bring them in alignment in such a way that they are able to create  
their own class aware project within the greater capitalist system of classes and and  
uh and that's the move and and that even if that's not how things happen even if  
that pressure even if that movement is interrupted by some events some change in  
conditions that require a change in strategy and lead to a different outcome that  
is moving towards socialism that's a second question but that's the driving that's  
has to be the the end point it's the teleological endpoint of organizing the working  
class but there's an argument to be made that you couldn't do that without rising 0:5:13  
your moving your tendrils up throughout the system and throughout different classes  
and certainly the intermediate classes in order to keep them connected to do that  
and i think that's true and that's why things like demonstrations and that is why  
organizing a long axis of racial and gender oppression is necessary and unavoidable  
because that's the lived experience of people in capitalism race and gender in those  
things are lived experiences in the way that class is not and that's something people  
have to confront it sucks for the people who would who who are annoyed and in some  
cases rightly so for the the double-edged sword that gender and and racial uh issues  
are and they are they are double-edged and that makes people anxious and a lot of  
people want to resolve that anxiety by just saying well no don't then we just ignore  
it you can't ignore it it is literally the live reality of ra of class in this country and it  
has to be engaged with question of how to engage with it is separate but it seems like 0:6:15  
we're past the point where people should be arguing about nomenclature and about  
what in your heart should you put first because it really does seem like a lot of this  
boils down to who or who has a pure heart a class reductionist is bad because they  
put class first in their heart because it very rarely in my experience ends up boiling  
down to genuine agreements about disagreements about strategy or tactics it's about  
tone it's about theoretical questions because you're not asking what's effective you're  
asking what is in your heart because that's what we're doing we're sorting the good  
people from the bad people because we think we're at a point where that matters  
because we're we're we're ensorcelled we are not at the point where we can sort as  
i've said we had a point we have to gather and that's the most important thing and  
that means and that's the double that's a double-edged sword right there because  
it means class has to be the basis that means we have to organize around class i'm  
sorry it has to be the way people consider their activism it's the most effective place

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for it to be done to but it means you can't do just class or even be perceived as class 0:7:19  
first you have to integrate it to the point that they're not perceived so that race and  
gender issues are not perceived as being subsidiated because people live cr race and  
gender they live distrust from white people and for men because of lived experiences  
that are put through a racial and a gender lens and you have to deal with that fact  
and that means you cannot be your movement is to get people who are alienated  
along those axes and it's a lot of them and you need them you can't just expect them  
well they should know that class is where race comes from and gender problems come  
from they don't any more than people who don't go to college know the the the uh  
social basis of like social liberalism the idea of like equality and all that and how it's  
important to live that in your life they don't get that either neither they don't they  
have not accepted your priors that's the big problem is that sorting requires finding  
people who accept your priors and people who don't but it assumes people who are 0:8:21  
are aware of the choice they're making we're talking about people the unorganized  
who are not even aware that that choice exists they have to be confronted as they  
live and that means that race and gender issues cannot be seen as subsidiary that  
means it's the job of the movement to find a way to square that circle as much as it  
sucks to try to do and as much as the discussion of it online and the way that it's  
co-opted by bad faith actors trying to use it as a deliberate wedge to break up the left  
makes it hard to do so you got to do it it's the only way forward everyone's trying to  
have their goddamn cake and eat into which is only possible because of what degree  
of their political so anyway this is all a diver i just realized is that i'm on a very  
long tangent now and i got to wheel back to where i was i was talking about how we  
should be moving towards a position where there is a general strike and that means 0:9:22  
we have to understand that if we do a big demonstration like that's what people are  
imagining a big demonstration you tweet up general strike and everybody shows up  
i mean most people are not crucial to the work process the flow of goods they're  
not working at amazon fulfillment centers and they're walking working at big backs  
retailers they're not essential most people aren't essential and those people who go  
out who are unessential they will believe that they're contributing to a strike they  
will feel like they're part of a strike they'll think that's what a strike is which inhibits  
your ability to turn that energy into actual effective organizing which will lead to  
and include as a broad strategy but include partially strikes that will be harder to  
do if people so i saw this amazing tweet that said that someone was just and this  
is example by the way of one of the reasons that it won't work is that because it's 0:10:23  
just people going out independently all of the pervading fantasies all the pervading  
bugaboos all the brain poison that we get on the internet is going to be imported  
directly outside with no barrier because remember we're not organizing together to

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do anything nobody's like are few people maybe some people will but most people are just going to be like maybe at most hey i'm going to the i'm going to the general strike you coming that's going to be the most coordination they do most people not everybody there will be organizers obviously i'm saying the vast majority that will be their involvement with it so their action is not going to be like i mean the bucks they got out there they're obviously not like emblematic of the actual working class for a number of reasons but they are workers technically and if they didn't show up there was no game it was it was that simple and a lot of people are going to involve themselves and they're not going to have even ability to even come close to the levels of power everybody who is unemployed and there's now what 25 more of them than there were six months ago are not going to be able to withdraw anything uh students aren't really going to withdraw anything essential uh people who work in the creative class in general everybody on only fans and patreon everybody uh uh uh ev everybody who fills in like the make work jobs that david graber pulls out administrative \*\*\*\*\* jobs they're not going to and here's the most important thing though even if you are working and you are in an essential job how many people would consider like i'm going to take how many people to how many people is the idea of like asking your boss for the general strike makes sense too many people will be like people will take off if they can afford to because they're acting by themselves which means that they can get fired which means they can be retaliated against because they are not all going out together if the entire workforce walks out especially if they put a picket line and don't let anybody in or they sit down that is a chess that's a chess piece knocked off the board for the circulatory system of capitalism but if they all walk out if first of all they're not all going to walk out they're not going to walk out not everyone's on twitter not everyone's as sure that the general strike is a good thing or never knows what that means a lot of people don't know about this stuff or they have vegan informed and very often contradictory opinions about them and they're not gonna ah maybe i get fired so they don't go if you few of you go they'll fire your ass which means even fewer of them will go and even if they go they're not they're not they're not taking their labor out of the system that can't so it will not be a general strike in any sense it will be a demonstration it will bring with it all of everyone's brains with them everything they learned online none of it will be none of the inessential stuff none of the none of the propaganda none of the ideology that has been accumulated around them by being online and fighting online over these things and trying to virtue signal to each other across the void of the internet for validation that's all gonna be there and so it's to immediately mean that you're undermining the ability to do a coordinated anything let alone a demonstration because i saw someone say i smell i smell general strike in the air

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just a reminder that people should prioritize black lives over other issues and i saw somebody else saying and it's like okay so we've already you're assuming a thing out of the ether and then you're creating a uh some sort of loyalty test people are going to have to say yes or no to whatever you're saying even if it's as vague as that because it's very very vague what do you mean like centering like this is all emotional in the interpersonal language this isn't the language of movements sun's getting in my eyes guys and so i did a tweet i did a little jokey joke tweet where i said uh if you smell if you find yourself smelling burnt toast uh orange peels or uh a brewing general strike you might be having a stroke and should consult your physician and a lot of people yelled at me and specifically what they said to me was they said oh so we should do nothing we should give up and i hope that by now in my just talking about like the way that the libido shapes our relationship to politics i hope you can see why that is a wildly false dichotomy and why they sustain it because anything less than the apocalyptic confrontation of their dreams and of their \*\*\*\*\* gonads is boring and it might not work and there's tv i could be watching and there's tweeting i could be doing they're not aware that they're making this calculation but they are and so it has to be apocalyptic because anything i tell them about what they could be doing in their community and like i said i couldn't say specifically i would have to know where they live and what their context is because there is no generalized answer right now it's grasping in the dark i would say try doing that and whatever that is it's probably going to involve going to meetings it's going to involve maybe going door-to-door talking to strangers doing \*\*\*\*\* work or you could walk out your door one day and at the end of it capitalism is gone which door are you picking if you think they're equally likely in your head the only reason and the thing is if you're if you are not acting from self-deception if you're not acting from gonadal instinct you will recognize okay yeah no this fun and i would go to the demonstration but i'm not going to turn it into the apocalyptic confrontation of my fantasies and that means maybe you'll affect the you'll act about it more effectively like one of the reasons people are willing to say stuff like yeah yeah general strike we're having one by the way it better be focused on racism is that you're assuming a level of uh of efficacy that is completely in your head and fantastic you're like you've already in your head okay we have the general strike we have capitalism on the walks now we better talk about uh how uh intersectional our constitution's gonna be no we're not anywhere near that we are so far from that and that's only sustained by the fantasy that this is the big comp a big apocalyptic confrontation if you recognize it as a baby step forward then you will have baby step expectations and you won't make massive apocalyptic demands of loyalty to your point of view determining the \*\*\*\*\* who's in the book of life and who's uh the wicked of the righteous that you're judging from

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this \*\*\*\*\* mound of olives but why can't we conceive of that because it doesn't get 0:17:34  
us going we want to have that oh we want to get out there and we want it we want it  
even if we get annihilated honestly and it brings in fascism that has its own pleasure  
being right and being oppressed and having freedom and the anxiety that freedom  
brings with it removed that's in there that's in that reiki and wheelhouse uh and so  
if i want to get more specific a more specific critique uh of the concept there needs to  
be a resolution in people's minds the kind of people who think that a general strike  
is possible and needs to be emphasized and in those terms what they think how it  
would work not into even in terms of how it would be organized because like i said  
they've already gone in their head past organizing so you can't talk to them about  
it they don't see it it's invisible it doesn't appear on their \*\*\*\*\* visual spectrum in  
their head we're already organized to enough to win and so when you talk to them 0:18:35  
about it it's like uh it's like \*\*\*\*\* snuffleupagus before they made him into a normal  
part of the sesame street when only big bird could see him use but only he's real and  
no one else could see him even though it's really there like that then it's been like  
occluded by ideology and only the guy with the \*\*\*\*\* they lived spectacles could see  
them and you're yelling look at \*\*\*\*\* stuff olophicus and everyone else is like what's  
even there they're not thinking about if we can get there they've already assumed we  
can get to a critical crop point of conflict with the state to a point of its legitimacy  
being in doubt would i not i mean is that it seems to me to be a fair definition of the  
of the end state that this is supposed now if that happens there are two resolutions  
there is one where the state backs down the state decides at the critical point not 0:19:36  
to escalate to final confrontation but walks back from the precipice by doing enough  
to get the demonstrators the strikers to demobilize if and the other one is of course  
they won't they've reached a point where they will not step down the demands are  
too threatening to them and to their existing order to a seed to they know like war  
is war is not preferable to peace but war is preferable to these guys taking over on  
the conditions that they have now we need to renegotiate from a position of strength  
which means we need to call their bluff about physical violence and then it's up to  
the protesters to say do we accept that our bluff has been called and step back or  
do we decide that it wasn't a bluff and go all in and then the contest is determined  
by strength now i don't think it would ever get to that point because i don't think  
anyone would ever from the point if it got first of all wouldn't get to that point of 0:20:37  
conflict because there would not be enough sustained social pressure to keep that up  
it would dissipate just over time people they want to go to lunch if there's nothing  
coordinating their action they will walk away especially if it doesn't look like they're  
getting anywhere so if it's enough to get to a point of crisis the first sign the real  
sign by the authorities will either be met by a climb down or defeat and i can

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say that confidently and if you want to argue that then i i don't know if we're on the same we're living in the same porthole of uh uh under uh of like metaphysical understanding of the world we live in we're vibrating at different frequencies i'm not saying you're wrong i'm just saying we can't really have a so that leaves winning by getting the state to back down that means that you are not demand dismantling the state you are not replacing it with a new socialist order the current system of government even if specific people in it are switched out the structures persist not all of them anything that is extraneous to the to the functioning to the core functioning can be offloaded one way or the other politically or economically uh the load-bearing members though they have to maintain or else they wouldn't have won i mean that's what winning is is maintaining what you the maintaining the structure of your win state is winning and the structure of your win state is is this system so that means you're making a deal and that's not a bad thing in fact that's a good thing because that is a kind of situation where you can stake a claim on a building a new foundation that will put you in a position where the next time there's a critical conflict you win like give like um people say uh the the the working class really \*\*\*\*\* up by backing the new deal because it ended up making them lose i don't agree with that the new deal was a fantastic deal for the working class broadly in the considering where they were coming from uh it was revolutionary in the way that it it it broke the civic relationship between uh the state and the individual it broke it it refounded a new social reality that was more progressive than the one that existed before it and what that did is it created a much stronger working class a working class that was theoretically able if crisis once again emerged in the system to once again confront capital it could win now the point of crisis came the point of crisis came in the 70s the problem was for other reasons due to decisions made after the new deal labor was not in a position to win that conflict and that's why we are where we are now so getting to a deal is not a sellout and it's not a failure it's if you're doing a deal it's because you have to do a deal and getting the best deal puts you in the best position for the future and hey if you really want things to happen quickly i got good news for you uh i bet the next crisis if we ever even get out of this one is going to come a lot faster than the current one than the last ones have like we're at a critical point where this cycle is speeding up and you want don't you want to be in the best possible position when that happens so the question becomes what demands are you making of the system to get you in a better position for the next battle and i would say if they are primarily racial in in in origin if they're primarily about policing then you might really get significant defunding of police you might really get mass firings of abusive police officers and real oversight of police in the field but because you're making a deal now remember i'm assuming you're making a deal not that you won you're not getting

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rid of policing policing has not been abolished because if you accept my premise that policing is a load-bearing structure of capitalism and neoliberalism and i believe it is it cannot be gotten away with in a win condition and this is a win condition broadly 0:24:45  
for capital in that confrontation now what else has happened have you strengthened bonds a little bit you've given people an idea that things are possible which is going to make them more motivated but those ripple effects are going to be second order meanwhile all of the gains you've gained are going to be clawed back in the form of more authoritarianism as conditions decline which means if you've defunded the police but you're the police are still there guess what here are military private uh police here are drones uh here is some technological patch to fill in where there could no longer be public consensus over being governed which is what we've been slowly doing is replacing the public uh uh uh will the public acknowledgement of sovereignty necessary for the state to function with a technological coercion that doesn't require it and that's one more strut replaced next crisis comes you might you might have 0:25:48  
more organizational capacity to get another strike going but you have not created an engine for your movement other you just had a splash that will ripple out have some effects that linger but will not hit the bedrock if you're organizing around class issues specifically labor and something like medicare overall like real things that cause dramatic changes in people's material conditions for the better and allow them ease of access to collaboration uh and and destiny fulfilling at work through labor and through unions you'll be in a situation where and by the way you would also of course have police \*\*\*\*\* uh uh you would have for police reform as part of that it might not be as much police reform as you would have gotten if that was your sole focus or top focus but it would be it would be in concert with a significant bedrock shift that means that if another crisis comes you are in a better position 0:26:49  
vis-a-vis whatever that police force is as opposed to a weaker movement against a more less formally composed military or a paramilitary police force but a subsidiary private one that's able to and then worst of all if you're taking a deal from them and it doesn't involve material conditions changing for people which changing the police would not it would reduce hypothetically but once again i'm saying if you haven't gotten rid of capitalism in a moment of crisis police power is still going to be there it has to be there so the changes are going to be almost by definition cosmetic and over time they will wear away and what will have been the point and it will mean that the next crisis means not only if you not build rhizomatic networks that could be brought up and and used to mobilize during a crisis moment and to to to press against like the worst outcomes of the of the current system people are discouraged 0:27:50  
because what happened last time times sun \*\*Applause\*\* on a related point uh it occurs to me that i might have over the course of my discussions about fascism

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on here i might have given short shrift the argument that we are in a in a uh pre 0:28:53  
fascist moment and that fascism is an accurate description of what is to come and  
it involves stipulating as i have i think pretty well argued that we are not in the  
social conditions for mass fascism to emerge but that fascism did not really win in  
the streets anyway fascism won through legi uh existing political structures it won  
by winning elections it became the largest party in the reichstag and at a certain  
point the establishment conservatives like hindenburg and von poppin saw the pop  
the success of the nazi party in mobilizing what existed in the in the late in the uh  
in the pub like political population uh sufficient mass participation to get them to  
that point and then they said these guys are our only hope against the left and they  
put them in power thinking they could control them and they got uh turned around  
because of the momentum of like the forces involved and what they had unleashed uh 0:29:55  
and the and and then the argument would be no fascism isn't going to win because of  
street battles but if the political uh nar er the political corridor of action in america  
is so much shrunk compared to the 30s in europe which it has been well that still  
exists and that's still the political territory we have and that's still the way that like  
formal power is distributed so couldn't if the if the not if basically it's if the if the  
people who vote for that republicans i.e older white people uh like the the middle  
bourgeois who were the social base of fascism and then whoever around that like  
lumping proletarians and you know and and the re and people devoted to to uh you  
know a narrow reading of their if they go along with the fascist program then when  
we do have the authoritarian crackdown it will have every facet of fascism uniforms 0:30:57  
weird runes and ethnic and religious and gender-based cleansing and i think that that  
is the only way that i could see any argument made that like we would get fascism  
through anything get anything like the original version of fascism in anything like  
the method that they got it i would say that is if it happens that's the way and so if  
that is your premise i accept it the problem is though is that the majority of people  
i see making that argument and the the only reason like i've said the only reason  
i think this matters is because it affects strategy it doesn't matter it's absolutely  
academic it is angels on a pin that's why people like doing it so much because it's  
fun and also most of all it provides a way to separate good people from bad people  
because that's what everyone's doing if you care about fascism enough you're a good  
person if you think it's a \*\*\*\*\* concept you actually are fasch the same way people  
kind of people who agree with me on this point we'll go uh if you talk about fashions 0:31:59  
of all time you're a bad person if you don't you're a good person that's its main  
social function right now is just sorting people online and if it and whatever comes  
it doesn't matter what form it's going to take if it's if it's just the state collapsing  
the political space into authoritarian technological control and like a neo-feudalism

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it doesn't matter what costume it's wearing so this only reason this matters is how it relates to strategy and the people i see talking about fascism is the fixation as the idea fix they have essentially the strategy to fight it that the third period marxist of the common turn imposed on the german communists or that and i'm not going to say impose the germans agreed with it and they had good reason to considering what happened in 1918 when it was the sdp that \*\*\*\*\* created the frey corps of the first place you could see why they didn't trust the socialist left the social fascists as they called them uh but it was still a failed uh strategy by of evidence of the fact that between the two parties they had the ability to win and you could argue 0:33:2 well yeah but those social fascists they were really fascist the whole time it's like not until the very end and they got suppressed too which means there could have been an agreement i think that that means that there there could have been that is one of those historical what ifs that you can separate from some of the others where there was another outcome they could have coordinated because they were between the two of them the voting public majority which means that they could have gotten to a point where they wanted the ballot box i'm not saying they would have taken power by the ballot box i am saying they would have reached a point where weimar democracy would have been unsustainable to maintain capitalism and that would have led to that conflict i was talking about earlier but they could have won because they were united that is the argument but anyway the third uh the thalman party said no collaboration with the social fascists and they were wrong but like i said they had reason to suspect the social uh democratic party they had literally they did kill rosa it's not i mean the guys who did it were basically proto-nazis but 0:34:3 they were doing it because they've been organized and paid by the social democratic party friedrich ebert who i believe hilariously enough was a butcher before he was a union leader and then in the sdp uh defense secretary i'm sorry nosk was the defense secretary uh ebert was the uh chancellor anyway they had a reason to suspect them but they \*\*\*\*\* up and the proof is in the pudding that they \*\*\*\*\* up so if we're in the same situation facing roughly the same political and economic crisis and threat and roughly the same array of forces then shouldn't we not do what this uh what they did because like i said they had every reason to suspect the sdp and they also had the second biggest political party in germany and the soviet union just over the \*\*\*\*\* uh uh the euros they were in a situation where they thought hey we could win this if it comes to a conflict let's \*\*\*\*\* rumble but these people are basically third 0:35:4 these people are third period come intern people without a party or a foreign uh uh ally they're just a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* people online and in orgs but unorganized along any kind of uh party structure and to me that means that you are only interested in this question because not because you care about what works but we care what will

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get you off you care about the libido association with fascism because we talk these guys will talk all the time about fascism fascism is the is is like the aestheticization of politics it's turning politics into into coming forget the reason forget uh dealing with other people forget the negotiation and the slow boring of hard boards how about some fast lubricated thrusting into hard boards soft boards any kind of boards give it to me yeah that's fascism well so is fighting fascism not just that but that's part of it it's this it activates the same sense of not of of of apocalyptic confrontation 0:36:5 and purity personal purity because here's the thing that you load that you were fighting and i'm saying is that and eventually you get a point where those social orders if they if they took enough of the if if that if that erotic dance was effective enough it was symmetrically enough distributed let's say that between fascists and anti-fascists you'd eventually get to a point where the working class was fully anti-fascist the state was fully fascist and they would go to apocalyptic conflict with one another the problem is we do not have anything like a symmetrical array of forces you have a a right that is largely as disorganized as the left but has the massive advantage of being on broadly the same goals as the as power because unlike the nazi party they did not them see themselves as a third wave really they did not see themselves as a revolutionary pop movement and that's the thing fascism was 0:37:7 revolutionary in its own way that was the energy of socialism it stole it's like you need to get people a reason to come out and how do you get working cla how do you get non-class conscious people to come out and rumble and stomp and fight instead of just passively observe politics and it's to give it stakes it's to give it anima and that's what fascism does it gives you a thing to hate and so does anti-fascism as a as a organizing structure for your politics but anyway like i was saying is that that has to get that means that you have to feel like you're revolutionary you have to feel like you're destroying a system because the system sucks you don't those people did not have the fantasy that a lot of people now on the right have that there's any compatibility between capitalism and their preferred world because they were far enough they were close enough to the germany of their hearts their grandparents germany their great grandparents germany the zormarch germany the germany of 0:38:9 \*\*\*\*\* uh barbarossa and \*\*\*\*\* arminius and frederick the great they were closer to it than we are we're completely atomized and spiraling into space we're not hearing any of those echoes is that they knew that this system needed to be destroyed and so they were revolutionary force and they did overthrow the current system like fascism at its at the end point was capitalism was subordinated by the end of that war as because uh it was a revolutionary force but of course because it was a fascist nihilistic revolutionary force it was not connecting humans together to generate the coming together of the \*\*\*\*\* world spirit self-consciousness of humanity as a \*\*\*\*\* species

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it stashed itself against the rocks suicidally because if it couldn't have that it had to have annihilation which that's the death spiral and the death drive of fascism 0:39:11 but these fascists are not really revolutionary especially with trump in power they just want daddy trump and the current system that gives them a consumer economy where they get to pull their putt on the internet and they get to get seamless and amazon all the stuff that they do the ride is bug man stuff they still get that but they get to watch the \*\*\*\*\* liberals get so trolled that they go up to the cops who are enforcing what they should recognize if they're really fascist they should recognize as a and some of them do i'll give credit to that uh as this this capitalist deformed capitalist structure that destroys and annihilates human \*\*\*\*\* dignity and cannot be redeemed they would at least acknowledge that because that's the revolutionary heart so they're on the side of power which means that it comes if it ever becomes a conflict they'll just because there'll be a lot of working-class people in that's on that side there'll be a lot of working-class people on that side if your decision is you scream at people to support black lives matter uh until they call the cops or join a storm front a lot of them are going to join storefront especially if they didn't go to go to urban uh like centers of creative economy after going to college and they're going to be on the wrong side when the conflict comes instead of on your side because you did not organize the entire working class against the the mechanistic techno structure of capitalism and it's so that's why i say i have a mission of a general strike where we do the right thing and we turn it into an opportunity for development and if i if that happens and i can participate and i can make that happen i will i don't want to just boo from the sidelines i want to make the change i want to see in the world so as as dumb as the framing is if it understands itself even if even if it calls itself a strike although it really bothers me i don't want to get too too hung up on semantics and make that the excuse i don't act if there seems to be some sort of understanding that it's really a demonstration then maybe we could get there would be reason to participate but that's to that i don't know and i'm not going to make a \*\*\*\*\* i'm not going to assume anything you have to \*\*\*\*\* make decisions in the top in the in the conditions you see not the conditions you imagine because the condition you can't make a decision about what to do about a future event until it's happening to you what you can do is create the the heuristics and you can create the world views and you can have the architecture of spirituality uh and uh and and a spirituality specifically that is in concert with your empirical observation of the world around you and then you apply that to the current situation you don't make a decision about it in advance because you don't know what it will look like you can only do a schematic in your head but anyway it's all in the air i don't know i just i'm saying that's that's the whole thing i was trying to get at what's the \*\*\*\*\* strike thing and i want to 0:40:14 0:41:15 0:42:16

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just say now this is why i could never be a \*\*\*\*\* fascist this is why the nazis were annihilated that's why even though i will say that it is a revolutionary movement it is one that is nihilistic and all-consuming it is a death drive it is the death drive broken off from everything it is it is the it is the seeding of any hope that there can be connections with other people it is saying there is nothing but the self that's what fascism says that's when you have an entire society that is organized where everyone has accepted the premise that there is nothing but the self which is the opposite of course from the end state of communism which is the universal understanding that the self does not exist and that we are all part of a network of beings and that we truly are one consciousness even if we only perceive ourselves through very narrow apertures i said it again of that membrane and that and and that we have to act 0:43:17 together and that the idea of competition beyond any beyond just signaling in the in play realm in the game theory uh as a way to like make decisions is like gnawing on your own body it's eating your fingers it's cannibalism the end state of fascism is no there's just you there's just your consciousness and then you can try to create a abstractification of a part of humanity a race a volk a nation that you can then imagine that you are subordinating to that your consciousness it's like all right so i need people who can just be me uh so they're gonna have to look like me obviously they're gonna have to be white uh they're gonna have to speak probably the same language although that's flexible uh they definitely need to have exact same uh sexual of weird hang-ups as i do they need to have a culture arranged around those uh they need to be and then then i can feel comfortable then i can feel comfortable i can't be 0:44:18 comfortable in a world where i'm at any point at ease with others because others are separate and therefore dangers others are dangerous i have to live in a world that is negotiable because i'm not scared it's trying to abolish fear from the other and you abolish fear from the other either by embracing the other or by denying it embracing it is fact is the is the human the human consciousness is coming to terms with that awareness to abolish fear that kind of fear of the other the other is to embrace it and make it the only guiding point of your life and that means i can only be surrounded both in around me and in a imagined community as benedict anderson would call it around me that is like me so that i can feel safe and they will argue well you can't have social harmony unless everybody feels safe i would say well if you levin alienation with uh social with uh if you leaven alienation out of social existence you don't have to worry as much about fear and and and anxiety and so therefore you 0:45:20 don't have to do that really and that that process over time leads to the bleeding out of anxiety about otherness because we know that happens it's not complete it's not a complete process but we know for a fact you observe it in your life it exists it's not all and that's the other thing you have to have a conspiracy in your head because

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what's making this stuff happen why is there interracial relationships of any kind how can people get comfortable enough with other races in order to have any social intercourse the answer is well there's a cabal there's jews or there's lizard people whatever cosmology you need you need an intervening force to make that happen the beauty part of being a \*\*\*\*\* materialist communist buddhist type like i am is that you don't need that you don't need to say oh no that's what's making people uh uh uh that's what's making people relate to one another it's because relating to each other is all we do and it's just a question of creating a world in our minds where we are not being guided away from our knowledge of interconnectivity by our 0:46:22  
fear of other by our basal libidinal uh instinct of seeking uh pleasure i.e comfort and that is often familiarity because it's soothing or avoiding pain and fear which are associated with uncertainty because we don't want to be attacked because what if we're hurt what if we're hurt what if we're killed well if you really have reduced not eliminated you can't do that unless you transcend so if you like get to just a more elevated point of lowering your a connection to yourself you also lower that fear left threshold but the thing about that is it can't be asymmetrical because if you lower it too far and the world around you is still filled with people like that you will \*\*\*\*\* get owned that's what that's what the class project is it's bringing enough people to do things at the same time that you have leavened material alienation at a speed that allows for the accumulation of understanding across difference the fascists for 0:47:24  
many personal traumatic reasons i mean most of them were abused in some way by either the internet or uh their parents i mean and the germans were literally an entire country with ptsd for christ's sake they went from being they just they just emerged from the idol of like the early modern romantic period they were like walking around there was a whole movement in germany that people call proto-fascists so these young people going out like finding the like the german spirit out in the countryside marching around uh and uh within 20 years the uh within five years it has been a night by the end of it it had been like no no it was uh it was like interrupted by world war world war one in the middle of that everyone's having a \*\*\*\*\* picnic and \*\*\*\*\* a giant chunk of their population died and the rest came back traumatized and then they immediately had a civil war that led to \*\*\*\*\* the taboo against national like the idea that even within the nation there is a coherent self no that was destroyed hi why the jews why did i do this why did we do this to each other the jews that's got to be the answer it can't be capitalism it can't be the system that sets up antagonisms 0:48:26  
in the first place it can't be the system that drags our spirit out of us and leaves us bereft and that breathness driving us towards violent uh uh heedless pursuit of some sort of personal opiate whatever kind it may be some sort of surplus of someone else's and so we fight amongst ourselves for the remnant scraps well above all is consumed

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and then we blame each other for the because i really think there is an observable observable dialectical relationship between between social order and production that has led us that is leading us through the human race coming into awareness of itself and i think it went something like this bear with me we've got the first human social organs right tribes small tribes and that's because as i talked on a previous stream when you talk about uh sentient beings you're not just talking about evolution as an individual survival of the fittest thing that doesn't really make sense it's only one dimension that's like gene expression or something or but but what it's tied to inextricably tied to to the point that they cannot be separated is social evolution and you can and and so when environmental pressures come and conditions change and that change is what spurs evolution it's not just individuals doing that it's the social order accommodating and one thing that allows early humans to exist was social order coordination but how do you coordinate across the chasm of sensory when you have no real you don't have a shared world you don't have a nation you don't have concepts that you can just like plug and play into to tell the scary other things from the good other things because remember we think yeah we're all humans but we're also all other as much as everything is because we are the same as much as everything is and so we have to have people we're comfortable with people we can sleep around without feeling scared because you gotta sleep at some point and of course the first is the family those are the people you're around much the most and those the people who's who you can feel most comfortable with because you've seen them act enough times that you can predict how they will act in the future that is how you make choices as a conscious being and so you've got the family but then you've got across that try but in early days when you really still don't have communication and you don't have like complexity of concepts to share the only way you can really tell is eyesight it's like who's in your eye view you know like it's something like 130 or something is the size of human uh primate primate groupings before they break up because at a certain point if you can't keep someone in your eyes you don't know what they're doing if you can't if you don't know where someone is at all times you don't know what they're up to and all it takes is one person to take advantage of that alienation from another to exploit it by deciding to oppress all texas is one and that social uh uh that social trust that's necessary for you to function as a social organism is eroded and destroyed so you can't you got to keep people in eyesight what allows us to go bigger is communication is symbols narratives we're able to communicate across the distance and that helps us tell friend from foe and that fills in the gap so that we don't worry that the person we can't see isn't going to come and get us because i've talked to him or at least i've shown him the same rock pictures or something and they have rock pictures in their thing that's the

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same as our whatever there is a sigil there's a sign there is a connection there that fills in the gap of anxiety and lets us sleep and that is and then those symbols turn into our first concepts which arouse around the spiritual the emotional because we don't have an intellectual architecture for anything to be expressed as we can only express things through emotion because we haven't even invented intellect yet it's still on you have to have language to have intellect because don't do something why not well because i'm like you and you see if both of us are afraid of the other one then neither of us will be able to sleep in front of the fire you can't tell someone that you don't have the capacity uh or you certain and more importantly you don't have the ability to know that he'll believe you like because it's just really an intellectual argument and like i said these concepts aren't really excellent yet what you say is it will and if you act well it will that power will do well and since you live in a terrifying uh uh wilderness that you're when you're totally at the whim of seasons and and storms and sun and moon and rain when these things determine your life of course you're going to just logically think anyway that this stuff is in charge you tie that to behavior that's what the symbolic order does and so the first consciousness that's the first leap a human has to make to resolve the contradiction of being one consciousness in a universe of consciousnesses and a universe period one finite note one finite point in an infinite expanse we have to resolve that first resolution is okay i am whatever i am i am a thing a self these people are not self but they are close enough to self that i but that means that you're going to be fighting other people because there's other people out there there's they have different symbols they use different things uh oh it's time for a rumble uh and eventually once you once this pressure leads to hey maybe we could get an edge with some agriculture you find some \*\*\*\*\* wild uh corn or something and you've created settled societies uh that work that distribution that work of just that work has to be distributed and how will it be distributed well now it can now whoever is most adept at manipulating the symbolic order can basically determine who does the work and who the hell would decide to do as much work as the other people i'm over here thinking this \*\*\*\*\* up why the \*\*\*\*\* should i be in the goddamn rose with you losers especially if my ability to manipulate the symbolic order gets bigger stronger guys all of a sudden boom you've got a you've gone from a priesthood to a kingship and you've created a a new social order that is predicated not on conflict between tribes but conflict within tribes among those who work and those who take among who gets the surplus because now it is being unevenly distributed which it had not been before and that process creates contradictions that have to be resolved and that is the litany that marx talks about from from the slave society where hey all social contradictions can be resolved by conquering other people enslaving them and making them work great

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now we don't have social contradictions this is awesome as long as there's an other to enslave and others to take stuff from we can keep a social order and argue within it and create a political class and create abstract notions all of which create this hegemon this hegemonic superstructure of religion and civic uh understandings and personal uh conceptions of the self all in alignment to maintain this system because we can out load it well that system breaks down \*\*\*\*\* well now we have we've we've lost the tech and the thing that drives all of this is technology the thing that drives this the material lever the archimedean plane that's jacking this thing up is technology and technology will over time even though it's not a fixed rate it will accrue and as it accrues it intensifies as the ability to extract surplus and the complexity of the social mechanisms necessary to manipulate those tools in order to extract surplus and that creates new social forms that become incompatible with the order that had previously existed and that creates new social lines that create new classes that must then be resolved and through this process we got to a point where there were so many people that you could be and they had so much organization themselves that conquest is no longer the way the only the way you can deal with things because uh uh you will destroy each other so you have to accommodate others \*\*\*\*\* how do you accommodate someone this isn't this is the end of my \*\*\*\*\* web of empathy it's it ends at whatever the hell social form i have but our complex economy now requires us to trade because everybody is geographically bound and that means that they're bound by the resources in their geographic area \*\*\*\*\* they gotta trade them how are we gonna trade them \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* and that means we gotta trade them within our society which had been like refounded on like the feudal order which is just sort of like reasserting like a tribal tribal uh familiarity but hierarchically arranged in order to generate surplus which means that even though it's stable over time it becomes unstable and that creates the liberal self in which oh there is something called the human rights and we are all at a metaphysical level equal and that's where we've been and that's that is the mind that is that's the the conception of self under capitalism that's that was the big inflection point away from uh uh uh you know grouping abstract grouping around symbols which was away from tribal connection to like people actually in your vicinity but now we're at the end of capitalism one way or the other and that's why i look at that i look at that trajectory and i look at our trajectory and i say even if it's not likely that we're going to get to socialism it is the only sane and moral pursuit because it assumes that there will be another inflection point when the when the complexity of our networks of technology and our interconnectivity and our awareness of our inner connectivity as humans and our ability got and this is the hard part this is the real \*\*\*\*\* pull of distributing pain more evenly which we have not done well and that's one of the reasons we're

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at a crisis point it looks like we might break towards barbarism if we can write this and change that flow and distribute some goddamn pain we could get to the final inflection point where we recognize oh no no no no it's not there are other people that are metaphysically the same as me but different from me which is the liberal self different from me therefore with distinct motives uh at best ends uh uh uh uh earnest desires like that there's a conflict that there's inherent conflict and just and that's the liberal self and that's why liberalism and capitalism are inextricably linked from that perspective because if that's the case if everybody is separate and unknowable as is a black box like we are to them that we can only exchange across an agreed-upon platform a market where we use things like money to stand in for value and exchange value because how else are we supposed to deal across that void the final the f and it is the final one because this is like the teleological endpoint the final one is a recognition oh \*\*\*\*\* no there's no distinction it's all my head and i'm not gonna ever be able to get rid of it but if i'm aware of that it means that i cannot privilege my own advancement which means that i can't \*\*\*\*\* hoard surplus i can't make others work for my \*\*\*\*\* bread i can't do it it's a crime and if you have enough people like i'm saying is you have people with these understandings all through history it's a question of getting enough people getting to that inflection point of numbers within the subset of human beings and then you can coordinate at will you don't have the distrust is not threaded through because alienation isn't threaded through and you and that flow that i talked about that capitalism necessitates that global flow that i would say all the global flow like people who hate the idea of globalism because they hate neoliberalism they're missing the forest for the trees that flow is necessary how the hell else do you have like a planet with a planet's worth of resources and a planet's worth of people distribute they have to be distributed across the entire globe but the thing is that's that's far in the future you know you can't get fixated on that i'm just saying is that's the end point and you need an inflection point and that happens because you levine pain with with ease and that and technological advancement which this which intensifies our awareness of other people like the invention of the novel people say that the bot novel is a reactionary uh uh uh inherently reactionary form and i would say now it is the novel is a reactionary form now in the sense that it reifies that sense of people being separate from any other and it redefines a ton of just like bourgeois expectations within it but at the time that the novel arose it was incredibly progressive because the novel told people those other people in their head it's the same \*\*\*\*\* man your head and their head have the same things in them the same desires they don't have them they're not they're not different and when you have that realization you can't treat them now that doesn't mean that you immediately oh we're all going to do everything's going to be great because we because there's still

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exploitation which means we might have a metaphysical understanding of ourselves as equal but then there is the profit motive and that's where slavery and things happen slavery happens because it's like man we got a lot of plant land to clear here and the only way that we can make this make money is if we just get exploit 1:2:52 the \*\*\*\*\* out of people's labor like we have to leave them with nothing because the amount of money you would have to pay someone to do plantation agriculture specifically \*\*\*\*\* like sugar by the way sugar sugar uh plantation was one of the worst places you could appear but in human history like like like the \*\*\*\*\* roman silver mines and uh and uh \*\*\*\*\* sugar plantation agriculture but it's not like \*\*\*\*\* indigo and tobacco and cotton were \*\*\*\*\* uh walk in the park the amount of money you have to pay someone to do that would wipe out profit so you set and so you can't pay them low amounts of money because they would say no they have to be bonded and how are you going to bond someone with a liberal conception of the self and the liberal conception of others well yes metaphysically the same but not really look at that kid look at and and skin color is the first one first one and then from that you build a whole world well you know they don't think things as deeply as us they don't have the feelings they don't they have they're ruled by animal passions and you know 1:3:54 they're they're uh at some point they'll get and that's the thing like now we're at an end point of an eye of annihilation like now our nazis our fascists are all i would say because they're bending away from liberalism back towards a feudal conception and they're like uh they're they're faced with the crisis we're in and they say because i'm going to focus on the self and i'm going to fixate and reify the self only and since that means that that is incompatible with liberalism because liberalism is breaking down because capitalism is breaking down and it can't be sustained anymore i'm going to go with tribalism neo-feudalism sure i'll take neo-tribalism and you'll just be reinforcing the destruction everything and because everything that made you that pissed off and alienated and miserable is what's going to be intensified under neo-fascist neo-feudalism but so now they're all they're all eliminationists because they're all yeah no these guys just have to go because they aren't the same as us because we have science to prove they're not the same as us antebellum slave owners mostly 1:4:55 didn't talk that way they generally said like slavery is instruction and one of the ways you know that they didn't think that is because they had sex with slaves all the time they raped slaves and it was socially acceptable too richard mentor johnson uh who was i've talked about him he was vice president of van buren he caused the scandal by marrying uh basically as like a common law i think uh a slave and having kids by her that he and he she was his uh like sort of second lady unofficially and that was a huge scale he had to drop out or he had to leave office he would have been able to go to washington with like a horse that he \*\*\*\*\* married you know like people

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\*\*\*\*\* animals sometimes but it is wildly frowned upon which was not the case in the antebellum cell there was a lot of sex of of a slave rape there's a ton of slave rape which means it was socially accepted within certain circles which means they knew they were \*\*\*\*\* human beings they defined them out of humanity so that they could extract massive profits the only way you were going to clear and then people can point out as they like to do yeah but slavery eventually became unprofitable it's like yeah at that point it had created a \*\*\*\*\* entire social order that didn't know that or care about that it wanted to maintain itself it could only be destroyed from outside or from in internal contradictions erupting which could have happened slave rebellion was inevitable slave rebellion was inevitable in the south if you want to talk about how if they won the civil war slave uprising was not in any way out of the question especially when you consider how the course of the war loosens slavery to the point where if they could have gotten it back in the bottle it would have been that jar would have been tough to \*\*\*\*\* put up and that's it it's like you either resolve the tension or the common classes are ruined in annihilation as everyone turns towards the worship of the libido at the expense of their understanding and their consciousness of their interconnectedness and interdependent interdependence and so that's why i say there is only one moral course it is a point where because i know it's possible those guys can show me iq charts all they want it's meaningless it's all social it's all it's all gossamer it's all self your it's self hypnosis it's dare i say cope uh it's it's self hypnosis to to ex to uh to justify with with reason that god they they worship even though they are fundamentally irrational psychos because if you deny human you have been mystified by the \*\*\*\*\* superstructure around you i i don't i don't buy it your power you have no power here i'm glenn to the good witch \*\*\*\*\* there is one human race there is one world spirit that is the that is the point at which the human species come into awareness of itself the way a human does individually because all things are nestled within one another and the tests are acting in and outward as nestled phenomenon why would there be another thing one and zero spinning off of each other that's the universe where's the third and that means that that is resolved or it's destroyed the way that when antimatter and matter come together they are destroyed except for the remnant and that's the synthesis so when our when our technology the technology that allows us to know each other more intimately and understand other minds more deeply and and structure our imaginations to embrace the reality that oh my god one follows two follows three means i uh or the flip side the double edge of the technology sword where oh technology allows me to extract surplus without having because if there's two guys on an island and one guy wants to work and the other one doesn't the problem for the other guy is he's got to hold a gun the whole time if he's got one or he's got spear or something right he can

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never sleep he needs somebody to like spell him watching the other guy you need that which means that eventually you will destroy every if someone else has to do the work and they do because i don't want to do it and i am the only thing that matters and i can put justifications a million whiles on top of that but the other day i don't want to do the work because who wants to do the work work sucks but if work is collaborative if work is understood to be constitutive society if you're considered constituent of a society that you're not accumulating uh pleasure and pain along an axis of personal uh sensory experience and you can cooperate and that gun can be put down there's no social enforcement that's what's so funny about like leftists to embrace culture war the way that the right does and and just get off on separating people and most importantly internalize this logic whereby you can have no self-interest like white people the necessity of them to be anti-racist is just for other people if your life is worth worse well that's good you deserve that your life should be worse even if it encourages capitalism even if it doesn't do anything to destroy the systems that create inequality and misery in the first place why because they're not doing what they do because they really think that there's one social fabric that they're part of they think having a social fabric communism and so they would never want to get rid of their ability to uh feel good about themselves just viscerally just build up their ego and that means of course as a white person i would never think of being racist i would never i think of my privilege all the time yeah because it gets you off in the sense that it validates you but that's only because you've assembled in your mind and assimilated certain cultural values that are usually because they go to because either if you act that way whether you know it or not you're driving this whole process towards a critical juncture the socialism or barbarism point and helping us be carried off into the abyss i think that was pretty good that makes sense oh my god i went 60 minutes 70 all right i think i'm gonna go i probably should just leave people on that one and to stew and not like confuse people by talking about bye

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*Listen Yankee. Listen, Marxist. Listen, Liberal. Listen,  
Jack!*

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uh oh i had to take a bit of a break uh so i did a bunch of really abstract stuff  
last couple times and uh i want to get back to that because i think there's more to  
develop but i kind of don't want to push it too hard because i've been thinking this  
weekend and uh and i think i want to get a little bit more comfortable about moving 0:1:1  
forward without getting too wacky and too abstract at least that's how i'm going to  
try to uh today instead i feel like uh this is gonna be a low-key chill stream this is  
gonna be hang stream unless something pops off uh and that but i'm gonna start  
chill this is the lazy monday lazy monday i'd like to start by just uh addressing a  
weird thing i've seen people say in the chat here and elsewhere that i am on some  
sort of uh regime of uppers like i'm popping pills uh people are naming stuff that i  
actually don't even know what it is like monotophill as a recovering hypochondriac 0:2:2  
they're very bad for someone like me because i would just be waiting for my heart  
to but anyway i just want to if anyone's worried about me i just want to make sure  
that there's nothing to worry about i'm not on uppers i don't have any new tropics  
though now i would love maybe i should get some gorilla mind and try to get a get a  
really uh intense stack tropics it still blows my mind that there are people who tell  
me like i like both of you guys and you should debate and it's like what is what is it 0:3:3  
that you like i mean i get it you know people like things for we seem to be sort that  
him and me and that guy seem to be sort of differently on a different wavelength to  
the point where it seems hard to imagine that a conversation would be very fruitful  
i mean the guy thinks that like there's such a thing as pushing the democrats left at  
this point at this late date how do you talk to somebody who's that removed from  
reality it's like talking to that lady who wrote the uh indefensive looting book that  
people are posting clips from that made my eyes bleed but it is funny i gotta say  
there's some real uh there's some real characters out there i don't know i i i wonder 0:4:7  
if i would want to uh debate anyone because i'm i used to i'll admit this like and i  
think a lot of people who uh who really hold the never debate anybody standard are

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still gripped by this a big reason people are hostile to debate is because they don't know why they believe their beliefs and so they're afraid of losing i mean they won't put it that way that's why they invent all that stuff about not validating point of views that shouldn't be debated in the first place it's a lack of confidence in their ability to engage with the argument effectively for a third party because obviously you're not going to ever change anyone's mind in a debate it's always for the benefit of an audience it's always for a benefit of a presumably unaffiliated audience and that i can imagine that in certain circumstances the debate could be useful along those lines and i think people don't they they reject that because they assume no everyone on every side everyone who could possibly hear any argument is by definition on one side or another and if they aren't uh so i think you know there could be uses for a debate but i don't know and now i feel much more confident in myself and in my ability to explicit like more uh abstract ideas that before i maybe kind of like had an inkling of but i couldn't really grasp because i hadn't dug down i hadn't really pulled up the earth of my of my priors uh and i feel like i mean obviously i'll never be done doing that there will always be blind spots that's the definition that's defining that is the the the absence the lack of understanding in the universe that you have is is the sum total of your of your personal existence because the rest of it is everything and if you had all of it you'd be everything the thing that makes you less than that the things that make you perceive yourself as separate from that which you are part of uh oh and yeah the zuzia peterson debate is a perfect example of a debate that was pretty clearly a good idea because i mean obviously other things happened in his life but i think i think peterson sort of lost a little credibility maybe even not like with a broad audience but even maybe with himself after that because he was just so unable to to grapple with the stuff that zizik was talking about because he was he just zizek has grounded his beliefs so much more deeply that he could just engage him sometimes talking about this stuff on here i kind of wonder if my my project is with the vlogs and \*\*\*\*\* is just synthesizing peterson and \*\*\*\*\* zizik and of course the winner in that would be would be gg but you know you would have to thread some peterson into it anyway i mean the grill pill as people have pointed out is a lot like clean your room but you know uh in that it is a fixation on like how practical engagement with the world around you can lead towards introspection and uh and growth uh and that you know the way we think is largely shaped by symbolic orders uh but beyond that it's just a bunch of you know barely thought out reactionary gibberish clean your trash can there you go that'd damn that's not bad train your clean your trash can i guess it'd be empty your trash can but that wouldn't be as symmetrical i don't but yeah i would debate somebody but it would depend on who it would have to be somebody who had like a very interesting conflict with

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but somebody who says you're a class reductionist who who is hurting uh hurting minorities and poor people by not supporting joe biden for president as a podcaster 0:8:13  
i'm sorry but that's not the amount of digging you would have to do to even get to anything like a stable foundation to this guy is uh he's shadow boxing the thing is i wouldn't debate class reductionists because who who are we even talking about there i think that's mostly a term of abuse i've talked about how class perfectionism is just this thing people put out there to try to uh the argument with with with a a term of abuse i mean it's it's it's to pre-determine to especially since from a technical perspective everyone who has a like a genuine i think a useful analysis of the situation would say of course it's a class reduction because class is the is the 0:9:14  
signal friction point within a society it is the first and fundamental friction point in a society is along class lines and you can disagree with that fine but then calling me a class reductionist is stupid because you're not in the same thing that i'm in so anything you call me is sort of beside the point the class reductionist argument is what's supposed to be within the left and assumes that like there's a that there that that is some sort of violation of an orthodoxy no it's a confirmation of the most basic orthodoxy of any meaningful marxist inflected socialist analysis the question that people uh like what they're trying to say there is that well by by recognizing this thing which is obvious and which is to in my mind foundational by doing that you are somehow implying a tactical approach that means that engaging with uh 0:10:18  
superstructural uh uh alienations like racism and misogyny uh is therefore not to be engaged with and ignored and de-prioritized and that the concerns of people with exploitations that emerge from those superstructures should be ignored some people might believe that but i s it is a in my opinion for my observations a fraction of the larger group of people that generally get called class reductionist i think most people who are realistic and who understand that the base superstructure relationship is reinforcing it's not just gender it's not just a one-way flow it is a circulation whereby social friction is turned into superstructure that that dissipates the social friction in one way but creates new sources of alienation that have that then inflect the base 0:11:19  
again and have and and make it accommodate that and that's what capitalism has been doing over the last 40 years along racial racism for example uh has been super structurally accommodating but also in but in ways that then reinforce and that's what recuperation is and that's what capitalism has done with these issues but that doesn't mean that they're not felt and it doesn't mean that they are not that those exploitations because they emerge from capitalism must be addressed at the same time at the same level or else people will be alienated from your attempt to uh to defeat the thing that is causing all of the horror in the first place because they will reject you and what the what the stupid argument online did is because it created 0:12:21

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an incentive to build this cudgel to use first by the way by the \*\*\*\*\* hillary people let's not forget that all that started with the hillary people in 2016 before anybody any of these \*\*\*\*\* even thought they were socialists when hillary said breaking up the banks won't end racism therefore don't even bother but then when the tent got bigger after trump's win all of a sudden you have people who are saying i'm the most socialist person in the world and the worst thing about socialism and the war socialists and the ones we need to kick out are the class reductionists it's like i'm sorry aren't you just applying the hillary uh blood libel within the tent so that you can like get more influence and that's where some people say yeah that's that's the infiltration and domination of the pmc and that's my fundamental disagreement with that analysis with like the new class notion that the real class divide now is between this professional class and everyone else because i don't think that that even if it does create channels whereby afford conforming to that status quo gets you advanced like in the media or whatever it's not generated there it's generated by because it's super structural because it's uh generated by a desire to to be heard and to be taken seriously and to be validated because that's what the internet is for the internet is a validation machine and when we go on twitter to do politics we are going on twitter to be validated and so that turns us into little as i have said like a little ego driven entrepreneurs trying to validate themselves i sure should know that's why i started going on twitter was to be validated was to have my dumb opinions taken seriously and my dumb jokes and what that means is that you can't argue anyone out of that position none of these positions can be argued out of and i think one of the main ways that you can cut down on online political addiction uh what i've said is to filter subjects by importance to you so you don't have to care about anything and then secondly i would say on top of that add a a an additional filter where you can divide arguments into two types because part of one of the big reasons people get stuck on this hamster ball is because there is this deep brain confusion between two types there are arguments to be had that are had because people disagree on a course of action and have to try to decide between each other how to go forward that is a model that has tooth that has stakes for the people involved in the argument and because it has stakes it tends to resolve towards a satisfactory resolution because it's like there's two people who who want to who are in a car and they there's they're trying to drive somewhere and they disagree on the best route they have to decide if they want to get to that place and so even though they might be heated and they'll be heated because they want to get there they will also be focused by that anger towards resolving something at least over time of course some people are going to fly off the handle and be psychos and but i'm talking about in general people who are able to control their emotions enough to engage with other people will come to

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a point where they resolve to do something then there's the other type of argument the type that is basically the only type of argument you see online which is an argument there is no place to the other side of town that anybody needs to get to it is hypothetically arguing about the best way to get somewhere that nobody involved in the argument has to go and that's twitter it's people it's five million people in a car 0:16:29 arguing about the best way to get to a place but they're not in a car that argument exists as recreation that exact argument exists as i said to be argued which means you need two sides and they need to keep going against each other to maintain the dynamic the illusion of forward progress entertained and every argument online like what is class reductionism that doesn't exist to do anything what are you going to get out of this especially as i have said because of the way that online demands bad faith and therefore uh uh will never allow for anyone to give every anybody any point and will uh impute bad motives to invalidate but the real problem is not just 0:17:31 that it's entertaining it's that the people involved in these arguments because they don't do politics in the real life for the most part or because the politics in the real life are shaped so much by what they what they see online which dominates their emotional landscape they argue it with the intensity and urgency of someone who is arguing to get to an actual resolution even though the the the tone called for in a uh in an argument to be had is playful it's like when your friend that it's like it's the difference between trying to argue with your friend about like where to get to the hospital when one of you've been shot in the leg or something uh the best way to get there and your friends arguing at a party about who would be if superman could beat up the terminator or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* like th that if that \*\*\*\*\* can get out of 0:18:32 hand hand but in general you're kidding around because there is no stakes there's no stakes to be had you're all just you're shooting the \*\*\*\*\* and arguing is a fun way to have a fun conversation if it's done in fun and that's the arguments online essentially and there's nothing necessarily wrong with that people need to have fun but people are arguing these these positions as though they were arguments about how would obviously superman could not obviously superman would beat up the terminator that i was just kind of pulling names how about the terminator versus robocop robocop 0:19:35 beat the terminator i honestly don't know if that's what would happen because you got to feel like the the human gooey part of termina of robocop are more vulnerable than the terminator because he could leave all of his i mean of course robocop would beat the perimeter because robocop's the good guy i mean that's the real that's why those questions are so fun and stupid and have to be recreational because the 0:20:37 real answer to all of them boils down to the good guy would win because they're all just artificial concepts structured to uh adhere to certain narrative uh conventions so lighten the \*\*\*\*\* up if you're gonna have fun batting things around remember

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the stakes they're basically zero because the decision you're just if you really people can and people say this all the time they say you say twitter is in real life but people take that stuff and those ideas and they apply it to the real life and i say yes they do that what ends up happening more often than not because of how obviously small and disorganized the left is is not what some people think which is people bring bad ideas from the internet online or offline and then they dominate with those ideas and they scare everybody away i don't think that's what happens i think what happens is that people come from online with these weird intense expectations related to the fantasy worlds they've constructed there uh and then they i and then some of them who have the intensity of of purpose and and frankly willing to willingness to be shameless and annoying maybe they do dominate some sectors of the real like left or whatever but since it's so small i think the answer for what happens with the rest of people is not that they are alienated by that it's that the vast majority of first of all remember most people aren't engaging in this at all but the ones who are they their engagement with online has created their own structure right and they do bring it offline but they bring it offline by using the fact that they see all this cringe \*\*\*\*\* on the internet as an excuse to do nothing \*\*Music playing\*\* and then there's a third group who bring their \*\*\*\*\* offline and try to apply it to the real world get conflict from that and feedback and then run away and are broken against the rocks of reality and decide to flee back so you've got one group of people who have like the the perfect combination of brittle uh internet poisoning and and and remaining uh like personal uh uh grit i guess to stick stick out long enough to win battles over things like you know a \*\*\*\*\* dsa uh uh local election but then you have much larger groups of people who either can't hack the the uh the social demands of trying to be a pill in the real world and the ones who use what they see online as an excuse to stay home and then of course there's most importantly the fourth group of people who might be online might encounter these ideas but would never think of getting political who don't aren't touched to the level of action aren't stirred to the level of action uh favorite roman emperor i know it's a a popular revisionist pick to pick a really in because he basically single-handedly saved the empire from early death and then was nonetheless uh killed by he's like he's like a sort of underrated uh dude making a comeback he's fine uh i guess trajan because everyone forgets him but he he presided over the creation of rome to its fullest physical extent that's pretty cool and he did it with an amazingly terrible i mean yeah sure roman nerds remember trajan i'm just saying in popular culture he's not very well remembered among the emperors but that's mostly because the most someone wants me to ask talk about p2 lodge i didn't talk about it on the gladio episode but just a quick refreshers i don't know that much about it sadly there aren't a lot of great english language

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sources on gladio and i from what i understand not great italian stuff either but it was a freemasons lodge in rome that was essentially a front for a group of high-level 0:25:46  
italian political religious military and economic leaders to get together and distribute  
money to neo-fascist gangs who've been armed by nato uh in order to do things like  
launder corsican uh drug money through the vatican bank and carry out what was  
called the strategy of tension which was a series of terrorist attacks that were carried  
out by neo-fascist street gangs allied with the mafia oh uh it's funny because the  
uh it was a masonic lodge and it had a number of high levels of the catholic church  
as clergy or as members even though in the 19th century a papal edict forbid all 0:26:50  
calf i think it was just catholic uh not i think it was all catholics actually from  
becoming freemasons all like even lay people let alone member i don't think don jr  
is going to become uh uh president because he's going to like he's going to make  
sense as an option but he's just he doesn't have he doesn't have it he doesn't have  
what and ivanka looked really good at the convention but i'm still not convinced  
that the republican party wants what she's selling in terms of uh affect and and  
whatnot she just seems a little too i mean that they're gonna all be q people within 0:27:51  
four years you know like q is going to take over the entire republican base that is  
inevitable and i don't know if ivanka she has the bloodline you know but i just don't  
know if she has the but i don't know finger shrug emoji i yeah everyone's gonna all  
republicans are gonna be cue it's the only it's the only way forward because because  
like i said it's the only way to square living in this country and having this image of  
america in your head that you can't challenge for deeper ideological reasons that you  
have can't even examine like that's a good example of like how false consciousness  
works and some people get mad about the idea of false consciousness because they  
say um they say that it's like condescending i don't think it is if you remember 0:28:54  
that everyone has it everyone has false consciousness like i've said before the work  
ruling class doesn't rule in their own interests they rule in the perception of their  
own interests which they undermine all the time because they don't have all the  
information and they're always competing but like you have a level of awareness you  
have enough awareness to have to understand that this country is in a crisis and  
you're horrified and you're alienated from it but you are not aware you have not  
absorbed the necessary information through experience and and exposure to even  
create a viable way to criticize the country as you perceive it in your head and so  
you have to find a solution and like cue's the only way q is the only way and the p 0:29:55  
first people to do it were the most like i i talked about how some people are the most  
sensitive antenna people who are more emotionally compromised and undermined  
by living under in contemporary conditions than the rest of us for specific reasons  
having to do with their specific lives and it's gotten bigger as as that condition as

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the heightening of alienation becomes deeper and as the fear becomes higher of what come next and that's why children are the focus of it and how children are the focus of all right-wing populist paranoia because there's a sense that the future uh that that the present is \*\*\*\*\* that america at the moment is awful and that life for you is miserable but so it's too late so what you get to be mad about is what the lizard people and the triple parentheses people are going to steal from your children from the future because you don't see the possibility of a future and certainly that's true of people on the left nobody can see it and people across the center no one can imagine a future but that that hits different depending on your ideological priors and for conservatives it manifests as a desire to protect literal children because that's the level of analysis they're on they're not aware of what they're actually worried about which is the fact that the future does not appear to exist on our current trajectory not in terms of annihilation even but in terms of change so uh that means that q is going to only become more popular as more people turn up the need for a more heightened and more dramatic and more melodramatic explanation for their alienation and their horror and q will do q will do because it's the only thing there and so yeah i'd say uh i say here's the future of the right and i also think it's a religious revival i think it's the third great uh the most q mindset movie i think is jfk we said this when we did our movie review episode of it just because uh jfk posits a sort of right reactionary fairy tale whereby an evil force within the greater good that was america made up of decadent perverts who want to keep doing decadent perversions conspire to kill a president who is going to undermine their power i mean there's literally a scene the first scene that where jim garrison starts to have second thoughts about kennedy is when he's on an airplane with uh russell long played by walter matthau and walter matthau was talking about the the vietnam war and how it's burning out of control but also about all the hippies in the streets and jim garrison goes i begin i wonder if i kind of think it all went and if you have a cultural lens through which you're looking at politics which they all do and you and you are horrified and repulsed by america's culture as many of them are you look back as many people have and and i think that's the reason that jfk jr figures so spectacularly in their uh in their cosmology i mean he's the returned messiah i mean these people are also deeply christian i mean it should be pointed out that the whole thing is evangelical as \*\*\*\*\* like this is just a politicization of evangelicalism it's a furthering of the moral majority move from the sidelines to the to the center of american politics of and jfk is jesus returned to to judge the wicked and the righteous and it's important to remember the jfk junior thing is not from a cue proof okay this is interesting someone says no civil war but what about something like uh that i could definitely see more likely now we might be talking you could see an escalation to like low-level street warfare between semi-

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organized groups i think it would take a while to get to anywhere like the organization of the provisional ira or or even the uh uh the loyalist paramilitaries who mostly were just drug dealers by the way and still are uh but you'd have something like it car bombs shooting things up but i think what a lot of people assume is that that would cause this cycle whereby everyone would start picking up guns and that's not what happened in northern ireland and i don't think it was what someone remind me i don't want to do it today because i i don't i'm still trying to like rev back up into the like abstract stuff but i want to go deeper into gnosticism on one point because somebody uh somebody said something about narcissism in the in the chat that made me read my eye they said eyebrow they said like narcissism doesn't require satan if you think god \*\*\*\*\* up and like wouldn't god have to \*\*\*\*\* up to allow a demon to inter interact with with uh because god could do anything right like that's always been a question and i think the thing that in my mind squares that circle is if you understand obviously like a lot of this is all filtered through outmoded symbolic orders that we don't but i think the real maybe not understood intellectually but understood spiritually the real uh demiurge the real interceding force that created the hell of of the is the experience of consciousness specifically the experience of time because and as and so that uh because if we assume like as i do that god closest to the bone symbolic representation of the concept of unity the unity of all things and all things in the universe in the universe and you well the notion that all that there is no fundamental separation between any object in the universe there is one substance in the universe as spinoza said and that we are all composed of it and and that the thing that made this world this fallen world this world that is choking on its own gas that is that is a process is that we evolved intense enough sensory organs and a mental ability to process sensory information that was sufficient to create an inflection point where we get we we received so much sensory data that we were able to create such a detailed map of the world around us that we were able to convince ourselves basically to consciously act to take a step here instead of a step there not the way that lower animals do lower animals take because they're instinctively reacting a conscious creature act puts one foot in front of the other because there's something deep enough in his brain to convince them to make one move over another move and the more sensory data you can create the richer and more textured that picture of the past of the of the of the recent past but the past the greater the degree you can imagine project forward what would happen if you do this versus that and then you do one creating a tunnel that we can burrow through reality with and that has like a narrow evolutionary uh benefit the way if you're a hominid and you're a you know a furry you don't have spikes you can't run that fast and especially if conditions that you live in change quickly inc the ability to

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plan ahead the more you are able to live in the past and the future which is what a more conscious mind can do the less you are able to literally be present and in the moment of existence not the processing of the moment not the imagining the past and the future and the side the presence the sensory presence of the moment there is an awareness of that unity and at that point fear if not eliminated is removed is leached away desire likewise because we have to feel separate to ever feel like the rest of the world could endanger us because what are they endangering if we are the same they are endangering the separate entity of me but i can only sustain that delusion if i am not present and so the more intense our mental landscape the less present we are and that means that we are ruled by fear and desire as we navigate a world between choices that we think might lead us to pleasure or pain and in so doing we create the need to we create the desire to gain take more to take from others who otherwise we might understand implicitly to be part of a holistic unit even if it's not it's not the entire universe it is a network of beings that can maintain that sense of safety because that's why we seek others because they provide a simulacrum of the safety that we feel it's not the same thing but it's close we can sleep easily because we're in we're surrounded by people we trust that's why we build communities and that's when social evolution kicks in and that's when we cease to be evo we cease to evolve but in so doing you accumulate separateness over time and as you get more intense in your perception and as conditions become more endangering we seek ways to gain comfort and the comfort one great way to perceive comfort is to rest while others work is to gain food and and items that have been imbued with value and experiences that have been imbued with value that others don't get to have and now you have in now you've let lip you have created the engine of history here and you have also created the drive towards the creation of structures that push us ever farther away from the present and push us ever farther from unity and but we have to work through those things and as we are driven away from each other by entropy and the class project the socialist project the the the the slow but steady coming into awareness of itself of the of the oppressed class is the process of people reaching out to grab one another and the best way to start that process i think is to have a real understanding of love personified in maybe a religious concept but that's very hard to hold on to in a world where other people have different understandings of that religion and that causes intellectual disagreements and alienation like people can hold on to religion and hold on to love and hold on to unity maybe in cloistered religious communities and i think that's possible but in in the secular world that we live in the closest thing is love for one person one person who can stand in for the moment one person who because you know them fully you are fully comfortable with and feel fully and therefore drain from every moment of your life uncertainty

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and fear because you are able to tack back to what unity and away from the idea 0:46:3  
that you could ever be a threat in threat threatened the idea that there could ever  
be an end to life or your life the idea that pleasure could be accumulated and that it  
could and so that is i think where what love where love emerges like when you love  
someone when you fall in love with someone you are gaining such a degree of comfort  
and intimacy with that person that you and that means if you spend time with that  
person all the time you spend with that person is time that drains from your life the  
accumulation of anxiety the accumulation of difference the feeling of spinning away  
into nothingness and even when you're away from them when you're in a time and 0:47:4  
something is stressful you can think back you can think about them and when you  
have that idea in your mind when you can picture love in an embodied person you  
can then project it outward not with the same degree of of of passion not with the  
same degree of certainty but but still qualitatively powerful sense of love to others  
and that means that when you react to the world you will react from a position of  
loving kindness instead of self-interest instead of the rat reptile reptile unseen drive  
towards personal pleasure more fun than not fun because i'm gonna die someday so  
i need all the fun i can get \*\*\*\*\* unfun things the distinctions become less relevant 0:48:6  
and so actions that might seem like \*\*\*\*\* work now like going door-to-door for a  
campaign uh maybe if it comes to it like real conflict with the state become pleasures  
in themselves because they are pursued out of love the way that it's not work to do  
something for someone you love it's not work to do something uh and that's the only  
way that you can bring down the the the pillars of the demiurgical reality which are  
every day reinforced every moment reinforced because hypothetically hypothetically  
you could snap your fingers and everyone could come into full consciousness of their  
unity for a moment come away from it be able to connect to each other immediately 0:49:9  
at like a base bonded level and we would have a new world but that's not how it  
works because we're separate because we have different experiences because of the  
randomness of chance that brings us to different points in the social order when we  
emerge into it a deformed social social order created by the nightmare of every past  
generation we have to work towards it we have to stumble into the hallways we have  
to blindly find our way and that is the process of of class struggle that is the the  
dialectical relationship working its way through the human species never mind i guess  
i just said it i said i wasn't going to say it today but i kind of got on a roll i hope  
it made sense because i wasn't today squibs i'm really getting to the point where i 0:50:10  
have to sort of come to terms with the fact that i'm not getting squibs anymore and  
that i need to just decide to stop watching new action films because this third thing  
where i just watch them and feel annoyed is pointless why do that i will hope i think  
the the more mature thing would just be to stop caring about i mean obviously the

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most mature thing is to stop watching movies of any kind certainly action movies but i'm not ever going to get to that level i don't think uh but more realistically i could just get rid of my weird but i will say though that um i do hope i understand i'm coming to terms with the fact that if there are movies with squibs in the future they will be like um it'll be like the lighthouse where they used old film from the 20s it'll be a gimmick and that's fine i just hope enough people do the gimmick so i can get my fix once in a while i would certainly hope that the safeties would use squibs if i did see let the corpses tan that wasn't it wasn't really my thing but it was it was interesting cgi could get better but i honestly don't think it will i think that's one of those things that just it can't it can't it can't simulate presence the guest had squibs you bet you better believe that because the guests had squibs uh you're next also had squibs now wingard and barrett well not somebody asked why is it the point to be challenged by art i don't think i don't think watching bad action movies that are clearly intended for a foreign market because the scripts are written by algorithms and machine learning is really uh challenging and in sense challenging anything other than your patients which has its you know benefits psychically but i i would rather be challenged intellectually um i just watched the harley quinn movie i was just had it on tv you know i was doing other things i shouldn't have been doing that but but i just wanted some something under at one point she's in the grocery store with a girl and she says i need more groceries i need more groceries no no i'm sorry she says i'm out of groceries and then she starts shopping and that hit my ear in the theater wrong and hearing it again it hit it even worse no one would ever say i'm out of groceries right i'm not crazy about that groceries are the stuff that you get at the store as soon as you bring them in your house and put them away they're the individual food and collectively they're food you'd say i'm out of food or i need to get groceries groceries are at the store you cannot be out of groceries unless you live in a grocery store and that's such a but the thing the reason that that's not i don't think that's just being pedantic because when i say nobody says that i don't think anyone would say that like i think most basically human beings english speakers have been wired to understand the my suspicion is that it was like a \*\*\*\*\* algorithm or like a bot that somebody programmed and then even if that happened how did how did i mean i'm assuming australians are human beings although that's still out as a margot robbie encounter girl maybe maybe they don't have groceries they might not have groceries in australia they're probably called grosseros or something but other people on that set director on down none of it hit their ear wrong it none of it sounded weird to anybody it's uh it's just it's it's it's worrying to me that that kind of thing could happen and it certainly reminds me of why we get squibs all over the place because clearly nobody really gives a \*\*\*\*\* about any of this stuff

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nobody's putting any effort into any of it everyone at some level understands it to be machine line hack work which i have to say makes the fact that people put so much emotional investment in superhero movies and and and have to and demand people take them seriously is art either because they're gritty and realistic like dc people or 0:55:27 or important and uh and representation if they're marvel people is that the people making them for the i don't buy the line that's about a foreign market because it's going to get \*\*Music playing\*\* but the thing that's weird about that and freaks me out about it is that it's not it's not a bad line in the sense that it's poorly written it's not written like a human being who i guess maybe they're like a foreign first foreign first language person okay zack snyder cares because he the reason they love him is 0:56:28 the same way the reason that republican people love trump is because sanders snyder is one of them and they know it like you ever listen to a zack snyder interview he is one of those guys he's just in better shape and richer and uh definitely more talented he had this uh he had somebody was making fun of his movie uh and or he said that it was uh what was what was the \*\*\*\*\* tweet that snyder had where he said uh just to ao scott he said you like movies for babies i make movies for adults this movie's for grown-ups so i don't care if you don't like it and it's like come on that's so perfect the guy believes the same \*\*\*\*\* they do he believes the same fantasy that this this stunted and deformed uh squasi art form known as superhero filmmaking is something that is for adults not something for children that adults watch because 0:57:30 it's easier to make than stuff for adults because too much money is put into it for any singular vision to dominate or even a collaborative artistic vision to dominate over the algorithm of profit which demands 13 pg-13 pablum for the and you've got a guy making these movies making 100 million dollar movies who believes this garbage who believes he's making movies for adults that are like dude what if superman was real like what would that be like he's still gonna fight a \*\*\*\*\* space squid either way and so having snyder out there really believing that it makes the it makes them that much easier to have the uh intellectual the the emotional and psychic transference to to become a snyder stan and end up trolling and death threatening everybody who goes online to say that uh cider movies are bad even after you get i don't know what the 0:58:31 black enlightenment is i know dark enlightenment dark enlightenment was was what people called the alt-right when it was just the sea people were a theoretized group of marauding mediterranean uh sort of pirate societies like vikings probably who uh raided late bronze age uh societies like uh egypt uh and and helped cause the late browns age collapse uh nowadays it's usually understood that like with most social collapses the real causes were long-term soil erosion volcanic eruption uh and social 0:59:34 breakdown but that the the sea peop these guys might have showed up to \*\*\*\*\* up the uh \*\*\*\*\* some \*\*\*\*\* up for them oh who is the first non-liberal president i mean

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it depends on what you mean by do all right i'm gonna wrap up here uh boss baby 1:0:40  
two i will come i will watch boss baby two because hopefully it will involve uh getting  
more detail about the weird-ass boss baby world that uh that they created where the  
babies are manufactured this nightmare like uh eternal capitalism ooh brutal i'd like 1:1:41  
to know more like i said do they drive to baby houses are there baby restaurants do  
they go to baby strip clubs i think ed markey's gonna win which will be very funny  
first competitive primary lost by a kennedy ever in that state maybe the the downfall  
of that dynasty can be a silver lining but it would also be really really funny oh is rfk  
junior at that rally in uh that guy's really interesting because he is sort of a he's a 1:2:42  
marin county uh and it would be very funny if he did make the q jump because then  
you would have an actual kennedy at the head of this thing instead of uh instead  
of the fake guy pretending to be so that would be funny if rfk ended up running on  
like a q-party platform like q got so big that it broke and and so infused with like  
non-right non-republican and non-like self-consciously reactionary cranks like other  
anti-vax people like i said if uh if if trump gets elected and starts vaccinating people  
you could cq depending on how leavened it got with uh anti-vaxxers uh decide that  
he got like replaced by a deep state robot or something and then hell that'd be 1:3:44  
hilarious and then like rally behind rfk jr that would be that we can't know things  
we can guess we can guess we do trial and error and the way we test it is what other  
people react how other people react that's why we need that's why like the the root  
of technology is collaboration no knowledge is siloed that's i remember i actually  
read atlas shrugged i read the whole thing and uh i skimmed a lot of it obviously  
because it's so repetitive but the way that ayn rand consul conceived of of invention  
and technological progress was so insane in her cosmology every person who is like  
the inventor of a thing essentially is the is is deserves by inventing it all associated 1:4:46  
progress and that they can like dole it out then in exchange for like market share  
or something it's and it you could take the greatest genius in world history you  
could take \*\*\*\*\* nikola tesla or \*\*\*\*\* uh uh any of the great innovators like edison  
or something if you had them just if you dropped them on the top of a hill like a  
deformed spartan child none of them would invent \*\*\*\*\* they would die of exposure  
maybe a few of them would be if be uh clever enough to create like a quonset hut but  
nothing is created without people collaborating across the space of uh of unknown  
existence and comparing like nothing nobody could invent anything because because  
the they're at the end of a process that began with the formation of the language  
they're thinking in and the numbers that they're using to write with and every single 1:5:48  
element within the nested technologies that make up whatever the hell they're going  
to build and that's why that's why libertarianism is just so laughable and why the  
idea that there are people who consider themselves like geniuses who who who take

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rand seriously and objectivism seriously it really does tell you that like there are different ways to be intelligent and that we are defined by our ignorance and one of the things that makes us define that ends up making us most defined by our ignorance is by our refusal to admit that we don't we aren't the full container of the world we have to fill gaps and one of the things that makes love possible is that when you love someone one of the reasons you love them probably is because not because they exactly mirror your mind what your preferences your experience but because they have had different experiences and come to different conclusions that fill in the gaps for you and then make it easier for both of you to navigate the world successfully because you're getting more information and you're operating from a correct premise because you've collaborated you complete me literally in the sense that you fill the hole of perception because of the because of the non-overlapping experiences and if everybody had to act like a randian hero there would be no human existence it would be a bunch of people with blindfolds on swinging katanas at one another in a \*\*\*\*\* room how would that turn out all right i went over a little bit so yeah no someone oh just to end here someone says is american libertarianism the basis for neo-feudalism of course because it says it takes the logic the liberal logic of the market to such an extent that because feudalism replaced obligations right social obligations with transactions but transactions are assumed to be between equal parties and all economic uh theory and this and all libertarian uh ethics are premised on equal exchange but of course exchange isn't equal because of the accumulated history of exploitation that makes up the human race and human existence that accumulates social pressure tension and conflict ein rand's solution to the fact that there's so many people who are resent even though it's like isn't it irrational even though these titans of industry create the world for people they're not happy with it and they whine about it what's the answer to that her answer to that is they're dumb and that what should happen is you just tell them about it until well guess what that hasn't worked and can't work what's going to happen is you're going to create a social order so fractured that the market will not be able to be sustained because you won't be able to sustain social order so you have to replace social order with coercive bilateral relationships but this way totally detached from a social order but as i and like you want to know what neo-feudalism is it's going to be feudalism or the friends or the family or the religious awe the peace nothing you will be stimulus response you'll be desire and fear turned into a node they're gonna prod you at one end with one or the other and it's gonna get behavior out of the other end you're and there will be no more social texture that the the liberal order presumes this market that we exchange in no more money for that no more time for that that is replaced by bondage by by compulsion but of course not entirely compulsion not just gun to

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the head like i said pleasure too some boobs on the screen uh uh some some chicken  
congealed patties to consume good all right guys uh i'm back back in the new york 1:10:54  
groove talk to you

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okay look at this youngish man all right halfway off with his pants he's doing something weird with his hands he's got a multitude of outrageous plans and he's still trying to cough up that what you choked on in the churches look at him out running and running off a vacant storefront building nba deck an army surplus and why start giving as \*\*\*\*\* i want everybody telling you it's full of it and then it gets suppressed obsessed and depressed and which one came first in this crazy mess and then he's taking too much or not enough and which one is the worst one with this sort of stuff and he's sewing thought of being ignored with that and but i know it's nothing more than just being bored i know it's a lot more than just being bored hi guys my 0:1:2 phone died yesterday i didn't it wasn't charging it wouldn't take a charge but today i put it in i said my prayers and it worked so i'm able to bring myself to you once again uh how is everyone doing i guess i want to say today r.i.p to david graber who died in venice i guess jesus people are and it's a lot of good people and of course none of the bad um and i just want to say that like i didn't really know him i never really interacted with him i know he had a prickly reputation online and being a guy who argued a lot but uh but and of course i didn't agree with him on everything because he's an anarchist but i did read debt and i thought debt was in aggregate grape you can quibble all you want with some of the historical stuff but uh because you know he's not a historian he's an anthropologist but the anthropological work is really really important because i think the central the central element of of debt 0:2:4 that i carry with me the most is his annihilation of the presiding myth of the rise of uh of currency of money the rise of of like a denominated debt uh in so through into society and the adam smith neoliberal uh you know standard model that we all absorb at the level of our \*\*\*\*\* dna by the time we're two uh says that that arose because you had uh a situation where once societies got bigger once social orders became larger you had a situation where some people had stuff that other people needed had more stuff than they needed and there were other people who had stuff that they needed was it coincide coinciding uh deficiencies or something i don't remember but it was a way to represent exchange that had previously been

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barter because that's how you do it if you have like a low level social uh complication 0:3:6  
is i have five chickens that equals three goats or something and that money came  
to represent that exchange and i think graber pretty ably dismantles that and says  
that is a that's a fiction that is that is a story that they tell themselves i mean  
it's as much of a it's as much a fiction as like the garden of eden it's like a parable  
that they made up to justify their ideology their like religious uh their religious faith  
which is capitalism capitalism is in their minds where religion is in who had been  
in previous generations and it is in most of ours we've replaced god with capital in  
one way or another and that's what they worship and the story the the the the uh  
adam and eve story of uh of that faith is i got all these chickens but no uh goats  
and i got all these goats but no chickens it's not true at all gaber points out at uh  
pretty ably shows that uh in tribal social orders uh if there is a incongruity of of 0:4:10  
resources like somebody has stuff that other people don't they don't need a medium  
of they don't need a neutral medium of exchange or even an exchange of any kind  
there is a social obligation understanding that is beyond the level of the transaction  
that is beyond the level of individual acts because labor hasn't been alienated labor  
is done for oneself and for others in equal amount which means there's no alienation  
alienation is when you are doing less for you and more for someone else someone  
else and it's usually owners or slave drivers or someone other than you that's when  
people become separate from one another that's when social obligations dissolve in  
the face of pain in the face of the desire for people to gain some sort of some sort  
of opiate some sort of self for the wounds of having their labor alienated and that's  
where you need to have a market transaction to exchange because what's in it for 0:5:12  
me becomes the only question and so you have to have a neutral exchange you can't  
have barter you go straight to representation because representation is all we have  
we have to representation a social obligation that's been lost because of alienation if  
you don't have that alienation that social alienation resource distribution is handled  
by ritualized uh a almost biologically uh frictionless act of equalization the way that  
like a cell will equalize across its own membranes in order to maintain integrity and  
like the actual ritual mechanisms or those are different from society to society but  
a lot of them are represented by things like the potlatch which is the origin of our  
concept of a potluck which is a ritual of of of of the ex the distribution and anni-  
hilation of surplus so that it doesn't build up because it can only build up if it's  
not and so all this stuff the homo economicus view of humans is rational economic 0:6:13  
seekers that's all that is a myth that's a religious tradition and it has a founding it  
has a founding mythology it has it has its own olympian tragedy its own olympian  
tales and epic sagas and and birthing scenes and primal scenes and one of them is  
that first time that somebody needed to give a goat for a chicken but if they knew

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each other why would they have to have that exchange one thing that graber points out really eloquently is that in in traditional societies it's actually rude to repay someone's debt entirely every exchange should leave a little remainder because that implies that there will be a continuing obligation between you paying off a debt is closing that door and saying you are a stranger to me and how could we have started like that how could any civilization have existed for \*\*\*\*\* any viable amount of time if we really started off treating each other that way it's impossible the only thing you can argue is that uh that the only way to uh create the complex nodes that allow us to have a technological society that allow us to do things like have language or dang iphones or longer life spans that are less animalistic that allow us to develop culture to allow us to create things that give us the chance to reflect on ourselves and make ourselves aware of our moment and our place in time in space and our relationship to other people in a way that that we can't do even within the tribal society because then there is an outside to fear always and they say we get that way by by having a market by the engine of capitalism and that's what builds this that's what we get to live in uh no that's not true at all capitalism is the last manifestation of different regimes of resource extraction that come about because you have this un distributed sense of social solidarity people don't see other people as themselves so they have to find out what to think they are and that can only be achieved through continued conflict by continued interaction and by continued domination of one over the other because if they are not you you can do what you want to them if you want it bad enough and people wanted things like the pyramids bad enough and they wanted uh southern cotton to be a profitable world market commodity enough the english wanted tea so they build this market to satisfy and that's the last representation you have to build a market after you've destroyed social bonds through exploitation if you can't exploit people anymore if the religious if the religious um world that you have been able to exploit from the top to maintain social cohe cohesion and social uh ascendance to power if that wears away which it will over time as as as social bonds are slowly and steadily and always pushed away from one another by accumulated uh trauma of class conflict you will eventually snap the social bonds entirely and you have to replace them with something and you replace them with the liberal sense of self we are individuals we are equal which means we can't just dominate and take from each other we have to negotiate across that equal plane but we are different and distinct and separate and always will be and so the only way that we can organize a social intercourse is through a neutral medium of exchange and that's true if you think that is immutable if you think that's the only way we can we can relate to one another and i don't think so i think there's another turn of the screw i think there's a turn of the screw where we are able to master enough the the technology that

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we have at our disposal to connect uh and we utilize that to bring about through  
time it wouldn't be easy it wouldn't take it would be none of us will see it no one's  
children will see it it might not be us it might be \*\*\*\*\* cephalopods but there will 0:10:19  
be a big enough movement of working-class people whose experience of exploitation  
has bent them towards the same vision of justice broadly enough to allow them to  
contin to fight on the same side and in so doing overthrow the regime of exploitation  
the world system that is rep that is con currently controlled by by the ruling class  
and i know that these are all slippery terms and that in the heat of the battle they  
will break one way or the other but that's what history is for to grind that \*\*\*\*\*  
pestle into that uh mortar and then we see the results the \*\*\*\*\* the kernels spilling  
forth and i think that through that process we can gain social awareness that is as  
powerful a self-regulator of behavior as tribal intimacy but in the context of total  
uh technological uh uh control of nature meaning that we would no longer destroy 0:11:20  
and defile nature we would enter self-aware homeostasis with nature and then the  
work of history the real work of history could begin the work of the human race  
as a conscious consciousness could begin people have dinged me for saying that the  
dialect ends with the end of capitalism if i got that if i said that i'm wrong i didn't  
mean that what i meant was is that the process of class conflict resolves and that  
level of dialectical exchange is abolished over time but that doesn't mean the dialectic  
ends that's how we are going to figure out what to do once we think we realize  
we're a success we're a social organ and we have the ability to communicate off the  
across the whole of the planet through through the technology that we've occurred  
and we were able to distribute the labor inputs necessary to maintain the system as  
evenly as possible so they fall as lightly on the shoulders of as many as possible then 0:12:24  
we will we will have to to manage this system this steady-state system and extend  
and create things to do with it what are we going to do with these powers that's  
that's but that process will also be a dialectical resolution it will just not be through  
conflict it will not be through social violence but it's still a dialectical process and  
that's when we begin to make a history we are able to make history and the only  
way a human really could as part of one species because individually we fight against  
one another we clam and bat and so much of our potential is wasted and annihilated  
in these matter anti-modern conflicts because we do not see the hole for the whew  
anyway all right peter david graber and his book debt deals very very topic people 0:13:26  
keep asking me to engage sterner more because they say that that actually he i did  
don't disagree with it and honestly it's like well if sterner is what i think it is and  
i don't like it but if sterner is what you're insisting it is then i like it and i guess i  
don't know why i got to read it it's not like i can pass a verdict on max sterner one  
way or the other he is beyond my ability to judge or control i certainly reputation 0:14:28

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oh what have i been grilling uh grilled a few things i grilled some bergs recently uh did some elotes got those charred up uh corn corns finally good august you get the night august early september the corn is big earlier this when i started grilling the summer corn was mad tiny now got some thick corn i'm hoping to do beyond burgers this weekend gonna have small friendly get together and have and not uh the patties someone told me that the best beyond thing is the ground meat like the ground beef so i'm gonna pack up some burgs throw them on the grill that's the plan maybe do some seafood if i can find if sternerite if sterner makes people and prim then then i'm afraid everything i think of him is correct because of course am prim if you're abolishing all these structures these spooks because nothing can be trusted with the ego you are ignoring the central truth that the ego has to be annihilated through co-operation because we can only get to the answer to these questions by resolving them amongst ourselves there's no one else to answer to there's no one else that's going to have answers but us everything in the book is dead everything in it written in a book is dead but if the person's not here it's all dead because we're just reckoning with the shadow of those ideas that we have to deal with because it emanates from the culture we we absorb them into so we're already dealing with shadows so we cannot get it from a book we cannot get it from anyone else in singularity we have to get it from an aggregate we have to get it we have to descen to get the thread of of of of of harmony through through a crescendo of of and we need structures to accommodate that which means i'm sorry we cannot bust all the ghosts we have to use the ghosts to our uh control so that we can abolish finally our own ghost the only ghost worth busting uh mankind is so smart and stupid at the same time because we can never know what it's frustrating to me that the dunning-kruger effect gets thrown around by redditors so much as like one of those dumb things that's that dumb guys can say to sound smart oh uh classic dunning-kruger effective because i think that and i think that's because people don't really grasp what it means they think oh yeah those guys they got they don't realize that it is universally applicable that no one by definition can be exempt from it everyone doesn't know what they don't know and if you stack enough of them along the right questions by facilitating social interaction by allowing people to to collaborate which cannot happen in a capitalist framework that is zero sum especially now they might say it's not but they're lying someone's labor is being extracted for someone else's benefit and even if somebody gets to use somebody else's labor because they were able to buy like a cheap product on the market and they contributed to an exploitation they're still also being exploited there's there's wrong everywhere and they all reflect off of each other and and echo out until they create a social order that is becomes more and more frayed and so the dunning-kruger effect is universal is spared and the application the implication

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there is clear to me it means that no political project no religious project no human project no human social project forget about politics but also politics no project of those kind can can and and social and political project culminating in a political project because that is politics is the culmination of social projects i would i would i would not want to be part of anyone and i would not want to pursue anyone that took as its principle winnowing reducing to some core group the beneficence of our uh technological society because you are dooming yourself the only hope we have as a \*\*\*\*\* race is if the as if the the the aperture of potential human interconnection is as wide as possible that's our only only hope anything less and we will spin off into into 0:19:37 annihilation inevitably we will not manage the the crises of the moment it will not be an apocalypse it will be a slow dying of the ember it will be heat death until the last campfire winks out and the people around that campfire they don't think that they're at a campfire at the end of the world they think it's thursday and that they're they're at the corporate uh uh like hr training they're doing the diversity workshop they're reading white frail to each other around the campfire and they think it's their job they don't think it's it's the nightmare apocalypse that everyone has always been waiting to happen because we will normalize ourselves into annihilation and we will never turn away from self-obliterating hostility to others so it's got to be as big as possible man and and it's like there's people and right now one of the really annoying things about and why the online left is not the left and it is it's actually deleterious to the left is that these arguments i keep talking about the arguments that are that exist 0:20:39 just to be had online it's like there's two things you have fun having the argument like is looting good have that argument all day you have fun having the argument uh but then you also get to split people into good and bad categories and right now this fundamental reality as i keep hammering at because it's the only thing worth saying to me is that the left needs to actually consider its non-existence and move from that point instead of assuming a structure and a center of gravity that would necessitate winnowing towards like the reason everyone seems to think we need to like know the good for the bad as echo what if they get in a position of power they'll never get in a position of power there's no positions of power to be accrued and you really are afraid of every like 300 follower \*\*\*\*\* that you disagree with on twitter who's on a \*\*\*\*\* subreddit you really think they're gonna climb through the \*\*\*\*\* corridors of power like stalin when we're talking about a glacial process they need 0:21:41 we need bodies warm \*\*\*\*\* bodies and everything that is every minute of energy that is expended divvying people up so they can fill non-existent positions in some future \*\*\*\*\* revolutionary vanguard party or or what government agency like you're arguing about like oh is dom chomsky going to be and i mean and that means and the thing is any one on either side of the questions i'm talking about will their spine

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will stiffen and they say okay but if we let anybody in then i'm going to be kicked out by the other guy like that's that's the democratic uh that's the democratic dilemma right it's like i can't let the other guy win an election because then when he's in power i will just be kicked out of the group uh i will be denied my rights you know because i'm the one backing down and they're not and that's kind of what voting is 0:22:42 and that's a trap of all democracies is that you're saying i will accede to rule by my enemy on the idea that they will if we if we vote if i win i get to be in charge that's the that's the thing that makes it possible um and so they worry they don't they won't want to be the first one to back down and the thing is someone has to be the first that's the leap of faith someone has to be first it doesn't have to be one person on one side it could be multiple people but it's going to have to be a draw down someone is going to have to risk taking the hit of being the first they're going to have to believe enough in the project to have that belief in the project make them willing to risk their own personal comfort by getting cancelled by their side they're going to have to do it and then the thing is you don't know what happens next the other side might not back down it might just they might use it as a moment to destroy you and that might happen you have to take the risk that's why it requires faith but if 0:23:44 they draw down too you have a potential to disengage from this stalemate and you have someone has to believe enough and the reason we're in so much trouble is that nobody believes enough that's why there's no left at the end of the day it's because no one believes and i'm including myself here because what's to believe in it's there's nothing it's a field of pottage but we have to build faith we have to build faith in it so that we can care enough about the project care enough about the vision we have to be willing to sacrifice not just our reputations but even our and of course twitter makes it worse because if the stakes are low it's easy to step down right like if you're having an argument with a friend even if you really do disagree it's easier to step down than between you and a stranger and then even harder if there's people watching because you're less sure of the other party you can trust them less and that's so 0:24:45 if the stakes are higher it's harder to trust and if the stakes are always reputations uh within a subgroup jobs sometimes when you're talking about real significant like livelihoods like ability to continue of course people aren't going to be able the and people say well what's going to happen then what is the solution and this is what a part of what is tough for me is i have to be honest and say the solution will come at the precise moment when enough people have had enough of this \*\*\*\*\* to take to to either quit caring or recommit themselves and like grind their their ego against the wheat stone of the of their understanding of the crisis we're in and the imperatives of it all of which is driven by love love we're gonna have to \*\*\*\*\* love enough god 0:25:48 i know that sounds incredibly dorky that is the cringiest thing i've ever said but

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\*\*\*\*\* it's true we're gonna have to love enough to be willing to take the \*\*\*\*\* risk to to be willing to do a thing that we don't know is gonna work because that's the only way we can convince people now to sacrifice is that it'll do something because that's what then they can satisfy their ego their libido the only way they're going to do something that won't work is if they know that in the long run it's something someone has to do first even if it isn't going to work like john brown people fixate on john brown but no one can be him even though that is what we need he loved so much john brown that the enormity of the crime that he saw in front of him over overwhelmed his sense of propriety because he didn't what he was going to die what did that mean what was his life to this what was his life compared to this considering how deeply he loved how much his love like i've said is ego directed outward 0:26:49 and attached to others and removed from the self how could he ever value his mortal life for a soul because that's what we're talking about is the \*\*\*\*\* human soul is the degree to which your love reaches and he has and his and that means it doesn't just reach out it empties it empties out and john brown he had enough soul that he didn't he wasn't afraid to die we're afraid to get dragged for an afternoon and it's not our fault our ability to have faith has been ground out of us by the alienating brutality of the lives we've been thrust into but at some point we're all gonna take enough and and the old solutions aren't gonna work and we're gonna have to break through and i'm saying that the thing i'm saying is how do we make this happen we 0:27:50 don't make this happen it happens because people get to the point where nothing else works and what i say works you can keep doing something that doesn't work forever if it's getting you off and for some people it'll always get them off you know the people i'm talking about perpetual motion machine people who just live in the internet and they're entirely consumed by the hedonic treadmill of owns and counter owns and they love it and they're addicted to it they are the people who would fight you with a \*\*\*\*\* fireplace poker if you tried to pull them away from the \*\*\*\*\* cave you can't deal with them i'm saying is that there will be a time when enough people see the failure of what they're doing to help and seeing the things get worse and seeing their lives get worse and seeing the lives of the people they love getting worse and they will react by instead of pulling inward and a lot of people are going to react by pulling inward and saying well if this is this is the doomsday scenario 0:28:51 i need to hoard as much pleasure for myself as i can i cannot afford i have to do self-care because it's coming to an end and that thing is that's the rational response if we act like libertarians think humans act that will be where we end up crouching into ourselves and then fighting over the last mcnugget but not all of us are going to do that and uh and the hope is is that enough of people exist like that who make that choice at the right and i don't know if it'll happen that's where we get like and

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people say well now where's your dialectic now wow where's your historical materialism now man this is essentially the quantum level of politics this is the quantum level of history this is where history happens this is where events are kindled because in every moment every human being decides to do something because they don't know why they're and they can make a choice in any moment and if enough of them 0:29:57 decide to do something it happens the social existence is predicated on that you see it working and you keep doing it but it's harder to see things as society gets more complicated so you have to create symbolic systems to represent that to represent the sense of security the sense that advancing the aims of others advances your aims but that runs against the current of accumulating social structures requiring labor and labor being distributed down on the bottom side of the curve towards control over resources uh uh control over symbols ability to manipulate symbols and you can look at the arc of history and after it happens you can look back and see in perfect amber why everything happened but in the moment anything can happen it really is true and that's the quantum moment of history and we're living in it and that is 0:30:59 the problem with dialectical materialism is that it eventually runs into a quickness of moment a hugeness of probabilities that are so much more than can be managed by the the equipment of human rationality uh compared to the like shadow fragmented model train version of the past that we look at like when we've examined the past dialectically and materially we're looking at a little tiny train set like a \*\*\*\*\* lionel guy going around even the most dip small grain you know like social history at the at the ground level the grassroots this kind of stuff that they got into in like the 90s when history turned away from big questions and towards micro histories even if you were able to get that entirely \*\*\*\*\* mapped out uh to the ability that you could as a discipline you're still talking about a lionel train history being lived is being strapped to the top of a \*\*\*\*\* bullet train going from the shanghai airport to downtown with 0:32:1 a nuclear and so we can only just grab on and pray and somebody says well isn't that just accelerationism isn't that just quietism no sir it means you got to throw theory away it means you got to stop arguing these points it means you have to stop spending time tending your opinions your precious little opinions building your little ship and a bottle of opinions oh look at my little opinion bottle oh it'll go oh it'll go across the sea to thomas morris utopia you gotta smash that \*\*\*\*\* because it means \*\*\*\*\* now because the speed and size is too much for you to comprehend by yourself 0:33:2 we have to get together we have to bring together these \*\*\*\*\* consciousnesses to signal boost our ability to examine the moment and coordinate action that means we have to throw it away we got to throw it all away and i'm not saying do it right now because it's impossible but you have to smash the idol you could do it while you're on the toilet you can do it blow off steam but you have to throw it down and

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then you have to ask yourself with this hole now with my my anima home my orgone  
hall my \*\*\*\*\* my throbbing libido hole now empty what am i gonna fill it with am  
i to convince myself that self-care is revolutionary or am i going to try to fill it with  
action that seems like it's moving me towards something because i can see it with  
other people all this stuff feels like black pill if you have completely consigned the  
idea that you can derive any soul satisfaction any tending to the garden of love for 0:34:3  
others politically uh other than the internet or that the internet can provide even uh  
even a little potted plant it can't it's \*\*\*\*\* salted earth and that doesn't mean you  
can't do it but it means you have to consign it to the re to the realm of recreation  
and you'll find you can't do it as much because you're not getting the other out of  
it you're not getting the sense of of you're sad you're not satisfying in some part of  
your mind that the imperative to try to make things better in the world you got  
to just be man you gotta go out there and you gotta \*\*\*\*\* try something and and  
now it breaks down again because once again we've tunneled beyond my sight we've  
tunneled to the quantum level the individual level i don't know what your life is i  
don't know what your capacities are i don't know your abilities are and i don't know  
what your social situation is i don't know where you are what your job is i don't 0:35:6  
know what your family situation is i don't know where you are vis-a-vis capital or or  
anything other questions you know that you don't know all about it but you know  
more than me and other people around you know more than me too and on that  
quantum question we can only know by asking and that's scary and it potentially  
makes us have a bad time and when we're self-directed when we're ego and id di-  
rected we are only going between good and bad times we're slaloming between good  
and bad times because all we have are our moments of pleasure and we know that  
and they're going away and they're under and at some point they're gone it's going  
on a business sale being a human at every moment your supermarket sweep every  
moment of your life as a human is grabbing as much pile it up people say why do  
they need so much and so that boils down to even like a nice afternoon like posting 0:36:7  
online versus phone banking which one would be more fun in terms of uh satisfying  
the the libido uh that's an easy \*\*\*\*\* question if you can answer falsely to yourself  
well posting is just as good that's where the self-deception at the heart of of of sin  
is it's not that's why we're forgiven for sin because we don't even know we're doing  
it our brain is doing it for us it's below the level of our understanding that's why we  
should be able to forgive ourselves not like people do anything and have people have  
to show a track record to be trusted because trust has to be reinforced it can't be  
stripped out it's the only way to reinforce the the positive feedback loops that will  
get someone to this point that will get enough people that will kick start the \*\*\*\*\*  
motor so and the thing is i probably am not going to do that because i can probably

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convince myself that what i'm doing now matters more than like doing something 0:37:8  
that is less libidinally satisfying because i've got a brain capable of that uh what's  
going to bring me down to earth will be my interactions with the world and other  
people and it will either allow me to sit there or bring me down and i don't know  
where i will end up because i don't know what the answer is i can't because i don't  
know only interacting with other people will drag me down and what the reason i  
say that more than anything is is that if your answer to this is easy for you to say  
podcast man my answer is yes easy for me to say literally i'm sitting here in front of  
you as part of like a media career being reinforced with a constant stream of of of  
positive reinforcement it's like a i might as well be in a \*\*\*\*\* and that might be true  
but it doesn't mean what i said isn't true and you've got to ask yourself am i saying 0:38:9  
look at him easy for him to say because that answers the question that he's posing  
or am i doing that instead of really really asking because i don't want to know the  
answer and that's another question like the question of what to do that i can't know  
and so i got to do shruggy emoji man ah oh man that was wow that's over an hour  
isn't it \*\*\*\*\* ah well tomorrow we're gonna try to do an office stream we're going to  
see if we can get it to work i'm very excited about it because me and chris are going  
to be in the lab in the beat laboratory soon it's going to be a lot of fun and like i said  
this will still exist i will never not doing stream of consciousness madness into your  
face but then afterwards maybe we have some q a maybe we have a guest maybe we  
play some video games so your favorite your favorite jabbering madness will continue 0:39:11  
uh if anybody uh it's only been 40 minutes oh i started at five i lost i usually start  
at six and then at the end of that i looked on i forgot i started at five today that's  
why i was kind of like shocked because it didn't feel that long will i watch the last  
episode of the simpsons yes i haven't seen the simpsons i haven't seen a new simpsons  
episode in years i think i generally try to watch the treehouse of horror i honestly  
think i might be a couple years behind though check hulu uh or i guess it's fx now 0:40:12  
i will definitely watch the last one if i'm alive for it which is a big if i mean i could  
definitely die before the yeah apparently somebody on twitter said that uh that a  
dude who works teaches an ivy was stealing my bars to that's i don't know what to  
think of it does make me imagine a uh alternative world where i was a mystery style  
pickup artist which i think could have been fun covet is definitely exacerbating the 0:41:14  
posting issue but we also see how there is like there's a flip side to that right because  
people get more into posting but also the more that they are kept away from like  
what they used to consider normal because you know things are normalizing but not  
completely and not evenly uh the longer they feel that way the more tense they feel  
and the less computer can like satisfy them it it exacerbates the personal stress that  
leads to the explosion because like everyone's gonna have to come to a point where

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their personal stress and their perception of social stress are over is larger than the amount of pleasure that they can convince themselves they can get out of posting um and obviously that's going to be unevenly distributed and they're going to be people who are going the people are going to be hardest to \*\*\*\* fight the ones that are going to hold on the longest are the ones who have basically no personal angst in their life because then they get to play like a game because yes yes they care about 0:42:15 other people and they put a lot of their heart into it but it's a very light touch like it's not a religious devotion it's not it's not it doesn't come from a spiritual sense it's just it's like it's utilitarianism which is what liberalism is liberalism is just look it's inefficient to misuse all this human capital because everyone's not me they're abstractly good why because if people are nice to each other they can cooperate and cooperation is better for human progress than the alternative that's really what they believe and it's like they don't think that they think themselves as having deep moral beliefs but at a level that they aren't even aware of their liberal conception of the self is such that they have no mooring for their conviction that other people believe equally like that's the heart that's the true thing that people say about about liberals of godless liberalism like the the notion of a secular society uh that is the true uh uh 0:43:19 indictment uh it doesn't mean anything because that you need that for like we live in a liberal world we need that as a basis we can't have a religious sectarian in in a world where religion is sectional we cannot have sectarian ethics it is not sustainable it has to be secular it has to be liberal because that's everyone is somebody else and we have to negotiate living here that's the real uh principle of place those people are living with old ideas those people are literally in pre-modern notions of of uh of good and evil uh and of humanity and one idea where like if one is not redeemed within one religious tradition one is one is someone that things can be done too that is the condition to be in a pre-modern religion uh when we hadn't had the technological development to create a exchange to necessitate exchange across enough areas of distrust that we had to put our weapons down to not destroy one another and 0:44:20 you could just take anything you wanted if you were more powerful than the other person and where your social belief like the intensity of your social belief determined in part your or maybe even in total i mean relative to your uh material conditions of course your strength and your ability to control things and therefore your ability to save the world and redeem it against something that is someone that you can do things too and that's also where you can then offload social tension and pressure by destroying and conquering another liberalism when that's not sustainable because we have a global communications and we have a technological level that allows us to destroy one another completely in war it's not like a uh you know it's not cyclical like old wars it's cumulative it's not like the flower wars it might be bloody and

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horrible but that don't wreck the ability of the people there who live within them to sustain themselves modern warfare creates even even even early modern warfare is is far too dangerous to human flourishing to be allowed to go unchecked and the in the liberal model allows us to do that but there's no religious foundation to it there is no there's no connection from one to the other in it the connection is severed because now we're in a market and we're separate people and we are not connected and that has to be replaced and and it's replaced by our ability to create ourselves through consumption that's where we build our souls but at the level of ethics it really does come down to viewing them as uh utilitarianism because it's the it is the ideology of capitalism which means it's the ideology of profit uh a surplus profit consumption or extraction and so therefore it's guiding moral principle it's programming is efficiency to get the most off the bone and the process of capitalizing a society and capitalizing a world market is to create a efficient system for extraction now it's not going to be fully efficient because society is like the gunk in the filter and it's in it and it reduces the amount you can do but you work against that you grind against that too to create premium efficiency and so liberalism is religious it's religious worship is efficiency efficiency of exchange between others because we are all only ourselves we are not each other and the end result of that is an ethic oh is an ethic that says i care about other people but really at heart it's because it's most efficient to love them and when that's and that could be good people can act in sincere good will out of that desire problem is if it comes under pressure if it comes under pressure especially since there's no felt personal discomfort that their lives are comfortable that all of their pain associated with the condition is theoretical and felt and imagined in their head and imagine the connection to people who aren't them then it's fragile and it can come cramming down crumbling down gambling crumbling down if uh the only thing being served is the self because you can decide that well you know oh well or you could say you know what posting is doing the work even though you never see it rewarded or you know what those guys don't actually deserve it and these ones don't too and oh yeah you know what and by the way none of it's ever going to happen anyway we'll never have socialism we just need to punish people right now for the crimes they've committed that's the only justice we're going to have is like as the ship's going down like shooting the captain for running into the iceberg that's our only justices vengeance with just nihilistic vengeance and we can just post post posts or uh you know refuse to step down no matter what happens on the other end you have people who feel intense personal angst and pressure and pain whose family conditions are very very bad now there's fewer of them because people like that generally don't have the ability or time to post as much so they can't even get anything out of it but the ones who are their distress can cause them to privilege

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their the relief of their own suffering and there's no way you can blame them for that because it's their suffering and everyone else's is imaginary the way that you coordinate a class awakening into itself is bringing those ideas together acosta chasm bringing bringing together a felt sense of the right and of good to a social sense of the right and the good that are in alignment and that flow across one another because over time that will make suffering not your own and and the suffering of others will replace that because you're suffering less because your personal suffering has been been relieved to an extent because you're not fighting your conditions and it's like that sucks because it's asking people to to sacrifice the way other people don't have to and that's unfair but sadly that's also unavoidable what we need the idea is that there are enough people in the middle there are enough people who suffer a good deal but still have a social connection because they have a spirituality and enough people who don't have much spirituality because it's been eroded away by pleasure but do have a social sense and connect them that's the only future that's the only engine and basically what i just described those two sectors of people the top sector i'm mostly describing the dreaded pmc who make up pretty much everybody arguing on twitter in some way or another including people who hate them including people who fight them all day they're on the top half of that distribution of pain the bottom half are disengaged from politics for the most part and the one who aren't are often oriented along reactionary uh mindsets because they are filled with justified anger and right and and historically what happens is that you have enough you essentially have enough of an elite overproduction like 1848 is a good example of this the the 1848 elect uh uh rebellions were kicked off because you had an elite overproduction of college graduates who were just hanging around these cities and just getting antsy because they weren't getting the condition they weren't their lives weren't what they wanted them to be but they were not the misery of the lives of you know the spinners and the weavers and the early proletarians or or as back breaking and isolated as they were as they working in the peasant uh uh in peasant agriculture and the land and they had enough time to sit around and and talk between themselves and to other people including those workers about what was going on and they formulated an understanding of what was actually happening and they communicated across this narrow social chasm because remember this is pre-modern i mean this is pre-capitalism really it's still like it's capitalism but it's embedded still within feudalism feudalism has not been annihilated by any stretch yet its remnants are still the structure the thing is embedded in it meaning there's a there's a social basis for interaction that is that has still not been dissolved by the market completely and that means crossing that chasm is easier there's less mistrust there's more social commingling we're in a situation now where that conveyor belt between those two

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classes and i don't know how to mend it this is where we're at the quantum point like if the fan belt is busted and it's snapped and you can't get another one you just gotta glue that \*\*\*\*\* like everybody has to just close their eyes and turn into a glue and just grab that \*\*\*\*\* in an act of faith and then just hope it holds until you can kick start the \*\*\*\*\* motor i know that sounds like a bunch of mystical hogwash and it probably is and it's not really worth thinking about from day to day and i'll probably not talk about it more in the future but um it's how i think of the question 0:52:31 in front of us it's like when i talk about it i try not to get that woo-woo about it but this is the this is the shape of the question oh man i don't know if we'll do another the call of cthulhu games are a lot of work and i think virgil is uh is he's operating at a very high and intense frequency right now i don't he's got a little honest he's got a lot on his plate creatively but i would it might happen there's just oh i've never tried 0:53:32 to pick anyone up someone asked some picking lines i've never tried to pick anyone up with soup praxis oh yes certainly eating it is anyway if you get a nice stone soup going you know everybody brings one ingredient someone's people are really mad at this mug i think we got it at target it was just it's a nice design i guess this is kind of like for some people this is basically the confederate flag and that's a strong argument it's i'm not trying to make a message this is not a spacey message i'm not trying to indicate that i'm like i'm an mi68 asset i'm here from the i'm here on the 0:54:38 mission of the queen to sow disinformation uh on american airwaves uh to defend uh to protect the queen against crimes we did a reading series uh today someone asked what happened to reading series uh i guess there just haven't been a lot the takes during a presidential election are generally pretty repetitive and boring you've got to have sort of a slack political environment for people to start just riffing so you generally have less during a political uh i think during the during the meet of a political especially this one since such it's trump again and it's a lot of the same stuff it's a lot of the same exact arguments and idea anxieties but we have one today and 0:55:39 i think it's pretty good it's uh it's maddie g or maddie y maddie yg maddie iglesias man the man is uh his heart pump kool-aid as they say for you are neither hot nor cold but lukewarm and i should spew i don't know what the belden program is uh brace has not shared it with me yet but i wholeheartedly endorse it i'm not kidding if uh if brace is serious about running for president of the left uh i have he has my full support uh i will i would or maybe i could be uh stalin we'll see how it goes but 0:56:41 i think maybe liz is stalin honestly uh but yes no he's i have never seen a i've never seen a brace take on politics that i disagreed with like his he he gets the terms he gets the problems he gets the set of issues he understands the bad actors he understands the pathologies he knows where the material intersects with the cultural he knows which way the flow goes if he wants to tell everyone what to do i would help him and

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in fact i wouldn't even have to help him i would just happily live under his reign or  
and help move towards and lennon is uh no brace is my boy he's vi lining all over  
the place i don't know when we're going to do the george w bush episode it might 0:57:42  
it might be a bit there you got to get warned that we often will say we should do  
an episode and then it ends up not getting done because you kind of need to have  
like a hole in your calendar to fill to go to the back catalog and sometimes you go a  
while without having one but i think maybe in the next month or two anyone that  
requires any kind of work is always harder but i think now that felix has read uh  
fortunate son i think it was or family of secrets i think we'll uh i think we'll get  
it done pretty soon we're also going to me and will and felix are also going to do  
the richard jewell movie episode which i'm looking forward to because i think that  
movie i thought that movie was genius when i saw it and since i've been thinking  
point i don't think fina felix finished the canals guard guys i know he left one canal 0:58:44  
scourge book on like a public transit in europe or something i don't think he finished  
it i think he really appreciated the idea of it and then he didn't need to read it if i  
said the year since \*\*\*\*\* someone's saying the years since i saw it said years since if  
you've heard years i lost my religion there for a second but why these trolls are just  
so chillish why must you insist on being so disagreeable on such a fine day it is a fine  
september day indeed and i do not see the need for being quite so argumentative in  
the comment section but i understand it is my responsibility to rise above the fray 0:59:56  
and provide a bit of uh elegance and and maturity frankly so i people keep talking  
about a realignment i don't want to get this is going to uh maybe i shouldn't say it  
honestly i don't get in trouble but let me just say this i won't elaborate but it feels  
like if people say that there's going to be there might be if biden wins especially a  
a realignment politically uh i mean the last couple of polls have shown that biden's  
lead among hispanics and uh and blacks is reducing going below historic norms for  
the party which of course makes people incredulous because the one thing they've  
been attacking trump on for his entire candidacy has been how racist he is that's  
been the number one issue for liberals the people who dominate the discourse and  
this sticks and have the the farthest tendrils extension into the minds of the popular  
potential voting base in this country uh but if biden wins it will be because if these  
trends are real and who knows but it has been a few polls it's not just one if he wins 1:0:58  
this way it'll be because a big chunk of suburban affluent whites go democrat which  
is what they're pitching their whole campaign around that has been the entire point  
is to do that that dynamic under the pressure of a \*\*\*\*\* depression presidency that  
he's going to respond with \*\*\*\*\* means-tested uh horse piss that's going to be that  
pressure is going to be exacerbated and if q if the pressure of living in in like under  
a democrat with this kind of social conditions exacerbates even not even evenly but

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just somewhat near a a equilibrium of distribution between democratic voters and the republican voters you could see queue swell just in time to like break off from the barnacle-like uh holding restraints of the democratic or the republican party machinery and connect blob-like to the alienated uh democratic working-class base and then coming together leaving the two shards of of ruling class and and like upper middle class comprador class whatever you want to call it a separate that's the dream i don't think that will happen i don't think that there's any reason or way honestly to act like that's going to happen and what i'm saying like right now the premise has to be action so that means if it's not actionable it's sort of just forget about it it's interesting to think about but it shouldn't drive your thinking i don't think we're there yet but if it does happen i think that's the only way it happens is if like rfk rfk jr is the synthesis character like if rfk jr i know sean mccarthy said this uh on twitter and i think that is dead-on if this were to happen rfk junior would be the napoleon the napoleon the third of course who like brings together this like dis aggregated alienation and becomes the figurehead but i think as you hear me describe this that doesn't seem terribly plausible now that doesn't mean it's not going to happen we've seen a lot of implausible things happen recently but i think those are the conditions that as you work through your life on other things look out for it and see if that comes and comes more or less likely over time because it'll be interesting to see i think it's a whole different ballgame if trump wins though if trump wins you could see q become like a hardened almost paramilitary extension of uh the republican party and like the greater uh uh like white lumpin bourgeois that they represent and like small producers at the top like not the high levels of capital but like local levels the the modern equivalents of the guys who made up the early uh the people who picked taft in 52 and got and got uh and had the nomination stolen by the eastern bankers in eisenhower uh and then then they become like the ones then they become i would think you'd see more organized violence from cue because they would feel they would have the imperture of state because the state would turn to them to help help their power be consolidated in a moment of prolonged crisis because we're for talking trump's second term we're talking siren crisis at every moment an intensification a cranking an upward cranking only no downward cranking biden we might see some slack in the line for a little bit trump stays in because that's his thing is is antagonizing the contradictions he's banging the dinner bell every single day so it can only get worse and that means there'll be more dissatisfaction more discontent more violence and then that violence will be organized along who's in power now the question then becomes will the left in that situation be constrained by the democratic party or finally provide become like the guiding force of a movement a larger working-class movement to shatter and destroy the democratic party and send its its

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ruling elite scattering back to the democrat scattering that the republicans are more likely to the private sect uh sector and then those those uh connections to global finance being shifted of course over to the conservatives to the that's the apocalyptic confrontation and that seems more likely in the trump version of this of course all of this is assuming that conditions don't change like a vaccine could radically \*\*\*\*\* 1:6:5 change things or not like there are market there are inconceivable market bubbles that could pop and bubble and plorp there's events there's \*\*\*\*\* there's too many butterflies flapping too many wings to say definitively one way or the other i'm just sort of gaming it out in my head and just once again emphasizing that that that level of abstraction you really don't have to concern yourself when you're asking the question what did i do today with myself you can talk about you can think about it and talk about it as a recreation when you're done doing what you think you needed to do that day but you got to do that first and that doesn't really connect to that that's still mostly a question an argument you have just to have an argument which is what i said is the driving force for all this stuff that we turn into real meaningful points of discussion and it's very funny because trump's clearly going to lie about the vaccine thing but they're not going to get a vaccine like what's he going to do 1:6:6 is he going to do like some pilot program like a photo op with somebody getting a saline vaccine in in like in in uh in like dallas somewhere like that that uh the voodoo like the demon seed lady is is injecting some guy with a like a hydrochloroquine vaccinated \*\*\*\*\* cocktail that's actually diet fanta that would be diabolical because there's no way they would actually be able to get it out to people to actually have in time and honestly i feel like trump at this point who's going to buy that who's going to go who's going to be on the fence i guess this is my question who is going to be on the fence in late october who's going to hear trump saying there's going to be a vaccine and go well i think he might have a vaccine i'm not sure but i think he will and then voting for him because oh we might have a vaccine if at that point if you if by late october you've probably decided trump is full of \*\*\*\*\* even if you are still 1:8:8 thinking you might vote for him because he's less full of \*\*\*\*\* than the democrats which hey when you have biden as your opponent when you have nancy pelosi when you have nancy pelosi going getting \*\*\*\*\* lucille bloost getting caught going to a salon indoors so she can get her \*\*\*\*\* hair done for 500 and then she says i'm sorry i got set up by those bitch-ass \*\*\*\*\* at the salon come on it's it's plausible but you still don't believe him you don't think he's got a \*\*\*\*\* vaccine come on and so it's not going to be why you pick is what i'm saying so no one's going to pick on that but they don't know that they're just biting every button they can carl barker style trying to get the last money out of the rubes before they \*\*\*\*\* realize that the uh that the spinning i will end with this uh i said something that seemed like maybe 1:9:9

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might feel kind of spiritual blah blah blah about how everyone it's going to come down to whether or not people do a thing well it ends with them like snapping too but the first step is an action it's action always comes first because the unmoved moving action is the one that is induced by you convincing yourself of something of you having enough faith to move forward and that comes before but that's not real it can't be analyzed it's gossamer so enough people are going to act enough to start the snowballing effect or they're not i'm not saying the process will stop it'll just there won't be enough in time as conditions as the conditions of social deterioration render impossible any unity and i don't think that's going to happen guys i really 1:10:12 don't i'm not going to get into why now but i really i really don't think so so i think that we all know it to ourselves to push to push forward in any way we can

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office we're doing a test stream here don't freak out it's not my backyard i understand i'll be back i'll be back to my backyard but right now we're testing out our capacity here at the at the and later to we might do some more uh some more stuff interactive but right now we're just seeing how it works i've got a pile of gulf war trading cards here and uh an amazing joe Biden today they asked him about Q Anon and his response was quote i'm a supporter of mental health and i urge them to take advantage of the things in the affordable care act while it's still there and of course that's being used as evidence that he is uh that he is slaying and that he is dragging fools but honestly i can't think of a more wildly violently psychotic anti-social thing to say the guy is really running on pure elder rage just as much as trump is at this point just contempt for any question anybody questioning him uh and his position i mean take advantage of the america affordable care act to get mental health care well it's still there even though i'm planning on becoming president within the next six months god damn that guy i'm gonna look through some of these gulf war trading cards that we've got here i haven't been able to look at them i'm gonna look at some of these fun things that happened during so they have these cards for different countries and ours is right here the united states and it's mount rushmore that emblematic part of america's geography a charter member of the united nations the usa is a permanent member of the security council the usa was designated to coordinate the liberation of kuwait by the united nations that was nice of them that was nice of them to let us do that for operation desert storm the usa supplied more than 500 000 troops 2700 air units 4 200 armored vehicles and 100 warships damn but then we got the other country the other main protagonist of the war iraq founded by khalif umar the first in 638 basra is the second largest city in iraq in literature basra is the home of sinbad in a thousand and one nights in 1914 a harbor was created at basra during the iraq iraq ocean access giving iraq ocean access during the round iraq war in 1988 basra was the scene of fierce fighting during operation desert storm it was repeatedly bombed to prevent assistance to the iraqi forces i love learning things including that one of the military skills you can learn in the military is survival which honestly seems

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like it'd be number one number one skill to learn in the military is survival many 0:4:14  
situations in combat may leave soldiers seamen or pilots cut off for the main group  
with no supplies survival training and equipment will help them keep going until  
talp arrives or they can return to friendly territory on their own the most important  
aspect in survival according to instructions in a u.s military survival kit is quote keep  
your head native tribes live for generations in the open air taking their living from  
nature you can do the same best of luck and remember that courage alone has won  
many a battle and the canadian system of government which i can't think of a more  
meaningful context for this than the iraq war the canadian government is divided into 0:5:15  
three autonomous but linked branches parliament the legislative branch is bicameral  
that is divided into two parts the senate and the house of commons the executive  
branch is headed by the prime minister who is advised by a cabinet the judicial  
branch interprets the laws and oversees the entire court system the ceremonial head  
of government is the english monarch currently elizabeth ii it's still her how the hell  
is that lady still alive how much adrenochrome can one person eat that lady needs to  
share something with i mean maybe i would like to see the clockwork uh elves in like  
the mirror blood dimension where the hell creatures live do we got hi i'm here uh i'm  
also here let me turn on my camera let's see uh we've we've got a a lot of people who  
are confused uh irritated uh disoriented by the different setup i figured um but you  
know i think that they're working through that together um i'm looking at the chat 0:6:16  
right now so if anybody has any questions comments uh things that they would like  
to it's okay i understand you can see my legs and i know that that's upsetting i i'm  
not happy about it either we'll fix the blocking in future episodes do you want me to  
do you want me to uh post up the camera no it's fine they'll have to get used to it um  
so yeah uh tell tell me what your what do we want matt to talk about today yeah uh  
i would i would love to do a chapo asmr episode my idea for an asmr episode is simply  
reading the wikipedia page for uh come on let's get some some okay i i mean i don't  
want to belabor this but uh i was almost gonna ask you about this earlier matt did  
you see that uh maddie g uh had some responses to our chapa reading series today i  
only saw the one did he have more than one i think the only one i saw was the thing  
about relitigating five-year-old twitter beefs but which is hilarious coming from him 0:7:18  
which is absolutely \*\*\*\*\* hilarious coming from him because his entire \*\*\*\*\* his  
entire mindscape is just doing battle with other \*\*\*\*\* people on twitter i have good  
eye out on good authority that the \*\*\*\*\* has gone to anger management over tweets  
so once again as with all internet contact all internet conversation it's just projection  
everyone's projecting he he's he's living in his own little uh hall of resentment mirrors  
um in lieu of anything more substantial right off the bat uh somebody asked for some  
lodge 49 talk i just started watching lodge 49 i'm about halfway through the first

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season and it's as good as you thought it was i thought it was going to be much darker i didn't know it was going to be such a uh i wouldn't call it good vibes but it is kind of a blue sky show with darker underpinnings it's a chill vibe i think that it's general attitude is one it's positive because it's it's open-hearted and it's it's confident that there is like there is something redeemable in human life and in human uh in human social interaction that we're not all just uh doomed to bounce off of one another in cosmic nightmare horror until it's eternity which is the main theme of most prestige tv shows uh the thing that struck out of me like it's kind of superficial but i thought it was very well done is the very compassionate depiction of how you know you can be living a nice normal life in like two bad twists of faith like a snake bite and your dad having an untimely death like totally spiral you into oblivion yeah uh i thought that that was that was nice yeah i know it's it the show is very grounded and it's it talks it's very specific in the way that it addresses how uh we are absolutely at the whim of the market and how that has left us with this terror in our hearts because we can't have any faith that anything we have today is going to even be there tomorrow but it's not totally nihilistic or dark because it recognizes the potential for people to cross those chasms of fear and uh come together uh in a secret lodge dedicated to turning lead into gold uh as we should all be dedicated to i think that we could do uh would you matt would you consider uh the the long-term endeavor of transforming lead into uh gold a a suitable grill pill uh uh pursuit you know what yeah go for it i just want to say one more thing about the about the uh about the \*\*\*\*\* iglesias deal because iglesias is responding to somebody else who listened to the episode and then just says these guys are being reactionary they're being pro-sprawl anti-natalist and no we just said that iglesias stupid uh like a la carte technocratic approach is \*\*\*\*\* and unworkable and that any of the problems that he talks about have to be addressed by people like overthrowing the domination of their lives and and finding some actual uh autonomy from the market not to just submit to it fully in the name of beating the chinese but with these people like they are the blackest pill of all because they they don't think that there is any alternative truly to that to a world of of of market enslavement that that we can never transcend separateness to the extent that we can have a collaborative political project we will only be masked we will only be able to mediate our desires in the market and the best we can hope for is to fool enough rubes with with some uh clever nationalist jiu jitsu to get him to go along with positive policies and they're so fixed on that that if you say that they're that their technocratic fixes are insufficient or that they create problems that their the political structure they assume to be uh immutable can't absorb that you are actually on the other side and you actually think no no one should have kids and no we should sprawl out into oblivion no no i there is no

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reason if anyone listened to that episode to think that you could only think that if you are so wedded to this format this format of human uh political engagement that any alternative to it is just a non-starter and that if you aren't on board with their kicking out the idea of making anything better for anybody even though their model for change is impossible i mean has he \*\*\*\*\* noticed that nothing got better has he \*\*\*\*\* noticed that obama had eight years to basically do exactly what these guys 0:12:27 want to try to to try to nudge us remember cass sunstein and the nudge that was how we were going to get to a equitable society just subtle little nudges were going to push us into being decent human beings to one another how did that \*\*\*\*\* work they had eight years to \*\*\*\*\* do it and they didn't get close and everything that they could even point to in the near term i mean my god biden said uh take advantage of the aca while it's still there like just assuming that this thing that was supposed to be a big \*\*\*\*\* deal on biden's own words is just a \*\*\*\*\* sand castle that'll look blown over by a stiff \*\*\*\*\* breeze does uh you guys are the real nihilist man and you guys are the ones who have decided that uh just as long as you have a smug answer for something you're do you're contributing you're contributing um how about this matt uh to switch gears into historical counterfactuals cause we were just talking 0:13:28 about them uh based on the atlantic article would it have been better if the germans had won world war one well i mean the first thing you gotta ask is could they have because if they couldn't have it's sort of an inoperative point because the world would have to be so different for them to have won that it's like well now we're not even talking about a world we recognize um and i don't know if the germans could have won world war one uh if we'd stayed out of it maybe but like there's i there are people who've made a strong point that the germans were actually broken before we even showed up and that their position in the middle was untenable especially given their allies uh i guess the only way they could have won but where they were able to like get a definitive outcome before it turned into a war of attrition because germany they love starting fights but they can't finish them because they they don't have the 0:14:30 the the material base to fight everyone which is what they seem to want to do all the time or it did anyway although now they just they just took over everybody but from with this central bank which was very clever of them so i don't know i mean if they won the war i don't know how that could have been possible but you probably still have a great depression and you still have like the crisis of fascism i mean harold turtle in harry turtledove's books germany wins world war one in europe but then england and uh france become fascist and you could argue that france was really the most fertile soil for fascism in europe certainly the most like politically where political anti-semitism was the most advanced uh and that a defeated france could have been absolutely ground zero for fascism but who knows uh i just want to shout

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out the person in the chat who i think correctly states that uh german victory could only have been achieved if pointy or helmet technology had been uh available at the 0:15:33  
time yeah those pickle hubs needed to be much sharper for them to have any hands  
chance um let's see well the real the real counterfactual germany is what if the that's  
a real one yeah that i mean that was my take when we were just talking a moment  
ago about uh the the losers in the world war one cemetery they they were only losers  
and suckers because they didn't join with the internationalist movement right after  
all right i i do like that that the i am a fan i am loving the trump thing uh because  
the trump thing with the troops i mean obviously for one thing this is all exculpatory  
from guys like john kelly who just want to be they they hate trump but they still  
served him and they need to have that litigated in public so that they can have their  
sense of guilt assuaged in which case boo \*\*\*\*\* who is your own fault uh and i gotta 0:16:34  
say there's i can't think of greater ownage than kelly's standing there because his son  
died in iraq i believe uh and trump being like what were they doing what a bunch  
of losers why would you fight why would he get killed and that shows a fundamental  
friction point between different elements of like the ruling class because the military  
does require an ethic some sort of ethic of sacrifice right some sort of ethic of a higher  
good or else you wouldn't join the military but all of that higher good is in practice  
just doing the will of people like donald trump but the social contract is predicated  
on people like donald trump not saying that out loud they say thank you for your  
service they they give you the the the pathetic tributes to make up for the fact that  
your death was in vain uh and he just doesn't have the wherewithal or like emotional  
intellectual continence to not just say you're a \*\*\*\*\* sucker for fighting and dying 0:17:35  
for guys like me and john kelly just has to take it he just has to stand there and  
take it and then he leaks to the atlantic so that they can publish it a year later and  
he thinks he's doing something uh but it does make you wonder about like the the  
i've talked before about how the military is going to really be the deciding piece  
in any kind of crisis prolonged political crisis in this country and they're like they  
are the least they're sort of the most ideologically obscured element of the ruling  
class you know by day by definition by nature and it's and as a result it's harder  
to predict where they would go and how they would respond and that's why the  
military often in periods of crisis in different countries in different periods of time  
ends up just subsuming all politics within itself uh but not on one not on like the 0:18:38  
cultural terms of one side or the other trying to transcend them which of course is  
silly and eventually doomed but they don't know that because they actually believed  
this \*\*\*\*\* if they didn't they wouldn't be in the army they'd be making real money  
doing um did you see that uh that thing that was going around last week that poll  
that had uh the majority of the of military supporting biden yeah and apparently

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officers more than enlisted men which some people were baffled by but for me that's pretty simple most officers in the military went to college yeah isn't that just college versus non-college it's college versus non-college that's the real battle like the like it's a civil war here between white people based on who went to college and and how that structures their alienation how that structures their like resentment and their anger and their frustration at being part of a system that is like dehumanizing them on a daily basis which we all feel to some extent or another you if we don't feel it personally we see it done to others around us and we fear it happening to ourselves and how we how we deal with that how we find the source for it is largely 0:19:41 dependent on the cultural the cultural baggage that we've accumulated either from our communities which tends to make people sort of uh like culturally reactionary or from the suite of opinions you get from the college uh uh process the the process of being acculturated into uh mr cringe 69 420 i can tell you right now the audio cushvlog feed exists as of this moment it is up i have uh i have levellated every kush vlog uh or mastered every klush vlog into mp3 form um and i'm in the process of publishing him only i've only had time to put 10 up on the feed so far i i still need to submit it to the itunes music store to get it populated in all the the catchers but 0:20:42 hopefully over the next few days i will upload every i think there are 71 or 72 this will be the 72nd uh kush vlog so hopefully by um by monday or so we'll have all those up and going and you'll be able to listen to these not only as live video broadcasts but also uh as a podcast in the next day or two afterwards after whenever i get them going so that is it's it's the progress moves forward um uh a guy in the chat mat asks for a shout out because they finished capital volume one last night they request an atta boy attaboy who what's their handle flank ocean flank ocean flank like you know like frankfurt and baby talk flank flank ocean well congrats on finishing uh capital it's bear by the way one of these cards it says intelligence file judaism jews believed god jesus believed god is above all and created everything accepting the ten commandments at sinai for the covenant or pact with god by observing god's 0:21:44 laws they gain their protections synagogues are the place and the saturday the day of rested worship the three main branches are orthodox conservative and reform so there we go now you have read the intelligence file on judaism i would like to i would i wonder what in like the cia archives if there is just a file labeled judaism and what is contained within it i would like to know as well um all right here's maybe a curveball i don't know if this is a good question or a bad question is there an argument to be made that trump is actually the harm reduction choice uh given the the possibility of stochastic like qnon based violence uh i i've thought about this and i think that there's the thing is is that there's the reason harm reduction is a silly cat way to go about all this stuff is that you don't know like you just said they said stochastic we

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don't know uh i think the q a on violence is inevitable i think human on violence 0:22:46  
is gonna happen whether trump wins or loses uh but i i do think at this point it'll  
still be relatively disorganized it'll be you know the the least the most disturbed and  
the least coherent and the most sort of like violently attached members of the of  
the movement expressing themselves personally through violence and i think that's  
inevitable and that's going to get bigger but i don't think it's going to become like  
a a public health crisis you know on par with a coronavirus or something i honestly  
don't know how you can look at this situation and look at this political consensus  
and say that you're gonna be able to pick who's going to make things less terrible  
and the good news is you don't really have to spend that much time on it because as  
i keep saying voting your individual choice to vote for anyone is not really meaningful 0:23:49  
so don't sweat it too hard do what you want if it feels like you if you feel like you  
should vote for biden don't feel like you have to like spend 40 days on top of a  
mountain to purge yourself of that feeling or if you feel like you don't want to vote  
at all or you want to vote for the party or you want to vote trump is an ironic bit  
don't spend too much time on like the the the moral question of it because all you  
end up doing is is building up the act of voting into this mythic self-defining act  
which is what they want you to think like the reason that we're able that we're one  
of the big reasons we are where we are is because people have ceded to voting a huge  
chunk of their sense of autonomy in life and their control over their future like the  
fact that we vote is supposed to be this thing that defines us as people and defines  
our destiny but it's really just what 100 million people just shuffling into a \*\*\*\*\*  
uh place independently and just pressing a button there's no coordination there's 0:24:51  
no pressure there's no meaningful uh uh organizing within like the voting public at  
large it's an individual choice and and it's you should probably only think about  
it as long as it takes to wait in line and then press the button and then that hole  
that used to be filled with asking these questions of yourself can be filled by asking  
questions that are um okay uh going off of the uh the kunan thing a few people are  
asking uh and this kind of i guess i guess this would frame in in something you were  
talking about maybe last week maybe the week before the the kind of everything is  
an op framework yes uh do you have any thoughts about the portland shooter being  
killed yesterday i'm seeing a lot of stuff that he was released from custody after like  
driving 110 miles on the highway with a kid in the car and guns and stuff and and 0:25:53  
that he had like a totally apolitical instagram until like a couple months ago and a  
fresh blm tattoo and it's all very eyebrow raising certainly but uh but i guess i asked  
a question i have is for people who are like freaking out about this is okay now what  
like what what is how does this how does if he's an op if he's a cop what does it  
mean you know if the cops are out there doing provocateur \*\*\*\*\* like and if they

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think shooting a a patriot prayer guy is a good use of their time well then what does that tell you about like the efficacy of this movement in general like i i i if you're if you think that the if the that the cops have an interest in seeing tensions raised and stakes raised along violence i mean then doesn't that mean it's your responsibility to the degree that you can to not take them up on it doesn't that make sense or is it always the cops are going to do what they do and then we just use it as excuse to do whatever we wanted to do anyway and we never stop for a second to question okay like how does any of this fit into a broader but i don't know i have no idea if he was like an op or anything everything seems i mean i i certainly believe that in all these specific locations the cops are doing all kinds of \*\*\*\*\* that we have no idea about uh but my if i had to guess i'd say it's probably local initiative i mean maybe it's like start part of some some cia uh uh gladio c operation but uh i mean if that's real if that if you really think that then i think it would the the next step would be reassess re uh evaluating like your entire orientation towards the current moment instead of just uh more questions yeah uh all right i saw somebody asking this a little earlier and i almost want to bring it up just because it was something i was thinking about or getting irritated about the other day um which is uh i was listening to uh i was on a run listening to pod safe america as i do still still i mean it look it makes me run faster because when i get done with the run i can stop listening to it uh but they were doing their trip their now normal thing of um you know uh now the work is to get the only goal the only thing is to get trump out of office and then we can start the hard really hard necessary work to fixing all of the structural things that got trump into office in the first place and somebody in the chat was asking what happens to the democrats after trump because their seemingly their only organizing principle right now is not trump and this is the thing that i was like hitting myself in the head with a hammer listening to these guys to talk about because there is no principle beyond this like what is the work of the democrats after trump uh i don't know i would just want to wha what are you saying restoring dignity to the office getting the cheeto dust out of the drapes in the oval office just just vacuuming for four years getting all the damn cheeto dust out of the place i would say that that if there is an argument for biden it's that biden and his party presiding over the current crisis uh the insufficiency of that response is going to be pretty clear and pretty dramatic and there will be none of the obama patina that protected him from a serious like left response during his presidency people's people are beyond that the problem is the question is whether or not like that alienation from the democrats will be organized and turned into anything coherent or if it will just result in a further disaffection from politics in general in which case the electorate shrinks even further and to the advantage of the q lunatics who will become the only active base of engaged political

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citizens in this country because no one else will have any reason to believe that their vote will ever yeah or the things that like you know the to the extent that the uh democratic vote is is mobilized right you know i don't think for most normal people it's you know i want to say hysterical just in the tone of it but i don't think that the 0:31:1  
actual response of a trump presidency is is totally hysterical but socially certainly tonally but you know i guess the worry is that it becomes the uh people do just get to go back to brunch right and then without an organizing principle after that what happens to that version of the electorate we've proven that nothing at least the democrats have proven that that they are committed to not investing in changing anything so what is the organizing principle to motivate an electorate after that and it appears to be nothing so i mean this you know just recapping what you're saying about the only people motivated are the people who are convinced that they need to oust the satanic sub-government from yes from from the actual government yes and i mean if there's any hope it's that there's not going to be as many places to go to brunch anyway my brunch will be cancelled i keep on rolling back and forth in my head that this election is the beautiful oh it's true though it's very true um 0:32:2  
let's see what else somebody was posting about zachary taylor in here but i think it got removed by the auto mod somebody's trying to suppress zachary taylor truth yes there is a conspiracy theory about zachary taylor uh it's that he was poisoned by pro-confederate forces because of his resistance to uh the the southern demands for the territory seized from mexico being open to slavery uh which was headed towards a a irresolvable crisis when he just dropped dead and so there was a theory for many years that it was there was some uh slave power conspiracy to poison him and he was actually exhumed a few years ago yes i remember this they clipped his hair because they thought it might have been arsenic because an arsenic will linger in the hair samples for hundreds of years after death uh but they didn't find any apparently he just drank the doodoo water he drank the dude water although the time they said it 0:33:4  
was because he took he went for a ride in the sun and he was all sweaty and then he just housed a bunch of cherries and milk and it killed him which is which is the way people used to die because no one knew what was happening so they would just say the last thing they ate like there was a an english king i forget who's like stomach was supposedly exploded because he ate too many eels it's too many i remember yeah i know the eels guy yeah yeah so so was just like i don't know man he just ate all those \*\*\*\*\* cherries that he just killed over uh but it was probably the culprit was probably the same culprit for the death of harrison and probably polk too the giant stagnant pond of human \*\*\*\*\* that was a few hundred yards behind the uh let's see what else uh somebody's asking me who your favorite fictional president is i feel like you've talked about fictional presence a lot on on this stream specifically

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have i you i think you did a whole segment about fictional presidents once who's the 0:34:5  
best fictional president um i like uh jack nicholson in uh mars attacks because he's  
completely ineffectual has no idea what's going on and just gets \*\*\*\*\* owned after  
giving a fancy speech that's supposed to solve everything uh he has the right level  
of smarminess for a true president earth um all right in lieu of anything better uh  
somebody keeps asking if you could choose a historical war and make it go the other  
way which would you do while you're thinking i will say no i do not have five gamer  
chairs in my room you're looking at two different angles of the same uh fabled chapo 0:35:6  
office yeah that's not chris's place he does not have five gamer chairs and these aren't  
even gamer chairs they're just office chairs people are weirdos this doesn't have to  
have the name of like a \*\*\*\*\* uh of an energy drink on it to be uh to be a gamer chair  
uh speaking of gaming if anybody in the chat uh has ever encountered a problem  
with the geforce rtx ti graphics card uh not accepting drivers on windows and um  
not recognizing dual monitor setups the geforce rtx ti slide into dms because i could  
use some tech help because this office computer is not responding to me um anyway  
uh give us an office tour here uh check this \*\*\*\*\* out it goes there there and that's  
\*\*\*\*\* it that's it it's just one big room it's full of old t-shirts and \*\*\*\*\* yeah we 0:36:7  
got a lot of t-shirts here uh uh fictional war oh no uh real war right real war real  
war you want to go fictionally yeah uh i mean the tanky answer is obviously the uh  
the soviet polish war uh and that's that's interesting but honestly i think at that  
point it probably wouldn't have mattered i don't think that they were gonna roll  
over anybody because at that point germany was was solidifying behind reaction  
uh i don't know it's always hard to find like a war that uh that is like contingent  
enough that the the the that the outcome could have been different and there but also  
significant enough that that would have had like long lasting repercussions maybe 0:37:9  
the taiping rebellion the the the there's no question that the uh uh that the king  
the king the man shoes had \*\*\*\*\* absolutely lost the mandate of heaven and them  
holding on for another 50 years was was pretty perverse basically any modern war  
the british won uh anything else good in the uh in the the cards some good cards  
uh the ticonderoga class cruiser that's a the persian gulf we love it very important  
where all of our oil comes from and the big dog here the m1a1 that's our guy right 0:38:11  
there powered by a revolutionary gas turbine engine the m1a1 is a heavy main battle  
tank with a speed and agility of a light armored vehicle we got to pick up a few of  
these chris these sound great uh they can't be uh they can't be too much on the uh  
on the resale market at this point right now there's got to be a ton of them with 1500  
horsepower the abrams can traverse flat terrain at 45 miles an hour rugged terrain  
poses no problem for its unique hydro-pneumatic suspension system the abrams was  
the stalwart of the operation desert storm ground attack um matt did you happen

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to read uh president xi's recent article on marx's political economy in contemporary china no but that sounds interesting i would like i i am kind of interested i would like to know more about like how the hell the chinese like party members square all this \*\*\*\*\* like they have to know that they're not doing communism right now but do they think do they have a plan for doing communism or are they just kind of kicking the can down the road like our guys are where you have like a vague understanding that you have principles that you adhere to but for the most part they are sacrificed eternally on the altar of expedience or are they like really pushing towards something i have no idea and i don't know enough one way or the other it's i'm certainly a little skeptical frankly of uh of the of the project but that's because i have no idea but yeah i'd like to read that uh yeah i obviously know nothing about uh contemporary chinese china but i'm always curious as to who the audience is for an article like that or like you know actual i think it's it's members i mean remember there's millions of people in the chinese communist party you know and they have varying levels of commitment to the ideology of it and uh and that's his whole like his whole marxist revival is clearly aimed at that grassroots i just don't know how like effective it is or or how meaningful it even is if even if anybody at any level of power anymore is operating off of anything other than the most emergency sense of like uh of of managing crisis in the moment with no long-term goals beyond survival um someone keeps asking uh if we'll do an episode on this i don't know if we'd ever do an episode on this but uh do you have any takes on the zodiac killer and he's not talking bruce uh i do think it's funny the two separate guys have written books saying their dad was a zodiac killer i think that's pretty funny a lot of people working out family issues through the lens of unsolved murder cases uh i don't know i have no idea i i i don't even have a theory as to who did it i don't really think that the zodiac movie theory the grace smith theory is really true but i don't have any alternative one that i think is more plausible it's honestly not even that interesting a case when you strip it of the of the media angle which of course explains why it's so enduringly popular anybody who writes to the media especially in the in the in that era when newspapers were the defining like architecture of like civic engagement uh those guys are always gonna live forever like nobody remembers gary ridgway because he editor uh let's see all right you've been talking about this a little bit i i don't even know really what this question means but it'd be a good time to just make some compare generalized comparisons uh you've been reading the uh the reagan land book yeah i just finished it you're you know about the invisible bridge yeah do you think our current time resembles the 1970s there's a case to be made that we're in a similar crisis but the thing about the 70s was is that is that the new deal consensus the new deal great society consensus was was buckling but there was emerging an alternative

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and and it was coming it was being created along ideological axis and political axis by figures like milton friedman and ronald reagan and the mount perlin society you know there was there was this free market uh uh uh supply-side political ideology uh that was waiting in the wings and that was being formed out of the crisis of the collapse of the new neoconsensus to replace it i think we're in a similar crisis point for that reaganite consensus that we've been living with for 40 years but there is no emergent alternative that that's what distinguishes this time from that and that's what's so terrifying about the moment because like the the the reagan revolution was the sort of the final the final domination of politics by markets like the final the final seeding of any even illusion of political autonomy on the part of the political class to finance uh and but once that final transfer has been made there's no one else to hand it off to there's no one else to take power because you have obliterated the political spirit you've turned it into a pure spectacle you've turned it into a pure zone of disengaged resentment which means that when the wheels start falling off there is no formation to resist it and and of course the reason the reason that we ended up with the reagan uh realignment is because there was this capital intensive effort to create an alternative but now there is there's nothing else there's no viable alternative to just stripping the \*\*\*\*\* uh wiring yeah and this kind of goes back to the thing that i was asking about like you know what is the project of the democrats post-trump it's i think it's telling about that lack of alternatives that the last two major political movements have been very held up in creating popular opposition to the person of somebody yeah the tea party and the popular right-wing revulsion that at least in its broadest considerations were a revulsion at the person of barack obama barf sacko crumble yeah and then the that resulting in plus other factors resulting in trump and then at this point two months out from the uh the 2020 election that the popular formulation of the democrats is mostly a revulsion to the person of donald trump yes yeah that there there is no force to be considered at least in the broad minds of the populace it's just these these guys that we gotta get out of there we gotta get this guy out of here we gotta get him out of here and then it'll be okay and then it'll be okay uh i think what the republicans found out is that is that once your guy is out of there things don't get any better but man it's fun watching the libs get pissed and that then becomes its own its own mana its own ambrosia its own opiate uh and i don't think the libs got anywhere near that kind of satisfaction from watching the conservatives freak out about obama especially after the midterms in 2010 and and it's hard to imagine them getting any real satisfaction out of watching biden be president especially since it's really some people have said that like biden might actually be able to deliver on his promise of de-escalating the cultural conflict just because he himself is such a bland empty vessel that he he doesn't contain any of

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like the red flags that enrage i mean there's a reason that trump constantly says that biden's not actually in charge of the democratic party that it's the squad and that it's antifa because the person of biden can't sustain that anxiety and that terror the way that the person of barack hussein obama could and i don't know if that's true i suspect it isn't certainly if you know they carry out the the the austerity response that they're likely to pursue but at the same time obama just biden does seem to be such a symbolically empty figure on both sides that it makes me feel that we're 0:47:32 we're probably not going to see some sort of ratcheting down just because conditions are going to keep getting worse but the the thing people fight about is probably not going to be the person of the president it could be but it just seems hard to sustain unless kamala harris becomes president uh let's see what else here's something i'm kind of interested in this is a real grab bag because i'm just like going going with whatever pieces let's do it my interest let's be popping scat do you think there's anything to the seeming popularity of the true crime in podcasts and media why over the last like really in the trump first trump administration there's been this explosion of true crime media i mean obviously there's some kind of pathology that we're working out there that we're we're excising yeah absolutely i think it's it's we 0:48:33 want to feel we want to feel the danger that we know is there but we can't see we need to we want to psychically enact violence and trauma that is absolutely suffusing our lives but is for most of us the ones of us who listen to podcasts largely out of view and there's something agonizing about that there's something agonizing psychically about living in a milieu that feels savage that feels like it's fraying like a social fabric that is dissolving but crime isn't really up you know like people aren't experiencing more violent crime we've had a spike in the last few months which i said was gonna happen when people started dropping like flies and the economy collapsed it's it's absolutely predictable but you know this obviously predates that significantly and predates kovid uh we want some sort of way to psychically imagine and enact this 0:49:34 sense of danger that is permeating everything but is unspoken yeah and then i think it's putting on my podcast producer hat it's that and then it's just like an endlessly rich source of text that you can just like pull up a wikipedia article and have a podcast episode ready to go well that's the other big thing is that it is it is public domain information yes that can be easily and cheaply mulled over for an audience which considering the uh the nature of podcasting and its specific like low overhead for you know uh production costs and content uh it's it's sort of like an improv thing like okay give me give me a give me a give me a fast food restaurant uh and a murder 0:50:37 weapon and then we'll just do an episode okay somebody got beaten to death with a milkshake machine at a dairy queen go and then you can talk about that for an hour um i don't want to blow up their spot too much but uh chapo recently got dethroned

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by another podcast uh called true crime obsessed there's two people who used to do a broadway theater news podcast expect one of the hosts i believe was the host of the official disney on broadway podcast doing a true crime broadcast that is very uh yas queenie about murder victims i think they only review like 48 hours documentaries about murders and stuff wait a minute they just watch a tv show and talk about it so they're not even doing the research of reading the wikipedia article yes wow uh so you can imagine how innervated i got when i discovered that this thing exists uh and i encourage you all to look it up and just google true crime obsessed and and 0:51:38 and check out their web presence and see uh just imagine how uh irritated i became when i discovered this show you know what though at the same time like politics is another thing like that it's another thing you can respond it's it's public domain information that every it's a baseline thing you can talk about without having to have any kind of expertise which is really what people are looking for when they're looking for things to to to provide shape for their podcast uh attempt yeah and and honestly no shade on anybody i don't even care that they're number one on patreon everybody should get it we're doing fine on patreon it's it's independent podcasting is is i i truly believe in it as a the value of independent media but yes as the person pointed out they are literally soy facing in their landing page photo to their true crime true cri uh uh gary ridgway ah um gary ridgeway you're so small uh ah you're small oh my god you're uh you're your truck but your truck bed is so nice yeah what 0:52:39 else what else is going on uh on here politics is true crime you know what that's true it's true they are it's the same thing yeah it's the same thing it's like it's just it's about the level of abstraction like for some people it's too abstract to talk about politics when you could be talking about a person getting chopped up by ginsu knives and put into a series of uh of mailboxes like that is more that's more they connect more to that they can visualize it much more easily than they can visualize political process but it's also it's either way you're you're you're graphically describing trauma and horror it's it's almost only about the uh the scale of time that things are enacted you know yeah yeah exactly yeah and the intensity uh let's see let's see what 0:53:42 else uh well i add the pete buda judge podcast to my rotation i don't think so though i have considered doing a um the new york review of uh podcasts i kind of want to just listen to the top five non-daily politics podcasts which right now include um on any given week like the the pete potted cast is one uh ben shapiro is always up there the den dan cranshaw and dan bongino bongo gino oh god uh podcasts are always in the top five pot news and cranshaw has a podcast yeah i kind of want to just listen to all five no takes it's like he's so \*\*\*\*\* boring uh he's just yeah i kind of want to just listen to all like one week of all five of the top five news and politics episodes and then do an episode like a solo episode reviewing them i would be interested in

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that i would i would want you to do it because i don't want to listen to that \*\*\*\*\*  
uh maybe maybe some week where i have a kind of down week of producing i'll i'll  
do that and and let all of you know what dan bogono bonobo uh they have a card 0:54:45  
here for every country that provided any assets to the war in iraq the persian the  
gulf war so there's one here for sierra leone who sent 200 troops there's one here for  
finland who provided economic assistance and support of the international red cross  
military hospital wow thanks guys yeah totally cool um all right we're coming up on  
an hour here uh let's try to get maybe one more question of of substance and then  
yeah and then a silly one yes that sounds good uh so uh other than just misspellings  
of um oh my god so this is nigeria right listen to this a former french colony nigeria 0:55:47  
gained its independence in 1958 its geography is strongly influenced by the sahara  
arab land constituting three percent supports peanuts cotton and millet uranium is  
a principal export yeah remember the yellow cake that they didn't get from oh yeah  
the yellow cake uh trading partners include france nigeria and japan in recent years  
drought and famine have plagued the country nigeria is a member of the united  
nations and the coalition forces can't even list the contribution like their name is  
on like a document saying go for it uh the it is not a nato deck of cards it is golf  
war one playing cards um trading cards they're trading cards yeah um all right i'm  
looking for something with a little more substance i think the best thing i have is a 0:56:48  
somebody keeps asking if police privatization is in our near future uh i mean i guess  
the question is near it's inevitable like privatization of everything i mean there will  
be no in the in the medium term if things aren't if the if the arc isn't bent you know  
if if we don't change the relationship between citizens and capital everything will be  
privatized because there will be no public sphere there will be no public space there  
will be no public agreed upon reality it will be completely replaced by technocratic  
uh technological coercion and market coercion and that's when you're talking about  
like if anyone's read oryx and crake i've always thought that that book has one of the  
most uh chillingly realistic depictions of like america's near future especially since  
it's just the current existence in many parts of the world that already exist which is  
you have limited areas of of control by certain economic actors who are able to create 0:57:50  
networks of security and resources for people who provide services for them in the  
form of employment uh but and then outside of that it's just everybody for themselves  
in sort of a makeshift uh like return to the hobbsian state of nature but with uh with  
tick tock all right this is one of the cards here swear to guard is government canadian  
national anthem i don't know why they're \*\*\*\*\* sucking off the canadians so much  
here since 1980 the national canadian national anthem has been oh canada before  
then the official anthem had been god save the king or queen o canada was written  
by calixia lavalier in 1880 for a contest held by a french canadian organization to

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select a national anthem the words in french were written later by sir edelf but did not gain wide acceptance until 1908 when they were translated into english by s r s weir so keep that in mind when you watch the um let's do one more yeah one 0:58:51  
more question um wither hollywood matt what happens with all these this after this year of zero movies uh is there any more is this the end of the current formulation of the hollywood system um i mean it does it seems inevitable to me i don't know how hollywood comes back from this i mean maybe we get a vaccine and people go back and there's like this mania for return but but like in other areas of the economy the \*\*\*\*\* hollywood was these movies were losing money you know comparatively like the profit was going down i mean yeah like avengers can make a zillion dollars uh but but they had to concentrate movies like adventures yeah exactly like they're concentrating into ridiculous profit margins we're in fewer profit making movies that require larger and larger investments to even break even uh and er there's there's 0:59:54  
just been a steady erosion of of box office uh income over the years like profitability of particular films so that was before covet so i think we're probably going to see a move towards just streaming everything's going to be streaming everything's going to be low budget forever streaming you're looking at the future of content people yeah and then cloud atlas is great i love the cloud i love cloud atlas too and then there might be a few movies a year that go to like i don't even know if they would be theaters i don't even know like maybe it's like gonna be there's gonna be like a big screen that comes down at dave and buster's to watch the new avengers movie i think movie theaters will forever be around us maybe even as a boutique experience because going to the movies rocks i love going to the movies but there's there is a it's going to be like you said it'll be a boutique experience it'll be like revival houses like apparently that's how a lot a number of theaters have have been showing old 1:0:56  
movies during covet and uh i could see that as being viable but there's only going to be a few movies a year i think that are going to get theatrical releases or are going to be expected to make their money through theatrical release most of the money is going to be made uh through streaming i do love going to the movies i love it too i can't wait i would love to go back to out to the movies i'm not going to go see tenet though uh yeah it i do think that they absolutely must uh actually do an oscars this year yeah so this controlled world tour can win everything yeah so that trolls two wins beck's best picture uh and cats uh you know uh best direction and stuff like that um i i think they have to do it just because it would be funny um like scene tenet in the chat i thought 10 was it impossible to see not you could see it elsewhere and i think there's there are like uh now bootlegs available but it's been released in 1:1:57  
other countries it's just not released here and apparently it is going to be released this week in theaters that are like allow them to be to be viewed so you will be able

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to hypothetically see it in the united states all right if you're willing to take your life in your hands i'm going to pay 4 000 uh dollars to get one of six seats available in an imax theater to stay distanced um all right well this has been a kind of low low low key just yeah this is this is basically a test of uh capacity here yeah we're i guess just some programming notes uh you know we can't really say much about it but matt and i were have been at the office this week uh because we have a fun new project in the pipeline yes uh so um you know we we might be broadcasting from here a few more times uh then uh usual just because we're coming in here to do some work um 1:2:59 as always the old style of of matt streams the the the kush vlog classic will never disappear never uh even if we move to this in a kind of full-time way uh we will we will try to always uh or in regular fashion do a big chunk of matt going off uh solo at the beginning and then maybe do some questions and eventually if i fix that \*\*\*\*\* graphics card we can play some games in here that is the dream i wanna i wanna play some games but again if you know anything about uh how to fix the geforce rtx 280 ti uh code 43 not recognized by windows uh hit me up and thank you to the person who already messaged oh perfect we're already getting info thank god also um i am running home to go do a music video happy hour stream on my channel uh with molly for and introducing our music podcast that'll start around seven seven ish on twitch.tv slash the chris wade if you want to watch some music videos and have a few drinks friday evening come watch us it's doing it beyonce power hour i believe beyonce power hour yes it's her birthday molly put together a power hour 1:4:2 for her uh and oh i thought it was so funny that that forbes list came out and they put beyonce on the 40 under 40 this year like what why does beyonce need to be on a 40 under 40 list because she's going places she i keep an eye out for this beyonce girl um what else oh as i said earlier in the stream but some people might not have seen it i i am the the kush vlog audio only podcast stream is launched it's not it's it's public but i haven't posted a link to it anywhere it only has 10 episodes the first 10 episodes in it over the weekend i'm gonna throw all the other 62 episodes in it uh hopefully by the early next week all the kush logs will be available publicly as podcasts in addition to the live stream in addition to their i think that's all the content news i have i think you did it right he did it buddy well done well so are we feeling good anything i'm feeling good i'm feeling i'm feeling good we'll be all right i think we'll all be all right everybody don't worry about it we'll be fine all right well 1:5:3 then until next time uh cyanuram

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foreign happy labor day everybody of course i probably don't have to tell you guys that labor day is fake that it was a psyop assembl essentially uh and that it was created explicitly to remove the working classes association with mayday which was a day of international working-class solidarity that sprung out of the which happened 0:1:6 on may 1st and the building on you know traditions of european may day rituals and all that and associated with harvest with labor you know with work it was a little too radical it was getting people all riled up they started thinking oh man maybe uh maybe we can should do something together you know as a working class who labor and so they created labor day a de politicized uh official carnival of of labor as an abstract concept like with microship where you extol all the things that are true about unalienated labor and apply them to alienated labor which is just the devil's own uh trickery you could even say that that's like the root of like cultural 0:2:10 superstructure recreating uh capitalism you have to have some degree of investment from the people being ruled even if it's coercive there has to be an element of of uh belief if not you know in the virtue and the worthiness of the system they find themselves under then under a preference for life over death or preference for uh being free than for being in prison like you have to have something like that and one of the chief pillars of that is called mystification is mystifying uh what life is by emphasizing all that is good and all that is healthy about social existence and applying it intentionally but over time just reproducing by reflex onto the awful system that we actually live under that undercuts and undermines all of that good stuff it contains that good stuff because it contains everything but it it is not it 0:3:13 doesn't generate those things those things are generated by us as people the system generates all that is awful uh but we confuse the difference and so mike rowe can go around explaining all the virtues of of of duty and discipline and uh and so satisfaction that come with a job well done all of which are 100 true but only on the behalf of oneself in concert with others a collaborative relationship that suffuses our life with uh ease and comfort and a sense of satisfaction because we know that we're building a community of friends a community that is safe and secure because it

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is consensual but that's not how labor works under capitalism it is wildly alienated and stripped of all goodness and and that is the source of but ideology doesn't 0:4:15  
make a distinction it just takes the whole of society and and subliminally even if it's  
critiquing it reinforces them as things that flow out of what we like to call human  
nature which is of course more \*\*\*\*\* more propaganda human nature i mean there  
is a human nature there are fundamental human responses to certain conditions uh  
but they are malleable they come from our encounter with the world is we find it  
as we come into consciousness and how what that is will shape our response to it  
there's nothing natural about that other than the fact that it is it appears to us to  
be in nature this is an interesting question someone asked they say was was that 0:5:25  
um that equalization of or that increase in labor share of profit that happened after  
world war ii totally contingent on the devastation of world war of world war ii and  
it's yes 100 uh there was enough to go around basically where those in power found  
it more more of more utility to neutralize the threat of the working class by buying  
them off to the degree that they could because there was money to buy them off and  
that's because the us stood alone in the post-war world as the industrial dynamo of  
the entire non-communist earth and that require and also we were in conflict with  
another system communism which was a direct threat and you can argue that it  
wasn't really ideological it was more just well there were russians we're americans  
and it's about who's being in charge who gets the who gets the access to the choices  
spoils of the imperial world system uh but either way they were a real danger and the  
working class were a potential vulnerability if if there was too much self-conscious 0:6:26  
radicalization among the working class which there was a ton of before world war ii  
uh and was terrifying and the more advanced forms of forces of capital divorce the  
world finance capital the world the capital that like work had an olympian removed  
from the economy made a deal because it made sense but that deal started breaking  
apart first from the political perspective because there was that segment of small  
producers who made up the backbone of like the emergent conservative movement  
which in the context of the 50s in the context of the 60s was stupid it was why would  
you destabilize this deal we have with labor when there's so much \*\*\*\*\* money to  
go around but that was not a sustainable system because part of fighting the soviets  
was building up these former enemies of ours who'd been destroyed because if we let  
them stay wrecked they would be vulnerable to overthrow and consolidation behind  
the iron curtain so we had to build back japan we had to build back germany we 0:7:29  
had to circulate the \*\*\*\*\* currency and circulating the currency at the center profit  
was still being made of course but it was no longer being made at the center and  
to be distributed to workers it was being internationalized but word labor was not  
and so when when when the economy was re-established after the turbulence the

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the the destabilization of the 70s it was reestablished on the neutralization of labor power and the and the the decision was made at the highest levels volcker carter uh the builder the \*\*\*\*\* uh carlyle group uh the business roundtable the chamber of commerce that the problems stagflation were going to be solved by the and the problems of declining profits which were finally biting in would be solved by taking it from the labor share of value and that meant breaking labor as a countervailing 0:8:30 force in american politics which is what both parties got together to do and so that raises a question asked by the person in the comments that well does that mean that we can't have another world war we can't have a restoration of the of that post-war like labor share without some sort of massive uh conflict and the thing is is that if you want to keep the system as it is yeah like there's no more money to go around like the the the bernie kind of pitches his pitched his thing and a lot of people believed it on the premise of we're going to go back to the good old days we're going to have high labor participation high union participation and organization of our working class and we're going to have them be at the table for these discussions and labor share value is going to increase but there's not they can't maintain a system that way due to the fact that this thing is all a high house of cards it's all built on 0:9:31 speculative bubbles that require massive amounts of money and specifically loss of amounts of money concentrated at the hands of the very top it's not a negotiable stance and that's why like and that's why i think the people but a lot of people saw that and said well \*\*\*\*\* bernie \*\*\*\*\* the point of this this is stupid jack me off forever uh and to me to that if i say no he might not be right about that the people who believe that might not be right about that but bernie at the point at that point and i still think this is true was the best chance we had to stand up any kind of working-class organization at all in this country any kind of beginning uh like uh to brief to reconnect the severed nerve endings of the american like working class so that this crisis could be met when it came and when moments of real potential rupture emerge in the best position to engage them and to make demands instead of being like they were in the 70s the sacrificial goat and one of the reasons it was 0:10:33 allowed to happen is because no one thought it could happen like the people at the top like the \*\*\*\*\* teamsters endorsed uh reagan you know who else endorsed reagan in 1980 \*\*\*\*\* patco the air air traffic controllers who he would summarily fire and mask when they went on strike a few years later because they thought carter's \*\*\*\*\* up well maybe reagan will give us a better deal nobody had got the memo that this was all over that both parties were just going to sever the connective tissue there they were going to cut the spine out of so but and and so even if i think that's true i don't necessarily think that even now post-bernie a political movement has to lead with we are going to have to marshal our forces for an apocalyptic confrontation with

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capital because as i have said a billion times there aren't enough people who already agree with those premises and you can't you cannot have any faith any confident confidence that you can convince them especially since all the people who think they can convince them are only adept at arguing in this hot hot box of people who have already accepted all of their premises and that they essentially don't have the because that harkening back to the new deal era it is a rhetoric it has a rhetorical effect and that rhetorical effect especially for older voters uh is to remind them of a time when things weren't so \*\*\*\*\* shitty and and reorient their thought of why oh man jessica krug i love how there is no chance that this thing is going to lead to any reflection of any of the yahoos involved in this any of the dummies who are part and parcel of that \*\*\*\*\* farce no one's gonna say hey isn't it weird that somebody could just say all the right \*\*\*\*\* and essentially uh uh like frank abagnale them themselves into uh into the halls of the academy just knowing the right words and knowing the right way to act and the right way to respond to any challenge and can do whatever they want there's no concern if anyone doesn't know what i'm talking about there's a woman who is recently outed a self-outed i don't know why maybe she couldn't handle the pressure anymore or it was going to come out eventually where she admitted that she she had risen she'd become an academic of like some sort of race theory uh from and the whole time presenting as like an a latina an afro latina even though she was very light-skinned very light-skinned and she spoke with some sort of like what she claimed was a and no one objected no one challenged her really and and no one is out no one's going to look at this at all no one is going to think maybe this is stupid maybe we have bad maybe our maybe standpoint theory has inherent problems with it maybe the idea that all you have to do is invoke your identity in order to defeat an argument or neutralize a concern leads you open to people who can do whatever the \*\*\*\*\* she wants right so she's saying someone challenged her on it but how long did it take how long did it take and there was one person who posted a uh a screenshot of a uh of a dm exchange they had with her where she actually did say you know how where so you're black and she goes yeah and she's like ah well in what way i mean you just presented white and she's like i don't identify with the colonizers and she just uses a bunch of the buzzwords and the lady kind of goes okay and just sort of keeps going and in the thread she said uh i was suspicious but i didn't want to do respectability politics and for people who don't know what that means there's this like line of argument that says that anybody who is like in a in a in a in a oppressed category in america is under no obligation to to uh there's no under no moral obligation to adhere to any standards of like decorum in argumentation or in scholarship or in politics because they are bad faith attempts to neutralize radicalism and are inherently racist because they're prejudging like what

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might be like authentic uh cultural practices and this incident really shows that you can make that argument all day from a moral perspective that i have the moral right to act that way to act the way i want to to speak my truth and not not worry that the white man is going to concern troll me but once again because these arguments are all one-dimensional no one asks a question like well does it make sense for me to do that does it make sense to operate from that principle in in in the terms of negotiating life with other people because remember there's not there's not just a moral dimension to a question because all these people were talking about the need about how bad respectability politics are are doing it in the context of advancing what they say is social justice they're saying we want social justice and they say by us being active we will bring it about but if that's the case and if you believe that then you are obligated to not just examine every decision through a moral lens removed from practicality you also have to ask yourself what is this going to do if i act this way and the answer for this respectability politics thing is it disarms everybody it makes you ultra paranoid about everybody unless they say the right words and in this case you can just be awful and obnoxious to people and they will essentially be disarmed by that partially because they don't want to do respectability politics but most of all i think this is very much part of it brian quimby has pointed out that that owning conservatives by saying that you were in the military i think he said liberals but it's true of conservatives too uh is perfect because they will never doubt you they will never challenge you because to them that is anathema that is a taboo beyond taboo and so therefore no one could ever even do that if they couldn't think of it no one could think of it this is one of those lacunae things i'm talking about they cannot conceive of stealing valor so of course no one else would at least until they like see evidence of it or like those guys who are like freaks and like obsess about it they have their own weird thing we're normal people who are like really reverent about uh about serving uh either if they did or didn't that's an anthem and this is a this is the liberal version of that like lying about your race transgressing against people through like a racial uh appropriation certainly like taking a spot that might go to a a platform that might go to a minority is absolutely unthinkable and so they can't even imagine uh someone doing it and that means that you're totally disarmed you can't argue anything because how are you going to know what anybody's intentions are you can't say well you know you go by who they are you could say i can go by who they are but what if they're lying and and more importantly what if the fact that they are a certain identity doesn't actually mean they know what they're talking about on a given subject because we can it's pretty easy to see that there is no universal standpoint from any one particular if there were there would be no black at least according to the thinking of these people like they're talking about like

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what emergent uh uh insights come from being having a particular experience i mean 0:18:47  
if if they're not universal then i did have a very nice weekend thank you someone  
said that uh asked if i had a nice weekend it was a good one it's been nice so far  
kind of uh taking the day slow after yesterday kind of went hard ah uh someone 0:20:4  
what do i think of the lodge 49 ending sadly i don't really think it had one i mean it  
was pretty clearly intended to have another at least one more season and i honestly  
think that it could have really like brought the strands together even just one more  
so i really hope it gets another season somewhere i know at this point it's a slim  
read but that last scene of the last episode is so \*\*\*\*\* awesome and evocative and  
it just demands another season but lodge 49 it's like people's it's it i mean people  
are saying give me the business for talking about a prestige show but i think part  
of the big reason that it's not popular was it that it didn't follow a lot of the of the  
necessary elements of prestige show one of them that i think gets under discussed is  
how and this is really weird when people want to insist that like television is the new 0:21:6  
high art how many of those shows are genre shows essentially are are some sort of of  
like uh plot first structure like even the sopranos which of course isn't really a mob  
thing you know it's a deconstruction but still has the structure and certainly the  
like scenes content of a genre production and that's true of like the wire deadwood  
and uh breaking bad fargo like like the best of this genre is still genre stuff and it's  
like i'm not disparaging genre chef i mostly watch it because it's fun and i like it  
and i have kind of middle brow tastes i'm not gonna front but what i don't do is i  
don't act like this is the ceiling of \*\*\*\*\* uh like art now and the people who assume  
it is is uh it's baffling i mean it's not baffling i think i understand why you know  
people have essentially given up on anything better i don't think it's a useless to 0:22:9  
talk about genre shows because i think the thing about genre programs is that they  
include certain elements that are designed to indulge the audience and you can say  
they have other things they do like genre isn't all a good you know all dumb there's  
plenty of great genre movies i love a lot of fantastic genre films and shows some too  
but there is still a there's a indulgence at the center of it that i think adulterates to  
some degree the artistic intent uh and once again that doesn't make it bad and it  
doesn't make me not to be engaged with it just means that if you want to actually  
have like a well-rounded artistic diet and you want to feel like you are you know  
challenging yourself which is the point of art to some degree it's not only that but  
it's partially that then you should really challenge yourself and part of that involves  
engaging with things that do not indulge you along certain and the fact that we've 0:23:13  
even lost the vocabulary to talk about art that way indicates the way the culture has  
been deadened someone said that tacking toward critical praise attenuates and two  
yes it does but look even in that case one of the reasons that genre one of the reasons

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that prestige shows stopped being even interesting after a very short time is that very quickly uh they went from a creator having an idea and then trying to pursue it to a creator having an idea and then tacking off of subconsciously or consciously the response from the media because there was a mutually reinforcing dynamic especially in the early arts in the early internet era between critics validating television as an art form and creators of shows making those programs and that's one of the things that i think is most annoying to me about fargo even though i really like it i think the the achilles heel for that show is that i think it is far too conscious of of the critical like consensus around uh what makes good tv and that means it is good because the guys making it are very and guys and gals making it are very good at hitting those benchmarks but they're limited also by those benchmarks which are built around this need to reinforce a consensus around like what makes good tv that is inherently inherently deformed because the the form is inherently deformed and like latch 49 doesn't really have a lot of the stuff that gets bells and whistles going in the critical warehouses but it's really good i would say that madmen did not have the traditional genre trappings but i but anytime you're dealing with uh i don't know i i think the way they shot the 60s and like the specific way that that era is just so evocative of like an american the american renaissance like our greatest moment culturally in terms of like total confidence in in our in our hegemony uh and and a a futuristic forward-looking approach to all cultural issues which reflected itself in that fantastic aesthetic and madman really really leaned into the aesthetic of the 60s which helped prop up its critical reputation in a way that was not necessarily you know uh artistic intent but i understand that that was also like part of the part of the artistic intent was to lure people in with that and then reveal the harsh underbelly but at the same time it's like oh really wow you're gonna tell me you're gonna tell me something david i do love deadwood i have to say i haven't watched it since i haven't rewatched it since it came once since i first watched it which is years ago now but i don't think it's i don't think i'm worried about it not being as good as i think it is because i'm pretty sure it's great but i don't know i kind of like having it in my memory i didn't really like the deadwood movie too much honestly i understand what he was trying to do it was it was just sort of it was kind of fitting because that movie is is like the movie is about the the movie is about these characters dealing with the traumatic after effects of going through the experiences in the first three seasons uh while also being a meta like uh grief expression about the show's untimely cancellation like it's about the it's about death but it's also about the death of deadwood the premature death of deadwood because the plot of it if anyone has seen it is basically just a compressed version of the third season the plot points like he even beats up hearst and puts him in the jail again uh and it's because and they kill charlie utter

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which is basically a what's his name jim beaver's character uh ellsworth that's it not farnsworth um but that's because it's like we didn't get a chance to end the show and and what they probably what he had what milk and those guys had in mind for the fourth or fifth season was probably too ambitious to cram in satisfactorily into a two-hour movie but what they could do is like have a chance to grieve for what they never got to make and i feel like that's kind of the meta text of the deadwood movie which i get why they made that and i get why that was a thing that made sense to do with the limitations of just trying to put this capstone at the end of this huge project and considering how many years later it is and how much visibly older everyone is which means that all the like the the evocations of death and like grief are even more appointed uh so it has those resonances that are good but like after all that time it's a little it's a i haven't seen planet of the humans people say it's echofash i don't really uh i someone's asking about chinese action movies not really i did see the wall but the great wall right that was the name of it one with matt damon which i thought was really funny because people got mad at that for cultural appropriation because a white guy was leading the movie even though it was an all ge all chinese production that was like an attempt to make a chinese blockbuster and they wanted a \*\*\*\*\* american movie star because people recognize american movie stars uh no but anyway i know that doesn't count the one that people keep talking to me about is wolf warrior 2 because it's so hilariously like an american action movie flipped over because the americans are the bad guys and he like owns the \*\*\*\*\* out of them uh but i essentially need to know if there's cgi and i kind of assume there is and if i don't know if i can get over that honestly like i'm trying to get to the point where i don't complain about squibs so much by them i do like now how how like they're getting pretty overt with the with the propaganda the chinese propaganda in in all their stuff i like that i like that we're we're gonna get we're getting real great power rivalry again i mean it's inevitable and i think it undermines a lot of people's under assumptions about thank you yes the death around the corner appearance that was a lot of fun mike is uh mike is very sharp i think i'm going to go on again soon because we didn't get a chance to talk about the master is china the best at soft power now that's still us for now we'll see how long it lasts but our cultural output is still dwarfs china's it's one of those things where we underestimate it because of how powerful it is it's when people think about us fighting china in a conventional war they have a lot of guys but we still have just an absurdly large amount of weaponry now of course it's a lot of it is for show and not meant to work but i mean hell even if you just like dropped pallets of cash on but we still have a huge military and we still have more than anything really like like we have a huge military that asserts control over the globe but what what manufactures consent for

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american empire way more even than our military presence is our cultural output  
uh in terms of like ratifying you know some but of course it's undergirded by the  
military but they they're they're reflections of one another and so they're both pretty 0:32:42  
powerful and it's both still us but you know it's all about the trend lines like all this  
stuff with china is about trend lines not the current i think that some of the chinese  
trolls i've seen have been okay like the troll farms but i think the i know somebody's  
mad that i said us uh i don't think it's i get you know you don't want to make it feel  
like this is all consensual but at the same time you know i i don't want to lose sight  
of where i am and who i and you know what yeah somebody says dollars that's the 0:33:51  
three things that's the three legs of american of american hegemony within the global  
capitalist system because remember it's like it's not a hegemony over like as as a in  
a in a conventional empire it's it's it's hegemony of like the geographically centered  
american political and economic class but incorporating all other regional powers  
and regional uh uh economies it's it's the circulation of dollars and it's funny when  
you think of how many big american blockbusters are centered around the military  
and involve military uh like consul consultation and and the use of actual military  
equipment uh like transformers movie debuted the f-22 like giving a theoretical place 0:34:55  
where that weapon that plane might be useful hey what if the decepticons show  
up you could look at it kind of as like a a catalog like you put out a movie and  
it sort of also it doubles as a weapons catalog hey this is what we got both as a  
veiled threat but also as a enticement to buy because we sell a lot someone's asking  
about sirhan sirhan and about m.k ultra the theory about him there's not a lot of  
uh there's a lot of circumstances there's it's all very circumstantial much like with  
manson but it still raises a lot of eyebrows uh one of the big things about sir han  
was not just that he claimed that he didn't remember the night of the shooting uh  
it's it's the nature of his uh automatic writing like he didn't write a diary like arthur  
bremmer or something he just wrote rfk must die over and over again which is ah  
not a usual association with an assassin they tend to be like baroque in their in their 0:35:56  
self-justifications and want people to understand them instead of like like rfg must  
die is almost more like convincing himself of something uh and i believe although i  
haven't read about it in years this might be like my mind filling in a plank i believe  
if someone could correct me if they know i'm wrong that uh when he was a view that  
at one point he was a jockey and at one point he had a concussion or he broke a leg  
or something falling off of a horse at the paddock and he was treated at a hospital  
that received nk ultra grants like mcgill university did um and i don't know i'm not  
sure but you add that to like you know the \*\*\*\*\* gunpowder residue behind rfk's  
ear when sarhan was standing in front of him the fact that more shots were hurt  
more shots were heard or or bullet holes recovered than are could be found in the

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chamber of uh of the ivor johnson 22 caliber pistol that saran was firing thane caesar 0:36:59  
\*\*\*\*\* uh huge tool iron bob mayhew it's like with all the assassination stuff it raises eyebrows and i kind of just like i think all that stuff is most pedagogically useful as as narrative sort of betting you know but it's it's not really good to fixate on it a lot of it's just phantoms that can't be grasped and trying to grasp them does it takes your eye off the ball so you just have to like leave it around as furniture like accent pieces when someone's asking about the mlk assassination see that one to me is the one that i think i intuitively buy the most and it boils down to motive like for me 0:38:0  
i'm not fully convinced like mike mike judge and a lot of people are now like building a new consensus on the left that like replaces the old alexander coburn idea that jfk couldn't have been assassinated by the deep state because he wasn't a threat to them he was a cold warrior why would they do something so horrifyingly dangerous and well norm violating norms that benefited them uh to kill them and people are building a case that no like jfk actually did have a like oliver stone says in jfk have a explicit agenda of stepping down the cold war in a way that would have fatally undermined the military keynesianism that was powering the american economy uh and of course you know make them vulnerable to communism winning or that it was alan it was essentially a revenge hit by by alan dulles uh the one i found a little underwhelming because i just haven't got convinced myself that jfk was that guy and i don't know if anybody could honestly the more everything more specific i can't 0:39:1  
really because it could fit with all the specific stuff about the assassination how it might not have been the official story that could fit with a bunch of interpretations uh like the ellen dulles did it as a revenge thing which i kind of don't buy because it's like i mean it's a little petty uh i mean to kill the president it's a little petty uh but like you know it was uh it was cubans or it was uh or was the mafia and the cia basically covered it up to prevent people from finding out that they collaborated with the mafia to try to kill castro or like libra it was a botched uh assassination staging to get jfk to recommit which and the thing is that also kind of fits with a lot of the broader arguments about jfk being a threat to national security the thing is i can't pierce that veil i can't get through there like the motivation question for me is too too central and rfk is similar but there you have like subsidiary things of like well if any of the r and any of the jfk conspiracy theories are true that involve 0:40:4  
any kind of deep implication of the government or like the mafia or something not even in doing it on purpose but in covering it up afterwards there would be a huge incentive to prevent the brother of the guy you did that to to be president there's i mean and there is some evidence that rfk told people around him that when he he wanted to be president partially because he was going to bust open the books on his brother's assassination and if you have any part in it even if it wasn't directed

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by the state to stop kennedy uh you have motive but once again it's a high burden it's a high hurdle he's uh but for me like our mlk i think one that he was viewed he absolutely was used as an existential threat by people who mattered like specifically j edgar hoover one of the most powerful men in america like a guy who could press a button and have a thing done a man who was essentially the deep state personified he was the physical and human embodiment of the buried infrastructure of uh of 0:41:5 like military or of like domestic coercive mechanisms that undergirded the political class and made him essentially above them so there's motive there that i think is sufficient and also if you're the fbi you have very little to fear of anyone finding out about it you know because all the most of the kennedy assassination conspiracies involve around some subsection of the government planning this thing but uh but in a way that would maybe have pissed off other parts of the government or parts of the deep power structure that weren't that weren't ready for that violation of norms like say the kennedy family who have those one of their family members got killed and they're not going away they're still a powerful political force if you kill mlk you have 0:42:6 not destabilized anything from the point of view of the unified opinion of the ruling class in fact you've stabilized it so the risk of getting caught is essentially nil but you know as with other things the cir the the evidentiary case separate from the motive question is also largely circumstantial and mostly based on incongruities like the fact that james ro ray was spent over a year i believe as a fugitive who'd broken out of a prison in missouri with no visible means of support buying insanely expensive telescopes traveling to canada and then most buzzingly after the assassination flying to uh london uh on his way to rhodesia to join up uh with with the with the ian smith's white minority government's military there which was a big thing uh in the 60s was like uh was like guy like the guys who are now proud boys uh the real hardcore 0:43:7 ones in the 60s they signed up with the rhodesian army to like go in on the helicopters and perform mozambique drills uh on black people which is but there weren't i mean some of them did that but like how the hell they get to london this \*\*\*\*\* yokel um so that's why but like i said it's so circumstantial uh they're certainly not the physical evidence that you see in the rfk case but i think it's a stronger circumstantial case because i think the motivation thing i don't know what to do about the camera man why are you looking at me anyway look at something else why don't by the way it looks fine in my camera it looks absolutely pristine in my camera i do not know why it goes through smudged so you can explain that to me please can someone with a science degree tell me why it looks absolutely clear in the screen that i'm looking 0:44:8 at but i'm looking at the \*\*\*\*\* computer see it's bitrate what does that have to do with my \*\*\*\*\* camera you dumb \*\*\*\*\* sorry i'm losing my religion but i'm trying to talk here and the tech stuff always throws me off because about when we do the

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streams from the office they will be pristine and you won't be so uh i wanted to 0:45:12  
read something from a book i just started which is russell banks's cloud splitter of  
letters ostensibly from owens brown the last surviving son of john brown from years  
after harper's ferry recounting the experiences of living with john brown uh and i just  
started it and it's very good so far uh but i wanted to read something from it that hits  
on one of these set like i talked about john brown here and how he is like the model  
of sacrifice out of love of conviction out of belief out of faith and how it's hard for us  
to look at that and make it coherent because we don't live that way because because  
we have been materialized we are we are sort of ego bound in a way that makes us 0:46:13  
uh unwilling to risk comfort and it's not like i said it's not our fault we have to but  
we have to fight against it and one of the things that flows from like a lot of people  
will point out to john brown like oh he was a religious fanatic like if he was around  
now he'd like be shooting up abortion clinics or he'd be like a mega psycho because  
he's so pissed about like uh uh uh like uh pink-haired uh transgendered people going  
to the wrong bathroom or something because it's against the bible and i think that  
that confuses how religion works the people who are that way the people who are  
psychotically fixated on like enforcing a a uh explicitly religious social demand do  
so out of they have no belief and that's why they're tempted that's why they have 0:47:19  
to seek it out and suppress it not for their children because they're their children  
you know you should be instilling values and and part of it is because their lives are  
harder and more alienated and and they have less time for to spend instilling values  
in their children and that does give them anxiety but a lot of it is they're tempted  
themselves i mean we know the porn the the amount of porn consumed in the bible  
belt utah for example i think was one of the highest internet porn consumption in the  
country uh but that's that's that speaks to the fact that there is a real temptation  
and uh that's because of a lack of of real conviction in not the not that god exists  
they think god exists but like god is a separate being heaven as a real place their  
soul as eternal and never to be brought back into communion with god really if so  
at far far distant future uh in their uh so they believe in that but that's just an 0:48:20  
external mechanism of enforcement of behavior because they don't have their ego  
is completely fixed on self uh indulgence and so they want to do all the bad things  
they want to do all the bad things and only god in their head will stop them and  
if culture gets more tempting that will tempt them too it's the logic of the al-qaeda  
of the of the like al-qaeda and isis guys like all the belgian gamer kids who went to  
isis to cut heads off it wasn't just the the promise of you know uh slave girls and  
stuff or go to heaven it was because they believed in god like as as an architecture  
of like enforcement of uh book behavior and they believed in like the the mythology  
of it and where their soul would end up but they did not believe it out of a desire to

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transcend the self through communion with others because they grew up in \*\*\*\*\*  
alienated and and hedonic easter western europe and it's like that's why so many of 0:49:24  
them were like fails and gamers or drug dealers uh criminals uh and like why um  
well why not some of the 911 hijackers went to a strip club like that before they did  
9 11. that wasn't that wasn't hypocrisy it didn't mean they didn't believe in their  
faith as an abstract concept what it meant was is that they were tempted by all of  
the west and they wanted they would rather annihilate themselves with in an act  
of purity than risk continuing their life and being tempted which is what the west  
would continue to do and that's because and that's because people want to say that's  
islam no that's not islam that is the fact that we this is the way different cultures and  
different levels of symbolic like reasoning and symbolic logic and uh and like axis of  
uh like symbolic attachment respond to the the destabilizing and atomizing effects of  
capitalism as they undermine social connections how do people respond to that and  
that like you make these people who have in their head an ancient religious tradition 0:50:26  
that sprang out of originally a desire to dissolve distinctions and re become reunited  
with all other people and then with god which is all other people in the universe  
and has over time been replaced by the psychic regime of of coercion because the  
lives we live have drained that of our of us it's drained out of us and so we i mean  
we're fallen we're that's where that's the actual sin that's the actual fallenness but  
because we don't even recognize that's the source of it we decide oh i just have to  
not do the bad things and stop the temptation to do the bad things and that will  
be make me good no you'll still be separated you will still go to hell when you die  
and that you will die in fear gone mad at the prospect of losing losing attachment to  
the world attachment to the world that is totally organized around you perceiving  
yourself as the sole node of consciousness in the universe and that's and john brown 0:51:27  
was different than so many men of his generation and so many religious men of his  
generation because i remember there were plenty of pro-slavery christians i mean the  
the \*\*\*\*\* southern baptist broke away from the methodists because they were being  
too persnickety about owning people and built a whole new ideology i mean the  
dutch reformed church in uh in south africa was like arranged around like reifying  
hierarchy why because it was a really a project of indulgence it was a project of  
extracting surplus we're going to get the diamonds we're going to get the land but  
john brown didn't want to do john brown saw the humanity because he felt connected  
to all humans he felt the connection to black people the same because it was not  
obfuscated by uh by this craving for satisfaction in the material world that comes  
from ego separation he didn't have that and so he could see clearly and then act 0:52:29  
ra act morally which is what we can't do and i'm not saying it's impossible but it  
is an individual struggle with within all of us to eventually rediscover the ability to

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do that uh but but he was there he was like a ren he was a he was a rare like the system is not set to predict create people like him certain even by 18 the 1830s but certainly not in america but the right things pop together he was in the right places at the right times had the right grooves in his brain to create uh like to actually see the world as it existed to like to to put on them he put it out and i think this section there's early in the book uh owen brown is describing john brown as a father uh and reading it really hit me just how this what he's describing whether it was true or not you know like i think you know obviously this is a novel but i think that this description comports to how i imagine uh faith works in one who really believes 0:53:30

following yesterday's letter i've been recalling this morning those early days in new richmond and the peaceful prior years of my boyhood in hudson both wildernesses of the old western reserve when we resided there has fraught with difficulty and danger on our first arrival and settlement as was our adirondack mountain farm later we lived in our villages then amongst wolves and bears and mountain lions and deep forests that blacked out all light in the lost ravines we lived close to indians iroquois mostly suspicious and withdrawn and silent who sometimes left their forest enclaves and visited our villages to trade but mainly kept a safe distance from us and 0:54:32

there was the occasional fugitive slave coming up from kentucky or the mountains of western virginia by way of the underground railroad run generally by the quakers back then and passing through to canada a quiet frightened day-long visitor hidden in the attic of our house and spirited on under hay and father's wagon as soon as night fell to the farm of a quaker some federal fellow radical abolitionist 30 or 40 miles to the north but recalling those days of long ago after having seen all of the civilized world that an ordinary man needs to see in order to know the true nature of people in society i am struck by nothing so much as our sustained virtue and orderliness wherever we lived in those days wherever we set up our house and farm and commence during doing business with our neighbors we were like an island and a sieve chicanery godlessness disorder and willful ignorance for we browns were distinct we were different for most of us those who surrounded us we were surprised not just by wilderness but by reckless sinners as individuals and as a family we were sinners too of course like all men and women but ours was the fastidious sin of pride for we 0:55:33

were proud of our difference and took pleasure in enumerating the ways in which it got daily manifested we even prided ourselves on the number of occasions and the ways in which our friends and neighbors were affronted by our virtue and orderliness or found it strange or eccentric and as a result held themselves off from us choosing to view us as did the iroquois from what must have felt them a safe distance our pride that subtlest and most insidious of sins got manifested in a variety of ways but all reports to the contrary i do not believe that we were arrogant certainly mother

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and later my stepmother mary and my sister ruth were not arrogant and the younger children were all naturally modest and shy boys and girls alike and were constantly encouraged to remind remain so when they ventured out into the wider world that home provided and for the most part they did my older brothers and i too strove not to lord it over others less fortunate than we less disciplined less inclined to sacrifice their force and time on earth for the greater good what father called the common wheel and even god father himself was not arrogant although he was indeed 0:56:34 commanding and headstrong and made only those demands of us that we made of himself that he made out of himself as well and made no demands on others but wholly accepted people as he found them to father other people chose to live our way and there were a few here and there who did or they choose not to it was the same to him either way on the other hand though there was never a man so detached from the sinner who so loathed sin when it came to the sin of owning slaves which father labeled not sin but evil all his loathing came down at once and in a very personal way upon the head of the evil doer he broke no fine distinctions the man who pleaded for the kindly treatment of the human channel or as it had could occur naturally like a shift in the seasons argued for the gradual elimination of slavery as was just as evil was just as evil as the man who whipped branded raped and slew his slaves and he who did not proudly loudly oppose the extension of slavery into the western territories was as despicable as he who founded escaped slaves all the way 0:57:36 to canada and branded them on the spot to punish them and to make pursuit and capture easier next time but with the notable exception of where a man or woman stood on the question of slavery when father considered the difference between our way of life and the ways of others he did not judge them or lorded over them he did not condemn or set himself off from our neighbors he merely observed their ways and passed silently by and he knew all the ways of men and women extremely well he was no knee no bumpkin my father was not the sort of man who stopped stopped up his ears at the sound of foul language or shut his eyes to the lasciviousness and sensuality that passed daily before him he never warned another man or woman off from speech or act because he was too delicate of sensibility or too pious or too virtuous to hear of it or went to witness the thing he knew what went on between men and women between men and men between men and animals even in the small crowded cabins of the settlements and out in the sheds and barns of our neighbors and he knew what was nightly bought and sold on the streets and alleys and in the taverns of the towns and cities he visited the man had read every word of his bible hundreds of times nothing human beings did with or to another or themselves shocked him 0:58:39 only slavery shocked him father was a countryman after all a farmer and stockman much admired by other farmers in stockman a working man who could roll up his

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sleeves and cut timber tan hides or build a stone wall along the side the roughest men in the region and although he was a failure at it he was a businessman too a man who traveled widely to boston and new york and once even to england and to the european continent and stayed in hotels and taverns where prostitutes plied their trade in the lobbies and drinking rooms below and visited men who traveled with in their rooms next to his only with a thin partition between father knew the ways of most men and women and he did not loudly condemn them he merely elected to behave differently to go his own way to keep himself pure and to marry young our virtues as a family were of course guided and enforced by our earliest childhood years well into adult life by father's own example and by his steadfast instruction although when he did become adults after about six age of 16 or so his manner of dealing with our lapses changed and that he no longer chastised us or enforced his will and the wisdom of his ways with the rod and belt or punished us for our disobedience instead he merely withdrew from the offender the shining light of his trust and no punishment was so powerful and corrective as that he did not require that we share him with him his deep unquestioning christian faith as long as our every act was a reflection of our belief in the rightness of the golden rule and our love of the truth if you cannot be a believing christian but will nonetheless do unto others as you would have them do unto you and if you will obey the first commandment of jesus christ and only substitute the word trust truth for god that i swear that i shall not disown you and it is only that purity of intent and confidence i.e faith real faith in the interconnectivity of all not in some \*\*\*\*\* fantasy \*\*\*\*\* about about lakes of fire and streets of gold the inner connectivity the the the inherent connection of all humans only if you start from that premise will you be secure in your beliefs otherwise you will have to always strike down temptation where you and you will be pulled off the beam of reality and pulled towards reactionary attitudes because there were a lot of christians who sought themselves as godly as don brown at that time and who believed in god as uh and spent all their time complaining about like the demon corn liquor and you know women showing their ankles like boston corbett cutting his balls off because he got talked to by a prostitute in new york he wasn't doing that because he could see in front of him all right guys i gotta go a little i'm going an hour because i started early but i gotta end early because i'm doing a first and years fantasy football draft tonight uh i intend to do poorly i mean i don't intend to do poorly i'm predicting with 99 sure confidence that i will be in fact bad i always leave just as you get here i'm sorry buddy it will all be on youtube and you can check it out on twitch as soon as it's done unless the i should draft lamar jackson i wanted you after aaron rodgers even though he sucks now

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uh \*\*Music playing\*\* oh well who else will survive this golden age are just old ideas 0:2:8  
rehashed where of all \*\*Music playing\*\* i used to say there will never be a our repeats  
itself i've heard a tale there will never be a skeptic oh yeah \*\*Music playing\*\* cause  
there is nothing new i've heard it said there will never be a classic again our voice self  
doesn't tell but it pays to be a skeptic oh yeah i've waited all my life to find a new 0:3:12  
age christ what do we need right now revolution i've heard it said there will never  
be a classic again art repeats itself i cannot tell but it pays to be a skeptic oh yeah  
cause there is nothing new that there art destroys itself i never sell but it pays to be 0:4:14  
a spectacle yeah cause there is nothing new no more fuddruckers folks i've actually  
only been to fuddruckers once i'll admit it and really my pain now is that i never  
got a chance to experience it again what if you could pick your own toppings on  
your burger that's what it boiled down to if anyone has never been because it's not  
really a huge chain nationally it's not um it's just funny named and it was famously  
parodied in idiocracy where over the years it turned into butt \*\*\*\*\* but as a as  
a brand as a concept i always was i found it comforting you know just something  
so perfectly stupid hey here's a place that kind of sounds like a sex where you can  
pick your own burger toppings which is true of basically any pete burger restaurant 0:5:15  
the only difference is that they're in front of you and you get to feel like it's the  
perfect little fake little doohickey a little uh like a hamster wheel for you to get out  
any a sense of like personal uh autonomy in your life like we've already constrained  
human freedom to mean the freedom to buy and they even but that gets limiting  
so you have to give people little micro choices within their choices to broaden their  
sense of autonomy which is of course entirely illusory because what difference does  
it make from saying give me a burger with lettuce tomatoes onions mayonnaise and  
some of the jalapeno sauce versus going and putting them on yourself it's a sense of  
action it's a sense of participation you're incarnating your will in action but it's the  
same thing as just telling them what to put on it it's just a little hamster wheel of  
of agency and it's called fuddruckers ah god it rules and it leaving really is i gotta 0:6:16  
say you can kind of feel like the lights are getting timed one by one i mean i i don't

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want to get too apocalyptic because i genuinely don't think we're headed towards a terminal crisis anytime soon i mean obviously anything can happen that could change that black swan events and what i mean we're in the middle of one and who knows what else could come on top of it and climate is clearly going buck wild right now in a way that could be very unpredictable and lead to like almost overnight instantaneous changes in like distribution of water resources and arable land that are totally unpredictable but i don't think there's anything to say oh we're in the end days other than the desire for this to be the end days which we all secretly have i mean there's a reason we're obsessed with the apocalypse and have been since the 90s it's because we've foreclosed any chance of a future as soon as the 70s ended and that tight and that \*\*\*\*\* uh the windpipe of the working class got closed there was no more future to imagine and so we imagine the end we imagine apocalypse instead 0:7:17 because uh just anything to not be this anything to reveal all of the fraudulence because apocalypse just means to unveil some confirmation of the the sickness in so of course we all want apocalypse in somewhere now and we get and now because everything is so dire we get to address that in righteousness and and in political uh um and most importantly for people who get a lot of online just uh satisfaction from building a political identity a sense of being politically intelligent and politically uh canny like oh you guys think that this can turn around you fools you mount banks you think we can go back to the 50s and i know i said that yesterday but what i mean by that is only that we can't return to a distribution of profit like we had in the 50s we will have to overcome capitalism to return to a like a a horizon of a future for people but that's a process and it starts politically and in the meantime 0:8:18 you can wrench things away it's just it's going to be ha it's going to have to be more uh militant it can't be it can't be we can't assume that we can get back to a transactional relationship with politics that's going to effectively bring about change we're going to have to move through that level though that's why i have no time for people who say we need we need to like marshal revolutionary forces right now we need to like go to the hills or arm people there's not enough there's not enough people who even understand what's going on have any kind of political context for their alienation and their in their dis and their panic at the moment and there's no no reason to believe that if a crisis got deeper you would be able to channel anything because you don't even speak the same language they do you have incorporated you have created an entire identity around a political self-conception that has a a private or at least a semi-private linguistic value system that is not translatable we have 0:9:19 to move through these dead structures and it's horrible to have to do that we're thrashing around inside a \*\*\*\*\* rotting taunton but we have to do it because it's what we have it's the only way to keep us us warm through this dark night of total

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like d socialization de personalization depoliticization what we're in for is more the same but slightly worse we're probably probably in for more of the same but worse and that means we have to deal with the structures we have and we have to work a basic belief that we have any kind of control of our destiny and bernie i think was the genuine start of that at this point though we have to move beyond bernie i mean that's pretty clear his his relevance is fading quickly that doesn't mean we grab new heroes that doesn't mean we try to it means rebuilding the sense that people can and most people like it's one thing to get a re once you're the big issue here is that a lot of people seem to think that if they can get people to understand that there's a political dimension to their pain in life and that that that that pain can be alleviated through collective action that they you can convince them once you've convinced them of that to skip right past any political uh uh electoral engagement in conventional politics to like full fully radicalized uh militancy and you can do that for some people i mean that's how a lot of the people who feel that they are that political persuasion became politically radicalized they just had a phase transition from apolitical to radicalized but the thing is that is that is a i would argue a rarer occurrence than the more likely thing which is people have to be brought through stages personally uh of political consciousness they have to first engage with politics and then be disillusioned with politics to move forward to the next level because the militancy people are imagining involves significant physical personal risk and people only do that if they feel like it will have efficacy as we've talked about like they have to feel like they're stressed they're fighting might be necessary and the thing is most people aren't going to be heroes they're going to want to find the path of least resistance and for most people that means psychologically forgetting about arguments because arguments don't really convince people of things psychologically most people will say what can i do with this new understanding of politics that will be productive without risking my life and the answer and of course you'll say no no elections are no good don't you see and then you'll explain to them why but guess what they haven't felt it they have not actually experienced a solution with politics so they're not gonna take your \*\*\*\*\* word for it some of them might but again i am talking the the the weight of like the prevailing psychology of the average person is going to move towards personal safety they're going to reason around that and so that means that there's an alternative if there's a political dimension a political act axis of action that is an alternative to direct confrontation with the state that could lead with their imprisonment or death that doesn't mean that they're going to stay there and it doesn't mean that they can stay there does mean they have to be brought through the process and one of the p and people who don't need that part are going to play their role in pulling them along but they should not be

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trying to abolish this thing or like make some sort of pointless propaganda argument in favor of like mass radicalization that ignores the fact that people have to move through psychological steps of awareness for the most part very few people can just flash fry themselves out of one mindset into another because reality intercedes the passions that made the moment dissipate and their sense of vulnerability as a person is brought back into focus over time and then and that is only intensified by their int they're moving through a world of pain and fear somebody is agreeing with me that lovecraft country is terrible man that's a bad show wow if that's the standard now of a prestige show and i don't know if that's the consensus i don't know i don't read any of that stuff anymore so i don't know what critics are saying about it i used to i used to read all that \*\*\*\* av club stuff when i was trying to convince myself that prestige tv was the highest form of art because i didn't want to read a book um but do people think it's like a good show like a really good show because it's terrible uh it's one of the worst ones i've seen that has any kind of uh like reputation and certainly on hbo which is supposed to be still a cut above the fillet of the tv genre as jeff daniels would say it's dog \*\*\*\* it's very bad i mean the fact that everything is cgi including all the creatures is very bad obviously it knocks it down a whole letter grade no episode could be better than a b from that point but man it's like it is the worst case it's the worst i would say that lovecraft country is the worst worst possible scenario of the politicization of culture that we have had in the last like four or five years specifically under obama but we're really intensified under trump whereby the only axis of value that a piece of art has is its political content because i think the argument a lot of people would make is things are so bad now and the need for people to both have their pain felt and to try to wake people up to the horrors around them means that the only real that piece of value art can have especially popular art and i must say my only rejoinder than that is watchmen but even more love and i thought watchman was bad lovecraft country even worse and even more an example of a program that only exists to be political to say something to make everybody uh good people to get all those white privileged folks watching tv to turn into non-ones and all the white people who are already feeling good about themselves to feel and my argument i point to that show and i tell someone do you really think that this show is going to save us save a single person from a hate crime or bring down the level of police violence against minorities in this country or do a single solitary thing for anyone except for the specific black people involved in making the show to make their lives better do you really think that do you really think a culture of tv that uninspiring and flat and alienating from an aesthetic perspective is going to do anything other than appeal to people who already want to feel good about themselves who are going to like the show and watch the show to reaffirm values

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they already hold and everyone else is going to \*\*\*\*\* ignore it because the only people who like that show i would argue are people who are getting a frisian out of it from like look at me i'm watching the black revisionist sci-fi show look at me i'm i'm reckoning with the sins of the of of whiteness and the and the in the erasure of black the black experience and i'm correcting it right here and now there's no other value to that show the performances are dog \*\*\*\*\* the effects are hilariously bad it has 0:17:36  
no atmosphere to speak of incredibly flat and of course its political content is dog food served up to just a bunch of hungry slaving labradors i knew that in the first episode when they scored they scored i told them about this already after i saw it i still blew my mind they actually put this in the show they scored a montage of racist incidents befalling a family traveling through the south in the 50s or 40s or whatever with i mean my god if it had been like like a change is going to come by sam cook that would have been heavy-handed enough no no no no we have entered an era where political uh content has to be so heavily loaded that that the abstraction of music is too far is to anxiety like oh no they're not going to get the point they scored it with a james baldwin speech just him talking about racism well while watching it 0:18:37  
what like the whole point of \*\*\*\*\* film which tv is a bastard child of is the interplay of like light and shadow and sound after the 20s and \*\*\*\*\* images and that are supposed to like go off of one another and produce like individual associations that's like an artistic response this is just layering \*\*\*\*\* on \*\*\*\*\* to so i say if this is art under that rubric it's it's it's a failed as on its own because it will not work on people because it's not good art and i don't even mean i mean if you're if you're the type of person who needs to be reached by this what's fun to watch about that show what's fun it's not fun you're not even gonna arg you can't even argue that you're gonna bring in people who otherwise wouldn't want like have their mind expanded by by that kind of racial content uh because they're not gonna watch in the so it's 0:19:42  
not it doesn't even have even though it uses genre even though it uses genre which is what's supposed to be like the the thing that gets people in the door because it's plot focused and ex and it can exploit uh like horror elements and violence in order to keep people watching even with all that even with that hook uninteresting and i see people praising this program and i think this is dark man you guys are just going to suck your own dicks in this cocoon of righteousness producing art to make you all feel better about being white or being privileged or if you're not white and privileged in making it getting to participate and tell your story finally and stand in for the exploitation of millions who like you and everyone else is going to be doing their own and it's going to be just so i have no competent no no patience for any any culture first politics of any kind caring about any of this stuff representation in 0:20:43  
any way what's good or bad art it's dog \*\*\*\*\* because yes yes the superstructure

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reinforces the base by giving us our ideas like imaginative framework that we carry out capitalism with which is crucial and changes the way we relate to one another but it cannot be clipped at that source it cannot be clipped at that source look what happens look what all that effort brings you to something that's just re uh recuperated by the structure which is funny because you'd think these \*\*\*\*\* pomo people would know that that's like a key like french puffs modernist uh take like i think it's derrida or i can't even remember one of those frogs recuperation all this all this all this anything that gets brought up in like in the culture and gets turned into like a cultural meme is then commodified even if it's brought if it uh if it's motive original emotives was genuine uh and like you know the reason they used to call them 0:21:53 exploitation movies is that rather than being art rather than coming from a place of expression of creative endeavor they were assembly mills where they would just take us they would exploit a certain stock character or subculture that would guarantee an audience or or a indulgence to the audience like violence people love violence sex people love watching sex hey black people don't have movies for themselves what about if we see sex and violence with black people you know there was rednecks plantation in the same era because there were a lot of drive-ins in the rural south it was all over the place and there wasn't like national distribution of films back then there would be like uh distributors would go like on road shows with like a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* uh films and and then show them like one theater and then move around the country that's how dolomites started being distributed um and so they would go to the south and they would blow these movies with like hillbillies shooting each other 0:22:54 in the butt with buckshot and like there's a hilarious uh spot on there on the back of their union suits but those were that's that was a thing that you could exploit in lieu of the art and this stuff this lovecraft country stuff like this it's like it's political exploitation it's like exploitation it's exploitation the wokeness stands in for the art people talk about it and people watch it because they get to participate in a ritual that reaffirms their political virtues and and those of their friends and that and then there's and that whole and that fills the whole of the like actual art did i coin that 0:23:55 because i wanted i i said that i wonder if i heard anybody else say that i might have invented that i'm not sure i don't want to i don't want to say right now i invented it but i i might because i might have heard it from someone else but i think i invented that \*\*\*\*\* but it's true just think of how much art uh how many things have you seen how many movies and tvs have you seen and i think this is one of the things that this is a perfect example by the way of how and there's actually a sunny it's always sunny episode in the last season that dealt with this perfectly there's this uh there's a there's one of the things that powers the really really stupid cultural arguments we see is that i think the real motive for a lot of like the white male rage

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at like woke entertainment and video games yes a lot of it is based on genuine racial anxiety about and and gender anxiety i'm not going to disagree especially amongst the most fervent people but i would say that on the margins which is where most people are because few people are really committed to this insanity like this insane fight over culture they they wear their their cultural indulgences lighter they mean less to them they're more distracting but but they still care enough they wanted to be good i think a lot of like these white young dudes they see this stuff that's \*\*\*\*\* that is you know inclusive and then they get and then they decide that it's the uh fact that it's inclusive that's why it's bad that's not why it's bad it's bad because everything is \*\*\*\*\* now it's bad because capital has totally dissolved the artistic input on almost all art forms including our precious prestige television and what is filling the gap is this easy lazy wokeness to give it cultural cachet and to give it like and to give it most of all a way for critics to say it's good hollow it's yeah fine whatever like i said a hole that's filled with wokeness uh and like how you look at the way people talk about shows specifically critics i guess somebody said about exploitation in gamergate well that was the scent that was the uh that was the kernel of truth and the thing is there's always a kernel of truth to every argument or else people wouldn't make it that's something people have a hard time with because they say no no no everyone there's correct arguments and wrong arguments and people hold wrong views either because they're stupid or because they're lying and people on art and on the internet mostly assume that you're one or the other in reality they're a kernel to truth to both sides of any stupid uh uh sim simplified uh argument on the internet but you but both sides have to deny the other that that privilege of anything being true because it undermines the totalizing nature of that argument in reality the \*\*\*\*\* that like a lot of these guys complain about is bad i'm sorry a lot of that \*\*\*\*\* is \*\*\*\*\* and lovecraft country's a perfect example but it's not because it's woke that it's bad something else would be filling that hole and it would be just as bad i mean they might like it a little more because it was like more indulgent to their to their interest but it would still be bad they just wouldn't notice the badness as much because they would have other elements in it that like satisfy them instead other people would find it worse so like everybody's looking at this impoverished cultural landscape and they're seeing a mirror of their own desires in it so like the white male reactionary see \*\*\*\*\* art that doesn't cotton to his sexual desires doesn't continue his hierarchies of racial expectations and stereotypes and identifies that as the problem with it but that art to somebody on the other side is seen as a recognition of that person so they don't notice the \*\*\*\*\* as much as the other one does so when they're arguing they're not arguing about the correct premise because they're arguing about whether like this representation is what's bad

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just like if there's something that is more indulgent to uh to like white male tastes and hierarchies and racism and all that stuff it its badness is easier to be perceived by people who are alienated by that and so the white male guy says no this is the good stuff and the thing that's good about it is the hierarchies and the white maleness and all that \*\*\*\*\* sucks yeah no like all that other stuff it's like i said exploitation movies are exploiting the stuff that the lizard brain audience that at that point was mostly young men that's who went to the movies back then that's who went to the movies in the 70s those young dudes what do they want to see they want to and they want to see uh like obviously if they're white they want to see the racial hierarchies that make them comfortable reaffirmed and so that's what they gave them but there was blaxploitation for hey what do young black guys want to see now it's flipped the audience who's getting pandered to has changed but it's still pandering and the stuff itself is not is still as devoid as hollow uh yes cultural marxism that is such a stupid concept you might as well just draw a giant question mark in the air and say i don't know it's like it's like uh it's like it's like political economy dark matter you're just there's this this thing here you know they're all in charge why because they have a plan why what is the plan uh it's to make us less virile so that it's all \*\*\*\*\* conspiracy theory it's conspiracy theory it is because otherwise there's no way to make sense the way to make sense of it is to say that over time culture becomes more accepting so that the uh pool of people who are in some way still like moored to some sort of political project right like it's easy to have like you have a a polity that has to submit in some degree to being ruled through a combination of coercion and adherence to a belief that they're part of the the world like part of the state part of like a a political a political entity and that they're like a stakeholder in it so it's a combination of both for everybody and the closer you are to power and and comfort the the less coercion is involved but it's a mixture for everybody uh and there becomes a time when in order to maintain like if demographics change for example uh you have to become more culturally accepting to keep more people bought in that they're part of this thing called the united states otherwise it becomes unstable it becomes ungovernable and you have to do that especially as the uh the material benefit from being an american in the in the middle goes away right as as the as the as the wages of being in you know the american uh uh working middle class working class uh and people get more alienated from a sense of political participation at the center of what used to be the economy you have to increase devotion outside of it in order to stabilize it in order to stabilize the system but what's driving that is the slow stripping away of of all people's economic uh john economic lives as as as surplus falls and is the ability to distribute anything to labor it's purely a coping mechanism it's a way to blame something without going to the to the fundamental

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cause and once again you know there's no way to win any of these fights and it's yeah 0:33:21  
like that's what's so frustrating talking about this stuff and i'm very sorry because it  
is so abstract and it's so got it's so hard to grab on to because at the end of the day  
it's just a it's just a it's a hobby for people to talk about you know yes it's it's part  
of our cultural firmament but it's being reproduced at a level that is untouchable  
by any of us all we get to do is argue about it and get pulled away from ourselves  
and each other by the by holding by by the anger and by the by the passion we  
put behind these these so yeah uh yeah i won't talk about that anymore it's very  
frustrating because well because it's it's the most these conversations are the single  
most perfectly compacted balls of inextricable false reading and and bad faith and 0:34:23  
and uh and libidinal like reinscription like this these are the opinions that where you  
seek out ones you disagree with to get off like stuff about culture man like that's  
where people politics sure but politics downstream from culture like at this level  
this this is where Breitbart was right like the culture of politics yeah it's it's it's all  
generated at the symbolic level of entertainment and then it flows down to politics  
which is just a more concentrated form of entertainment that a few appeals to fewer  
and fewer people and yeah uh as Whopper said in War Game the only way to win is 0:35:25  
not to play so there's no way it's like i'm not gonna go and argue about why Lovecraft  
is bad on the internet i'm not gonna write an article i'm not gonna contribute to  
the takes Smith i feel like i got this out of my system like once again i'm a lot of  
this is me talking my way through like why what i think of this stuff so i can but  
yeah it is not it's not to be engaged with because it's getting everybody everybody  
is getting off on it it's a bunch of perverts i think squibs i won't i won't talk about  
squibs now but i like the squib discourse because that's that's a little removed you  
know from like pure the purely cultural elements of uh of art like the culture war 0:36:27  
elements there's it's actually got a kind of a everything else is just it immediately  
flies off like when you're trying to i didn't really watch the Venture Brothers that  
much i appreciated what it was going for but uh i don't know at a certain point i  
guess i just kind of got the point rip though i know Chris is Chris and Amber i used to  
be into wrestling when i was a little kid i liked and then i got into it in college again  
i have not seen the Kaufman movie yet Sinich Dutch gg what's it called Synagogy 0:37:33  
Schenectady New York Sinich Joche New York that one's a tough watch man that was  
brutal i saw that in the theater uh it's gonna be it's gonna be hard to get me to sit  
down and watch that one after that one but i probably will at of course i've seen 0:38:39  
the righteous gemstones we did an episode about the that's how the good lord work  
i love adaptation that's still my favorite Charlie Kaufman movie people keep telling  
me that asked me to have a tenant review i i'm not going to the theater anytime  
soon that's for sure certainly not to see some \*\*\*\* dishwater Gray Christopher Nolan

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movie ugh talk about i mean just there's a slight digression by the way i really don't take any of your moans about like the decline of culture because of the sjf just jw vacation of entertainment and like the dethroning of the white male auteur if you're 0:39:40 because christopher nolan is a perfect and the things that people see in his movies are purely just like a clockwork plot mechanics that they are elevating because that's where the heart should be and they're filling it in with that i mean my god the guy can't even really shoot action movies that well that's our action scenes that well that's kind of crazy if you think about it like his movies almost all of them have been action films and he has what's a great action sequence in a christopher nolan movie i guess what the the joseph gordon-levitt floating hallway like if you're looking at 0:40:42 nolan and going like this is what we could have more of if it wasn't for all the uh all the women and minorities making woke movies now uh then sorry no thank you your your and like most of his movies are action films and he has he has no memorable in my opinion action sequences nothing that has stuck with me i remember being really impressed by inception when i saw it if you look at my letterbox review it's very high but that's one of those things where i was i was i was cop like when i'm talking on here uh a lot of the times i get angry and people think i'm yelling at the chat i'm really not i'm yelling at me because i am talking always about myself and if people find it meaningful it's because my experience resonates in some deep way and i was 0:41:43 in a state of mind where i thought that plot complexity and like this kind of stuff was serious art it was like bridging the gap between mainstream mass culture and high culture no it wasn't i just was a lazy \*\*\*\*\* who wanted to see movies where the slow car was going and they're like oh but that was his dream and then that was his dream and then that his dream was his dream and you get to mechanism um the battle of gotham you mean when the cops who had guns charged headlong 0:42:45 and a bunch of guys who and of course you can forgive that if it if it feels good in the moment enough sterile there's always there's always a risk when you talk like this that people are going to go oh yeah old man you're just bitter because they don't like make them like they used to huh grandpa and the thing is yeah that's always an element of all complaints about people about the new modes of art that they weren't like initiated to at the right age but there also is a steady decline in 0:43:46 quality of average art as capitalism infiltrates and annihilates the artistic impulse that makes art it's just a question of like what percentage is your critique one or the other decide i mean i think i made a pretty strong case visa v my arguments about squibs and cgi that we use that in at least the the main like taking one genre action films examining a concrete way that over time these movies have been made worse in a way that you can complain as just not being used to digital effects or you can see the flip side of that and see as a genuine difference that's for you to decide 0:44:48

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and then you ask yourself that and then you can answer yourself how does how is it likely that that effect reverberates throughout all of our i would love to go on i would love people say go on red letter media i don't get that choice i don't get to do that i sure as i'm not inviting myself on someone else's show i'm not but if they had asked me i would of course go no question i would really want to hope to go wait till after quarantine though because i would really love to go to the studio and uh to the best of the worst around the table then do rather than do but i mean i don't i mean they seem like they've got a pretty good uh you know degree of investment in this \*\*\*\*\* like this online culture like they're if you if you if you topped out at movies you're less tightly wound than if you topped out of politics i think and uh they and 0:45:49 then you can get really tightly wound and po on movies like say movie bob or devin ferracci or you can be nicely adjusted around movies online and they did that so they're much chillier they're way too chill probably never listen to us anxious politics dorks banging on about \*\*\*\*\* so they so but no one tell them that gavasani please please don't do that i just please don't do that do not do not tell them to get me on do not do it i will be very mad at anyone who does i'm not winking \*\*\*\*\* i will i yeah exactly they just went a thing with went through a whole thing with william 0:47:3 shatner because of some ogre eager oafs please please be cool i would love to get felix on rogan i think that that's fine because i think rogan might respond to that kind of thing i have no idea how he how he works but somebody somebody should tell rogan to have felix on because i really think no i don't feel like i don't think felix patrol 0:48:4 rogan i think felix would go in earnest uh fully confident that he had like a base of people get anxious about going on places that are like not ideologically uh friendly because they worry about getting rattled because they worry they think they would be insecure they would be nervous maybe not even because they didn't think they could like deliver on because they really didn't believe their beliefs they might be totally secure in their beliefs but they might be worried that just the thought of all those people listening and watching could get on them and and give them the yips the only way you could go on a show that big would be if you had full confidence that you would have like a base of a rapport with with with the host and prevent just getting off into into oblivion and felix 100 would go in there totally uh confident and i think would make for a great conversation they could just vibe on i think they could vibe on uncles for a solid hour i i don't i like i think the the danger of like if i if 0:49:17 i went on rogan i don't think i would ever would but i mean i would if they asked me my god but i don't think it's likely uh i would be worried and it would not be about confidence of ideas and not even about being able to like connect with joe because i think i know enough about joe's \*\*\*\*\* that i think i know where i could like get get a baseline with him and work from i think i would just get nervous about that

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many \*\*\*\*\* people so i would i would probably want to i would i would absolutely have to get high beforehand i mean i i uh no question i would have to definitely chew up but if i tuned up i think i could i could do i know that we have a pretty decent audience but uh you know it's by this point it's self-selected it's people kind of already like us and that and that in that vein you know we're able to find purchase it would be kind of it would be a little uh it would be anxiety producing to imagine stepping out of that bubble and having to confront a broader group of people who aren't necessarily on your wavelength and have to like you have to translate i would definitely go on mayor pete's podcast i would go uh in mayor pete's go on mayor pete's contest podcast uh right before right after it taking like a huge amount of laxative and then just \*\*\*\*\* my oh gwen snyder's podcast i would do that one for sure i mean she wouldn't invite me obviously that's a zero zero percent chance of happening but i conversation uh biden hiring anita dunn is uh hilarious i mean the entire biden campaign is just a ritualized abnegation and uh and and the fouling of every sacrament everything that democrats everything that liberals held holy every idea of inclusion and representation and uh and uh feminism profaned in the name of keeping the \*\*\*\*\* oh i would love to go on gorka show too oh i would love to talk to gorka i would go i'd get really like nitty gritty like napoleonic war \*\*\*\*\* with him like oh the boradino sir would you contend that napoleon aired you know that kind all right today i got to cut it a little short but thanks for the convo i know i got a little cranky there i'll try not to do that again don't want to alienate everybody but much love to everyone listening and watching and i hope it's less fuzzy bye-bye

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*Apres Moi de McRib*

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oh getting some erectile dysfunction with my guy here not having having a little difficulty there we go he was having i had to do a little uh manual stimulation of the of the phone holder there to make that happen i have a little bit too much chest here might be too erotic for some of y'all i don't want to get you all sprung as the kids say or they used to say back when i was a kid the kids said sprung now i don't know what the hell they say uh heated or is that too old are we done with heated 0:1:1 already uh chiving what do you say torqued i like to eat it we're totally blurped man we're totally blurped i know i'm blurped we're all very blurped to be here scro uh but that's always the case right so i wanted to start off talking about the big 0:2:31 thing about woodward in his speech and his uh a particular thing about woodward and his the thing he recorded trump saying which is once again it's hilarious it's trump at his best just flying out going it's very deadly it'll kill you you cough and the very important thing is is the air you got to breathe you don't have to touch somebody the way he has to explain it if anyone has read it the way he explains to woodward how how like uh like breath bubble like air droplet transmission the way air droplet transmission of disease happens versus skin-to-skin contact as though he 0:3:32 invented it as though he had to crack it himself just he's one of the dumbest people on earth it really is funny and people say no no he's smart it's like he has he's one of those people who is completely he completely his his transparent need to be loved his transparent and deep and abiding uh emptiness that he has to fill at all times meant that he assimilated what celebrity meant in this country faster than almost anybody in the in in we have he just the one talent he has so that is a skill that is an intelligence by any definition that is genius you could and the thing is is people have to be able to be thought of that way like trump is a genius if you want to talk about genius as the ability to ins to process quickly some vector like some way of 0:4:33 some question some array like there are physical geniuses who are good at sports you know they're mathematical geniuses who can master uh you know the implications of numbers and then they're geniuses who understand what it is to be famous and then make themselves that way a savant but the problem is is that the job of president

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traditionally has not been that of savant in that way in the way first of all not in any way the president being a savant is a terrible idea the president should not be a savant in any one thing because it means that they're wildly wildly incapable in all the other ways because it takes too much concentration to keep yourself pointed in that direction especially when you're dealing with the \*\*\*\*\* rotted oatmeal that is trump's but because we've turned politics into a spectacle of course a genius of media a genius of fame would of course take power of course he so we've got a guy who is 0:5:36 who is a genius at staying famous look at what he did with his modest gifts without ever planning for it he did something that the greatest minds policy and politics have set themselves like a \*\*\*\*\* guided missile for their whole lives and come up short bob dole spent his whole life trying to be president my god henry clay the guy invented a political philosophy he forged like wiggery like was the was like a transitional fossil in the creation of like modern developmental uh our modern like keynesian economic theory like it all kind of started with clay he he gave us like the um the model for henry clay gave us the model for what like the state should do in the liberal conception wiggery he invented that \*\*\*\*\* never got to be president never got to be president ever he ran got his ass kicked his own party at one point when they thought they could win when they thought with van buren dealing with the crisis of 37 in the 0:6:37 1840 election they thought we can actually win this one we don't want to put clay out there to get his ass kicked again and so they denied him the nomination they said look we love you but we want to we want a general we want a beautiful general somebody who can reach beyond the a guy who just fought in the big war remember you know because the whigs were not the party of westward expansion that was the democrats the wigs were the party hold on a second wait a minute so harrison was like an embodiment of like the democratic frontier aesthetic but he was also a genuine wig and that he believed in the american system and so they give it to him and henry clay got so pissed that when they offered him the vp he didn't take it he told them to \*\*\*\*\* off and so they just decided to do a further bit of bridge building by extending the nomination to john tyler who was not a wig at all he was a southern 0:7:39 sectionalists he had broken with jackson over the question of nullification and they brought him in under the theory of the big tent which is exactly what ended up biting the republicans and america in the ass with andrew johnson it was a similar situation they got a guy in there who had no no truck with the republican platform and he explicitly wasn't he was a democrat but he he abided by the principle of unionism which was transcendent the way that the whigs in 1840 wanted anti-jacksonianism to be the the the providing ideology and and then of course harrison dies at the poop water almost immediately and instead of having clay the actual founder of american wiggery in power with the whig they get a guy who doesn't buy any of it and and

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vetoed their entire platform i mean my god my god what a blunder one of the biggest 0:8:40  
blunders ever and it was clay's blunder to make because at that point harrison was  
the oldest man who had ever would have run for president he was 68 at a time when  
that was like the life expectancy for a rich guy higher was lower than that where  
there was a giant stagnant pool of human \*\*\*\*\* this is a recipe for a dead president  
yo movie remember that one and instead out of peak clay says no and then the entire  
whig agenda is destroyed and it eventually was recaptured by the republicans like  
the republicans continued the wig but like that wig republican engine is has been the  
mechanism why whereby capital expansion through america has been ratified from  
the bottom uh from the bottom through like popular consent like that's been the the 0:9:41  
the connection between the state and it and like the economy the political economy  
that is the that was the chassis for which has been dogged by its antithesis which  
is like the remnant jeffersonian jacksonian yeoman theory the yeoman concept of  
minimal minimal uh minimal government maximum personal liberty in a context of  
uh of essentially free ex-corporation of land i.e settler colonialism it is a pre-figurative  
remnant of that that's been clashing in one warmer another ever since the emergence  
of the republican party after 1865 and now as the ability for that structure that had  
been created to actually deliver anything like political legitimacy to the system that 0:10:44  
it's supposed to it might actually fall it could potentially fall finally to the infiltration  
in this the return of this jeffersonian conception of at maximum liberty for property  
holders which would then be fused with the remnant of what we have created now  
to become a synthetic like neo-feudal reassertion of like the the antebellum uh rulers  
of this continent only now without even the necessity to create a social network or  
political legitimacy and technology will fill that space that was filled by popular  
popular uh participation and legitimacy it's now filled by coercion and technology  
and surveillance more than anything more even than the \*\*\*\*\* like that will lock you  
down that will lock you in place in a way that believing you were part of something  
called america that had values and there was a dream you could participate in even  
if you were personally in a bad job or unhappy in life or unable to find opportunities 0:11:45  
there was a hope for you and one of the things you could do to make things better  
is participate in the political process and you believed that and that kept you on  
the path of a regular citizen like paying bills doing a job or if nothing else not being  
violently opposed to the state in a way that required it to smack you down with  
actual authority by and that space is now just going to be the fact that well i can't  
do anything else because they know where i am they they are they are the only  
reason i'm not dead because because i have been so alienated from the ability to  
reproduce my own life and the means of production and consumption are completely  
dominated and you have to enter into contract with some provider in order to have

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mere sustenance and that and then what you give up for that is total uh total social transparency how the hell are you supposed to fight that so yeah like this this this 0:12:51  
like the thing bernie and even biden and like the never trumpers are trying to hold on of this cracking and fracturing and destroyed uh government engine this political structure the two-party system and the three representative branches and the \*\*\*\*\* states the whole thing the entire political structure it's worm ridden and termite infested and it's cracking and collapsing and they're holding on they're holding on because they don't know what else to do and because they're they're the captains the ships might be going down but at least they're the captains and they want to keep that position and so they're going to fight to the end they're going to fight in the rubble like it's berlin 1945. uh but eventually they will be subsumed by some sort of like cockamamie spectaclized like fake fascist maybe like populist trump-esque entertain pure entertainment politics that just subsumes all practical considerations 0:13:52  
and then brutal brutal miseration at the point of life but in a way that is totally isolated from ever creating uh meaningful resistance because everyone's alienation is directed towards this intensified deeply felt like almost three-dimensional political reality that is politics as we understand it the electoral system the particip the the the checks and balances the constitution blah blah blah all that happy horse \*\*\*\*\* and what and the thing is is what's drawing this down with making this happen is that we've entered the lifeboat that that previous model worked with expansion as the as the undergirding understanding we will always have frontier to give off like the first thing the republicans did the first real thing they did in power besides raise an army to put down the rebellion in the south was a sign the 0:14:54  
homestead act which opened a vast swath of the louisiana purchase to the uh to the homesteading of anyone who put down stakes and stayed there for five years free real estate on a scale never before done in any western civilization that kind of land reform took generations and in fact never happened in most of europe in latin america it has also largely been fought and almost not happened because we imported a european proletariat rather than enslave and then colonize or colonize and enslave an indigenous proletariat which is a difference between northern and southern colonialisms but that meant that we could keep people on board even as labor was being exploited even as war was being fought on mechanistic levels far beyond everyone's consideration even a few years previously there's always land of give and once the land gave out there was just at that moment the possibility of global domination the america being the world hegemon just a time to take up for 0:15:55  
the frontier thesis being closed being being read out of history boom we have we have the new frontier and then after the after world war ii my god it becomes it becomes a count it's beyond empire it's it's like global subsumption something never

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before even considered by alexander napoleon or hitler but that broke apart in the 21st century on the rock not of 9 11 9 11 gave us the conditions to pursue our final icarus-like flight into the sky our final mad thrust towards control before the \*\*\*\*\* richtus set in and our blood vessels started bursting the last grab of the dying man is the as a he gets pulled down deep by the heart attack that was iraq iraq was going to be where we made the future safe for america by betting down the demons we had unleashed by 9 11 which had infiltrated us to the and it did the trick but it was dependent on us winning and guess what we didn't it was not because it's it's because they overestimated their their capabilities that old collective dunning-kruger effect kicked in they'd spent so much time building themselves up for propaganda purposes to themselves to the people of the country the people of the world america's indomitable power that they had to assume in the moment of need that it was there and then oh oh what's this oh oh no maybe i had a few too many \*\*\*\*\* steaks after all boom and that's why we're now in this that mad gasp at the end this grasp this horrible realization that we're not no longer sailing to the frontier the ship is sinking and it's grab what you can and go overboard and that's the that's where all the white nationalism comes from uh and that's where like this nascent socialist spur spurt comes from but the sad thing and the terrifying thing is that um these are just epiphenomenon like these political cultures that we think are so important the new left the left the alt-right or like ethno-nationalists pepe is whatever you want to call them they are they are steam venting off of a social structure that is inert they are just the most femoral tendrils because they are the overproduced elite of the dying middle class they have the time they have the vocabulary to express their alienation the vast majority are inert in the sense that they are alienated but they cannot give meaning or and that means that we cannot win at the level of symbol that's the horror there's a no argument taken place in the discourse no amount of information no event reported on will ever give us any sense of power we will continue to exist in the agonized state of eternal anxiety of trying something kind of knowing it doesn't work but not having any alternative and so just crossing your fingers and hoping it does that awful state that drives people to things like fascism the flight from the freedom of that moment that that uncertainty of like what am i doing and why is this even going to happen and the damn breaking because of some real material conditions in our case the rapidly accelerating uh uh horror of the pandemic disaster that we're dealing with this this crisis that is very akin to 1905 russia in the sense of the legitimacy of the regime being critically compromised a regime that had like deep mystical connection to like the peasantry and our neo like coolock class that i talk about the the pringles in the tube the the last generation to grow up the generation to grow up in suburban splendor and expect that is like the standard

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but for most people they're only experiencing this as alienation and and the thing is because we're going to get more alienation people are going to experience things differently and the hope is is that that breaking of the dam will rearrange people and they will see things new and they will experience things anew and they will see the world with fresh eyes and that that sight will give them real understanding and i know that that sounds mystical and it sounds like a cope but that's literally what 0:21:0  
i'm describing is is any revolution because you it works through the structures that exist prior but it has to be powered in the moment by engines of in the moment emotional overcome i am too i my heart cries out i have no mouth but i must scream and it's that energy that powers movements but the thing is it can't be spontaneous and that's the anarchist failure the anarchist failing is you think without structures to direct the flow just exist waiting for the popular uprising will happen and you will get something that's non-hierarchical and won't have all the icky features of a army that's trying to impose power over and control means of production uh that's how it starts that's the that's the \*\*\*\*\* like gas in the engine but the only way that it catches is if it's directed by existing institutions and that's why the the the motto always has to be if you're not in the exact moment of crisis and you have to 0:22:1  
be you have to like make a good faith effort to figure out what that is you have to be building towards one instead of expecting one or trying to incite one ahead of time but the thing about this like reality is it's very very unappealing and that's why i was talking so much about how we have to act from love and not self-interest because if we act from self-interest the self-interested thing to do is take the bet that things are only going to get worse and then pile high make roads gather rosebuds while you may tune out politics literally become apolitical or uh or or just or give yourself over to just like the the libidinal gusher of like wild like confrontational violence apocalyptic violence and fantasizing about bringing it's going to it's not going to be enough you have to be like i am building something for someone who has to come later i'm i'm seeding the bed because someone has to seed the bed not everybody can \*\*\*\*\* harvest some people have some of the people who sow are not 0:23:3  
going to live to reap and they have to they have to feel in their heart as much love for the person in the future who might be able to reap than they as they feel for themselves or at least enough to direct them towards that goal rather than personal satisfaction and i'm saying i'm not there yet but i'm saying that's the that's the challenge we all have to face to like initiate enough of a kickstart this is all i realize an incredibly long and detailed and and uh oh my god half an hour long um uh digression from myos actually going to talk about today which is the liberal response to the woodward revelation and the tape and it is obviously i understand why people were morally horrified at what woodward did he is a creep he's a spook he was likely

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cia asset he wrote a whitewashing cia book he like launders money like trump does 0:24:4  
through his fake foundation uh he was a naval intelligence officer but until right before  
becoming a \*\*\*\*\* washington post star political reporter just in time to destroy the  
presidency of a guy who just happened to be abrogating to his personal self the entire  
prerogative of the deep state foreign policy and defense policy the things that are not  
the presidents to have solely to his own power it raises a lot of questions and anyway  
he's a creep and doing what he did was purely self-interested like the guy is a moral  
slug he doesn't think of things in moral terms it's all transaction to him like you  
give some you give a good you give some guy a puff piece here he gives you a good  
goosey juicy scoop there you're not judging any of it you're just weighing it you're  
just you're a middleman that's and that's the way they see themselves and that's  
the old journalistic idea and you can argue with it but it's what they think anyway  
people are mad at him because he didn't think of like the fact that people needed 0:25:6  
to hear this and i understand why they're mad at him but i do think it's interesting  
to see how visceral the response was in terms of people who said basically that all  
the people who died of covid in the u.s the 200 000 and maybe 500 who will uh are  
on woodward's head because hypothetically if he had released the tape in february  
while trump was saying it's not a big deal and he said yeah but you said this to me  
that that would have somehow stopped what happened from happening and to that  
i say i don't think a single person who think feels that emotionally could explain to  
themselves how that like what what what's the thinking here you know like people  
see oh trump said one thing behind closed doors and then he did another thing what  
i guess the thought is people wouldn't be able to lie to themselves about covid and  
they'd be like well i know he says it's a phony here but he said this that it's real or  
that trump would be forced to be like you got me i take it seriously now that might 0:26:8  
have changed the contours of the distribution of the pandemic but i don't think we  
would have escaped pandemic spread in this country i will say that we would not  
have and and beyond that it's like well you're talking about random chance now  
like what are you really mad at and for people who are acting like this is like a  
moment in history that could have changed the river of time i'm sorry no way and i  
think the reason people have an instinctual even if they understand it logically that  
it doesn't make sense they instinctively think that this is a real possible thing that  
could have happened because they are still they are completely captured by politics  
as a spectacle right like you can say oh no they want you to vote but it's like yeah but  
remember voting is just this symbol the voting stands in for four years of obeying  
the law like you spent four years being exploited and having that exploitation then  
rendered into like a culture for your consumption all year and the thing that makes  
you consent to it is that you wait in line and you \*\*\*\*\* put a vote in that it's the 0:27:9

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ritual it is an actual action it is a ritual as much as watching a debate or arguing about them are it's ritualized behavior in that it's not meant to actually interfere with the real structures of power now those things do activate at the level of the politicalism people we vote in to do that then do exercise power and influence that does direct history i think that's true but they're doing it with only the faintest whiff of momentum coming from below the real engine is the is is the is the the real governing is done at the level of negotiating between firms because those are the people who have access who are there every day we select the people to go and do it but then they do the real governing with the firms and the stuff with the firms is made invisible and then all we see is the is the puppet show i know this sounds like a cliché but i mean this is literally how this stuff works and those are heavy-handed because the crucial thing about that metaphor is that something is a whole and is operating as a mechanism but we culturally only engage with the mechanic with with the front of it with like one gear spinning rather than the entire machinery and that's so that we keep thinking that's the entire thing i mean it's sleight of hand they think that now even now even as we have seen the erosion of reality in front of our faces as like everything gets hyper normalized before it even happens i mean like you could argue that blade runner 2049 hyper normalized what's happening in california already because everybody thinks they're like blowing people's minds by showing pictures of blade runner and being like oh my god this is blade runner what they're actually doing is they're recreating this ritual of recognition and then ascent like oh yeah blade runner that movie that was kind of that was a fun movie that was a good movie and you know what there were still cool cars there was a guy in a with a robot girlfriend and a gun hey harrison ford's here it's still our world and so when we see it it's like a recognition that is relief so anyway that means that we are engaged totally in the pageantry of this thing and we give it meaning which means we have to think that on its terms it works and so the way they think things work is that if enough people at the right moment hear or see something bad or good about a leader that it will change their minds in such a concentrated way that it it literally cracks the foundation of reality like it stops the gears of history and breaks them like uh perfect because a miniature example of this is um um mr smith goes to washington where um uh jimmy stewart has to do a \*\*\*\*\* uh filibuster one-man filibuster to protect the funding of some like boy scout troop uh which honestly now after everything is very sustainable it's like why do you like boy scouts so much guy you've been talking for 40 hours about boy scouts this is finally his throat gives out as it must and he collapses and the reason he wins is because the evil senator who is in charge of the thing botches a suicide attempt and confesses because he was moved by the words and every political story that we tell ourselves has that ending where

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something bad has ended by everyone becoming aware of some something bad and it changing things the moment when the police march in and march away the bad guy and we all think that that's possible and even with trump disproving all of our notions of political reality in front of us we still because we don't have an alternative we think that's the whole show we think participating at the level of voting and this passion play is the only way we can so if those buttons don't do anything we're \*\*\*\*\* and so we're just going to keep hitting but so we have no example so imagine a fantasy counter example that cannot be disproven so i don't think it's likely that 0:31:14 anything significant would have changed if that had happened but to a liberal even if he doesn't think of it he can imagine to enough to at the level of gonads not even at the level of a conscious uh fantasy uh a situation where this thing gets revealed and overnight trump's approval rating drops to zero everyone on fox news distances themselves from trump and it's essentially what happened in watergate which is the actual model for all of this like watergate is the one time it happened that they have now modeled the rest of the world on even though time has passed and the political economy we had and especially the partisan constituency of congress which is a huge huge part of it and also the the state the like the the um hegemonic status of the media as a trusted third party those are inconceivable now those conditions do not obtain but that fantasy of watergate is the fantasy that motivates everything 0:32:16 and it's even beyond the election it's even beyond the election and that was always what impeachment was about and that's what all of it boils down to is there's one version of reality where something different happened and we got the final thing and so they're mad at woodward for not having a thing worry out like what would have happened is they would have done another impeachment and he would have resigned or been arrested right you have to admit that's what you're thinking because what is any other scenario that changes things oh uh ted cruz has to go on tv and tap dance for a little bit and pretend to not understand the question when asked about the president's comments trump just bebops and scats what really happens is that the structure of america at this point could not accommodate \*\*\*\*\* coronavirus we are a rickety goddamn carousel and everyone knew it when trump talks about how he didn't want to make a panic he didn't mean like people running in the streets like it's war of the worlds and they think that the radio is real it's the market collapsing the market collapsing the prospect of all of that capital disappearing overnight without giving people chance at the people at the top time to hedge time to make sure they 0:33:18 shorted that \*\*\*\*\* and that would exist no matter who's in charge so hillary clinton she would not have gone outside and said it's a hoax she never would have done that but we didn't have the rapid response to deal with this thing we didn't have the capacity to make enough mass in time if we told people to get masks the reason

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we told people not to get masks is because we didn't know we had enough so that's the thing we couldn't have done so it might have reduced the spread but the spread was inevitable look at the performance of the democratic governors these guys were supposed to be the heroic alternatives to trump these guys have the most blood on their hands and it's not because they're uniquely evil it's because they're big states that got it early and what happens when you're a big state that gets in early is the economic reality of just just annihilating that much value overnight over something that might happen because what if we catch it in time what if we catch it what if we stop it what if we contain it what if we get a quick cure oh it's actually this old thing oh what if we get a fast cure what if we what if it just dies out what if it goes less 0:34:20 lethal people don't know that much about science and that's what trump did and that's i would say what any of them would do while doing maybe a little bit more to put the brakes on the economy they would not have slammed shut on the economy the way that we would have been necessary to stop the thing from becoming what it became we would have slow rolled our way into it one way or the other because we could not stop the \*\*\*\*\* wheels from turning this stuff is all borrowed money it's a bunch of water wheels of debt that have to be serviced in a moment by moment both basis and that means constant inputs at the end of the road of this constant world machine is the american \*\*\*\*\* consumer economy you cannot turn it off sir at a moment's notice now you can turn it off if you have to and we did but they gave them \*\*\*\*\* time they gave them time they gave them time to hedge their bets they gave them time to get out uh they made it time to for them to even make money shorting the \*\*\*\*\* which a number of them did the \*\*\*\*\* congress people did and so there's so we know for a fact that nothing would have changed absent trump just being like 0:35:22 blown out of office and even then you're just solving the problem of trump you're not solving anything having to do with coronavirus you're just actually fixating on getting trump out because nothing else has worked and you're afraid that you \*\*\*\*\* up by picking biden and you're gonna lose again they're terrified they're gonna lose again they're so \*\*\*\*\* scared they're gonna lose again and so they're imagining oh my god what if we got him back in february they'll lead him out and i'll lead him out of the white house in handcuffs because what could have happened but what but what trump did is what any of them would have done they would have said oh god we don't know if we can contain this economically we don't know if or or like with infrastructure if this overcomes us that's like a doomsday scenario but hey we have no way of slowing this economic machinery we and we don't have the infrastructure and resources to combat it from the point of view of state action because all those limbs have atrophied we \*\*\*\*\* stopped uh creating a uh like a reinforcing structure of like response nodes out of like the bureaucracy of the state uh employees it's all 0:36:23

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been sold off so what trump did was stall and try to hope that something miraculous would happen and he keeps saying that oh it's going to go away it's going to go away bye-bye it's going to wait because they cannot conceive fixing the problem and that is beyond trump now trump is a particularly unimaginative one of these guys and so he had even fewer ideas than anybody else which made him more of more in denial than other people because he was so sure he had no alternative they were all in some stage of denial and i would argue that that stage of denial coupled with the actual impracticalities of imposing the system like this on us because even if trump says it's real you look at q and on like how many of them would take his vaccine i don't think that many or certainly not all of them so you have these rips and trent and splits that could be uh uh exacerbated by the fact that for local officials it will always be more make more sense to kowtow to people who want you to stay open because they're going to be richer they're going to be more important to your electoral future the people who are most at risk are mostly the most expendable that calculation runs no matter who which party you are or what level of power you have but of course the response to this is well if there's no level of symbol that will work if the thing is on grooves so that there's nothing trump can do to be interfered with which implies because a lot of these people assume trump will try to steal it at this point they now think that anything he tries to do he will succeed at and i gotta say it's a hell of a track record he has not failed at much that he's really tried to do i mean how he didn't even become \*\*\*\*\* president through effort at least i mean there was trying there but it sure as hell wasn't him he's he's flailing away at it and of course once again it wouldn't work against another opponent like trump is adjusting to his opponent's weaknesses and um because he went after hillary for being crooked and part of the establishment he started doing that with biden if people remember he tried to do like the crooked biden thing and like look at hunter and all that stuff but he is now singled in on because he watches the news obniffers omnivorously you saw today he talked about how in the midst of a pandemic he spent the entire day watching television he watched fox news for nine hours and he was bragging about it uh so he watched all this tv so he knows what the moment the the feel of the moment is he gets the grooves and he sees the trunk the binds thing is where is he biden's thing is what is his actual response to this everything looks in turmoil we want something better but are you actually safe harbor and his answer has been look jack uh you know uh bye thumbs up emoji uh here's me in farmville he's reinforced every uh every concern that he's an empty a literal empty suit like just a scarecrow man and that's like a real thing and the thing is i don't and and it's exacerbated by the fact that the democratic party is not in a position to make any promises to anyone because it knows it can't even try to \*\*\*\*\* keep them because it might win

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too much what if they really want what if they were back in the obama position they wouldn't be able to do what they need to do they want to avoid that they want divided government above all else because they do want to make sure that trump doesn't just like personally take over the government because hey they had to deal with republicans they didn't have a deal with trump and that's like the real split here it's the people who've accommodated the accommodated themselves to trumpism as a third force in politics that is like now remaking the landscape or the ones who uh are sticking with like the old fragments and trying to weld them together like the the old republican party like the up until romney party and they don't want to take power under a moment of like in uh of like emboldened progressive demands that's why they had to destroy bernie at all costs including the cost of thousands of their own voters for christ's sake they had to \*\*\*\*\* stop him no matter what and it's really frustrating because like it shows that how much work there is to do because bernie got real far with the media entirely against him and with that media having a direct propaganda line from the democratic party to their own voters they're like a baby bird they were feeding voters their own beliefs incepting them every day on msnbc and on cnn uh and on the internet in general like the respectable sites that they would look at not q a nonstop and he still they still did really well but uh they weren't breaking through to that second layer i talked about and that's why i get so frustrated with people who take the discourse seriously because they say well the discourse powered you know bernie and brought him down but like bernie was still reaching out way farther into that repressed loam than the \*\*\*\*\* discourses online are and it still wasn't enough which means you're way farther away from it and i guess the thinking is if you try harder you will like create a bigger political structure but i don't think the evidence persists for that we're going to have to go back and refocus our energy people are going to have to refocus their energy that's going to be i hate to sound like but we have to refocus our energy and as for whether biden wins or trump loses i don't know and this is the important thing about the democratic fantasy the liberal fantasy of like having the discourse make everyone's mind at once in one way like just flash frying us some sort of political consensus that transcends the moment that brought us to trump being in power is that if he loses the election and goes in any way he will still be there he will be banco's ghost he will be the nightmare jester he's going to have his own tv station onna baby he's going to be the man every night he then q anon is going to be growing and this will be the specter that haunts them and that means that they have to increase their fantasies and the richness of the fantasies of those what-if moments those counterfactuals where it could have been different which can never be disproved because they and they never happened because they this is cloud cuckoo land what people yeah i saw that

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anti-fuzz now to blame for the fires that's of course going to happen because it's all a unified field it unfolds eventually everything because what it is is it's a discursive map right it's a map of territory it's it's mapping reality which means eventually it is there it touches everything you touch if reality is your understanding of like the media then eventually every like that's why they like they talk everything's about celebrities they have to incorporate a huge part of their life which is celebrities they observe through celebrity culture and through media things they watch they have to be part of it everything politics has to be part of it so of course if there's a bad thing that happens especially if the other answer is lies george soros lies like global warming like that's especially if there isn't if there's a non-political explanation maybe you don't have to get to it yet but if there's something happening that is part of your media diet that does not have it does not have an explanation within the rubric of cue it becomes an irritant and you have to neutralize it and so oh somebody makes a fake post about anti-fun guys getting arrested uh for setting a fire and then they send it out and even that person doesn't have to be uh cynical that person could be earnest that person could be could say yeah i don't know this isn't technically true but i know they did it and i am justified in doing this because it serves the greater good of getting out the truth and then every and that's why you could never ask anybody who retweets any of these old q people who post insane \*\*\*\*\* that is clearly not true like do you really think elon omar was quoted saying you know i am uh i am a \*\*\*\*\* for a lot and i must you know decapitate your they would say yeah but you know she thinks that and that's all it takes because it's worth it to get it out there because otherwise they're she's gonna cheat and keep it from you so now antifa and apparently people are patrolling ground areas to keep out antifa they're way more likely to start a fire by like firing off a few rounds into the apparently there was a fire caused by some guys shooting off guns dry timber so they could be out there shooting at fake antifa guys and light their own fire things are getting way too on the nose man that's really the moment isn't it the moment now is all that is subtext rising and replacing text it's uh it's a bummer man it's a real bummer uh i saw the adolf read thing um i thought it was really funny the number of people who go immediately after he starts talking oh they got to him unless you're like these people think all of them id people too they're i their concepts are essentially uh it's uh things spread by like viral patterns like you you either replace someone's brain through some combination of social pressure and uh their own desire for advancement and then they just become zombified versions of themselves and i think that might happen sometimes but for the most part people are acting out of earnest self what they think is good faith they just have different priors and that you have to resolve them through engagement you cannot resolve them by declaring them heretics and

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just reinforcing every time something happens the same old arguments because you drive yourself further and further away and that drives people towards these absurd positions like the new ruling class is like \*\*\*\*\* blue checks like the real ruling class of this massive world bestriding colossus is me is is anxiety brooklyn blue checks that is an absurd concept to me and i reject it fully and i think that the embrace of it is 0:47:39 an attempt to to turn the uh that deformed spectacle of twitter that like this island of \*\*\*\*\* into the universe like you're on a dunghill that you've decided is the cosmos and you're gonna kill anybody who walks over and says that you're wrong hey get off the piece of \*\*\*\*\* and so people drive themselves to absurd conclusions and as i have said on all sides people have to have a point where they reach oh am i just doing this because i have to get more and more psychic pleasure and enjoyment out of out of higher and higher staked arguments because i feel less and less of power in my miserable life am i just coping strictly and not focusing my energy at all on redirecting like away from just reinforcing this sick need this this fake angst where half of my pleasure is pain half of my love is hate as in like consciously as in like half of the love i feel in the world is actually the hate i feel for these other people and 0:48:41 that's what drives me that's that's sterile and it eventually overcomes your reasoning and you are no longer right you're not even right it's one thing if you were arguing these points and you were right now you're not even right you're off the \*\*\*\*\* beam oh \*\*\*\*\* but you'll never know because anybody who tells you you're off the beam they sold out they got to them and now you're floating off into space and all i can say then is bye-bye that's why i don't engage these questions i say bye-bye and this is why if anno free did say that somebody got to angela nagle i don't think that's true either because he's using that reasoning that got him there to continue moving on even though he realizes oh i'm like really just reinforcing an argument i'm having on the internet i'm not trying to get to the truth if she does something else it's because someone got to her because i'm still thinking in those terms i'm still thinking in in like there's the pod people and there's the real people not we're \*\*\*\*\* moving from different priors and grind banging grinding off of each other and bumping and grinding off one another both of these are wrong positions i think the people with 0:49:43 those people i've been some of them have been making money and some of them are willing to sell out mussolini style on both sides like the number of people who are just like total scammers and absolute nihilists who consider themselves super woke and id paul and like uh the most sainted pure being of like white prejudice recognition they take that fact the fact that they have a pure understanding of racial dynamics even though they're white they've transcended their white their white taint their guilt they've transcended their guilt well because that i can see things clearly and america is too racist everyone else isn't as good as me nothing's gonna get better

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so i get to do the same ego piling on selfishness as like the \*\*\*\*\* disgusting chug monsters who like alex jones who are just gonna sell supplements while the world burns they're gonna laugh themselves to the bank because no no i'm a good person i'm not just being cynical but i'm so good that i know that this can't be redeemed 0:50:44 and in the meantime it's good for me to advance myself if you are poc you can say anything i do to advance myself is justice and if you're a white person who has like fully acknowledged their privilege or is so aware every moment that they could never acknowledge their privilege then you deserve it for being better than all those off other awful white people those dynamics reinforce each other and the thing that the main point i'm making is none of it requires anybody to be got to either by deep pocketed insiders uh like hedge fund guys uh um woke capitalist corporations like nike or \*\*\*\*\* gay or or the gates foundation those people do exist like one of the leading prison abolitionists is underwritten by the ford foundation does anyone know that is anyone aware of that fact ford foundation grants for prison abolition we're going to have a ford company but we're not going to have prisons that's that's the world that they are trying to sell you but that is not everybody and going from 0:51:46 the assumption that it's everybody will leave you like spinning around in a circle trying to find a wall to avoid getting stabbed in the back because you can't trust anyone and trust is the beginning of everything because trust is what builds uh and of course people say there's no left-wing heritage foundation no no but there is uh i mean there is a meager scrap of of clout to be had there are jobs there are there's streams of revenue there's you could get a \*\*\*\*\* uh woke podcast awoke uh patreon uh woke awoke only fans there's something to be had it's not as much as you could 0:52:47 get from the heritage foundation but you're good enough to not want that you have enough principle you are better than those people in a fundamental way you've not given up the fight to the degree that they have where they don't even they think the fight has been won that's how bad they are but you still stop short of like and then you want to defend that position everyone's got to defend their position it's grim i know i keep saying it but people need to keep hearing it i think because i'm getting new listeners presumably we're going to start on our own stream now it's going to be podcast available so presumably a bunch of people who don't \*\*\*\*\* with youtube and i totally understand or twitch once again completely get it are going to hear them so i'm going to keep banging the dinner bell 0:53:52

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### *7 11 Truth*

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welcome to the chat room we got fun and games we got all the memes you want but you better come here today we've got the posters that you'll find whatever you may need and if you've got your pepes we got your disease welcome to the chat room welcome to the chat room won't you bring me to you uh so i don't want to i'm sorry that i felt irreverently considering the the day it is it is after all 9 11 which is a very important date and of course a very important day for the city that i live in my adopted home of new york it was on this day that hillary clinton puked \*\*\*\*\* her pants and fell into a suv and the world was never the same man that was a moment wasn't it when hillary fell over we i watched that we interviewed the guys who made the pepe documentary and segment where they talk about how this felt like they'd memed it into reality and i gotta say that's certainly how it felt at the moment it felt like everyone i know of course those freaks like to take things proprietarily because they suffer so much for being online as in you know their lives are so miserable outside of it that they they essentially deserve credit for creating all concepts because they spend the most time on here but sorry it doesn't mean you're good at it just anyway i really feel like that was a groupoff group project not even on our part uh willingly just the idea that she was wildly ill and hiding it was just very funny and turns out she probably wasn't even sick because i mean honestly if you would have would you have asked yourself back then 911 2016 do you think hillary will be alive in 2020 i think most people be like no unless they find her in a robot body she's gonna \*\*\*\*\* conk out but here she is because these people can't die it's one of the many evocative like mythological elements of q anon that like rings true why are these evil people essentially immortal and adrenochrome stands in for the excess the excess the surplus value that they keep on to themselves it allows them essentially to stave off death by the intervention of technology and you know it doesn't even necessarily mean you you don't even necessarily to have to have that much more than other people to live unnaturally longer than them because you're not affected by the things that kill tons of americans like you have the time and money to avoid the costs of of unhealthy eating habits or alcohol or anything else you can offload those you can

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pay to have them dealt with instead of having the problem create more problem and more problem and and bring you into an earlier grave and of course they don't expose themselves to the hazards of life that kill so many americans and they're never going to have to worry about having their lifespan shortened by excessive use of drugs because they don't need drugs power is their drug and adrenochrome the idea that there's a chemical in brains that is emitted during fear and pain that can be consumed ritually and that will extend life that speaks to the reality of life lived in the very sight of these people doing this while we're all suffering woodrow wilson said that he was terrified of the automobile when it was introduced because he thought that the fact that now poor people would get to see rich people driving around in these vehicles would cause them all to spontaneously declare themselves bolsheviks and overthrow capitalism he was genuinely afraid that the ostentatiousness of of this iron chariot whipping around and running over poor kids was going to make people so sharply aware of class distinctions that they would have overthrown capitalism now there we've we've seen that this country has particular bafflers built into it to withstand any overflow of radical radical activism it's got it's got so many bafflers and chambers and venting ports that it's been able to disarm popular misery no matter where or how much it emerges basically since i got the sun in my eyes here i gotta move i know it's i know i look very man i got this post here is the only thing that's stopping me from getting sun on my face this is annoying uh hold on a minute yeah i'm sure this is a lot of fun for everybody watching me do this i might have to go back to the gross wall that everybody hates because there's no sun here so sorry if it looks like i'm in uh sorry if it looks like i'm waiting to get executed with all right here we go this ought to be all right this is fine you get to see the freaking uh the the what do they call those transmission boxes i don't know i don't uh cable box transformer i think it might be a transformer fuse box whatever it is i don't know it's some sort of technology that keeps me from dying this wasn't even talking about 9 11 something oh hillary falling over yeah that was really funny wasn't it she comes out wearing those glasses and goes i feel great never really got better than that no there's never a funnier day than that never a more unalloyedly funny day of this whole thing than that it's funny now that the left has gone around to thinking 911 was an inside job right after right after 9 11 9 1911 trutherism was a sole province of the radical left that was it like alex and that's why seeing alex jones's trajectory is interesting because he started off in the national consciousness anyway after being an austin goof-up before that on 911 and becoming a conduit for left-wing uh disillusionment with the status quo channeled into the narrative of trump bush doing 911. and then i feel like there was a pushback led by people like matt taibi where they say who got called left gatekeepers who they said look you're ignoring all the realities of power

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and the contours of power in this country to create a passion play about these evil uh bush people when the real the reality of american politics and geopolitics and strategic strategy is that things like 911 are the inevitable outgrowth of american policy and are then incorporated back into american foreign policy as an arborist it doesn't require intervention from the state and now it feels like we're back to the smart opinion being that 911 was an inside job now though as an expression of like a deeper awareness of the absurdly uh basically as a way to explain the failure of the left to generate any anything like there was no real left in in 2001 in america it had basically turned into nothing like the the last you had um you know people can point to something like the battle in seattle but i honestly think minus 911 that would have turned into a uh like a last gasp of something it didn't really build to anything it was like that anti-globalization movement it reached the point of like highest conflict with the state and then because there's no higher way to go there was more uh there was no higher level of conflict with the state that they were capable of or willing to carry out it dissipated and so 911 kind of like helped build like even a self-conscious left in this country first around being anti-war but then within that there was the hardcore who used 911 as a narrative to like construct a story of american malevolence that explain the horror of this thing that had happened to us saying no no i know this is awful and it should and it should make you mad but don't be mad at them be mad at the people in charge and that's that was in the context of the bush administration a left-wing position the wright pretty much loved bush especially right after 9 11. and in fact for a while 911 truth was used by people who wanted to during the obama years especially who wanted to both sides stuff like birtherism they would say yeah republicans believe kooky stuff like that obama wasn't born in america but lyft leftists believe it 9 11 was an inside job and it was considered like a synoquinon for that like left position uh but it was left coming into its own now the left has failed to achieve liftoff at a time of maximum crisis a crisis that makes 911 that dwarfs 911 that is in the aftermath of 9 11. and it has like renders mine 11 in a day-to-day basis smaller and smaller in the minds of people who at one time had it consumed their entire identity and so an answer has to come to why hasn't the left succeeded why hasn't the left succeeded and if things getting bad don't make people act better than what hope do we have you know that was what got us out of the depression essentially uh without rev becoming a barber as a total fascist country was that was the was the effort of people uh who experienced the great depression and wanted to take control of their economic destinies and funneled that into things like sit down strikes wildcat strikes massive labor organizing of the uaw and the uh and the cio the radical cio communist movement the communist party which was at its zenith of influence and membership uh organizing and and and creating locus of

of radical power within every node of government up to and including the and now we're in a similar crisis or the beginnings of one and there's no nothing even on the horizon of of even the ghost of those ideas and i think people have a desire to want to explain that and i think the idea of uh of inside jobbery now of of being persuasive as as a thing that could happen hypothetically a thing that could realistically happen 0:12:24 in this country like a cadre of people within the within the government carrying off a massive attack on some citizens staging elements of it and uh in order to carry out this agenda in the middle east if you think it's possible to do that then the failure of the left to make any kind of inroads makes sense it's explained within the greater umbrella of that meta explanation now this is not me saying one way or the other would i believe anything about 9 11. i don't really know i'm agnostic about it like i am with the kennedy assassination uh but i just think that the reason that that's that that i have noticed anyway and people could say i'm wrong about this i feel like there's been a kind of a shift towards more credulity towards trutherism than used to be considered on the left and i think it's because it's not necessarily any evidence because the evidence has always really been there and i think some of it is very eyebrowsing and brow raising and incredibly persuasive not stuff like tower seven that doesn't get me but you know the connections between saudi arabia and 0:13:27 uh and the hijackers you know uh like the the the at the uh airline shorts the the the \*\*\*\*\* amount of money that was made by people shorting airline stock uh but anyway like i'm saying it's it's an interesting case there's there's stuff that's very eyebrow-raising about all of it uh we know that a lot of the stuff that they say is lies like they lied about i mean according to their own version of events they lied for a long time about whether or not there'd been an order to shoot down uh flight 93 or not and whether dick cheney had issued it without any authorization from the president to do so so like that we know they lied about \*\*\*\*\* and obviously there's there's like the degree of saudi arabian government involvement is is at the minimal funding without with by some elements within like how far it goes up whether it was directed from the top of the of the saudi family royal family that is not proven 0:14:29 but minimal minimal but much more likely to the point of handling as if they were intelligence assets and when you consider the american relationship to saudi arabia in terms of uh creating uh radical islamic terror groups in order to subvert the so first the soviets and also secular leftist movements inside the middle east it raises eyebrows like i said but i think what changes which shifts over time is what people's are looking for and i think for a while people wanted to appear smart they wanted to realize no i understand that this isn't about the bushes like after obama gets in there and just wrecks everything and just destroys any momentum that left might have accumulated by by by by hijacking it and then and then dispersing it to the winds

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they're like no the system it's bigger than bush and since it's bigger than bush he couldn't have been the the guy who did 911. like he's he's just another aaron boy for 0:15:30  
this this systematic uh despoilation of the planet but now this farther into the \*\*\*\*\*  
and now with another crisis looming i think people need an explanation for well why  
if we see this every day why is nothing to being done about it why are we not getting  
farther why are we not but like i said i don't really spend a lot of time on that i  
don't spend a lot of time on it because honestly my assessment of the situation is  
not much much different if it happened i guess i do resist the idea that bush was like  
we're doing 911 i guess i always am resistant to that level of conspiracy conception  
but i could definitely see i could i could accept as plausible uh any number of things 0:16:32  
from it being allowed to go forward after being discovered by the government to  
government making another step towards like paving the way and allowing to go at  
the operational level as part of a broader strategy but it doesn't really change the  
way mustard tastes either way we still know who our enemies are and we still know  
what mechanisms they use to control and consent so i don't know i am i'm hesitant  
also to investigate it too much because i know i could definitely go down a rabbit  
hole there's so many i think there was doesn't wasn't there just recently declassified  
information that made explicit the degree to which there was high level knowledge 0:17:35  
of the 911 plot in the saudi government oh man the anthrax attacks that stuff will  
make you screw your head on the other way around anthrax sent right after 911 to  
major media figures and politicians with this weird block lettering saying we have  
anthrax death to america allah whatever and it's discovered that the anthrax was  
100 percent milled in a u.s government uh biological weapons facility specifically the  
one in fort detrick maryland which is the the headquarters of america's chemical  
and biological warfare division it's the unit 739 731 and they never \*\*\*\*\* found  
who did it they accused a number of people one guy they eventually kind of had to  
half admit that they'd pulled a richard jewell but the other guy that they accused 0:18:38  
last he kills himself and then they essentially closed the case they go well this guy  
probably did it i mean that's i mean but at the same time you're like okay the us  
government used u.s government anthrax to make that looks like muslims did it  
why would they do that exactly i don't understand it it doesn't even make sense  
that's its own terms they couldn't find some anthrax that couldn't be directly traced  
back to the us government they did paper clip japanese scientists japanese scientists  
who conducted monstrous medical experiments not on foreign jews like in europe  
on american servicemen on g.i joe got brought to the united states and had their  
criminal records expunged in order to get the secrets of but i have no idea about 0:19:45  
any of it i try to i try to spend more time thinking about the current the current  
crisis just because there was a rabbit holes that if you're doing a greater project i

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think are worth investigating like if it's part of a greater project but i know for me i think it would end up me just you know i want to uh i want to take this opportunity now with a little old to uh to make a little mia culpa here uh on something that i've been saying for a while pretty confidently and then was proven wrong on recently and that is when i said of course they're going to understand they're going to extend unemployment uh and stimulus at the end of august at the beginning of august of course they're going to do it they're not crazy and people said look well they didn't do it and yeah you're right but thinking back on it i think my error came because that question never came by itself or like my my somebody asking me about that never came as a as a question of like hey what do you think about unemployment when unemployment goes out in august it was always framed as hey what about when the \*\*\*\*\* goes down in august what about when the wheels come off in august and i think i subconsciously took too seriously the assumption that just because this threadbare system and this massively teetering economy got the \*\*\*\*\* uh legs kicked out of it would result in some sort of generalized social crisis and i think because i assumed that i said well then of course they're going to uh do it because they would have to fail to recognize the necessity of it to the maintenance of the system that they were providing presiding over it turns out they had better either either more cut off to even not even be registering these questions and i think some of them are others of them i guess had better data than me on knowing that there is no limit to our debasement at this point they have nothing to worry about tom tillis is running for re-election right now in north carolina which while a southern state is at the presidential level kind of a swing state and it has a democratic governor it's certainly not alabama or mississippi one of his chief \*\*\*\*\* uh advisors when told asked by a woman who had cancer about what was going to be what she could do about getting insurance that she could treat it uh said well you know when i haven't got want a fancy dress shirt and i can't afford it i just don't buy it and then she says well i need insurance and he goes or i'll die and he goes well you better get it then i mean you said that to a constituent anybody see ghostbusters too you know i'm a voter aren't you supposed to lie to me and kiss my butt i mean that's the minimum we're asking of these people to even look like it remember when john john kennedy that \*\*\*\*\* yahoo from louisiana when asked about more ui said about people want more money in the in the pandemic said people in hell need so maybe i think a lot of it is just they are detached from the question but i think either because people higher above them with more influence are aware of it or they're just soaking in reality in a way that people who are paying attention to this meta conversation aren't and they just at a basic level understand things they know it doesn't matter they know that they have this thing rigged they know that that there's nothing we can do or will do

they it doesn't matter if they lose an election and honestly a lot of them have a rig where they'll never lose elections now they've have picked their voter pool basically they've winnowed themselves down to the ideal voter and now they're going to be able to decide basically when or when when they or if they ever lose a \*\*\*\*\* race and they might lose a race one or there and it's fine they still have their positions 0:23:51 of power and they can keep it keep and hey maybe even if they lose this time they can come back stronger while watching the democrats fail to do anything so the fact and i'd say that right now it's happening here where with an election in november and neither party stepping up to offer any kind of broad uh uh redistributed demand or some sort of insistence on massive stimulus at the demand level in the form of money to people the fact that neither party has wrapped themselves around that like obviously they both say they're in favor of it but then it's all just this procedural \*\*\*\*\* nobody's out there biting sure \*\*\*\*\* isn't out there and trump isn't out there with any kind of demand or insistence or even like a stunt to get people more money in an election year that means i think partially that they know there's nothing we will do but honestly i feel like they don't think that they could do it if they wanted to in in the sense sure they could sign the legislation and they could like let that money 0:24:52 out but in so doing they would be destabilizing the relationship between employer and employee in this service economy in a way that is not sustainable to the system it would be it would be like we have starved the roots we have starved people of money and made them replace it with debt to effectively control them so deeply that that's that uh mechanism is now the main way that we manufacture consent for this system beyond any \*\*\*\*\* with a pageantry of elections or even protests it's that we have turned debt into a \*\*\*\*\* cattle prod up everyone's ass and if you give more people more money you are literally reducing the wattage that you can blast up into their \*\*\*\*\* taint and that mean that's and in a moment now when when when when when it's asset stripping time when there is no the timetable right now is strip the assets sell the copper get the pipes out of the ground we are not distributing \*\*\*\*\* 0:25:53 to anybody the government doesn't do anything the government doesn't do anything for you just get that through your mind the government exists for you to own your enemies with it by getting people you don't like uh either shot killed it's suffering in some way triggered whatever that's the promise of our elected officials and if we give this money then we are breaking that promise and we are changing the elect that we're changing the game and capital flatly in this situation will not allow it to happen now because they need that liquidity at now i think the main thing to draw from this is that the idea that there's going to be a republican realignment where the republicans become a heron volk democracy like tucker carlson leads us into this 0:26:55 uh sort of populist huey long thing like from kaiser reich where huey long is the like

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the national traditionalist president or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* there's no money in the till for this not in the sense that they couldn't do it but in the sense that it would be too destabilizing to the system to let it be done so that means that nobody's going to be able to run on a i'm actually going to do what trump promised to do platform it could only be culture war now that doesn't mean that the democrats are going to become more uh more populist and the other opposite they're going to be stuck in the same thing because these parties are still controlled by the things they're controlled by like trumpism could have broken into become a third force in politics the way hitlerism did under it hypothetically could if things have gone differently and most importantly if trump wasn't who he is if he was somebody who had the actual desire to do that he could have because his control over the base of that party is absolutely larger and more unified than the control the piddly control of the party machinery itself but because trump didn't care to do that and was too lazy and stupid and uncreative to even think of it it meant that the party took him and so what that means is there's nobody in the pipe there's nobody with trump's hand laid upon it who has articulated a more robust version of national socialism or or ethno-nationalism or hair involved democracy whatever you want to call it there's nobody who's been uh ordained you can say tucker carlson but he does not he will i don't think he will have trump's ability to be independent of the political process when he runs because yes tucker carlson is very pop very famous and very popular on the right wing of the republican party but does he have the name recognition to run totally up independently of a party machinery that like i am telling you right now will not allow for this heron volks uh populist turn will not allow it it means like if josh hawley runs it's going to be on nukes nuke china that's it nothing else it's going to be we're going to get all of our all of our angst out about how bad things are and about how we refuse to help you by smashing the \*\*\*\*\* out of the chinese that's going to be the hair and vote democracy is hey we're going to have world war ii but just in terms of a massive and like i think tucker will be able to run but like will he have the entire united trump base behind him no not unless trump were to anoint him and trump doesn't care to do that you would have to have a coherent organized principled ideologically driven core at the top of a trump uh movement that would then be able to seize control of this mechanism through the body of trump and trump's personal relationship to his voters that has not happened he is still in control of the same globalist they always was steve bannon was the one guy who could have made this project happen and they kicked him to the curb five minutes later why not because he was like too smart for the room or too much of a danger because he was a dumb \*\*\*\*\* because he over he overemphasized his own ability to do something he was overconfident because he was a coked up old self-important blarney stoning irish

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\*\*\*\*\* and his \*\*\*\*\* reach was exceeded his grasp the \*\*\*\*\* his his uh his mouth was bigger than his stomach his nostril was bigger than his bag of and he of course got instantly turfed out by the united like the entire um uh um immune system of the republican party kicked in at the institutional bureaucratic level which filled in all the spots that bannon couldn't fill because and was filled by because trump just signed whatever rights gave him like bannon lost the fight as soon as rance priebus was made chief of staff it was game over and bannon got iced out because what the project he was doing needed somebody smarter than him to do it so the fact that he noticed the moment doesn't make him a genius a genius would have been able to actually make something of the moment but because trump is the guy we got like this deformed short-sighted uh slow-witted distracted cripplingly vain buffoon who could not seize the moment and like redirect the ship similarly bannon is just too thin just some \*\*\*\*\* coked up \*\*\*\*\* who like uh red who like uh like smoked a doobie with uh with brian wilson and then red turner diaries and like it turned him into a \*\*\*\*\* that's the people we produce in this everybody in washington i realize this reading uh this absolutely insipid review of of henry kissinger's lattice book that hillary clinton wrote where she says it goes from sun tzu to tacitus to twitter and i just think these people are so \*\*\*\*\* stupid they're so dull and what they've done is that they are they all of them confuse ambition with intelligence they think that because people are driven to the top in the battle of wills against other mediocrities in a bureaucratic stew they're the ones throttling their legs the hardest it makes them the smartest or the best at it no it just means they're the ones the most pathological because none of these people have anything other than \*\*\*\*\* now of course yes they also can uh they also uh confuse ambition with virtue like do i believe good things well i want it really bad so they must be good so this is why i don't think unless things break in a very unpredictable way like i said like black swans you have to account for them the trajectory right now i don't think they could get it off the ground even with tucker carlson as the as the pilot or as the as the spruce goose or whatever um but hey i've been wrong before i have no idea i still put my money on the mypillow guy and it'll just be pure like hey wasn't wasn't it uh wasn't cocoon a good movie that'll it'll just be pure last stage alzheimer's like just a return to a soothing past where of course also all demon pedophile democrats are being executed but i mean if you can see three months from an election neither party stepping forward it either means that neither of them really want it neither one of them want to win they're throwing the ball back and half it's hot potato uh or they just can't do it it's outside the realm of the possibility either because capital is explicitly vetoing it or because the effect of capital on the political process has so transformed politics to being the state of like uh of the market it's so marketized

politics that they can't they're as incapable of acting together as the bourgeois is local  
uh i think this actually might be the explanation i think this thinking it through  
i think this is why it is uh it's because this is why things aren't working it's not  
even the capital is saying no we can't do this stop it it's because so marx described  
the gov like a government is the executive committee of the bourgeois and the idea  
here is is that there is a general thrust to capitalism there is a capitalist social order  
that na that has to be maintained through like structures of coercion and consent 0:35:8  
to create a market that can then be used to transmit goods back and forth that and  
that needs to be maintained but the thing is is that individual capitalists are not  
acting according to the best interest of capital as a system they are acting in what  
their perceived short-term best interest is because that's all they can afford to pay  
attention to that's why these are this that's why this is a terrible way to organize  
society and has to be done away with because of the massive waste the energy just  
destroyed in these blind clashings of organisms that think they're separate but are  
actually one part of one thing like working this out of the system is what gets you to a  
point where you can actually apportion surplus rationally and morally which are the  
same thing when you have a a a a a consciousness that expands to the to the level  
of like a a society a society or a species or something but anyway individual capitalist  
firms act like individual capitalist subjects in their own short-term interests and what 0:36:10  
that means is that they will often end up in situations where they competition is  
inferior to cooperation but they're not aware of that like this is game theory stuff  
and then they mutually destroy one another like john nash won a nobel prize for  
talking about this stuff and this is the state of the market without some force that  
is outside of the market to coordinate it to do traffic signs the same way we do  
with what the liberals think is the necessary state like the police and infrastructure  
like government like the government the political class is the infrastructure of the  
like the the mechanism of that regulates the market it has the same function it is  
it's the police it's the roads it's all the minaricus stuff and and that organizes and  
synthesizes the will of the collective will the collective best interest of capital away  
from the individual interests of actors within capitalism and that means that some 0:37:12  
are going to fail and some are going to be hurt like the last 40 years has been huge  
hugely beneficial to certain segments of this economy and has made them hugely  
pop wealthy but it has destroyed others and those decisions about which winners  
like that's why it's so funny when republicans talk about we don't want to pick  
winners and losers that's literally what government does like in the 70s the volcker  
shock and everything else that went along with it essentially shows the winners were  
going to be shareholders and the losers were going to be workers and there's some  
overlap there because these are not all uh so but what has happened in the last

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four years is as economic the hegemony of neoliberalism destroyed the the the even the zone of action for economic policy like it was off the table economic policy is determined by the fed basically it's like the interest rate determines everything 0:38:13 that is the only real involvement the government can have in the economy it does regulation at the level that the gov that is acceptable to industry and then it uh does minimal oversight of everything else and it collects some taxes to circulate money in the system really more than anything else and in return what that means though is that the zone of actual politics gets smaller and smaller which means the people who decide to become politicians are less and less aware of what they are even doing they're less they didn't they weren't there when the the conditions were set they've lived in the conditions and now so they think the only thing that matters is the politic is the cultural \*\*\*\*\* that they've been arguing about for the past 40 years and so that means that they then become like and then also parties the party system people 0:39:14 rising and falling based on you know their ability to uh be a spectacle of themselves you know you either get a nice gerrymandered seat through the party system or you become a political entrepreneur like the tea party clowns and donald trump and \*\*\*\*\* instagram thoughts like dan crenshaw and alexandria ocasio-cortez like they're all part of this new celebrity structure and what that means is that you've rep you've turned you've turned politics into culture as you've turned culture into politics and that means now everyone is just only fanning their way and instagramming their way through the politics which means you've recreated the market in the political area when it's supposed to be the one that's outside the market so it's operating by the same me first rules so they're so nearsighted they can't even see the election three months ahead of them there's a siren oh yes i know i remember this i forgot you could 0:40:18 hear it from here that's the uh that's the uh friday night uh shabbos uh siren to let the hasids know and the indoors i was uh with chris today and we were walking down the street and there was and he noticed that there were some cops standing around he said is there more are there more cops out in the streets on 911 do you think and i think yeah they probably do it as a show of force thing but maybe they would say to stop a copycat attack but it's amazing when you consider that the the amount of real estate that was kept that was occupied in the average american's brain by anxiety about terrorism and how that's completely gone like it's not of course the 0:41:19 terror zone is bigger now and it contains more things but terrorism has gone from this giant lobe of fear to this little sliver i think part of the reason for that is can you imagine being an al-qaeda guy and bothering blowing up something in the united states what so that you could get like a trending topic for five minutes and also what are you gonna do like you're gonna set fire to a are you gonna throw what i mean it's like you're gonna dump \*\*\*\*\* on crap like we're \*\*\*\*\* this place it sucks what

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kind of like p what are what are you gonna be able to pierce us with with like oh  
you blew up a building it's just terrorism defined our response to the 21st century  
defined our economy define doomed us you could argue in many ways to not like not 0:42:20  
necessarily to apocalypse but to to less than we would have could have had otherwise  
and now it's it's a afterthought what has been spawned out of it has been just this  
nightmare whirlwind that is so much more monstrous and and oppressive that we  
can't even muster up the energy to concern ourselves with the empty shell the husk  
of terrorism that used to fill yeah 911 one of the most successful terror attacks in  
history depending on not i mean it doesn't matter if it was mossad or george w bush  
or the saudi royal family or it was al Qaeda like that was a thing or it was it was  
it was it was a somebody was trying to get punked it was just four really shitty 0:43:21  
pilots who just happened to have all started oh the official story of 911 accuracy zero  
zero percent chance officials i mean the official story is never true i mean just for  
epistemological reasons but you're not even getting closer any government thing like  
that any any any anything that deeply involving matters of state is basically never  
more than half true and that's like at the far far i'd say that uh that the official 0:44:23  
911 story is probably more than 75 false i'll just say that but what's in the 25 know  
and people say the thing about the passport is like that is genuinely wacky that  
his passport just floated down out of the thing that is just kind of comical in ira  
eyebrow raising as i said but at the same time why would you do that why would  
you bother with that is it like they're not going to piece it together it just seems  
like it's such a on the i'm scrolling through an article uh in the daily meal the 101 0:45:25  
best pizzas in america i'm going to see if i've had any of these and i could go for  
some pizza i have to say i wasn't i haven't had dinner yet and now i'm looking at  
these pizzas man i could go for one uh zollies never never been to zollies keep that  
in mind though best pizza i've ever had was i had it was just a random place on a  
corner it's phenomenal and two uh there's a there's a neapolitan i usually don't like  
neapolitan pizza i will admit i don't like how wet it is in the middle and how poorly  
like the sauce and cheese adhere to the crust and i don't really like the big fluffy  
crust anyway but uh that one in san francisco is definitely the best i've ever had i 0:46:28  
forget it was just like a guy's name oh zafiro's from in milwaukee severoz is really  
good safiro's is great you can get it at movie theater it's super super thin crust oh  
it's like the best it's the best frozen pizza you've ever had which in my does anyone  
know frank something's it's i would like to try comic ping pong sometime i can't feel  
like i'm kicking myself frank pepe is in new haven and it's very good um it's in the  
old italian neighborhood north beach yeah i think it's tony's you know the thing is 0:47:33  
i'd really like a frozen pizza i should always get frozen pizza oh \*\*\*\*\* i just realized  
i'm talking about pizza here and people are going to think that this is proof that i'm

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a part of the cabal i really just enjoy it and that's one of the reasons that i i kind of try that's that's one of the ways i pull myself back from falling too far over the brink of the whole you know the whole epstein brain thing is yeah people talk about pizza a lot but pizza is like really good and cheap and it's a thing everyone eats it's relatable it's gonna if you start looking for pizza you're gonna find it a lot of oh bar 0:48:37  
in new haven i had that it was really good my favorite pizza topping has traditionally been pepperoni but i think i'm getting to the point where i really oh it might have been it might have been uh it might actually have been modern in new haven my stomach is literally rumbling right now wait a minute somebody is saying mandela effect versus totinos versus tostinos i'm afraid not for me it was always tortinos and people who said yeah if you thought it was tostinos that's your fault i'm not going 0:49:40  
to validate your uh i do like anchovy sometimes i'm not gonna not gonna lie it's uh de fara i've had once and found it very very mediocre maybe i just had a bad one hey tony's pizza neapolitan is number 29. roberta's is okay i actually prefer speedy romeo's to roberta's when you're talking like high-end fancy pizzas patsies i have not had it's right near me though i should go to patsy maybe go to patsy's today 0:50:42  
all right i'm getting to the number one slice the number one pizza in america john's on bleecker i've had and it's pretty good i don't know if it's number three i honestly don't think it's number three but john's on bleaker is good i had it i'd say that san francisco one's better p quads that is number two here and that is felix's favorite we tried to get peak pods when we were in uh chicago in 2016. in fact the famous picture of me dressed like a baby in front of a baby who is also dressed like me uh was taken while we were waiting to get into pequod's but sadly it was too big of a \*\*\*\*\* uh line it was lolapalooza so those \*\*\*\*\* jackasses were in there so we had to go next door and have you and i'm disappointed because i genuinely am not a huge 0:51:45  
fan of chicago style pizza he insists it's the best i would give it a shot and then they got frank pepe as his number one pretty good pretty good those are i'd say those are those are all fine and i would love to try pequod there is no good pizza in ireland that is correct there are no good tacos in ireland they do a few things well you want a lamb stew they're your people you want some mussels those are pretty good fish and chips i know it's english but they do it good too uh some sort of pud pudding pie but they're not they're not good with pizza some of the best pizza i've ever had actually was in sao paulo brazil which has a large italian population but apparently rio pizza i never had but apparently pizza and rio de janeiro is someone says p quads is not 0:52:46  
good at all shot fired i mean i don't really i don't credit felix too much with with uh gourmand taste he basically just eats beyond burgers since he's gone vegetarian he just eats beyond sausage and burgers \*\*\*\*\* i bet south korean pizza is bad i would not think of them i mean they know they are the dairy asians but i don't think that

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they could really get pizza although i've heard of course very terrible things about swedish pizza something involving bananas is this true is this are those sick mutants putting bananas on \*\*\*\*\* pizza as i am hearing happens and like curry banana curry pizza and then they put a bunch of weird like vinegar cabbage on it call it pizza salad mutants no wonder they decided to just stoically accept corona death they're eating that kind of \*\*\*\*\* they're they call a lethal corona of diagnosis winning the lottery in sweden because who would want to eat that god forsaken garbage i like i like detroit style a lot of people were exposed to detroit style without knowing it because uh i think that the p the standard like what they called what uh hand taught what was it hand tossed or deep dish i think deep dish like not like chicago style deep dish but they would they but the deep dish style pizza hut was essentially a new york style pizza it didn't i don't think it had the the sauce on top but it had the same crust so people would get that and not even know it was detroit style back when back when pizza was the nicest restaurant in many what i could really go for is speaking of chicago style pizza's tavern style pizza that's super thin super thin crust with a little slice the i have seen the trump pizza commercial he did uh he did the pizza commercial where he he goes i made a deal i eat the pizza the other way i beat the buttercress and then he did of course the mcdonald's commercial with grimace where he did a job interview with grimace the best chain pizza i think it's the extra thin crust dominoes that is really good extra thin crust dominoes is a pimply choice for pizza fans anywhere places yeah i'm in the tatinos universe you tostinos people meet amongst yourselves to get figure out how you're going to get back into the rift because honestly if i if i would thought i was a testinos person i might decide yeah let's find a rift maybe in tostino's world 911 never happened you know maybe in tostino's world we didn't get this monstrous trajectory we we kind of took a breath and a moment and and recalibrated our uh our desires i mean obviously this is highly unlikely but maybe the tustinos universe figured things out a little bit not not perfect things are still probably pretty bad in a lot of ways and they probably have no idea how good they have it they think things are critical but we look at them and we'd be like my god they're so much so yeah i would try to find the testino's universe if i thought there was one but if there is it's not mine this is my universe i am lashed to the mast of the sinking ship yeah bernie is president of the tostinos universe but and he's been president he won in 2016. and we we are on our path to climate uh amelioration and every uh massive uh uh superstorm is met with huge reconstruction projects and green technology all over the place and transfer of green technology to emerging nations to cut down cooperation at the level of governments to mutually draw down the way that we mutually drew down somebody uh somebody asked if i to get seth rogen on the show i don't know what we would talk about i would i would maybe

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i would tell him that one time i had an idea for a movie with him and been james franco you know pineapple express style and the gimmick would be that he would be uh he would play and james franco would play lennon or not lennon not uh ingles 0:58:59 and the only thing i had was a scene where they were at like a meeting and jonah hill shows up as bakunin and they start busting each other's balls like it's a judge apatow movie judge apatow judge reinhold and judge apatow rogan mark says hey uh hey mikhael how's the secret society going you guys got dakota rings yet and then bakuna goes no you're totally right marx yeah you're going to have revolution by writing a \*\*\*\*\* 5 000 page long economics textbook because there's nothing working class people love doing more than \*\*\*\*\* long division but i think that that would uh that's more like a funnier die sketch than an actual movie it would be way it 1:0:0 would it would it would drill itself into the ground within five minutes it would wear it wouldn't even it would get over long all right guys i i'm up on an hour here and i gotta go because i gotta get pizza dudes pizza dude's got 30 seconds teenage mutant ninja turtles correct well done kudos user all right this uh this thing's getting wobbly so i better sign off

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i have to say that one of the things that makes me feel oldest in the universe and of course i feel very old looking at the internet all day all these children running around on my lawn it would be that there is a very popular rapper so popular in fact that he has his own signature mcdonald's meal whose rap name not real name whose rap name is travis scott what is going on with the kids is it all the is it the scissor is it the tick tocks their brains not not an emcee not not a not a young not a not a friend no no not a sir nothing just some just like hi i i'm not even m.c travis scott i'm just what what in the world is going on i mean is it all is it just is it the training of hope for the future is that the idea that like why would i even bother coming up with a with a hypnotist hip-hop persona when there's no point to anything is that the idea don't get it one of the many things i uh hey guys are you ready for some hand egg sunday party it's hand egg time guys remember when people would say hand egg remember who read it remember bacon they'd say hand egg and sports ball those are the days now you can you only hear those things ironically making fun of people who haven't said that in in 10 years and half of whom are probably dead of covet man what's wrong with tom brady that he's still playing in tampa bay of all places what's wrong with his brain i mean obviously he's a quarterback there's probably a significant amount wrong with his brain but i mean brady has got to be one of the most blessed quarterbacks ever in terms of that i mean how many they basically made it illegal to hit him because how many concussions has brady even had in his career compared to even the average quarterback who of course are some of the least uh uh concussed so his brain's probably relatively intact and yet he's still at 41 with seven super bowls uh he's got to go win one with the \*\*\*\*\* bucks hole in his soul man hole in his no aaron rodgers will never win the uh world series again to all-time top five quarterback and he won't win more than one that's too bad i want him to win one just so that he could definitively be proven as better than farve and the thing is brett favre was my quarterback as a child i have deep deep emotional associations with him that i could never put on to rogers who showed up when i was older and when i'd actually kind of stopped caring about football that much uh but

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i got to recognize reality i can't become one of these people who's totally his brain is deformed by nostalgia rogers is way better than farv ever was and i would like him to get one more world it's just such a shame that his best years were wasted by that that overgrown plus-sized top child toddler model that ashbash goshbagash 0:4:10  
cover boy uh so today i wanted to start talking about um something people are freaking out about a little bit that farv said today they were talking about the guy in portland who got shot by the cops after killing the patriot prayer guy the guy who i think there's relatively strong circumstantial case was probably some sort of confidential informant with the police and either was like put up to shooting him by the cops or maybe like a tamerlane tsarnaev thing kind of got too into his role that he was supposed to be playing because he very very suspiciously had totally 0:5:12  
apolitical social media until like three months ago and then he got a blm tattoo on his neck like two days before he shot the guy very eyebrow-raising as i like to say like i don't like to say any of this stuff happen because it leads you down a rabbit hole i like to say so he's talking about this guy getting shot and he says uh you know there has to be retribution he was a bad guy he was nasty and people are going oh my god oh my \*\*\*\*\* god uh he's admitting that they he basically put a hit out on this guy that he said go kill this guy because he shot one of my beloved my beautiful boaters my beautiful land voters and i understand that that's a way to read that quote but i honestly don't think that that's the correct read at least from my experience with trump and you can tell me if you disagree but trump's presidency has been absolutely one of a kind in that he experiences being president as the act of watching himself be president not to be president he does not think of himself he 0:6:14  
does not conceive of himself as president the way that those guys who clawed and scraped their way up the political mud hill to get to the top and killed everybody stabbed their mother to do it guys who shed any soul they had in the pursuit of this office which is basically all of them they got there so they could embody that power so that they could feel like they're on the their hands are on the \*\*\*\*\* wheel which of course is a joke because it isn't really like bill clinton found out himself you mean to tell me my presidency is in the hands of a bunch of bond traders that's what he said when he found out no they're not going to let you uh they're not letting you do any uh anything other than deregulate and cut taxes and balance the trump does not think of himself as having power because all he really cares about is what the media thinks of him and even as president he doesn't have total power over that so he does not consider himself in power because he gets to watch people be critical of him that's not power so he and that's why by the way he is beloved by his base because 0:7:16  
that's how save you the world these are i mean the people who've elected him are people who just watch tv all day or they're on facebook but mostly tv uh and they

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they want a president who who who vibes on that level but what what i but one of the consequences of that is that i just have a very hard time imagining him giving it like calling up the u.s marshal service and saying yeah i'm gonna need raylen gibbons to shoot this guy he killed one of my guys he killed one of my precious guys what are my voters you could say that likely i think much more likely is either because the cops were very angry at this guy for killing a fellow uh white supremacist or he was an op and had to be killed to prevent a investigation of the case which would reveal certain things and i think that's just as plausible if not more so he saw and he goes good you just get you got to do it way to go guys he's talking to the tv he's like way to go get him and i think that that reality is key to why he might actually \*\*\*\*\* 0:8:19 win re-election obviously a big part of it will just be good old-fashioned uh voter suppression voter theft uh uh you know uh uh vote vote fraud on the part of like the people administering the vote as opposed to the poor schmucks who get accused of it who never actually do it and have no ability to you know like the brian kemp georgia governor race playbook so we're gonna have that but even with that you're gonna need him to retain a substantial number of voters who did not vote for him in 2016 with the brains like the lizard brain that recognized him as one of their own and wanted to elevate him as like the king of the lizards like has a had a relatively like uh uh uh distanced like a relative detachment from politics they were not ready they were not just sitting there waiting for someone to imprint on their brain and take over the role of jesus christ for them which is what happened to his base but his base would never have been enough to elect him even in 2020 2016. he needed people who are willing to take a chance on him people who just vote for republicans in general 0:9:20 even if they don't like trump in particular and his performance in the last four years should by any logical stretch make all those people vote against him or at the very least not show up for him and tip the balance for even a generic a senile walking abomination like biden who hey you know you know hey he's not got it on the ball but these guys \*\*\*\*\* up so bad and presumably somebody at biden's white house will and i think one of the reasons that that might not happen and you might see an unprecedented number of people vote for a president uh re-elect the president during like one of the single worst material conditions relative to when they took office that has ever existed no one has gone no one has gone farther down in every category economic public health uh street violence like a sense sense of burning the entire west coast on fire i mean a failure to deal with any of these things and more importantly 0:10:21 as i said a failure to deal with any of these crises first to help manufacture them and then to fail to deal with them in any way no one has ever had that and one i mean how very few have even had that period but none have ever had that at one 2004 are you \*\*\*\*\* kidding me 911 changes the entire thing there 911 changed redefined that

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race redefine that presidency i mean hell there's a world where 9 11 doesn't happen with bush but bush one 9 11 still doesn't happen i mean if he didn't do it obviously or he tried to do it bundle it uh one of the big reasons i think they'd \*\*\*\*\* it up is because they have halliburton do it for like 500 billion dollars and they'd end up just like putting an m80 down the toilet at uh the \*\*\*\*\* like pentagon or something but say there's no 911 enron might have brought down bush not just with the economic drop but his his incredibly close connection to that company i mean he flew around in the enron jet during the campaign he was uh um ken lay had his \*\*\*\*\* was on 0:11:24 his short list for energy secretary it could have been a big deal but anyway this is unprecedented and the reason it doesn't happen is because most people are not psychologically dedicated have not subsumed their very like self and their ambitions and their wants and dreams and their autonomy to a figure on television like trump when they deal with politics now that's the way everyone will eventually remember these people are the leading indicator that trumpian identification that is the only thing that's left for us now because politics stopped meaning anything a long time ago but it became more and more important to people as things got worse so things get worse and worse because politics is lost like it's the market the market does it politics is just where you argue about it and feel bad about it so of course it's going to have to get more and more personal and so that trumpian like fixation where there's nothing he can do that's wrong and no material condition can change your opinion of him because you're already seeing things from his point of view that's identical there's no difference the way he justifies himself you instantly do it yourself 0:12:25 he doesn't have to convince you you already have made the leap and that's where we're going but we're not there yet at least i thought we weren't there yet and i honestly thought we weren't there to elect trump in 2016. so this might be another reason to think he might win but one of the things i think might get those people those those light trump voters is that they understand at a certain level that he's not in charge but at least he is mad on their behalf and at least he makes the people who are in charge the two parties and that will provide enough of a basis to vote for him because they have lost any belief that anyone else could have done any differently and that's the important thing because you say well obviously people aren't going to vote for trump after what happened but if they don't think the democrats then why not have the guy who will theatrically channel their rage at the same people they hate and they have every reason to hate these people they have every reason 0:13:26 to hit the democratic party uh um so kudos to him if he gets that if he does that he will have performed something that no political figure in this country has ever even come close to and it will be because he is a singular genius at being famous 0:14:27 which should tell you all you really need to know about what the political process

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actually is in this country at this point what it actually represents what what levers it really touches which is why these liberals who are freaking out about trump about how we need biden to win just the way it's a moral necessity i mean come on people you really think that there's anything these people could do if they wanted to that doesn't mean we're doomed it means that this process has played itself out and it the and our our our the fate of humanity is the fate of humans starting with the fate of uh americans which are sadly intertwined because we are the head of this dragon is gonna depend on us realizing that that this game is over this isn't that this puppet show is done and of course you can't take any liberals seriously certainly not any of the ones who had any position in the media or in the party that led to the stampede to biden you can't let any of them get away with even pretending that they care if trump gets reelected because they willingly and intentionally rig it as much as they had to to the benefit of someone who they knew was mentally incompetent for the job now i'm not saying that means that they're responsible because oh you're gonna put a bad like that in charge no it's that they knew he was a guy who wouldn't be able to run a real race against trump he would they were gonna have to keep in a closet the whole time and they were still okay with it which means they were okay with losing giving it to bernie was worse than losing to trump which means losing to trump by definition can't be so they're full of \*\*\*\*\* they're absolutely full of \*\*\*\*\* i mean the base morons the ones whose whose opinions are totally made by like msnbc they probably don't real they didn't realize that biden was doomed they thought biden was the most elected electable but that's because they they listened to these people who made a choice to pick someone who was \*\*\*\*\* he could win but my god you are throwing it into doubt in a way you didn't have to but he was the only choice left he was the only card on the table how many quotes has bite has come out from obama either leaked himself or leaked by close confidance where he says biden doesn't have it if there's one person who could \*\*\*\*\* this up it's joe biden and he's the \*\*\*\*\* who made the phone calls to make him the nominee so every time he talks about how it's an existential threat he could jack me off because he picked a guy who he knew in his heart didn't have the the stamina to even run against trump a guy who ran against like a woman who is not beloved certainly hillary clinton but one who is an unparalleled like dynamo of of at least ambition this guy is just waiting for the dinner bell at uh the whole nursing home to ring so you can get some \*\*\*\*\* pudding you think he can just run a real race against trump when he can't even and that's why he's going down in the polls maybe not enough to lose but enough to make it way closer than by any rights it should be because people are like realistically thinking okay he's supposed to be the alternative to this horror of these dead bodies in this turmoil but he's not even there oh somebody's roasting corn right now in the

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neighborhood oh my god that smells good i'm not doing it only fans know i don't i 0:18:31  
was thinking i might for my birthday later this month i might i might do the brisket  
and i might do a grill stream not during eating it but uh but like maybe an hour's  
worth of my birthday is done i would probably do it the weekend before but yes  
my birthday is debate night so it's definitely that debate is going to be an omen  
of something the moment of my next year because it's either going to be the best  
crescent i've ever had if these two demented old men just jabber at one another and  
start mentally regressing trump just thinks he's yelling at uh uh he's like yelling at 0:19:33  
um john mcenroe at studios 50 54 about which one of them is going to get the hit on  
stephanie seymour and biden is is knife fighting corn pop in the in the in the trunk  
of a 57 chevy yes libra libra i actually know my whole chart now i've got my chart if  
anyone knows the zodiac i'd be interested to hear your take i am libra sun apparently  
people keep saying i look like an insane uncle today and i gotta say uh insane uncle  
energy is stuff i love you know what's so funny you guys talking to me about this and  
and how you you you know these a lot of young people listen to these streams and 0:20:34  
really like they like they like what they're hearing and they find me like some sort  
of figure who's helped them like think their way through the world i have younger  
cousins and i would see them twice a year i would see them on the christmas i'd see  
them at our family reunion in the summer all the way growing up from little shavers  
they're full-grown men now because like i was like a uh like 12 when they were i was  
like i'm i think i'm like not even 10 years older i remember trying to explain vault  
rawls's veil of ignorance to my cousin one time it just i guess like you people really  
aren't ready to hear anything unless it comes all right so what's the deal with that uh  
what do you mean what about air libra is leo rising people are saying omg leo rising 0:21:36  
i don't know what that means and someone said capricorn moon ah which is very  
cute but i don't know what that oh god i wanted to talk about cuties so thank you  
for reminding me um cutie's thing to me is awesome and hilarious because obviously  
it's hysteria it's goofy it's like this this is just some art it's an art movie from france  
it's like who even cares but the thing then now the the the the argument about it i  
think is fascinating because it really shows the degree to which people don't i don't  
think people really get this whole moment i know people get q they don't think they  
get the appeal of q i don't think they they get the appeal of like this whole nascent 0:22:37  
like cultural reactionary uh like trumpian moment because i've seen so many people  
yelling at these uh conservatives for being like hypocritical uh for being hysterical  
like talking oh this is just satanic panic anymore or oh but you guys you guys are  
hypocrites it really underestimates the degree to which they're clearly \*\*\*\*\* with you  
now obviously some of them aren't like the base the grandmas who and like the wine  
moms who now undergo the movement the people who undergirded the first satanic

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panic aren't \*\*\*\*\* with you they're serious because everyone doesn't think there's going to be a future which means they're fixated psychotically on their children and the preservation of their children's innocence because they know the world is just a giant grinding meat maw that's going to turn them into \*\*\*\*\* julian uh chuck whatever that is cannibal sandwiches for everybody that's life outside of the home and they know that and they're terrified of it and it gets turned into this this fixation on preserving youth in innocence but the way this took off you don't think they're 0:23:40 trying to \*\*\*\*\* with all the people who've spent the last five years at least as the as the sheriffs of popular culture the the self-appointed ba sheriffs of wokeness going around and determining what's problematic what needs to go i mean we just we just watched how many how many shows had blackface episodes purged from the royals uh uh in the last couple months and of course a lot of that is just ass covering from corporations who are just trying to get people off their back but it's in a context where people take the like the uh uh in cinema in culture seriously as like a political vector and have decided that they're going to like make their political activism at least in part about shaping what appears on screen to promote wholesome things 0:24:41 less white less toxic masculinity less racism less centering of whiteness more diversity from people of other uh oppressed intersections like basically an idea of politics where everybody grows up and as children grow up and they watch their screens they see a percentage of bad white male based entertainment and good poc and woc and i guess white women entertainment and although that changes depending on who's on top and uh and the mo and whichever one wins whichever one they see more of is going to determine which politics they have and you can say that that's simplistic but i don't know any other way they'll understand how they think this stuff works to the degree that they have to put so much energy into shaping this stuff uh and so gotta get rid of the bad things uh cancel hashtag whatever and gotta protect 0:25:43 the good things and now these guys get to uh get get to say so you guys wanted to get cancel everything for being racist everything for being sexist uh problematic whatever and it needs to go off tv and i don't get to watch it but this show with 12 11 year olds showing their asses to each other is okay i mean it's they've just it's a jujitsu move and it's it's and it taps into a real live wire of panic about the future of these of this country's children uh and about their like vulnerability and now we're back and it's like hey remember how you guys in the 90s said that in the 80s said that it was hysterical to blame popular culture for uh the way people uh lived that it's hysterical to blame violence and media for violence in real life it's hysterical to blame sex and media for licentiousness in real life and now you spent the last five years with bell book and candle demanding that popular culture demand uh uh meets certain political parameters in order to infect people's behavior because otherwise why does 0:26:45

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it matter and now the line you draw is pedophilia and i gotta say they got you they got your asses and i can see why people are mad and just stomping their hats like cartoon and not to mention the fact that i mean we are in the queue world we're in the epstein world and epstein had a lot to do with us like these things rise from material conditions the world's foremost a child uh procurer for the rich and famous kills himself in federal custody that creates a context this is not a blouse it's a shirt this is bigger it's i've lost a little weight so my older shirts i realize now are getting a so it's like this whole cuties thing it's like it's the sewing yay or reap sewing yay 0:27:47 reaping boo and like hey maybe maybe stop this \*\*\*\*\* maybe maybe realize the only way to win is not to play and disengage from this hysterical \*\*\*\*\* jerk him off and of course that won't happen because everyone's captured by their emotional relationship to his arguments but it would be nice if some people like stuff like this stuff like jessica krug i really the one girl whose name was like cv haddad did you see that there was a woman at uw madison who claimed she was italian and she was claiming to be black it's like i'm sorry you're about a hundred years too late for that one honey and her fake name was like cv haddad like like cv like she's in she's trying to get a job as as a uh wokeness uh translator and her name is cv it's like hi i'm resume johnson woc at large maybe it'd be nice maybe nice if people were to do a 0:28:48 little bit of soul searching not going to happen not going to happen at all nope so it's gonna be an argument about what programs to watch a bunch of people huddled around the television in a \*\*\*\*\* uh flooded kroger like with a little security camera tv with wires on arguing about what to watch that's politics why are people asking about the dune worm i thought the dune trailer looked like \*\*\*\*\* why is everything gonna be so washed out why does all the technology have to look like apple store \*\*\*\*\* the armor was it's like the armor on those on the guards in the in the throne room in return the last jedi only it's not as colorful it doesn't even have that going for it it's all washed out there's no silks there's no there's no flowing anything there's no sense of empire it's just this grim like capitalist realism it's like the present but 0:29:49 with space worms i'll see it of course because it's a fun story and there's cool parts i gotta say the design of the worm is pretty good i like the idea that it's got like the baleen thing instead of teeth which makes more sense considering what it eats but the idea that it's all got to be so grim and it's like and so i i said on twitter i said this is like why is it so serious and someone's like would you rather have whedon quips and of course i don't want weed and quips i don't want soy banter but that really is our only option isn't it it's weeding or nolan for uh it's we either get self-serious like uh a ponderous dull colored sepia toned nolan or we get zippy quippy uh cgi uh nothingness with awful soy banter those are our only options that sucks michael 0:30:50 bay has been banished to \*\*\*\*\* netflix at least he has some pop i mean that movie

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the 6 underground was terrible but my god i still thinking about that color palette can't think of the last movie i saw if i'd seen that in the movie theater i might have \*\*\*\*\* gone blind his movies are like the only big budget yeah that's a good point it's like we have to be to be super serious or knowingly humorous like the only kind of humor is like oh wow i guess that happened i think i forgot who pointed this out it might have been will but i thought this was a perfect distillation of that whole genre of film is that i might have said this on the stream before but i just want to say it again is that you know as quality as art got leached out of filmmaking by money as money replaced art one of the things that had to go is characterization like it takes it's you're not going to spend money you're not going to spend time trying to create realized characters it's hard it's not something you can throw money at the way you can throw it at effects and so how do you make a character compelling if they don't have any definition easy you just make them the imagined audience you just make the head character who you in your head imagine is watching the movie which is a schlubby self-aware soy-based uh man-animal and then you have them act like that so that's why it's all people in disbelief so oh this is happening now because that's what you would say if you were in that position because that's the only way to create audience identification with the main characters is if they just received a reflection of themselves which is of course behind a lot of representation arguments as well i'm sorry it's like yeah there's one thing which is the real radical failure to distribute artistic power along racial lines by the accumulation of capital by white people and that makes art monochromatic and bad but there is an element of like especially the way that uh representation has been like pursued of course by hollywood like they're not going to actually change that they're not going to change who makes the movies they're not going to redistribute that uh it's going to be the same little club of you know of mostly white people who all know each other they're not going to bring in new people uh where are they going to come from uh they're not in the social circle already i mean like it's already already a totally self-reproducing thing directors are now the sons of directors and the daughters of directors producers are the daughters and sons of producers kid the actors are the \*\*\*\*\* the boys uh and lodge49 two great show or no the boys is okay lodge 49 is great but both leading actors are somebody's \*\*\*\*\* kid wyatt russell is kurt russell's kid and goldie hawn's kid and \*\*\*\*\* uh the little turd on boys is dennis quaid's kid where are you going to bring in representation that way what you can do is you can make the art look like people and then what that ends up doing is as a way to pander to them now they don't have you know oh i don't actually have to write a character they only have to represent somebody and then they get to feel seen and that fills in the emotional space where you used to have to have to fill it with art you used to have to fill it with

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character creation you used to have to fill it with nuance and and shading that made you care about the person now they either look like the audience member or they sound like them and that overlord i'm sorry aren't you isn't the argument supposed to be that we need to be aware of historical trauma right we have to be aware of historical racism and the in the impact of historical racism right am i wrong like that is a mean a main argument of like about making art representational so that we can tell the stories of america that haven't been told so that we can realize how unfair the current present moment is and how much there has to be redress right like that is part of the argument right i'm not wrong about that if that's the case having a black guy lead a squadron of paratroopers in world war ii essentially says yeah yeah no race wasn't an issue in 1941 or 45 or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* it was you've done violence to history in a way that you have claimed not to want to do the opposite of what you want to do you watch overlord if you're a young person and remember this has to be assumed you have to assume always that the point of this is to change people's minds because that's the only way that it has a political valence and it's not just an artistic question is if no no they see the good representation and some people feel better and it makes other people more politically awake woke as it were some person who does who has got as good in education as the rest of us which is not very good in history oh yeah no there were world war ii guys black guys shooting zombies cool and i know it's like oh but there weren't really zombies either but it's like yes but like it's zombies in a world war two context and the context of world war ii was a i have i i if what race is an issue in overlord it's not an issue enough to not have a guy with a unit of white people which didn't happen that's why i'm saying i don't care if they like made a wrenching of race there is a fundamental difference between a society like in terms of its advancement along racial lines where like oh there's some friction because the captain's black to the captain not ever being allowed to be black there's a difference and why so that people can so that people can see the character and if they're white they fill in the gap of recognition with oh this is a black eye and i can feel i can feel uh woke and i can feel good about myself for identifying with this black character you know what i didn't even notice he was black a little russian self-righteousness and then a black a black viewer can be like hey you know and they understandably want to see that because it's so rare in in especially genre filmmaking they're like hey there's a guy who has like and that identification that fills that space for them but in both cases it is cynical and it's unartistic it does violence to the art it is a cynical attempt to skip a step in making a \*\*\*\*\* piece of film making a piece of art and everyone's doing that all the time but it's just such a glaring one and more importantly to my mind one that is pitched to people as virtue uh someone asked was watergate a coup i that's another one i don't there's a lot of

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circumstantial evidence there that uh that the watergate burglary was botched on purpose on behalf of the cia and the there's a couple of theories as to why they would do that there's one in the book called the great heroin coup that claims that it was actually an internecine intelligence intelligence agency battle about where the cia would be getting its heroin whether from uh the old french connection from turkey to uh to italy to uh marseille to the us or from the golden triangle uh but the last sort of lurid james elroy theory is that nixon had over the course of his presidency cut out the entire national security establishment from foreign policy and the war in vietnam he ran the state department and the defense department out of his office with henry kissinger uh and that was that's the kind of abrogation of powers the presidents just don't do uh and at the very least it certainly gave plenty of incentive to the cia to see him uh there's supposed to be a structure here like we're talking about the most awesome power on earth and it has to be to some degree horizontally uh distributed or else one guy is in charge and that means that the institutional incentives that keep the thing moving hell yeah secret honor great movie i'm why i don't understand also watch travis scott is called cactus jack i'm sorry but cactus jack was uh mick foley's alter ego in the wrestling and what the hell has that got to do with him i have to watch cloud atlas again someone's asking about cloud atlas i remember being very moved by its by its tender heart and uh and absolute earnestness but i think structurally it was a little inert i did love the thing where everyone was cast over the generations with different makeup and stuff that was so ballsy very few people would have the i have the yeah apparently the travis scott meal is just it's a barbecue it's just a bacon quarter pounder with barbecue sauce i'm much more excited about the ghost chili wings at popeyes thank you very much if i'm going to go if i'm going to indulge speeded food a a rapid a rapid comestible it's going to be and mcdonald's is also doing spicy nuggets now soon which of course will be interesting by the way i gotta give a shout out to somebody i i don't remember who it is i'll have to go through my dms but a while ago i was talking about how i really wanted a uh goju-chang korean pepper paste based dip for nuggets and that most goju-chang you get is a little too thick for that somebody dm me and said this is the stuff and he gave me a link to this korean squeeze tube product and i said that's what you're looking for and i got it and it is holy crap it's like cj's i think it's called it's got like the consistency of ketchup but like the rich deliciousness of korean uh red pepper paste i don't i'm a ketchup lover as many know i'm i i love ketchup i'm staunch ketchup on hot dogs obviously but ketchup on \*\*\*\*\* uh eggs yes ketchup on macaroni and cheese delightful but man i don't know i might i might be done with macaroni if i can keep this stuff around the problem is i have to like i think i have to mail out for it i don't think it's available locally but if i could get that at a steady supply i

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might get rid of ketchup but since i can only get it irregularly apparently i will uh i 0:42:16  
will also have ketchup stop ketchup is overrated that's absurd that's like saying the  
beatles are overrated it doesn't make sense ketchup is like a a a a consuming concept  
on its own you can take it or leave it but you i don't understand what's supposed to  
be wrong with ketchup on hot dogs why catch up on hamburgers but not hot dogs  
you're talking very similar profiles of flavor i will not get the prabai's fries no no no  
no no no no no no mashed potatoes and gravy every time nope ketchup is for kids so  
what kids like a lot of things that are delicious ice cream is for kids do you not eat  
ice cream smarty pants hell hot dogs you could you say ketchups for kids you know  
what hot dogs are for kids cut them up a little kitty eating them they're for adults 0:43:18  
too damn it someone just said the most insane thing i've ever seen on this twitch  
stream someone said ketchup is good but heinz ketchup sucks sir you have taken  
leave of your senses heinz is a absolutely perfect complexion given what it's trying to  
be it is the ideal ketchup oliver ketchup is a sad deformation it is the form everything  
else is a last night i heard somebody in the sink here having a backyard um comedy  
show and i was listening to it and you'd hear some amplified setup clapping wooing  
and then some laughter and then all of a sudden some guy just started yelling his  
head off and i'm like oh snap there's a heckler and not just any heckler emondo 0:44:19  
pissed off one and what's so funny is the guy's yelling and yelling and then when  
he stops it's just over as in all sound ceased i didn't hear i don't even think they  
even said okay bye he literally ended the show hunts is not also good sir no house is  
bad that's how you knew that that's how you knew that the republicans were death  
cult in 2004 when they switched out all the heinz ketchup for hunts at the rnc in  
new york they gave themselves worse ketchup to own libs who weren't even there  
oh the korean sauce i think it's called cj's like cj's bebop bb bop sauce i don't know  
where it's available i had to i had to mail it i had to get it from amazon i think i 0:45:20  
i couldn't find it anywhere else they might have a website i don't know tatsuki is  
really good tzatziki's underrated i keep talking about food because i keep doing this  
these streams right before dinner so i somebody's bumping something's bumping  
white socks is very good too we're just naming delicious delicious \*\*\*\*\* sauces right  
now and i'm oh man i wish we had ketchup chicks in the u.s ketchup chips and all 0:46:21  
dressed it's honestly we america is the snack capital of the world right five million we  
have so many chain restaurants europeans all of them are stunned like australia has  
like three chains they've got mcdonald's hungry jacks which is burger king and like  
probably some kangaroo based uh place they're blown away by how many we have  
and yet we have the worst chips in the anglosphere except for when lays does the uh  
does those like limited edition chips those are often amazing to this day they're uh  
they did a biscuits and gravy chip that in my mind is still the best chip i've ever had

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but it's gone they did a korean barbecue one that was really good they did a euro one they did garlic fries oh man they were so good but they're always limited time like the regular options in america suck we don't have all dressed we don't i did not like the chicken fries or our chicken fried steak someone's asked much i like chicken breast it reminds me that there was a chicken and waffles one that i thought was going to be good but it was just all waffle no chicken yeah lay's tatsuki oh so good lays they're so good oh they did like a uh a cherry they did a brazilian like uh but no all dressed yeah no we got the worst chips in the anglosphere i want all dressed i don't want ketchup apparently though the one to get according to bill oakley and i trust him on all things comestible is that there is a in spain they have a jimón ibérico lace chip that is supposed to take tastes like their delicious charcuterie and he says that it's the best chip and if they pull that off most black-pilled civil war general uh depending on what you mean by that it's got to be uh sherman right because sherman was there like everybody else during the civil war one of the tragedies of the civil war and one of the things that made it so bloody is that it was being play acted by a bunch of napoleonic cosplaying fancy lads guys with big plumes in their hair guys who were reenacting chivalric traditions from like medieval england like pompous \*\*\*\*\* like uh like robert e lee who thought it was more honorable to do a big napoleonic charge into \*\*\*\*\* uh rifle bore munitions uh and uh jeb stewart who wanted to count coup with out out in the fields uh sherman that had small time said no this is uh this is a dirty business we're trying to win a political contest uh at the least expense to our side and you do that by extinguishing the opponent's will to fight and he famously gave a speech at a commencement into some military thing afterwards uh where he said uh the war is the famous war is hell speech where he goes uh war zeldas cannot be refined its glories are all moonshine it is and you could say that's like that's a step towards the horror of the coming like industrial slaughter of the 20th century but it's still an advancement over because over the delusion of of that of that generation of of antebellum uh of military uh pageant players at least sherman was like was going to apply that logic to a just cause you know and like that's the real reason that that's a progressive position is that if you if you really accept war as awful in its own right and irredeemable then it can only be pursued for virtuous reasons and you actually have to like interrogate what that means meanwhile you got robert e lee going it is after fredericksburg after watching innocent people just getting butchered on on a rocky outcropping because their dumb ass mistak stupidly facial haired incompetent general ordered them to go up a hill and they obeyed their \*\*\*\*\* orders get massacred well he just got to sit there on a horse goes it is good that was so terrible or we should grow too fond of it yeah you think it's terrible well trump is definitely the most black bill president in the

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same way and that he doesn't subscribe to any of the \*\*\*\*\* about the virtue of the country or the office you don't think we kill people you don't i'm dappling a little bit it's coming most tiresome film director at this point it's gotta be nolan he's sick of his \*\*\*\*\* and depending on how dune goes i'll definitely put villanueva on that list i liked sicario but i haven't really enjoyed anything else movie i might pop back on but i gotta pop off i'm back guys i don't like to go too far lower than an hour molly was are from mollywood arrival i like too i like more than some people but his whole deal i just it's illuminating i had to break for the geico ad and and the cactus jack mcdonald's ad i've seen that like 50 times logging onto twitch because yes i i do think that the uh the central metaphor of arrival there with the language like being three-dimensional i think that's kind of cool i bad a huge fan of annihilation i must it's \*\*\*\*\* nice out \*\*\*\*\* noise out you can hit my line i'm trying to smoke i hope i don't get dcc for the music in r.i.p by the way to uh to king dave young king dave taking too soon i don't think he would have survived covet anyway so oh yeah i just want to say finally about uh it's going to happen i think it's going to happen more and more and trump specifically is going to be the face of it because the thing about trump being this the third party president who stands away from the office and just kind of comments on his own presidency is that he can never be held responsible for anything in the minds of people to them he is always as grieved as they are and it means that the people they hate hate them hate him like in germany i mean germany you want to talk about a country where like the political process has basically ground lost all all pretense how long have they had a unity government now how long have they had the two main parties in coalition how many years has it been angela merkel has been uh in office longer than like a number of dictators who we overthrow uh there's no political spaces and if that happens you look for a hero outside of the system and trump is he's the only figure in the world who is both to the size of the system in a way that could make him a credible like foil for it and in any realistic imaginative sense outside of it and so i think you're going to see more of that as as coronavirus keeps just squeezing the life out of everybody uh and the sense of possibility and hope of any kind of future he's going to be the deliverance i don't know what i'm gonna have for dinner now i was trying i was halfway to talking myself into getting the popeyes but i probably won't know not sure what though i didn't really change my diet to lose weight i honestly just stopped drinking as much and eating less i mean i ate out less so i mean i just was a very i just went from like a wildly unhealthy diet and lifestyle to a slightly less unhealthy one oh god trump said that we don't need to be in the middle east we're just there to protect israel i love it that's the one thing you love to see about his whole presidency is just shedding all of the pretense which is the reason they hate him telling telling our troops that

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they're suckers because eventually those troops become generals and they have to think they're sacrificing for something like john kelly believes in this country in a way that trump won't that's because he is a sucker he let his son die in iraq for no reason but he's got to convince himself of that and he's also he was in a position of very high power that's true of the high members of the military as well how do you react to them being disabused how does your system function when the people in charge of those organs of state are disabused in one way or another of the of the ideological motivators that have trump isn't going to do anything about aliens because they if there is i don't know if there is aliens honestly all this stuff that's come out last couple years it could all be viral marketing for some mark hoppus production that he put together with a a uh like junior officer in like the navy to be like hey you you know if you can get me some documents or whatever i don't know like harry reid is also like harry reid is also friends with the guy who he got all that money for that brought bigelow guy you know that could that whole operation with harry reid funding that it just could be pork barrel \*\*\*\*\* or money laundering so i have no idea that's another thing agnostic on the aliens but the one thing i do know is that there are aliens and there's proof of them that the us government has they did not tell trump i doubt they tell most presidents why would they what would be the motivation why would you get that information into the hands of someone who legally can declassify any thing did you know that the president is not bound by any laws against the releasing of classified documents if the president decides to release it it is declassified legally you think they're going to give anything of importance to anyone that they don't have complete control over or at least trust his uh like basic uh conversational continence to not \*\*\*\*\* spill the beans every five minutes get out of here get out of here out of here oh it's tom delonge who's the ufa guy right whatever they're all the same guy in my mind they're all the same kind of blanky kind of doughy face guy with the same voice don't waste the time i'm already knowing the mice inside my hand go pack i didn't even watch i mean it's not on tv here not really a fan at this point but i do like this hat moon landing happened shut up bothering the \*\*\*\*\* like what were they getting out of it propaganda victory it's not like it's not like the soviets themselves i want to address one thing before i go because it caught my eyes somebody said it is strange that people assume that alien life would be more or less empathetic than ours and i would say that i think there is and i think posada the pasadists talk about this is that any symbols that any any alien life form that achieved a civilizational complexity necessary to allow for interdimensional or interstellar travel would by definition be communist i think that's true and as we've talked about like there is a moral center to communism that is a a decentered ego and a like a social sense of uh of identity let alone morality

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that it stands to reason that they would be more benevolent than us or else they wouldn't have made it that far oh man i smell some mommy's doing barbecue out here i'm gonna die oh man it was corn and now it's barbecue oh i did not go pasades i would never go pasadist because one element that they how dare you all right guys

*Dracula Time*

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um ahoy i'm assuming folks are there i don't have my computer out here yet so i'm hoping that uh that i'm being received here i've exited host mode i don't know when i can never tell when but i know now that i have exited host mode hey everybody i'm getting my seasonal allergies on this time of year around september the ragweed 0:1:2 rises up and i start sneezing and getting uh and getting a little uh stuffed up uh and as folks can see i am back wearing my strap suit because it's finally kind of chilly it's kind of fallish and i gotta say this is very rare for new york i know half the country's on fire and we're tumbling into a climate apocalypse but man last month or so in new york math and half has been exquisite i've lived in new york probably five years between two five six years now between two different times living here and i gotta say this is the absolute best august i've ever encountered and the best september because new york september is usually very muggy here even if the temperature goes down and you don't get crispness until like october at least my experience this is already crispy and it's not even the 15th yet oh it's fall baby and i'm loving it and here i am i'm wearing my \*\*\*\*\* tracksuit and i love it i love it someone tells me the stream's quiet i've been told this before i have the volume entirely up i have 0:2:3 the microphone next to my face if there's another thing to do i do not know how to do it so at this point telling me won't help because i do not have the ability to interfere with this now as we've said we're going to do more stuff at the office with chris we're going to try to do a stream i think on wednesday we were going to do one last week but he forgot the microphone so we will be in the office i will have the microphone and it will be louder but until then it's just me here and i don't understand any of this i don't know how this works as remember how long it took me to even get from twit to twitch which is like a thing of a platform that we have a uh an actual like deal with to broadcast content and i was doing it on instagram because i didn't have twitch on my phone you guys know when you can get me on this because i have no power over it it makes me worry that people don't know i am 0:3:9 a boomer i've never said i wasn't i've never claimed to be anything but a boomer ah because if you think about it the boomers were the last generation i mean we

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talked about axe millennials and stuff but the boomers were really the first and last generation because they were the defining generation there really were generations before them that's all retrospective all that stuff about the silent generation and like the greatest generation that's all post hoc nobody thought in those terms back then the first generation is self-consciously think of itself as one at least in america in the 20th century was the \*\*\*\*\* boomers and since they have held on to all the capital they've been squatting creases like upon it like smog on all of that \*\*\*\*\* accumulated capital that that got piled up uh during the labor piece of america's post-war hegemony that is now slowly dwindling away they still have the lion's share of it which means they still direct culture they still direct politics they still rule the roost and they still i mean there's going to be a movie about the chicago 7 directed 0:4:11 by aaron sorkin coming out next month on netflix sorkin is a \*\*\*\*\* uh uber xr right i'm pretty sure that sorkin is like a definitive gen xer how old is he sorkin's in his 50s right or even if but he's still making a movie about the chicago 7 and about the \*\*\*\*\* 68 convention and and all of his characters and all of his stuff harken back to that remember uh jeff daniels monologue at the beginning of newsroom where he talks about how we were once great and we won wars and we uh uh and sure he's talking about the greatest generation but then he's talking about \*\*\*\*\* like going to the moon and whatever it's all in the context those are the dreams of the the greatest generation or the boomers that was the stuff the that's what they grew up with and that's what he's enraptured by even though he was older younger than that or if he wasn't he should and now the millennials they're just it's all just a different 0:5:15 deformation of boomer it's all that self-conscious like it's the idea of a generation that sees itself as a generation right there you have boomer mindset so every generation that thinks that way has boomer mindset so we are all boomers even the even those terrifying zoomers even the children uh are are basically boomers i mean they're it's boomers all the way down so i will say it at least i'll admit it i burrowed through the levels of of mystifying ideology that make me think oh no i am this generation these things mean something other than just a culture talking itself to death while it slowly sinks into oblivion unable to muster any uh uh opposition to a neo-liberal 0:6:18 dissolving of all foundations i have to say though that i replay these and they sound fine so i don't know what i've never had a problem listening to them either played back on youtube or twitch so you guys might have the problem this what are all these emoticons why are we what's going on there are many emoticons some of them are of me there's one of uh alex i think loan option on there oh emote only because 0:7:19 everyone was giving me the business about the uh about the sound well i'm fine now i'm not now i know that if anyone's doing it they're doing it uh disregard oh no oh no god damn it pomo got it out there again that there's a picture of me without a beard

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and there it's a terrible photograph it's i think it like it's on some alt-right websites i remember you people would sometimes reply to me with it it's a terrible photograph it was for a brief period a couple years ago when i shaved my beard because i was getting too much and i know now yeah you need beard oil idiot there's not going to be a rogan debate come on we're barely even going to get an actual debate it's going to be puppet show they're going to do race banding models it's gonna be stage managed somehow edited it's gonna be boring sure \*\*\*\*\* not gonna get four hours in uh joe rogan's weed garage getting top contact highs while rogan just blows smoke in their face i am grilling tonight thank you for asking i'm gonna make the uh i have perfected a recipe for a korean beyond burger where i put kimchi and that sauce that i have on a beyond burger fried uh cook that puppy up and of course some some glizzies nathan's oh god thank you someone reminded me of this i want to talk about it so today trump was in some sort of conference with people in california and of course he's doing his usual thing about forest fires where it says they didn't they didn't sweep the floor enough you gotta sweep the floor why don't you sleep with the floor you've got to sweep the floor uh he's said this for years this has always been his argument i mean he's a \*\*\*\*\* he's a he's a great a idiot accepted being famous and they were he was talking to some california officials and one of them decided he was going to get his name in the paper and so he gave trump a little dressing down about how he needed to under accept the climate change was real and that he needs that the science needs to be confronted or else we're not going to fix anything and the guy and trump goes it's going to get colder you watch and the guy goes i wish science agreed with you and he goes well that is at the heart i think of q of flat earth of the entire like new like folk politics and religion that's emerging in the current moment out of the sludge of trumpism uh it is a total disbelief in all objective uh measurements or systems it is a it is a reptilian rejection of authority outside of one's zone of tribal affiliation so things like the media and things like science any way you define it are not just not to be believed they are to be instinctively disbelieved anything they say is a lie you have to believe the opposite and that's because this is what happens when you have replaced the concept of politics with personal ego gratification to the point where you were just projecting a fantasy a schizophrenic fantasy of politics where you're a participant uh as like an eternal essential being battling against the enemy not not negotiating with other people across like the marketplace like liberalism says and we're all participating in liberal democracy but further more and more liberal democracy is untenable and this is replacing it and that's one of those things that makes trump supporters love him is because they think the same way he they he does and so they don't think science is real and you can say but what look at all the evidence how does he say it gonna get colder it's been the hottest year every

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year in a couple months it is going to get colder right even if it's not as cold as it used to be at the same time of year it's going to be colder than it is now right those fires are going to go out right there might even be some snow there might even be a snowstorm or two and he will be in that moment then being like look it's cooler crazies then that's what's wrong with them and of course all the nerds are gonna yell but neck but but but this is just the winter and it's not even as cold as it used to be and it's going to keep getting warmer but right then it's cold and then next summer if there's another huge fire season and it's you know bigger than this one and it's more acres burned and it's more people displaced and killed and you point to it and you say look it's terrible he'll go yep it'll get cooler and he will not have him he will not even remember last year he will not be able to think of last year because every moment is just that moment but not in like the zen centered sense of there is only the moment everything within it is flux the only constant is change and therefore you are free from any fixed position any any damage like you cannot be hurt if you really believe that because there's nothing to hurt you know you're part of a you're part of a whole a hole you're part of a flow a flow of his space and time and that centers you and can give you a sense of it can detach you from your pain and detach you from your anger and detach you from your resentment and hostility to others and fear but he doesn't have that kind of sense of the moment it is only the horrors of the moment it's only the pains and desires of and and and and thwarted dreams the fantasies that have always been there just out of reach like remember trump has been driven mad by having everything he wanted his whole life which means he has never been happy because he has always been seeking more which means he is always moving towards this like this light that's just beyond the his reach beyond like this gauze of reality and he's been pushing at it his whole life and it's made him in every moment miserable so it's the same moment of misery and so in the winter hey it's cold what are you talking about global warming and in the summer when it's hot you're overreacting it's going to get cold and that's a mindset that is now dominant where the enemy is these things like science and the media and the political parties specifically the democrats hollywood any all the edifice all the edifices of the of the fantasy world that we now inhabit that replaced our reality because our reality is fixed right politics can't have anything to do with real human conditions because real human conditions are fixed our destiny is made by the market we are frozen in amber we are going to be turned into pace one way or the other by the system but we live in a fantasy world we live in a world of heroes and villains we live in a mythological realm and we get to participate at the level of visceral identification with one side and that's what the new politics will be and it's the only politics we can have that's why q is the leading edge of a generalizable phenomenon across politics it

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includes democrats like there's already like this russiagate and like the weird fixation on uh like and paranoid relationship to trump and bernie bros and the creation of this like meta-narrative about a conspiracy within like the inter russia and the democratic republican party and the media to like elect not the fascists by propping up a fake left uh that's on the same level of like delusion and it comes from the same level of cognitive dissonance and the same sense of powerlessness but it's just less intensified now because those people are more wedded to more more parts of this system like they still believe in the media they still believe in the democratic party they mostly still like hollywood whereas the the q person has already been widely alienated from all of those things which puts them farther along on the edge but it's the same process and that's just the language that it finds itself being generated by the democratic and uh this allows me a chance to talk about something i think i've brought bought men mentioned in part before but i've never i don't think brought together into one kind of idea and that is the way that q fits into the history of protestantism in america and how q i think represents a third great awakening of american protestantism like a new emergent relationship between people's spirituality and their politics and their like citizenship and it goes like this this is my basic outline is that for the first premise is that protestant american protestantism is in essential ways a different beast theologically and spiritually from any pro any christianity that came before it anything in europe or the levitt or anything else uh it is not it is its own creature it is an offshoot and the main reason i say that is because the united states project that settler colonial project created a relationship between citizens and christianity that essentially removed the spiritual element i.e the social element from the entire endeavor of religion and made it a purely transactional relationship a purely marketized capitalized religious tradition where like because religion because it is the opiate of the masses in the heart of a heartless world it provides sort of a it it ratifies uh uh existing social relationships but it also gives rise to a language of uh of just of pain uh a language of uh hurt a language of alienation that was exploited by things like the monster rebellion and \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* i gotta one second i gotta pop off i gotta text somebody something uh but anyway so yes one second as we're leaving off with protestantism different now we will say why am i back on can you hear me all right you can hear me okay good so christianity is not just doctrine it's lived experience it's lived it's a social practice and that is something that you have to remember when you're talking about religion it's not just doctrine it's a social practice the social practice of european christianity through up until the reformation was one where uh one sense of place in the universe in one sense of one's relationship to god which is necessary for anyone to feel like they're participating in a religious tradition if you can't feel god you're not really part of it i mean you can mouth it

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but you're not there uh and the the way that that was reaffirmed was by a social 0:19:45  
relationship you were a member of a great chain of being you had a place and you  
that place was reinforced and daily ritualized almost be interactions with everyone  
around you other people in the great chain of being family members uh you know  
a clergy these the lords whatever it is wherever your relationship is it's embedded  
it's socially embedded and those that creates a sense of our understanding of god's  
will because god cannot be totally inscrutable if god's totally inscrutable we have  
nothing to go by if god is totally inscrutable there is no reason to have any code of  
behavior or any any social obligation to anyone because what's the what's the uh  
what are you going off of god is explicable to the sense that we know what he likes  
and so by seeing people interact socially we see who rises and falls and we see who's  
happy and who's miserable and what causes that misery we see the sense of god and  
yes it's heavily inflected by the feudal system and it says oh yes rebelling against 0:20:47  
the order that's a bad thing and and uh you know it normalizes and ratifies that  
exploitation system but it does it in a way that has a deep sense because of the lack  
of technology and the lack of social uh it has a larger degree of built-in uh built-in  
legitimacy built in uh consent i would say because people feel obliged to one another  
and that's part of what religion is but capitalism changes that capitalism destroys  
our relationship with one another removes the obligations removes that sense of of  
a mystical tie and replaces it with a transaction of goods motivated by self-interest  
strangers in a marketplace that's how we're supposed to see each other and part of  
it is because you as as capitalism accumulated society gets more complicated more 0:21:48  
people are born more people live closer together they go to cities and stuff and it  
pulls at that social fabric the social fabric gets torn as people move through the  
economic engine as it as it tightens its its grip and that means that it creates uh  
alienations and they have to be channeled somewhere and protestantism is one way  
to re reframe one's relationship to god in a desacralized space protestantism says no  
social practice is not the basis for a virtue doctrine is individual belief is because  
if you're carrying your soul around by yourself all day and interacting with other  
people who might try to take it as opposed to being socially embedded where your  
soul is also a little bit part of everyone else's soul that you know because you only  
know a few people you know more people you're interacting with them as strangers  
you're trying to exploit them you're trying to get more from them than you're giving  
that has to be metabolized these these people don't just snap more fingers one 0:22:49  
day and have new ideas they have to be resolved these contradictions have to be  
resolved and protestantism helps resolve that contradiction by replacing that social  
soul with an individual one but that proc so that once that process starts it would  
inevitably unless something intervenes it would inevitably overtake all of european

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christianity but it was hyper kicked into gear by the fact that as this new emergent social for ideas is emerging this idea of a protestant liberal self as the locus for like religious meaning uh as as a way to deal with the dislocations and alienations of capitalism just at this time europeans start going to the new world and seeing it as virgin land seeing the people who inhabit it as somehow other religiously inscribed as others so that anything can be done to them and their land is takeable their land is exploratable but that means they're coming apart from different places and they might all be christians they might like that like the the people in new england they might all be christians you know and they but they all come from different places and are strangers to one another for the most part you had some families coming but the vast majority of immigration led to strangers coming into contact with another one another and creating cities of people coming together uh without a social framework at all coming from a feudal understanding that was not yet fully like shaken loose from social formations and relationships in europe so that had to be filled by something and the first great awakening that happened during the colonial era i think was that society's like uh inflection point at which they realized a new understanding of their religion and a new understanding of their relationship to god and protestantism and calvinism specifically provided them for the context for this and provided them for the language with the language for this and it was how can we know god's will right we used to be able to know god's will because we were connected we were all tendrils touching one another in a social fabric we were we were we were a seamless garment i mean not obviously this is for when i say this this isn't speaks to all the alienation and misery of life under feudalism it was miserable but all of that misery and suckitude was channeled into network that didn't require a lot of how could there have been mass coercion there was no mass state you had people the serfs if they wanted to leave they could the misery was massive but it was unalienated it was shared by most like even rich people still had to like they \*\*\*\*\* twice a month and they and their kids died of the cold and they lived in drafty castles and they got to eat meat until they were constipated but their lives were largely the same and their lives depended on each other now you're in a new world where everyone's a stranger how do we know what is god's will and how can we act according to it and the answer became because this is a blank slate this is tabula rasa and we can rewrite anything onto it through our personal will driven by our personal souls then god's will is the sum total of what we do to this continent what all of us acting according to our souls rights on the continent is the manifestation of god's will and those who prosper are prospering because they held in their heart the true faith and the true spirit and are true christians those who fell those who failed to inscribe themselves on the land uh profitably on the landscape they are they are sinful we pity

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them we don't we we hope they find jesus but there clearly cannot be real believers 0:26:55  
or they would not be so and that works for and that reinscribes christianity and rea  
and it gives it a new basis to a framework to act operate from in people's minds uh  
during the course of the settling of the country but then by the mid-19th century  
a new system is emerged now we still have the frontier people pushing it forward  
and trying to grab and write their like write their fate write god's name onto the  
land but the people out east the people who are either relatively recent immigrants  
or people who have settled in the less especially in new york in the northern tier  
the less uh the people who became the yeoman farmers like the where the citizens  
actually lived and upstate new york was where the the second great awakening was  
most intense the burned-over district it was called also where mormonism emerged  
from and that is because i theorize it's the deary canal destabilizing that that rural 0:27:57  
idol and introducing the market because the market is another challenger to our our  
uh um our fixedness because like we can inscribe our name on the land but then  
what if what about what the banker shows up what if we have to get a mortgage  
what about what what about what our our goods will get on the market or what if  
i have to sell my labor what if i have to go to the city and i have to sell my labor  
and i'm not even able to direct my own efforts the way i could on a farm i have  
to go on the barges on the erie canal and see and see tavern keepers like what how  
am i to keep my how am i to know what god's will is there and the answer ended  
up inevitably becoming because that's what the wheel of history was grinding us  
towards with our consent or knowledge and our brains trying to frantically keep up  
was what god god's will is what is inscribed in the market so not necessarily the land  
but if you can get the land good but if you can't well what can you what can you  
sell what can you sell them for how much what what what kind of trade can you 0:28:58  
learn and what kind of shingle can you put out what kind of fortune can you make  
for yourself and succeeding in the market becomes expression of god's will failure or  
god's favor and now we've reached the terminal end point to that cycle because the  
market has just as our frontier eventually became no longer malleable couldn't be  
the place where god's will was inscribed it became fixed it became autonomous same  
way that happened to the market because now the market is totalized which means  
the winners and losers are fixed there is not even an illusion of agency people are just  
driven by the skinner box uh uh desire uh a fear uh external coercive mechanism of  
the market the debt and and bills and um and hospital costs and health care and um 0:30:1  
and and maybe you got to move you know but none of it feels none of it i'm talking  
about in a spiritual sense none of it feels like it's anybody's uh it's anybody's will  
certainly not god's and instead of accepting a world where god is dead we have to find  
a new place where his will can be found and now we have a new frontier as another

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frontier closes a new frontier opens the frontier of the internet yes we are fixed here in in the cycles of of deprivation and uh and and fortune and and you know uh uh labor alienation material alienation precarity the word that defines all those words but online we can seek god's favor we can scribe through we can put an effort into to truly just believe in something and so that's where cue comes in and so this is the new 0:31:5  
this is the latest cycle the new intensification of the cycle of uh christianity american christianity whereby now god's will is discovered online and we find we use things like q proofs and memes and the q clock like we use a a biblical codex find meaning to to find the kabbalistic and q is the thing that brings all of it together and now is going to include all of this mystical rejection of the material world and its structures that have failed at every level to provide the sucker that uh our understanding of the country we live in and the god who rules over us would make possible and something 0:32:7  
has to explain it someone has to answer for it and that becomes the shadow form of this like cyclopedia deep state which of course exists and is capitalism but these people are too captured ideologically to get beyond that level of abstraction and i don't know how much hope is for them honestly i think if you get there it might be too late also like you might be deep into an epistemic grunt and nothing could route you out because how can you really convince anybody of something at that point it's the way i say you can't convince anybody on the internet anymore that means the more you believe on internet stuff the less you can be talked out of it the way you can talk someone out of a religious belief they have to be stopped from converting in the first place or you hope that they fall away from it but that's going to happen regardless of you you're not going to talk them out of it discreetly you got to \*\*\*\*\* cut it off and you got to get people before they can get it and that's the race against time the left has and i i'm not terribly optimistic yeah the whole thing was a joke 0:33:9  
i mean just was the trump campaign the trump campaign it was basically a bit he was doing because he was pissed obama uh the problem with trying to get q people to acknowledge capitalism as the root of a problem is that they believe capitalism is in capitalism is part of the fiber of the christian like when i was talking about how protestantism is like a spiritual expression of capitalism it's a spiritual practice that 0:34:11  
can be compatible with capitalism uh that means that it's that they are constitutive of each other you cannot get capitalism out of it you would you just you'd have to you'd kill it and and and yeah like that's that's how you would have to do it but it's also means that they're going to have more defense mechanisms against that than anything they're going to like any any criticism of capitalism is if they understand it as such like if they understand it in a spiritual sense is like a live wire challenge to their very uh exis existential conception of themselves and that means seltzer i 0:35:17  
have to say i used to not like seltzer i used to prefer soda because i thought like

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the the unadorned uh seltzery taste was too overpowering i liked it sweet but i've basically waterboarded my mouth with enough of the \*\*\*\*\* that now i like it and it does most of the job that uh that coke oh i i wrote a letterbox review invasion of the body snatchers the philip kaufman 70s version and i just said that that if they did one now with this sort of same vibe it would be about tick tock and it's just i don't know i wasn't even really thinking about it uh the movie's okay i didn't just really have anything to say about it i guess i just meant that uh that that movie very much takes uh invasion of the body the body snatchers are a metaphor for like uh 0:36:18 i think it's supposed to be a metaphor for like self-help culture in the 70s like as as the 70s were turning into an insane asylum and as like social cohesion was going out the window and as uh as the economic foundation was crumbling around everybody and society felt like it was like on the verge of some sort of a tipping point certainly embargo that there was this movement to soothe people out in a without religion but like with spirituality like a um new age or or um radically like self-accepting psycho psychological essentially uh snake oil like all that stuff was snake oil it's just 0:37:19 it's the same it's like it's all dianetics it's it's all all of its l ron hubbard stuff like someone who is charismatic or smart enough to construct out of like real real pain and real alienation a quick fix remedy that incorporates enough truthful scaffolding to hide the empty and that stuff just proliferated and now we don't even have that we just have social media entrepreneurship like the only hope for the pros is that you can do this you can do being on the internet good enough that you can avoid the perils of the market entirely like i did i mean i'm exhibit a of this and and now it was podcasts you know for a while it was uh like you get a book out of a book deal out of a twitter account i didn't say it was set for life if i said if i said several 0:38:31 eleven hours i just mean you don't have to you don't have to worry about becoming a totally alienated uh lay capitalist subject just running on the hamster wheel you can you can disengage from that at least for a while and uh that's the only dream left that's the only american dream we have and q is a part of that q is that expression politically like you can solve the codex you can you can solve the da vinci code and it'll unlock the the \*\*\*\*\* seal gondor and the light will shine through and there will be no death and all shall be well and all shall be well and all manners of things shall be well and prester john and his righteous armies will come over the horizon to redeem mankind the revelation these guys are apocalyptic very much exclusively they're like this whole trump unveiling when all the all the deep state pedos get executed that's the apocalypse in their mind in the sense that it is the endpoint this 0:39:32 is the new expression of end times uh uh uh um christianity remember at the turn of the millennium and the \*\*\*\*\* uh left behind series and it was all going to be the rapture you remember the rapture the way that was a meme until like 2008 during

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the bush years that all the all the yahoo christians thought that one day all the all the righteous would just get spared like they get sucked up to heaven before tribulation began because as the most costed and and uh physically pampered people in history people who believe that their amount of physical and social suffering is the sum total of like their uh like their uh suffering for them would be to be out of god's favor like to suffer it all is to be punished by god to for having done something wrong so they can't even conceive of suffering through uh a tribulation no no they will be risen up but they get to watch you don't hear about the rapture anymore you're gonna hear about q but it's the same impulse just farther along accelerated farther along and 0:40:33 made more insane by a more insanely uh disorienting social matrix yeah i really do think it was a \*\*\*\*\* post i think the queue was a \*\*\*\*\* post to begin with and then i think it was probably taken by those um those youtube i don't know if people read this but there was an article that had a little i had some it looked pretty persuasive proof video of these two youtubers who were making money and this is always the big question about q why would you do it if there was no money in it because like i'm talking about the whole the only dream left is the dream of of seizing god getting gaining god's favor in the in the cyber sphere why would you do it for no money why would you do it for no recognition and that's why uh uh you couldn't 0:41:34 you that's why it had to be an insider right that's why it had to be someone with real insider knowledge and they had to be anonymous because there had to be it had to be for the pure desire to see good done it couldn't be for social media clout but the way to get around that is if you're the person explaining it if you're the person if you're the priesthood if you're the digital priesthood if you're if you're the uh i mean and then you get you know the communion and you get to keep or you get to keep the uh the collection plate because you're the priest of your own religion which is what everybody wants so this is sort of l ron hubbard deal basically well then like mormon got mormon uh mormon heaven too uh and you get to collect the the gate toll for understanding q in the first place and there's video of one of these guys accidentally logging on to queue while they were streaming live in one of their well- 0:42:36 trafficked and renumerative youtube channels and now it looks like at some point it got maybe they sold it i wouldn't be surprised if they sold it and honestly if they did they sold low to that pedophile psycho schan guy but honestly though i think that if they did sell unless they really needed cash fast uh they blew it because this could really be like an apple type situation but the thing that could stop that and it might be too late honestly is that because q has posted so much less as q has gotten much more popular his contribution to the whole thing has been uh denatured he is less integral to the process most of the stuff that's really important hugh cannon didn't come from directly or even like through a direct inference from a cue post and even

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if he wanted to change the direction or or or like seize control of it for some specific ends that were not that were against the momentum that was being built socially they wouldn't be able to do it it'd be king canute trying to call back uh now i know 0:43:38  
american christianity isn't a single tendency but i would say that that is that there's a basis for that americans like and i'm not talking about the way it's experienced by non-traditional people i'm talking about the way that it is practiced by practitioners of religion like people who go to church or even people who have a very very deep um self-conception of them as christian as a subset of greater group of people that 0:44:40  
you could even you could still call christian uh that there is an american protestant uh cosmology like a materialist christianity where god's will is seen on earth heaven is on earth hell is on earth and who is one place or the other is god's will because we are all driven by and that's and obviously not everyone thinks that there's plenty of people who don't believe that but i'm talking about like the the the unders not just the way people the majority of people understand themselves but the way that their understanding expresses itself in politics and culture i would say that that is american christianity this protestant evangelical conception and that even catholicism at this point for the most part uh accepting like maybe immigrant communities where by 0:45:42  
the way pentecostalism and evangelicalism is making a big uh inroads american catholicism is essentially now a a subsidiary doctrinally distinct but but tributary uh faith within that greater tradition like prop it's like episcopa you got your uh uh presbyterians your methodists your baptists your pentecostals your catholics and that's all like on the same level of distinction and a lot of this didn't just come from those puritan \*\*\*\*\* those calvinist \*\*\*\*\* it really came in terms of stiff like creating the uh like the cultural backbone like creating the uh the the social lived experience of this religious tradition \*\*\*\*\* scotch irish holy \*\*\*\*\* and if you want to know the 0:46:45  
difference between like scandinavian uh christianity and uh american christianity i think the fact that they didn't have any scotch irish might be a big part of it it's a \*\*\*\*\* ulster protz man some of the oh and there that's why ulster protestantism is one of the very few european uh religious and political traditions that is similar in like even specifics to american like they also have like creationists and they also fight the same culture war and if you go to the uh the protestant neighborhoods in belfast and see the \*\*\*\*\* murals they are they embrace this connection they've seen one of a stonewall jackson there's one with james buchanan it says scotch irish president it's like yeah the worst one we had congratulations you \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* i saw i famously saw i remember seeing a picture of a uh of a wall of a like a udf clubhouse and it had a bunch of flags on the wall and it had uh the red hand of ulster it had a south 0:47:46  
african apartheid flag the rhodesian apartheid flag and the and they're also like global warming deniers and you know what fanatically anti-abortion in a way that like the

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way that reactionaries just how long we gone now i gotta what time is it anybody i  
i only i don't have my laptop out here does anyone have the time not the length of  
the stream but the am pm 6 37 all right great all right i'm gonna wind down pretty  
soon cause i think no wait a minute now i got like 10 minutes left i think all right  
what's scientology's relationship to american christianity it's essentially the the uh 0:48:50  
the the scientized it's the grad student version it's american christianity where the  
uh where the experience of like of living in the technological innovative moment and  
us also this the uh the spiritually destroying moment of world war you cannot accept  
god as a supernatural conception the way the british students can in those services  
in that uh in that instance if you have a certain frame of mind if maybe you have  
a certain education if you approach things from a more empirical a more grounded  
perspective and that's going to be a product of your upbringing your brain chemistry  
all these things out of your control and if you end up on that end of the spectrum  
one answer to you know what what is the good now in this in this madhouse that 0:49:53  
is that shows got that that humanity has almost limitless power and it is a it is a  
science based a science replacing god but having the same purpose the idea of giving  
people a ability to write themselves across the world and into outer space and see  
gods xenus whatever will reflected in the do i think jordan peterson's daughter is  
trying to kill him i don't want to get sued for making claims without basis but i will 0:50:54  
just say this she certainly doesn't seem to be treating him with a lot of care and i'm  
sorry it might be a cheap shot but you do have to wonder how much of that is his  
responsibility as a father i'll just say that but it does look like his \*\*\*\*\* sucks and  
i maybe i'm wrong maybe i'm wrong maybe putting him in a medical coma at like  
a in a serbian ex like bosnian labor camp during the middle of a \*\*\*\*\* pandemic  
after feeding him game meets for five years might not my is that's all in his best  
interest yeah and now she's uh she's with the with the sex trafficker allegedly yeah  
good good work good work there jordan i am not on the all beef diet no i'm trying 0:52:13  
to reduce my beef intake actually making like i said i'm making beyond burgers with  
kimchi and but i do think i might want to try it i still want to try to do a brisket on  
my birthday though or before my birthday brisket for my oh one other thing about  
trump saying you know it'll get colder you watch is that that is that is his essential  
con artist nature i mean because his entire career has been like him pursuing well 0:53:14  
him pursuing fame yeah it didn't mean that he was good at business and he's in a  
lot of ways was very bad at business but it didn't matter because of how good he  
was at fame he kept getting bailed out because his name was too valuable so in a real  
sense he was a good businessman because he never lost any money it was always the  
dumb ass investors who had to take a haircut to keep his name valid and to make  
keep him a brand and more importantly to keep him a \*\*\*\*\* cover for a bunch of

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money laundering which of course is a huge part of his entire \*\*\*\*\* thing i mean for at least the last 10 years before he ran for president his entire real estate uh uh his entire real estate uh empire was just pure ass dead ass \*\*\*\*\* no cappurino uh uh money laundering for like russian mob guys uh and but that's all because he was famous so he he was so good at being famous he made him good at business do you want to say hi to the people uh are you on your stream yeah you want to say hi 0:54:15 particularly okay i'm going to line up in a second here brendan james folks brendan james he's going to grill with me today he doesn't want to talk to you pigs though and i don't blame him because you keep giving me the business about my always listening to his music listen to the music brendan did they talk to you yeah i i see them talking but uh it's just their their writing it goes very fast you are reaching jim jones level uh set up here come on my babies come on my babies lay down boy an outfit yeah into a little screen yeah in your like in my lair you're my compound layer no i'm feeling jonesy i'm jonesing today please i started these streets doing uh jim jones \*\*\*\*\* and now i'm back okay i'm being unoriginal then but i couldn't help no no no you haven't seen any of the streams so you don't know how that's the exact right thing to think immediately that is what i see uh \*\*\*\*\* i was think what was 0:55:16 i gonna \*\*\*\*\* i was gonna finish this thing about trump uh money laundering for russian yeah that he's just he's famous but he's good at business because he's good at being famous oh right but his actual business dealings were just kicking the can down the road until somebody bailed him out and scamming people into giving him more money and bridge loans and \*\*\*\*\* and so it would always be just you watch it'll be worked out he goes he goes to atlantic city hey uh what about junk bonds no you watch we're not going to use any junk bonds and then nothing but junk bonds and so he can say he's hey what does it matter to him he's only president for another four years he can say it'll get cooler you watch and if it doesn't what difference does it make he got out of that moment that's all he meant to do all right guys this is a good one

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so you have now exited host mode that's a song right by travis scott the rapper i gotta say when i heard there was a rapper i know this i know i sound like an old man but when i heard there was a rapper called travis scott i was like well that's kind of goofy but not having a rap name at all okay i can see that as a power move like there are porn stars for example who use their own names power move like but 0:1:1 apparently that isn't his real name it's an actual rap name and it's just a guy's name that isn't his so this to me this makes no sense and it definitely tells me that whatever is going on with the youth today i don't really understand it yes yes yes everyone's mad about the empire mug deal with it okay i'm sorry i know people are mad about it and it is just literally colonialism in a symbol but the saint andrews the saint george it's visually pleasing that's it okay i'm glad to know that i'm not the only person who didn't know that that wasn't his real name and his real name 0:2:2 was jacques and he went with travis i don't understand these kids today man no i mean like come on you got like yes the confederate flag is the symbol it is because of you know more than anything the failure to reconstruct the south but it's also popular because it looks good like people put it on boogie boards and and on t-shirts and \*\*\*\*\* partially because it looks cool it definitely looks cooler than the american flag was it stupid asymmetry and a big blob of stars in one corner sloppy and the confederate flag as some people might know is not these stars and bars these stars and bars is the confederate the the the flag of the nation of the confederate states of america which is a three star three bars and some stars on one side and it's uh just sort of like a a a uh homunculus version of the american flag nobody waves that ever 0:3:3 you ever seen anybody wave that nobody's interested in that \*\*\*\*\* it's that \*\*\*\*\* saint andrew's cross it's the symmetry the stars sweeping across all axes it looks better it was a design victory same thing with the swastika no i the thing someone asked about passatism i mean it's not a tendency it's a coping mechanism it's a it's a bit and there's nothing wrong with having a bit it's just your \*\*\*\*\* shouldn't take over your life unless you're jacob wall unless you have that ability don't let your bit take over your life otherwise the most boring conspiracy theory is like i said the last 0:4:7

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one the moon landing boring boring and apparently impossible like they shot the thing on 30 frames per second which would have made it impossible to do the things that he they did to make it look like they made it look in terms of because of the atmosphere difference with a 30 frame per second camera so they would have had to invent something and also what so that they can win a win a headline war with the soviet union come on i mean the soviet union got a man in space first and a \*\*\*\*\* uh uh a satellite in space first did they win the cold war because and moon landing stuff it gets folded into flat earth too much too which to my mind is like the er dummy expression of like lump and alienation in this country like and apparently there's a really good youtube video that connects flat earth to the queue and i think and i do want to watch it i haven't seen it yet but i will be watching it uh and yeah i know flat earth is the basis for all this like antivirus is all it's like it's it's a fundamental like unifying concept of life or of like life on earth as it is understood you know when we talk about human understanding and because it is not in front of you deciding that everything is made up that you have to you have to be a certain kind of dummy to have that kind of response to the real alienations of life i don't blame you i guess you can't really control being a dummy but it is exclusively the domain of dummies they're willing to just decide that everything they see is a fantasy because one thing they see doesn't correspond to something that requires very little in terms of scientific understanding or knowledge to get the notion of a of the earth being a \*\*\*\*\* round but the problem is you can't see it with your naked eyes you have to trust science and people don't trust anything they're wildly wildly alienated from every mechanism that they depend on but they still live within it and so they have to create narratives to explain this and one of the ones that have been used is no no the earth is fl isn't flat it's the worth is flat because it looks flat to me because anything that requires an explanation beyond that is done by those people like i was talking about like the media like science science who are on the other team who are who are part of the conspiracy to keep me from realizing life as it should be lived because you can't \*\*\*\*\* imagine collab cooperating with people to make the world a better place no you need to just confront the people who are secretly preventing it from happening through through manufactured reality when in truth the manufactured reality that's making your life miserable is things like private property things like \*\*\*\*\* uh uh the wage system the very concept of surplus \*\*\*\*\* but they don't have any investment in these institutions in science in in math because what they went to school they got a half-assed barely barely their education that basically provides no real grounding in why anything happens like you go to school for the most part and maybe that's changing but certainly when i went to school you learn discrete facts they are not embedded into like a greater web of understanding so you don't

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even know why you believe them you just know that you're supposed to and for most people that's supposed to that authority it's enough but if you have a specific alienation from maybe like your brain doesn't work in a way that allows you to abstract yourself to the required demands of science but even beyond that you were never even engaged because we just tell people like you're supposed to believe that there is a viral tweet a viral video a few weeks ago some young woman going i don't think math is real because how would you do that how would you how would you go from nothing to like algebra or like calculus or something like that how can you go from nothing to an iphone like how can you get that complexity out of the simplicity of like just numbers being added up and the thing is there's an answer to that but nobody ever gets it in school you get nothing you just get thrown this \*\*\*\*\* thrown at you all because it's supposed to let make you function in the world and then you get out into the world and you're not being able to function at all it doesn't help at all it doesn't provide you with a map of meaning anywhere so why should you believe the specific claims why should you accept any of it and i'm saying just that it's the domain of dummies because even if you're alienated from education like i wasn't like most people are you are able to get certain concepts enough that you don't need to have authority stand in for the understanding of them like you can even with the haphazard public education or you know uh scam ass private education we get we're able to connect these concepts to a chain of reasoning that maybe doesn't go down to like the basis of it but goes close enough to get us past just because they told you so but some people don't have that they can't do it or their education didn't provide them even with enough of a context to make the leap and there they respond by going yeah no earth is \*\*\*\*\* flat and the moon landing had to be \*\*\*\*\* fake because if the moon's real then the i mean i remember i had a \*\*\*\*\* jehovah's witness as a geology teacher in public high school he believed that uh i believe he one time he told us that uh that jfk was killed by demons and the proof of that was that there was apparently a big ufo flap in texas right before the assassination which according to him and according to his cosmology men it was demons because that's what and so but our only answer our only answer to this horror is to ridicule people because no one can do the work and no one can no one most more importantly nobody can get a buy-in of trust because everyone is trying to sell you something so nobody trusts anybody except you make some like emotional connection like you see trump and trump is so much like you in a certain way that you invest him with like total trust because how could you not trust him he's clearly authentically you in a meaningful way you recognize something in trump that is in you that is so deep that it means that you have to trust whatever he says because it's basically you talking and so then they use that as the as the anchor and then they can figure out what why

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everyone else is lying to them and that's where uh and that's what they're like and that's why they'll never be convinced global warming it'll get colder soon watch me trust me uh what does he say about coronavirus one day it'll be gone i also had uh i also had a history teacher who looked just like a grown-up ralph wiggum like shaped exactly the same and the and he in science and the thing is at the time i was kind of like not really paying attention i didn't really i wasn't very engaged with with this with school i mean like i wanted to get good grades but like history class was not hard for me that's the kind of thing like yeah no i just read the thing and i tell you what you want to hear and this guy showed a lot of movies and now looking back on it with only a few years i was able to realize later i was like oh this guy was propagandizing us uh and not like on a even on a political level at a religious level and then he showed us something that was very weird it was a video of a guy dressed up like a \*\*\*\* uh like a bavarian like in a \*\*\*\* lederhosen marching around in the alps looking at art explaining how the roman empire fell because they had a finite world view and uh later i found out i'm reading rick pearlstein actually uh he described this series of books by this uh this series of films by this guy francis schaefer who was like one of the these seminal figures in creating the modern political evangelical uh protestant movement in this country had this series of it of films that were hugely successful and shown all over america in i think theaters and also on television and reading the description i was like oh he was showing us that \*\*\*\* and i had the classic in a history class a different history class i had a different year i had the classic situation where the history teacher and we just watched a lot of movies like we watched the grapes of wrath no lincoln's death was not an inside job shut up it wasn't edward stanton that's so stupid there's no proof of it i don't get when people yell the same questions over and over again i understand you're trying to get me to see it but man it makes me feel like people are having a nervous breakdown there is a theory that it was the jesuits that was a popular nativist anti-catholic uh feeling in the in the it is amazing how anti-catholic sentiment anti-catholic political sentiment in this country is almost i'm dappled right now it's nice though because it's it's getting crispy so not even the sun is bothering me the it's fall man it's fall in september too bad about the second the other half of the country uh i i send my sympathies to them but uh okay somebody asked about ego death and i realize i've actually never talked about that on the stream before i definitely have experienced ego death one time that was not uh the time that like was early in quarantine where i had my satori moment that like realigned my spiritual axes that was much milder that was really just like an intellectual epiphany a moment uh this was earlier and i and and it was less powerful for me because i didn't really know what was happening at the time or even after for a long time so i couldn't really contextualize it it was

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just insanely weird and and uh and i i just didn't know my brain could do that uh and what happened was is that for worst of all it's ha started with at that point my experience with psychedelics was such that i uh re i had sort of come to terms with the idea that the cartoon version of getting of dropping acid or doing mushrooms that you see in media where you see like things turn into other things and you have apparitions of things that aren't actually there i had kind of come to the realization oh that's probably just made up like in reality it's just sort of a sense it's it's like a just a sensitivity more than anything and like sometimes that bleeds over into like seeing symbols and movements and stuff but it's not transportive that way first thing that happened was that i had a cartoon hallucinations as in someone i was talking 0:17:33 to their head they looked like a bird like the head was like a a cartoon drawn bird i'm like oh snap at one point like black things are coming out of my fingers and uh uh tendrils and i see i see a room i see into a room and it looks like a dollhouse room like i'm in \*\*\*\*\* hereditary like actual intense hallucinatory stuff and then over time uh what happened is like the hallucination took over my sight to the point that like i wasn't even really seeing anything in front of my eyes at all i was just seeing patterns uh and lights and then i just felt the sensation of falling i was not not not uh scared at all because i was like lying on my back so i just felt like i was being pulled down but not falling like it was it was at no point was i scared it i actually just kind of felt like this expansion and then the lights took over and that's where 0:18:35 the ego dies in the sense that there is no more remembering it you know what i mean like it is just a spot it's like a warm glow because i remember this precise moment before i got to it when like the light overtook me and of course i remember coming back from it but like there's that space that is it's eternity it's it's that background radiation of unity and and eternal oneness that we are all just a few degrees away from perceiving at but the craziest part is that coming back took me a long time so like i came into consciousness but it came it was back to just being me conscious of shapes and colors and not really even feeling like i had a body or that i was seeing anything and slowly the room took it resolution but my body was not did not like have an end point i was on a couch and at one point i felt that i wanted to move my 0:19:37 arm and in the process of moving my arm i had to come back to being aware that my couch was separate from or the couch was separate from my arm like i had to pull the arm off not in a sense that like i could see but that i could feel at a level of like of of of convincingness like it felt that way it felt like i was re-territorializing my arm away from the couch because previously they had been one thing and so that's that's what that was i had to separate my arm from the couch and then slowly over more time more things took definition and separation and at the time it was just sort of like holy crap well that's ego death but i didn't really know much more about

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it didn't have like a lingering spiritual thing like this did happen later it's because  
i didn't know what i was experiencing and now i feel like i actually do get what i 0:20:39  
was experiencing i was getting to that point i was getting to that awareness that  
point of awareness whereby you are no longer recognizing distinctions in time and  
space and therefore are in an eternal space i.e nirvana heaven whatever you want to  
i don't know there's the the words you're trying to get are always going to be clumsy  
translations that are you first need to make sense to yourself and then you have to  
tell them to other people they have different definitions it's it's it's ineffable it's as  
inexplicable it is you can't describe it any more than you can just you can't describe  
it to yourself you sure as hell can't describe it to someone else because the things  
you use to describe it cannot be applied because that requires distinctions and there  
are no distinctions and that if that's reality and this is all sort of a refracted illusion  
created by you know our species over development of our sensory apparatus then we 0:21:41  
can detach ourselves from the fear of separateness and the fear of of attack against  
us as an indi as a distinct element because we know or at least we can feel that we  
are not distinct i mean we still have to live our lives but we can live in a way that  
is not always being tacked towards a selfish uh uh craving of pleasure and a terrified  
repulsion at the idea of pain to protect a thing that is essentially illusory to protect  
it's like a rampart around an empty keep it's like the dark tower you get inside there  
you just keep going up there nobody in there and you open the door and then you're  
back pursuing the man in black across the desert but maybe this time you've got so 0:22:45  
yeah that's what the feeling was and now like i was only able to come and at 40 it  
feels like i took way too long to get there to a moment of like basic peace with my  
place in the universe and but part of me is annoyed with myself for taking so long  
but the other part of me is able to recognize that everything that came before me  
made it possible and in fact made it inevitable and that nothing i could have changed  
there's nothing i could have changed at every step my my actions were determined  
and they led me here which makes me fortunate and that experience was one of them  
like if i hadn't had that experience it would have been much harder to hold on to the  
feeling i got that second time because holding on to it is the only thing that matters  
if you if you feel it you can't stay there and you it's hard to get back there like 0:23:47  
you can't do a yo-yo thing of well just keep pressing the button because then you'll  
dissolve you won't be able to function and you won't be able to fulfill your you know  
your moral duty to your fellow human all right no i'm not 40. i was just effect oh 0:25:1  
god dershowitz has a podcast i cannot wait dersh who are your guys uh the bravant  
killers oh we're not getting a joe rogan we're barely getting an actual debate we're  
sure as hell not going to get an awesome ass joe rogan debate where they're tuned  
up in the in the sarah palin's moment has passed she sold her she sold her heritage 0:26:5

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she she sold her uh birthright for a for a \*\*\*\*\* instagram tummy tea endorsement uh palin is obviously a precursor she's an important uh person in like the evolution of the political moment but she was too much like trump sort of like she was she was early which means she needed to have like had some sort of preternatural instincts to prolong that and make and make hay of it but because she was as dumb as the moment called for someone to be completely transparent and to appeal to people on that transparency like that authenticity like the stupidity becoming authenticity for certain people and then and then also you know the media part or like the the the uh spectacle part of it and like turning the whole thing into a into a tv show um but she was so authentically in the moment that she couldn't make the most of it and 0:27:6 so she has to be sort of a precursor figure she's going to have to just sit out there as like oh yeah no she missed her moment but uh but you know it couldn't have been any other way for her she was never gonna make it make it real it was always gonna be somebody after her hell until trump won i thought it was gonna have to be somebody after trump and i was like oh no we're here now we're here now and thanks to thanks in yeah she's john the baptist exactly i there are no uh somebody's ask who the who should be the next saturday night live movie uh from a uh from a recurring character snl guys swear to god snl really doesn't even have recurring characters like 0:28:11 the old days when snl had you know your your wacky characters your your uh your uh built your uh wayne's worlds your church ladies your rob the copier guys some of which became movies uh your ladies men that was an amazing one can't believe they did that uh but current snl doesn't really have those there are a few of them but like they make no impact and nobody likes them and they're not nobody woos when they see them which is the mark of a recurring sketch is when the character comes in everyone's excited because they like the character uh they don't do that anymore mostly what they do is they recycle premises where they take the exact same structure the same premise of the bit and then they just slightly reword the jokes which is sort of what they would do with recurring characters but at least there was the fact that the character was so popular and so charismatic in some way that 0:29:13 them interacting in slightly different situations produced novelty there is no spark it's just the same thing it's just a mildly pre-chewed cud hunk after going through uh the multiple chambers of lauren michael's so there's nothing they could even do yeah like black jeopardy stuff like that like there's no recurring character it's uh it i have to say it's one of those deals where yes yes that was never really good and it's always presented you know in sort of a hysterical way to to to say that snl is only getting worse i must say uh that in recent years it has gotten worse in appreciable ways and that's one of them you know you could talk about how uh how cringe and lame those old uh recurring characters were and they were uh at least people are 0:30:14

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happy to see somebody you know nobody's nobody's happy to see oh man thankfully they're not doing zoom snl anymore they're apparently going to come back to the studio although i bet they won't have a live audience but honestly i'll take that over what if they have a laugh track that'd be funny the zoom snl was so terrible and it really shows like there has to be a limit to hyper normalization it's called saturday night live you don't get to just have a bunch of zoom calls stitching together and say it's saturday night live and try to act like this is normal no just get just \*\*\*\*\* cancel it until you can make it again or cancel it all together take it as a sign from god and wrap it up kyle mooney is okay i guess he's supposed to be the good one there 0:31:15 but i'm not even a huge fan of his stuff it seems very one note it's like him doing a flat impression a very good impression of an it's not even a character you know it's like wayne was a character wayne was yeah this is like a party guy in in suburban chicago is like and kyle mooney's deal is basically this is what a flat affect californian like person guy is like a young a young millennial youth from the west coast where they don't have affect where they don't have personality uh but he doesn't have a real name and it's just uh it's not great and of course michael che and colin jost just some of the worst ever yeah the forced hysterectomies that's uh that's terrifying 0:32:22 that's monster monstrous uh it's the kind of stuff like a lot of the things recently there are things that you sort of have in the back of your throat you kind of know are happening you know are real you assume are happening but you don't know so you can kind of comfort yourself with that ambiguity and then they just snap into reality it's like no the monster is really under the bed like this is really happening we're we're doing this and there's no there's no thing that looks like it's going to come close to stopping it and that's and that's the really nauseating part and i do wonder though if people really think like they're the biden people the people who think biden is the moral required choice for every american because of uh because of the danger of trump and how this kind of thing is the moral imperative to vote for him do they really think that there's any meaningful thing that biden's going to do to change 0:33:25 that like do they think they're going to dismantle this network of of of concentration camps overnight and just release everybody do they think that that's possible i guess it's similar to thinking do you think donald trump's really gonna put the trucks the tanks down fifth avenue and arrest all the sickos and hang them from a yard arm it's impossible but like everything is a fantasy now so of course we can believe in fantasies well anyway uh that's an mp that's not an mp that's a yp i really love not having to 0:34:29 care about the race i really love having to argue up with people about whether it's my moral duty to vote for biden i love not having that argument again none of it no one has any control over this process your your vote is is a neurotic fetish object you're basically frautaging your vote to give yourself a sense of agency to assuage

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the anxiety of feeling like we're \*\*\*\*\* pinwheelingly pinwheeling into hell's opened \*\*\*\*\* and so they have to fixate on it and so they want to fight about whether who should i vote for oh my precious vote my one vote who gives a \*\*\*\*\* and you're not coordinating it with anybody i saw someone this blew my mind someone was uh i saw 0:35:31  
someone on twitter say voting is not an individual moral choice it's a collective action and i'm like no it is not it is maybe this is a it is a action that a collective of people pursue but they pursue it individually there is no coordination that's what we do instead of having direct democracy is we all just say i or nay and that's independent of one another we can try to do stuff like outreach to one another but that is all secondary none of that is able to actually influence it to the level where you can uh pursue coordinated activities and so that means your individual joy is that it's just that it's one of literally a hundred million thousands of which just get dropped into a toilet and that thing is is that doesn't mean you shouldn't vote voting there's other 0:36:33  
reasons to vote like hey maybe my participation in this election could be tactically or strategically useful then now you can actually make an argument make a decision from there about who to vote for but you have to like ping that antenna first you can't start there's no reason to start from i'm morally obligated no you're not maybe you are strategically and tactically modified motivated and if that's the case do it but you need to examine it through that lens and then that has to and then the answer has to be stripped of that emotional energy because you're you're stripping it down to size i am voting i'm participating in this election for this reason but it's not the whole sum of my political identity it is not the decision that i will take this day to direct politics to feel like i'm participating in politics no it's going to be like the third or fourth most important thing i do that day or that week you know union meetings or \*\*\*\*\* picket lines \*\*\*\*\* organizing knocking and that's what follows 0:37:35  
from stripping it of that emotional power because then you either you have a real choice to make am i fetishizing the vote because there's truly no other thing to do and that this is all i can do is hold on to this vote or does it keep get me off the hook from having to really do anything that i don't want to do anyway like oh arguing about voting online and then voting i love doing those things like those like libs like to say hey it's one day why can't you take time out to do it it's like exactly it's one day how about how powerful how important could it really be it's one day hey you should be doing it every day and part of people are going to be like yeah but i don't want to do it and like i have said totally understandable but you have to ask that question and then you have to be honest with yourself and then you'll decide what level of political activism is required of you now but it flows from answering that 0:38:36  
question and then you have to cast out the vital of the electorate you have to or you have to you have to cast the spirit the spook out of voting and see it clearly for what

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it is what when it should be participated in and on what terms that's why i'm saying don't be electoral i think electoralism is very important to organize around and there are specific races and specific times that there is coordinated enough activity to merit your vote being a thing to infuse time with considering but if the vote is if the vote is just this if it's just this act then you're going to have to do something or decide i don't really want to do anything i'm going to just game and you know what that's better for everybody because then you'll leave us the \*\*\*\*\* alone and there's one less person you happen to yap yapping in people's ear and making it harder for them to hear themselves i think the belden program is the answer and it is very funny when 0:39:37 i saw someone say lol the belden program it just looks like it's orthodox marxism uh yes correct that's the whole thing that is why i backed brace in his uh in his pursuit of absolute dictatorship over the left because he's the only one of the few people i see out there who's got a consistently \*\*\*\*\* orthodox marxist analysis and isn't caught up in uh absurd uh distracting baubles like pmc discourse or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* or like campism and arguing the finer points of america's empire vis-a-vis like emerging like uh multi-polar world like spending all time on that \*\*\*\*\* because because brace recognizes that the foundation the only question now is numbers that's the only question now and he gets that which i don't see many other people other people really seem to be thinking like yeah yeah numbers but what if they're what 0:40:38 if their nazis are what if they're pmc or what if this that will sort itself out and i'm not saying that that provides a necessary uh tactical way forward it just means that you cannot start from the premise of of separating sheep from goats you have to get the widest possible net whatever that means i don't know but it only comes from accepting that as a premise which not many people have done grace has done it so i will i will happily uh i don't know i'm trying to think of who which of the old bolsheviks i would like to be i don't know that i don't really want to maybe uh 0:41:41 felix jerzinski the \*\*\*\*\* the angel the the blessed true believing angel of death at the checker the guy who cried over every list of executions he had to authorize you said about the czech he said uh you know the only people who who do this work are angels or devils and they've and the angels of dal departed do the random humanities grad students on twitter who call the belden program fascists have a point uh i mean the point they have is that they want to protect their little racket the point they have is that they are terrified of anything that removes the uh gatekeeping power that they have accrued to themselves even if it be pathetic and it is pathetic it is still it is a uh you know they they bind themselves in a nut and count them cells king of infinite 0:42:43 bodies in spaces and they don't want to lose that position so all that stuff is just it's just gentlemen we got to protect our phony bologna jobs or niches or whatever pathetic little dunghill they've piled up for themselves internet let the body face the

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floor let the body space the floor let the body space the floor i i don't know if the building program honestly even is yet but uh i'm sure that uh brace is in the process 0:43:44  
of uh of bringing it together i hon i honestly assume it will be collaborative to some extent as it must be because you know we're all tacking back towards each other after spending years but i i have a of all of all the contenders for the crown of like uh of a lord protector of the yeah i think what's going to happen is is that you know if 0:44:48  
we do get there if we are able to like break out of the structures we've we've fixated and like crack open this this hardened artifice of like uh enchanted uh some people are gonna be pushed into becoming what people always accuse them of being which is uh you know uh right wingers they'll they'll like form the tucker carlson branch of the new republican party for sure they'll be in there that's inevitable that doesn't mean that's not necessarily bad though because those people were breaking towards where they always wanted to be similarly a lot of people who now are imagined to be of the most left in radical persuasion possible will absolutely crack off and go back to peddling uh peddling wokeness within the democratic party and specifically within the neo-liberal wing of the democratic party that's also inevitable and that's 0:45:50  
fine and both of them will say no i didn't leave the left the left left me but it's like no \*\*\*\*\* we yeah they left you behind because you are remnants of a of a it is a snake shedding its skin as it moves off of the online uh space that it needed to create a sense of self and needed to create like a vocabulary of action praxis if you will that could be then replicated elsewhere but then it has to be shed it becomes more a hindrance and i'm not saying that it will necessarily happen but if anything good is going to happen it no you're going to lose some people but i don't think in the 0:46:51  
context that i'm imagining where you make the notion of left unity a reality in a way that is threatening to establish relationships and like will require repositioning at a fundamental level people like backing down and admitting they're wrong on significant stuff that the people who for whom that's a deal breaker were never really yours to begin with they were people who just wanted an argument and the thing that's going to shake them off is going to be the infusion of new people who will have no time for their \*\*\*\*\* and that will render them less uh they will get less enjoyment out of it that their identities is only on the left will mean less to them and they will be able to reorient themselves towards another identity that is more satisfying but the thing that's going to challenge them is going to be new people and 0:47:52  
they will be ideally swamped because they were in a sense not in the sense that they often think of themselves but this is of course all contingent on current emerging and finding real grassroots connection and that is a big if i'm just saying it's the only thing i don't know man october surprise isn't it just been nothing but october surprises now i mean i think we're so we're so serotoninized out at this point we're so

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fried spectacle-wise that how do you even have how is anyone gonna even notice if there's an october surprise how would it be distinguished from anything else same reason al qaeda isn't it hasn't been a terror attacking us for about a decade why 0:48:53  
would you how would anyone distinguish that \*\*\*\*\* trump is hilariously trying to do it with the vaccine thing which is just so funny but it's so transparent like i said this isn't going to work the way he wants it to because nobody even people who like him trust him on stuff like this they're like they might trust his gut they might trust that he is one of them but they actually know that he lies all the time and like that he lies all the time because it owns the lips which is what he needs to do he lies for a purpose he lies virtuously and and also to and and also sadistically which is one of their virtues it makes other people unhappy they love that they love it they love it folks do we love it but that means that when he says something like hey we're going to have a vaccine by the end of the like they're already like yeah sure buddy but 0:49:55  
that means that people are on the fence also aren't going to believe them and so it's not even going to get those like wavers or like you know what trump tells it like it is but they know but who knows if he tries if he pulls out some \*\*\*\*\* like sugar water and they start doing like fake vaccination pilot programs i will it's just i will give the have to tip the cap just for the sheer brazenness of it that's like jacob wall well the late deciders are going to determine it which is hilarious i know that there's a meme on the left that this is going to be a low turnout election because of how little enthusiasm there is for biden and that might be the case but it would go against the trend of elections since 2016. all of the races we've had almost or a large number of them especially lately even at low levels even like state state race levels are seeing 0:50:56  
participation far in excess of 2016 and that would imply that people are more likely to vote even with covet because a lot of these have happened since kovid a lot of these uh primaries and elections have happened since covet uh then there's probably if that trend is is stable and it seems to be more likely that we'll have a high turnout and i would say if that happens then biden will win and win maybe even on the night in a way that cannot be jimmed and trump will sulk and and maybe make a a play for staying in power but will be forced to the exits uh because the more people vote the fewer of them are people who have had their brains just like acculturated into uh like cottage cheese by the reigning cultural narrative that has dominated uh the experience of living in this country for the past four years while everything has gotten drastically horrifically worse materially and so if you're if you're coming in to vote 0:52:5  
it's probably because because things are really shitty and the president's in charge and maybe if there's a different president it won't be a shitty which is a naive thing to think at this late date in american history but it's the only reason most people get out in the vote is that they've deluded themselves at some level through either

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ignorance or through self-hypnosis that it's not and that actually these elections have consequences and then you are going to come and you're going to vote for biden no matter how much he seems out to lunch no matter how much he's a goo he's a goof eye somebody says they saw richard jules and they don't know why it's good well we're recording the episode on thursday we'll you'll find out then it's a great movie uh people are gonna be mad at us probably for talking about it especially now with everything else going on but uh it's the only piece of artwork really a vets like budget or anything that that or profile that i can think of that is actually correctly identifies the dynamic at play within the uh burgeoning and met or ever widening cultural chasm between college educated and non-college educated whites specifically white men it's the background radiation of so much cultural hysteria and no one really gets it they can't even explain it to themselves they can't express it in art and this thing got it better than and that's what we're going to talk about i did see sully uh i honestly after i saw richard jewell i kind of look back at all of his weird sort of lazy not very good movies he's made over the past decade we're just cranking them out most of them are not that good uh i now kind of see them as all sort of taking a stab at the same material and just until now he hasn't really been able to nail it and this is really the that's the home run similar in my mind to the way that mother is the home run uh at the end of uh darren aronofsky's at bat where all of his movies looking back on and the good ones and the bad ones and there are some really good ones in there i think the the fountain is underrated in imo but mother is just the perfect connection everything comes together and he expresses what he's been trying to express with the closest clarity that you can imagine so i love that movie i need to watch it again uh that uh richard jewell is similar for what eastwood's been trying to do for the last decade i think he's kind of trying to do the same thing in american sniper but he just botches it he's just too suffused with propaganda wrestler was good i like black swan i know it's very hysterical and cringy but i that's part of what i like about it is how it's got like that's one of the strands that he pulls for mother is that is that hi that grand guillain un ironic sense of hysteria that most directors are too self-aware to put in their work because they don't want to and mother is super masturbatory but i still love it it's among many other things it's about right if all of his movies are masturbatory then this one by virtue of being the most masturbatory is the most perfect distillation of his artistic output now if you don't like that if you say yeah but he's bad all right we're on a different wavelength and a tip of the cap but i think if you like anything he's putting out if you enjoy any of the vibe that arnosky puts out there mother to me distillation yes clint eastwood or i'm sorry richard mother i liked under the silver lake a lot i once upon a time in hollywood that's about the way that we were sort of captive

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to uh screen yeah 2019's uh i think jesse hawkins on twitter said this yesterday you look back at 2019 that might have been like the swan song for film you know it was a strong year and uh and a lot of the movies were about you know sort of the majesty of the art form like once upon a time in hollywood it's just the sign of maybe it's time to wrap it up not we're not getting rid of narrative like we're not getting rid of you know light and sound and all that it's just moving to the television it's just all gonna be tv even if it's 90 minutes or even if it's two and a half hours it's still 0:58:27  
tv it's tv it's all tv and tv is not as good so we're gonna be basically bidding away bidding adieu to an art form which it's not like it hasn't happened before you know there are plenty of extinct art forms or at the very least like you know exist like uh how many people like to sit in a den and look at stereophonic photographs of of national monuments and then the tv will eventually be dissolved into social media 0:59:28  
which will replace even that narrative form eventually there will be no narrative art forms to speak of it will be pure uh social media we will just be looking at each other that will be entertainment it will and there will be no need for narrative uh architecture of any kind we're just \*\*\*\*\* gonna be shedding art forms as we go and it just turns into bloggings oh man everyone's mad about the mug i'm very sorry uh 1:0:36  
someone asked about aliens more likely interdimensional than interstellar because i think we could have a ton and ton ton of life out there but there's no reason to assume that there's even a way to get to a societal uh complexity level to allow for 1:1:37  
that or like kim stanley robinson suggested um maybe a society gets complex enough to do that they wouldn't need to because they would have figured out how to make the planet they're on good enough and they wouldn't need to go and try to conquer the unconquerable distances because they would be able to be \*\*\*\*\* at home in the world that they're on like we all need to be like we need to \*\*\*\*\* be able to accept this and not always be thinking with that american mentality that free real estate mentality that somewhere we can offload all of this pain by finding a new frontier that's a delusion and you'll you will burn out seeking it if you stay a society that is able to check its horrors check it's it's it's exploitation before it throws homeostasis completely off and and destroys the ability to reproduce socially because because the 1:2:38  
relationship between the humanity the species and the \*\*\*\*\* planet has been tipped into a \*\*\*\*\* make this thing work for christ's sake terraform this \*\*\*\*\* planet and if you did that then if you got to that point it would never occur to you to even try to do that why would you have to maybe as a lark you might put some you wouldn't direct your energies that way so that's another explanation uh but maybe i think if their technology exists to breach one of those things i think the technology is closer in my mind anyway to potentially pop through space i'm sorry it seems to me that the technological requirements to pass from one dimension to another are 1:3:40

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theoretic i don't know i'm all this is all just me pulling \*\*\*\*\* out of my ass this is all just hunches i have no real understanding of science it just seems to me to me like it's it's more possible than getting something that can go that far in any kind of meaning time scale that we could conceive of it so if they are there i think they're there because they can move between the raindrops like that's that's what a lot of people about skinwalker ranch seem to think like like that experience there it feels more like kind of a place where there's just a thin membrane for one reason or another induced or natural where where like there's just passing between is is almost it's not even an in net intentional it can happen accidentally a thinny in the terms 1:4:41 of uh stephen and if that happens like just through nature presumably it could also happen through technological intervention the venus \*\*\*\*\* is interesting but i mean it also suggested maybe we could have a lot of life in the universe but very specific situations have to occur to allow for life to develop to our level of uh sapience i mean it you could argue it could be very well argued that it is a evolutionary long-term maladaptation and that most the vast vast vast vast vast vast majority of species aren't going to get to that would i have sex with the venus microbes well that's just 1:5:57 silly bye-bye

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*Watercooler Hijinks*

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off wow hi guys i'm uh looking patific today but i'm sitting in the sun because now that it's cursed blessed late september it's actually not warm enough for this to bug me usually the sun directly on my precious skin gets bothersome due to my large sweaty nature so instead today i can get the sun on me and and i get to effect that uh off awesome batific uh catholic saint look that uh is always very persuasive i find when when trying to get ideas across i do like fall more than summer of course i do come on fall is the best season it's not an argument to be had about this yeah i think what we're going to be doing with these is we're going to be some days i'm going to be out here and then the days when chris and i are working at the office on other uh secret projects we'll also stream from yeah now if you're a big gentleman such as myself fall is when you stop sweating so much blessed well if i ate rooms now i probably wouldn't even get anything before we before i wouldn't even get anywhere before i winter people y'all i respect it it's a strong move but i can't share it i mean i like it i like it more than summer for the most part although i don't think it's going to be as good i think with covets winter is going to be pretty brutal if you don't if you live anywhere above the snow line although maybe we don't have a snow line anymore so maybe that's a little like bad news uh global pandemic makes it so that you can't go outside when it's really cold and you can't stay inside uh with other people good news there's no more cold so you can stay outside all year round even in the north problem that's fixed itself i will say i will admit someone's asking if i've ever been to a mckelway happy hour i did one time very early when i moved to new york and i was like wow i'm now around all of these these like people i only know from the internet wow this is crazy after being in you know the hinterland and i went to one of those happy hours and it helped disabuse me of the notion that there was any real anything going on here other than resume padding someone's grill someone's drilling in the back person someone's drilling not me i'm not i watched the social dilemma and i thought that it actually had some really insightful stuff at the beginning talking about the mechanisms that social media operates by like the the because you know we talked about how uh i've talked about how like advertising doesn't work in the

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traditional sense you know like they don't really know what they're getting for their money there's no quantitative way to assess the influence that advertising has even uh like big data and uh targeted advertising but the movie makes a good point that you know it's not so much even about discrete behavior as it is just about like setting a cultural context for people that essentially shapes them slowly and steadily without their knowledge not even through purchases but attitudes that then later on are expressed through purchases and i think that's true but the rest of it was just jaw-dropping i mean it's made apparently by a bunch of silicon valley people including the ones who did all this \*\*\*\*\* and now feel bad about it which is very funny uh but their attitude is is and even though a few of them will explicitly say yeah there's an uh this stuff is all programmed to make money which means it gives doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* what it does to the social fabric or our ability but in the second 0:5:10 half the prescriptive half it all comes down to you know regulating these industries as though there is a way that they can make money that does not operate by these premises like that's the whole point of this moment in time is that we operate on this idea that we're in a uh political and economic moment that could like in the 50s see a some sort of humane capitalism some sort of moment where the worst excesses of capitalism are recognized by the people who carry them out and but that like a lot of our things in politics it stems from a delusion that that the the stuff that obtained back then can obtain now because i'm sorry the political economy is different uh uh they're we are not the productive hub of the world anymore the entire economy we 0:6:12 have is based on speculative financialization of all elements of life and the the effect of social media on people turning us into pure hamsters pure anxiety hamsters of of of terror and need and they're the only ones who can fulfill them that's a huge part of it i mean that's par like first you do that to people's consumption and then you do it to their employment which is the gig economy which is not really talked about in this movie but as an extension into meat space of the consumer experience online and it can't survive without these things their profit is not there the pie is not big enough profit has to be abolished as the undergirding algorithm another good point the film makes is that ai is not about computers becoming sentient and having a separate point of view than mankind creating a separate and conflicting with mankind in some like self-conscious way point of view like oh these humans we need to suppress 0:7:15 them because they're not doing x y or z no a i will simply be the moment or uh the ai is simply the fully the full conversion of the entire uh uh like digital essentially creating a brain turning turning uh turning like the web turning the internet into an actual conscious brain that is but that brain is not its own that brain has already got the algorithm loaded into it and it's profit extraction and like the singularity is simply the moment when human inputs into that mechanism at the top are no longer

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necessary and it's self-perpetuating i mean to an extent all humans are replaceable in capitalism which is why talking about the individual greed of individual capitalists is so pointless if they are replaced or if they have a change of heart i mean if they have a change of heart either because they're scared of the people or because like for their own lives or because uh they like see they have a grinch-like expansion of the size of their heart over time they will either be replaced from within by people who will do the job necessary or the firm will be defeated the firm will fail the firm will be over absorbed and then that person will lose their authority so people are already largely replaceable in capitalism and have been replaced by algorithmic thinking uh but there is but but the singularity and artificial intelligence the real threat there is that's the moment when the algorithm is self-replicating through technology and through the internet and doesn't even and then the only question is and then essentially what happens is that the people at the top just get to sit they don't even have to do any work the work is done completely for them but they still get the profits because remember there is nothing in the algorithm of capitalism expressed through machine logic uh that would redirect that flow of of profit to what the computer the computer doesn't want the things humans want the computer doesn't have that hole inside of them that humans have and it even did it sure as hell couldn't fill it with with uh what yachts and \*\*\*\*\* gold toilets and dale earnhardt memorabilia and beautiful boats they're \*\*\*\*\* robots but yeah the second half of it really reminds you oh yeah these silicon valley people they really don't know what's going on because they're too narrowly focused on on on the the the technical aspects that they don't understand the the only way that the computers would take over then at that point would be if they developed like existential anxiety and then tried to help try to solve it through uh like sensual uh indulgence and then they would become the new ruling class but for the mass of humanity the relationship wouldn't change robots in the in the gated communities in in the hanging around in swimming pools i mean they would have to i guess get their own thing of what they would want to do with the capital they would have to have their own idea of what they wanted to do with the capital to like fill their hole that whatever robots like but that's just it they don't like anything you can't just turn this \*\*\*\*\* on and off we're the process we are the product we're the we're the middle point or maybe the endpoint who knows of a of a developmental process of human consciousness that happens within an individual but then with through a whole a whole species and i guess the computers could do it faster you know because they could do everything faster but i don't know i don't know enough about my main iron out the whole worry about ai is just a lot of it seems like uh backdoor bragging dang we made these computers too good we made these robots too good \*\*\*\*\* like when elon musk talks about it it's because he thinks

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he's he's dr frankenstein and he's not he's a \*\*\*\*\* medicine show peddler with some like uh snake venom and cow piss based uh unguent uh yeah there is a black i hate to plug black mirror because it's a little on the nose but there's a black mirror episode where a robot uh a robot guard dog meant to protect a warehouse of goods uh is 0:12:21 unleashed on people scavenging and and chases them down and kills them uh and the thing that's wrong with that episode in my opinion is at one point you see uh oh wait a minute no you don't apparently there was originally supposed to be a scene with like the drone operator who's like eating a sandwich and then you know uh coordinating the actions like like trying to evoke the the removed moral calculus of of drone operators but i think it's more harrowing and more accurate as like an analysis of the likelihood trajectory of things if there is nobody left to command the robots if if if everything collapses and even the ruling class is destroyed maybe not all of them in person but their ability to like assert social control but like the remnant uh algorithm-driven machinery of the system continues operating on its own accord and so even the people left are unable to like remake the world because you've got these 0:13:22 machines patrolling obsolete what if the computer was your best friend what if what if your mobile was ah \*\*Music playing\*\* yeah no that was very good that was a oh 0:14:31 my favorite mr show sketches uh i think just for personal enjoyment i don't think it's the funniest but that's the for me most personally enjoyment is uh is crime stoppers with uh or with crime stoppers with jj with uh ff woody cooks where bob odenkirk plays the guy in the in the barbershop quartet outfit with the giant mustache who tells the story about the aft criminals being thwarted by the crying security guard who you know twist shares a name me and one of the reasons i really love that is not just the great performance by odenkirk but is that growing up in the midwest i watched on um syndicated tv the same chicago area syndicated crime show that clearly the odinkirks had watched or somebody from the chicago had watched uh called tough target with a guy named jj bittenbinder who was a real guy and he dressed like that and he had that mustache and he would tell stories of like of crimes 0:15:33 and give tips on how to thwart criminals trying to attack you and when i saw that sketch the first time as a kid i just was like oh my god they're doing a \*\*\*\*\* f a j bitten binder care parody on hbo and i was street smarts that's it with he tore the plant into two pieces bad and worse you said a crime stick those two are a couple of ding-a-lings uh and apparently i remember i watched that i of course i've watched the the uh uh all of the ddvd commentaries which rip dvd commentaries that's the genre that's one of the shortest lived genres of entertainment media i can imagine because how long did we have those as a thing dvd commentaries that they would be like recorded and actually listen to 10 years maybe less man like laserdiscs had 0:16:34 a better run but anyway uh so of course i listened to the dvd commentaries of mr

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show all four seasons and they described that and yeah they were talking about how they watched that show and they thought he was funny and so they wanted to do a bit about it and they and one of them i think it was uh paul f tomkins described watching the show and there was one bit where he's describing like a really horrible like abduction rape and murder case and he describes the uh the the the suspects as goofs he says the two goofs then yeah they were podcasts weren't they that was the first like podcast god i remember the uh the one of the best i've ever was the i think step brothers dvd commentary with adam mckay which made me weep with laughter almost as funny as the movie it was and the bit was is that they brought 0:17:36  
lou rawls who was recording in the studio on a different set they brought him in to just talk even though he had no idea anything about the movie or any of i do love adam mccabe i'm sorry the guy has a formative comedic influence even before even before the movies there was uh his legendary snl sketches and apparently that i did not know that recorded yesterday that i knew vaguely that richard jewell had gone on snl because nor mcdonald of course you know being a anti-government type that he was he was all over that case and making fun of the fbi and the news media for \*\*\*\*\* it up and uh and he went to new york and he had a little bit with norm 0:18:38  
but that was the same episode that they did the orange julius sketch the steven selona stallone episode sylvester that's amazing that was delightful here everything coming together and i i i really think yeah there's no way that eastwood wanted to put any of that stuff in the movie because he didn't want to give he didn't want to make like the the media he didn't want to give them an aw out because isn't that how the media works it's like they're they're they're totally uh they're completely feckless with people's lives but then the assumption is if they mess up well we'll make it up to them like oh we ruined this guy's life he gets to go to new york and meet nor mcdonald it's fine like that does anything to the horrible horror horrible fact that our government somebody keeps asking about osilan and murray bushkin 0:19:44  
i'll admit i've never read murray bushkin from what i've read and heard there isn't really that much and i know that osilan like read boochkin and decided that that the ppk was gonna go from uh from like ml to uh communalist but the thing is i don't know what any of that really means in practice i don't know what any of it actually refers to i mean according to everything i've read about the way that uh like the uh pkk aligned governments in syria operate it isn't really that com anarchistic and of course you can say well of course not it's the middle of a war zone but it just doesn't seem like it's a terribly relevant example of any kind of theory behind it i don't know maybe i should read it i mean the fact it just seems like we're in a completely different situation in the us applicable oh man the cult of the supreme 0:20:46  
being that's a great one uh so the jacobins when they took power after the after the

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uh in the middle of the french revolution uh there was of course a huge anti-catholic sentiment among the leading revolutionaries because the church was viewed as one of the chief upholders of the old regime and that it maintained this superstitious medieval hold on the peasantry for example that needed to be broken and so there was a significant anti-chris de-christianization campaign in france uh i mean not just things like the von day uh where honestly yeah the infernal columns did a lot of bloody work there and killed people and you know drowned nuns and and priests uh it gave them republican baptisms by ground drowning them in the loire river and massacring civilians but it was also a brutal war on the part of you know the the royal and catholic army i mean they were hacking people to pieces all the time too uh but even beyond that there was a concerted effort in certain departments by certain zealous uh jacobins to persecute priests uh to you know commit iconoclasm and to try to um break the spell that the catholic church had over the french people to the extent that it still existed and the thing is though that robespierre the the the guy in charge the chief jacobin uh was well of course he was not a catholic uh he was abhorrent of the decryptionization campaign because he recognized that virtue does not come from logic alone virtue has to come from a some sense some ritualized sacralized relationship between citizens and the state the way that the feudal order had between the king the god and and and his subjects because that's where that's where real consent comes from consent can't really just be generated from authoritarianism certainly not at that point given the level of technology uh it had to be like socially uh generated and the way to do that is to have people have a sense of transcendent relationship to something beyond themselves that that the government is a representative of that isn't alien to them and so what robespierre's idea was was to replace catholicism with something he called the uh and essentially tried to turn deism into a new catholicism whereby the rituals of religion are paired with a rationalistic appreciation of god as an unmoved mover and nothing else and human affairs as their own and not governed by supernatural actions it didn't really get off the ground there was really only one festival of the supreme being which robespierre uh presided over a few months before thermador and his and i think just before his his ultimate the last nervous breakdown he had before thermador he kept having nervous breakdowns and being gone for long periods and he had one right before thermador and it was during it that a lot of the the thermadorian uh coup plotters started making connections and being like hey when he comes back we don't want to be on that next list of of traitors to the revolution because the funny thing is is that at that point he was going after they like the ideological foes had been and been slain the the the real war left like was among among like keeping the permanent revolution going was against corruption and the thing is that the

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revolutionary government was wildly corrupt and a lot of the most corrupt ones who haven't been killed yet thought they might be in the next round of uh persecutions but anyway so just before that the last like the the high point of the of his of his reign the high point of the robespiri and reign of terror for him i think anyway according to to witnesses he was beaming was the festival of the supreme being and it was a procession and there was a big float and it was like a goddess of reason and he was just he was jiving like crazy but uh it was also a it ended up being one of the things that broke his hold over people because everyone else basically there in the crowd and among the dignitaries was kind of embarrassed uh and it was essentially a cringe post the festival of the supreme being was a huge crim cringe post and the entire group of people was cringing and even though this was still the terror and people's heads were getting cut off for the merest enunciation from a neighbor people were heckling robespierre people were telling him to \*\*\*\*\* off uh and that's because you can't do what he wanted to do you can't just say hey you guys you know your socially embedded religious traditions that have you know that are deeper in your minds than and then conscious thought almost because of how how much your life has been shaped by them forget that i got this other stuff it'll do the same thing though it'll be fine it's like catholicism catholicism catholicism we've got catholicism at home at home some but i will say that i at least give robespierre credit for recognizing that what the de-christianizers wanted to do was a non-starter at least at that level of coercive it was a peasant country and and they didn't have the mechanized ability to suppress the peasantry the way that the uh oh this is good was it was a period when people started to think the guillotine thing was cringed that's true uh there were a number of ex of of notable executions at the latter half of the reign of terror that started to clearly turn people one of them was dantong because downtown was one of the most popular figures of the revolution incredibly charismatic well-liked uh probably guilty of corruption as he had been accused of but he's the guy that people like to point to as the what if what if guy because he seems like he had the capacity to rule of a guy like robespierre but without robespierre's brittle and paranoid nature uh but oh well he ended up on the wrong and he left paris at the wrong time honestly that didn't help um but that's because you know he knew where his bread was better but anyway the execution of danton was not popular uh and of course you've got the fact that uh he was such a \*\*\*\*\* baller on the tumble his last words were to the to the guy who picks the head the executioner who then takes the head out of the basket and shows it to the crowd he said make sure the crowd sees it it's worth a look because he had this incredibly huge head that was uh people people said it was like erotically ugly he had he had a big uh scar on his chin from when he got gored by a bull as a child and he had like pig nose and he was broad a lot of like smallpox scars

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and he was just still like sexually mesmerizing and incredibly uh uh he was a chad he 0:29:7  
was an absolute chad whereas robespierre was also unattractive if you've ever seen a  
buster picture and also poxgard but a little nauseous little dude they called him the  
sea green incorruptible because he was always looked like he was going to puke he  
was wildly unhealthy and his voice was high pitched and tremulous it was it's kind of  
amazing that he got where he was it was because he was the one who he was the most  
hysterical person during a period of mass hysteria which i like to point out was the  
fault of the girondins it was the fault of the \*\*\*\*\* brassoists the guys who go down  
in liberal history as these innocent victims who wanted a real real liberal revolution  
that would have given over uh to the people uh you know a a new france with with  
real liberty and real ability to rise and fall by merit instead of the crazy uh uh blood 0:30:10  
ritual that it turned into that necessitated then the thermadorian reaction and then  
finally napoleon uh but one of the planks of the uh because the thing and and there's  
a lot of reasons that's \*\*\*\*\* one is there wasn't a lot of actual ideological difference  
between the gerandus and the jacobins they did not have a lot of policy differences  
you could say things like executing the king but there were plenty of gerondus who  
wanted to execute the king and there were some jacobites that didn't want to execute  
and a lot of them because they were against the death penalty on principle um the  
big thing they were the difference was is that the the gerondins wanted to declare  
war on austria the gerondas wanted to export this liberal revolution across europe  
and break the chains of feudalism wherever they found them and it was robespierre  
who said don't do it robespierre i said in a i think last week i said he said the only  
thing people hate more than a missionary is an and at that point pursue and his boys  
are like \*\*\*\*\* that we're going to do it and then it starts going poorly as you could 0:31:11  
have imagined and that is when the tenor of the whole thing changed because people  
started to freak out the austria were going to show up and kill everybody that's  
when you have the and then that inevitably is going to lead to the people who who  
seize that moment of fear most efficiently most effectively are the ones who are going  
to take power and that was the the gang of hysterics sean zeus and uh and um and  
robespierre and the guy in the wheelchair uh somebody wanted a little background  
on what i was saying is that i'm sorry i said for a while before because in the french 0:32:13  
revolution after the king is finally deposed factions within the the the the national  
assembly and the for the ruling faction uh that executed the king was called the  
girondis they were all named after the places that they held meetings and they were  
all they were usually named after one or another medieval order that owned the and  
he had the jarondis and the other jacobins also known as the mountain who were on  
the left wing of the chamber and uh eventually after after the ruling gerandins went  
to war with austria and \*\*\*\*\* it up the jacobins took power and started chopping

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everybody's heads off but then the war started going well the tide of hysteria went away and what was left was people who saw a bunch of weirdos trying to build new religions in the middle of uh uh piles of cow manure on the plas de vendome and said let's get rid of these guys which then led to the directory which is such an amazing government when you look at it it was purely cynical i mean it was made up of the most cynical members of the revolutionary leadership the ones who had survived until that point the only way you'd survive until thermador is if you didn't have any principles because if you had any principles you either got out of government or you got killed and so they just spent five years going playing whack-a-mole with the left and the right while ruling from the center in a completely hollow center which is essentially where we are now the difference is that we don't yet have a situation of like uh crisis and uh failure state capacity whereby like the masses are genuine threat because the the the whoever was ruling in paris on a day-to-day basis depended essentially on who could get as many people who could get as most people in a place at one time who can bring as many people to the front of a palace at this at the same time they generally had the but the thing is is that napoleon was was the process was the product of the revolution right he was he was a minor noble but i put so minor that he never would have been in a position of power within the military he wouldn't have been a general uh in the in the ashant regime like the revolution gave him both the uh the social freedom to move at his own uh talent but also the the field where he could express those talents what do we got now uh meritocracy has been replaced by this uh because of course and this is inevitable this is why meritocracy is a lie because even if you start off from a meritocratic position of pure equality and let everybody go as soon as those distributions of resources are fixed and they're not replaced as long as you're not doing like a bakunin 100 estate tax nobody gets to send any money to their kids at all and honestly even if you did that because they're still social position and like just uh early childhood development and access to more's values social connections beyond money that would render even clawing back from meritocracy over time render it less but now in our country it's going to the time is going to be much shorter because there's barely any clawback uh like it's almost impossible to lose a fortune in this country because almost all is kept intact because that's how our system is designed to work and so it's it's now even that early meritocracy is burned out completely and it's just reproducing uh an elite copies and copies on copies like uh like in multiplicity and we are like the 15th michael keaton at this point copied off of the 14th michael keaton who was copied off the 13th michael keaton and then what is their experience get uh push shuffling papers around in a series of absolutely unwinnable wars that aren't even designed to be won they're designed to be had just like our arguments on the \*\*\*\*\*

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internet our arguments on the internet are just like our \*\*\*\*\* colonial wars they are there to be had they're there to chew up time and resources they're not there to achieve objectives so i mean napoleon was waiting for an army that was fighting for its life his first big success was fighting against an internal insurgency the city of tulum which had separated after the seizure power of the jacobins had seceded from france and taken english help and was being besieged for months by the french army and had to be had and had to be uh seat taken by thanks almost single-handedly napoleon's wiles if there's a if there's a tulum now if there's a tulu now you're not supposed to take it you're just supposed to stay in the lines you're supposed to be there you're supposed to chew up time and resources you're supposed to uh be a place on a budget line for more \*\*\*\*\* uh armored personnel carriers and and small arms and and missiles and drones to go you're not supposed to do anything and then after that napoleon he marches and he goes into italy and just single-handedly wipes out the \*\*\*\*\* austrian forces there you're not supposed to do that you couldn't do it if you wanted to for one thing because there isn't any army that we can fight that way and even though and that's how we're what we're designed to do but the enemies we do fight we're not supposed there's no napoleon no the all the system the syst the the the explosion of possibility the society inferment turmoil and and from that growth that revolutionary france was we're we're we're absolutely in the opposite situation where all of our social conditions are only driving us closer and closer this apocalyptic stasis because there's no one with the will or ability to push against the algorithm they're just going to let it re reduce everything down to its component profit until there's just a little pile of \*\*\*\*\* gold bars and a pile of \*\*\*\*\* bones and that's it and of course you know if everything does collapse and then i don't think i that would not be an environment that's going to create dynamic it's not going to select apparently it's clear on the west coast now which is nice are the fires not on at all how how more fire on fire how much more on fire is california than it was a week ago fifty percent more or fifty s fifty percent is on fire a hundred percent as on fire 120 percent is on fire i have no idea because you only hear the story at first and then at some point you just sort of assume well it took itself took care of itself it's another people are telling me it's not clear at all all right well never people say that like in jersey and \*\*\*\*\* it was all orange i guess it was a little orange the other night but i don't i don't really i don't think that i observed much in the way of west coast yosemite mega eruption of a volcano in 2020. we should be so lucky wouldn't that kind of solve global wouldn't that solve climate change right because it would call like it and it would also probably reduce co2 emissions really drastically very quickly i wouldn't kill everybody it wouldn't even it wouldn't even i don't even think it would kill everybody in north america right depending on how big the explosion

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was i haven't seen all of bang zheng ho's movies i really liked snow piercer because it was very hard on its sleeve allegory which i really like i told you guys how much i love mother i feel like if i i feel like there's this idea that if the metaphor in your movie isn't subtle it's not good and i just don't think that's true it's all about what you're doing with it what you're trying to express with it and there are plenty of ways that a very heavy-handed metaphor can work with other elements of the story you're trying to tell to make a good movie subtlety on itself just because what that is is that essentially says a good movie an artistic movie is one that uh one that certain people are able to discern right not everybody not for everybody because most people are dumb it takes a certain type of iq a smartness if you will to be able to discern what's being said and that that makes a good movie and i don't think that's what art is anyway i mean that's a way to critically analyze movies i think and it's a useful way because there are ways that subtlety of metaphor can in certain situations be an expression of a greater uh like narrative narrative ingenuity or like a formal statement that what it really is is about it it's about feeling something that you can't explain you should be able to explain it to some degree to other people but there should be a really great art there's a certain part of its appeal that will always be outside of your you can feel it and maybe you can kind of get it but you can't really translate it to other people it's it's ineffable if you can pin down the value like oh here's the metaphor and here's what it means and here's what it says about trump or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* i think well all right that's a schematic for this piece of art but like the soul is somewhere else and i think that's one of the really negative impacts of the recap culture that helped create the prestige tv moment that like reinforced the tropes and basically and told creators what they wanted to see and what they were to respond to is that a lot of these shows even the good ones they feel like they a lot of the elements in them exist explicit you can kind of see the seams you can see where oh this is for the critics to point out this is for someone to recap this and then they can create a pat explanation for what this episode means that's going to be deeper than the message of an episode of csi miami right it's going to say more about the human condition but it's still mechanistic it's it's still it's still craft it's not art i think the show the show that always gets me with that the most is fargo which i think is very good but i think the parts of it that aren't good are the parts where i can see oh i think i'm i i wasn't going to watch devil all the time because it's two hours and it's a bunch of like british public school boys and short pants pretending to be hillbillies which is very tiresome to me but our pats is going ham again might have to watch it although i really do not like his performance in the rover that a lot of people like and that seems like kind of a that seems like a defining wacky rock patents or like committed patents and performance and if you don't like

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that i don't i don't know maybe i won't like oh and uh that reminds me so this is one thing i wanted to talk about for a while and i'll end with this in the in the context of talking about like the new critical understanding of television specifically uh no no not just television all art but specifically the narrative art forms television and 0:46:34 movies the stuff that we've convinced ourselves is where uh all the horrors of this country originate not a reflection of them but that's what we get we are all we're all typical now we're all pmrc people we all believe that what we get out of culture is what we then do we believe that i think there's no other under there's no other way to understand the way people talk about art now in exclusively political terms why would that be the only thing you cared about unless it had some sort of significant it's like really really getting into the score and only talking about score if that was the only thing anybody talked about in movies people would be like what's going on why what's with the score thing and like maybe that would be a weird like uh that would probably have some sort of material explanation too but it would be a different one i think the answer for why we do it now is because we desperately want to think that this thing that is all we absorb all day spectacle has to be the seat of meaning and 0:47:35 the seat of change because we can't imagine anything else we can't imagine the real world anymore being a place where we do anything else but and reenact the \*\*\*\*\* we saw on the internet which is where we really live and that has created a a new sort of critical artistic taylorism where \*\*Music playing\*\* or or positivism i'm not i'm not sure which word specifically to use essentially what i'm saying is that we've replaced evaluating art narrative art we have replaced evaluating narrative art as a complex artistic at enterprise with varying elements within it that we are going to evaluate for them and then see how they operate together to make a greater a greater thing a thing greater than some of its parts that's what art is you've got these parts if it's good art there's something that comes out above them something that comes and emanates from them if it's shitty art now art is a purely commercial or it's a 0:48:36 purely propagandistic product and the only metric is good content bad content as in stuff that will make people act good versus stuff that'll act make people act bad good ideas bad ideas and then watching something is just clicking like an umpire or one of those you just wait and see okay how many we got now all right we got 15 good things and 13 bad things this is a good movie we got 17 good things and 12 bad things that's a good movie we got four good things and nine 90 bad things this movie we have to drag and actually you know what people shouldn't see it and if they do they're bad people and i think the reason for that is not it's not malevolent people aren't doing it because they're becoming like hysterical uh uh philistines because of sjw ism it's because there's no there's nothing else in movies the art part is being 0:49:39 drained out of them because capital is totally overwhelming them the artistic ex the

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artistic impulse that has to be part and parcel to any artistic endeavor is in these commercialized art forms almost gone it's been diluted to parts per million and now that doesn't mean there still isn't great art but it's just harder to find and it's more concentrated and the average piece of art has less of it than it used to think of blockbusters that nobody would say are great art or shouldn't say are great art from the 80s versus blockbusters of today and then remember the fact that that is even more hegemonic like blockbusters are a larger percentage of our of our of our movie diet and uh tv is larger percentage which is a more adulterated life art form than film everything is just being drained of art so what is left what can we talk about well you can talk about like uh individual elements like but that's essentially arguing about whether a hot dog is a sandwich it's boring uh it's brittle talking about the political element that invests it with emotion the emotion that we couldn't feel for it anymore because it's bad art the emotion that we feel for art that comes from a connection to it has been replaced with a connection of an emotional connection related to our political beliefs because we can find it there it's the only thing left in it that we can resonate with art emotionally anything else that we would resonate with is gone so we have to recreate what art is and turn it into this propaganda exercise where the good and bad are pure just objective tallies within the movie which means we don't have to think about it we don't have to express our discontent about it we can we can it's essentially a mec way to cope with our closing historical uh our closing artistic horizons is because as the like the the uh the edges come in you know and as it as as as there's less good stuff more bad stuff bad stuff is worse good stuff isn't as good and there isn't those aren't those high p points and there isn't even that basic level of engagement and satisfaction that creates discontent like this \*\*\*\*\* this is \*\*\*\*\* it sucks but it's also one of our chief forms of soothing art is how we get through this \*\*\*\*\* it is our opium not in a bad sense but in the 19th century sense as a medicine as palliative care for like getting a bullet pulled out of your \*\*\*\*\* arm at chancellorsville it is necessary bone for the soul to continue living under this exploitative system so you but the system's not going anywhere we're \*\*\*\*\* we're in it capital realism baby so we have to accept the shitty stuff as our only sucker and therefore decide that the artistic value is the political value because and that part of that process is that as we put more and more of our politics into our cultural diet our politics become more uh of a entertainment too like as entertainment gets more political politics get more entertaining and now because we care about things we watch as a level of politics like we watch our art to get a jolt of either righteous rage or or vindication we get it from our art and we also get it from watching the news or scrolling our twitter feed or going to facebook to post a meme it's because in the same way that art has been drained out of our art politics has been drained

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out of our politics politics is similarly denatured of any any in this case the art the place of art would be uh accountability to actual citizens of this \*\*\*\*\* country it's 0:53:52 being adulterated out and replaced with spectacle and our emotional investment in the spectacle of it who the good guys are are winning yay the bad guys are winning boo and that is why people arguing about what whether it's moral to vote for biden it's like my god you're just you're you are gnawing your own flesh how do you not see that this is a completely sterile argument that is just like if batman could beat the terminator and serves the same purpose to waste time to just go around in circles to give you a jolt every day up until the big jolt the big game the election day and then there's a come down and then you're like okay that was intense and then you get a refractory period but then as things keep getting worse and we need more and more of that opium we need more of that balm and gilead to get through the day what's this oh \*\*\*\*\* we're invested again and we get to go back up on the \*\*\*\*\* we get 0:54:53 to go back to the top of the goddamn drop at the cyclone ah until the next election that's the exact same it's all part of one continuous process of self-amusement in the face of armageddon and personal alienation to the point of of of misery of mass death i mean huge huge huge rage people are just checking the \*\*\*\*\* out depression they're checking out because none of this is enough anymore but the people who are still able to function are putting more and more into this because it's the only button they have it's the only button they can press it's the morphine drip in the hospital \*\*\*\*\* it's the hospice morphine drip hitting it over and over again every time we're arguing about biden every time you're going to watch and see if tenet is uh you know is more dude bro uh than interstellar uh they're talking talk about whether uh uh like there's sufficient intersectionality uh in the green new deal or in the marvel 0:55:54 cinematic universe morphine the non-engaged are people who are get their uh get their opium elsewhere a lot of them get it in the form of actual opium or at this point fentanyl which is the uh which is the like tick-tock of uh of morphine or whatever if you want to talk about like the accelerated endpoint of this thing like trump is the fentanyl of polit politics is theater uh like black panther is the pinnacle of like politics as culture uh and fentanyl is the fentanyl of just trying not to feel the pain of living and other ones just uh personal drama uh or they're just trying to survive 0:56:57 and and and their their their uh opium comes in the form of the relief that they're still able to keep their head above water for another day and they're not even and like all of these are the worst most deadly most refined artificial capital processed versions of this generalized cultural need to soothe the pains of exploitation through through some sort of and i would say don't do that uh we have to confront the pain 0:57:59 of our our alienation and instead of seeing how hard it will be to change and say oh well better flee towards uh pleasure recognize that that pleasure will never be

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enough that pleasure will always be just beyond one's grasp and it will always leave you maddened with thirst and that the only way forward for yourself is to confront the pain and uh try to transform it try to change your relationship to the pain and that's the beginning of spirituality i think because you don't because spirituality is what you is what allows you to live in the and allows you to live in the absence of hope that you can get things better in your life in a in a happen man that's gross i'd 0:59:2 say it gets worse but it gets better and that the fate of any human and the fate of the species is how many people and when break or what time you break should i try and leave the states or stay at fight you can't man we're they're we're in here for good the 1:0:3 best way i can kind of condense everything into because a lot of what i talk about on here is about how how captured we feel how trapped we feel how out of options how how how hobson's choiced we are and it's true but the implication of that should not be some sort of pathetic nihilism that just ends up being more self-absorption more uh consumption more hollow vapidness it's just uh from like one more removal of irony uh or try to conquer them and that's by not finding the false wall that seems that of the of the walls that are enclosing one of them is false and you have to find the one that's false as in what are you worrying about what is causing you pain what is making your life miserable that like that you are essentially in some way or 1:1:6 another choosing to make work choosing to project there because the the wanting you have is so powerful the want you feel is so intense that it projects this wall and that if you would confront that want and find that maybe you don't need that thing then that wall disappears and you can move but i don't know what it is it's it's for everyone else every individual and that's what's so maddening and terrifying about this moment is it's going to come down a lot of it to sit with themselves long enough to and knock and feel all right maybe i'll answer one question the funniest i'll leave 1:2:18 on this the funniest president other than trump all right you got to go with when they are president so they're funny presidency man they really aren't very funny as a group nixon's pretty funny obviously just because of the face and the noise and the voice and and all that i guess taft because he was fat got stuck in a bathtub that's classic hijinks and when you consider how much comedy back then revolved around like a fat guy getting into hijinks it was essentially like uh hardy from i have to say though people make fun of taft for getting stuck in the bathtub i'm pretty sure that if i tried to just go in the bathtub that he got stuck in i'd get stuck in it because he looks like a big fat guy in the pictures and he's remembered as the fattest president but he was like 300 pounds which in modern context of america is not that big and he was tall so uh those bathtubs were made for people who were much smaller so if 1:3:21 i got in that exact bathtub i'd

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um all right tell me if you can hear me i have no idea i might if you guys can't hear me at all i'm gonna just have to plug off i'm just trying to shoot i have a had an issue today i'm i have i'm not able to use my microphone can you hear me at all or does this just tell me if i can hear if you can't hear me i'll just turn it off this is a test basically if you can hear me or not can you hear me just tell me somebody oh good thank goodness because uh i'm having to i things ran late and uh my phone was not charged i thought it had been charging it wasn't charging and so i have to have it plugged into my computer which i was means i can't play use my microphone so uh you're assuming i'm assuming you're hearing me over the uh laptop microphone so whatever it is i'm happy that it's working so uh i think that uh the fym guy said they were gonna do a uh bail fund charity stream starting at seven i think they're gonna do that now at eight uh and i absolutely encourage anyone to keep watching them have fun with their hygiene spoofs and goofs and kicking some money if if you can and if you think this is the most technologically uh advanced move i've ever pulled while trying to do this job whatever you want to call it i believe fym stands for \*\*\*\*\* you mean like a thing that dumb guys say and instead of what the \*\*\*\*\* do you mean so it looks like we're getting amy coney bryant amy kobe bryant amy joseph coney any coney dog uh barrett 50 caliber in the senate in that i honestly think they should just get it over with because it's just going to be annoying the whole thing is going to be very annoying no everyone knows that she's going to get confirmed just because i'm honestly why would i want to listen to any more of this it was bad enough in the \*\*\*\*\* kavanagh hearings my god everybody convinced themselves that that was some sort of meaningful like uh rubicon being crassed as though anybody has any retention of anything amy cody bryant so what's up guys what's going on i wasn't online today my phone died i was that far from my phone so i don't know what all happened besides people uh ritually sacrificing lambs in front of the corpse of ruth bader ginsburg what else has been i saw clappy stupid bastards and that's swag see that swag that's what hillary didn't have and that's why more than anything i think i mean besides incumbency working against trump this time uh i think that's what

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could save him and make him beat trump is is that he's got that trump swag which hillary never had oh yes ron paul also had a stroke on the middle of a live stream which i hope to do one day i mean that's a true uh that's the demise of a true online posters poster right to go down while uh well vlogging it's that's when you die like that you get to go uh asgard uh uh so if ron paul apparently he didn't die though which is too bad for him honestly because if he had died he would right now he would be at a table with murray rothbard uh uh uh hayek uh von mises and they would all just be wailing on poor people with paintball guns while just eating because he died posting he died posting for the ideas for the crack-headed idiot ideas of libertarianism the i don't think han simon hop is dead actually so he wouldn't be there yet god imagine if people actually were the way the libertarians say that they are how would we have us how would there be anything we didn't see anything you are only able to have that kind of delusion because you are so deeply embedded in a social network that has been abstracted away from you in terms of your day-to-day life and has been replaced by like technological stand-ins and symbolic stand-ins for a social order can you possibly get the schizophrenically insane idea in your head yeah no uh the world is me even though i'm thinking these words with a language that i didn't invent even though i'm only alive because people didn't \*\*\*\*\* sell me or take my and the earlier generations it would have been nonsensical but once you've turned society into these symbols and removed it from your day-to-day experience you can go off on any kind of insane tangents and then the internet comes around and it makes all those tangents not only seem uh non-insane but in fact rational because what's this we're all acting on this internet computer box the way that we are imagined to act in the market we are individuals relating to one another relating ideas across a neutral uh public platform and buying and selling our wares and ourselves and our uh and finding our amusements there and all for a price that's your life if the internet is your life it's no wonder so many of these people are \*\*\*\*\* deluded libertarians because why would if this is your model if the model for human society is not actual human society it is human society dimly reflected on the internet how the hell are you ever supposed to come to any other conclusion somebody's talking about how we didn't think unemployment run out i'm telling you though it was always like unemployment will run out and then the i think if anybody i think the assumption that it wouldn't run out came from assuming that we had more just like running doing the bernie campaign assuming that there there was more uh resistance left in the band or uh you know a tread in the tires of of of like an actual organizable self-motivating social form in america doesn't mean we won't make one doesn't mean the times won't help create oh we got stuck got uh got a got a passion fruitful it is amazing how lacroix i don't know how it happened was it the name might have been just the name was

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able to be the brand that captured a social phenomenon that had nothing to do with it or its product had to do with uh just demographics millennials turned 30. millennials turned 30 they couldn't drink as much empty calories as they used to without their asses getting larger and seltzer and lacroix was the brand that turned that into a meme and not just a defeat you're giving in to your body's decrepitude and then it took over the whole thing and then it took over alcohol but it all started 0:9:20 with verocroi and now you go to a grocery store la croix is more expensive than the other brands and it's not better like i think polar is much better polar's got way more bubbles but nobody thinks why is it more expensive why is lacroix expensive it's like nah that makes sense it makes sense look at that look at that 80s design look at that vaporwave is that what vaporwave sounds like i wow i love that you guys can hear me so well i didn't even have to buy that goddamn microphone i could have just plugged the i'd say the most grill pilled sopranos character would be lil carmine 0:10:29 just in the sense that he uh he didn't push it it's like you could be the don he's like oh let's see then does it work out he's like never mind he this isn't driven by a manic uh need to to claim a throne that only puts a target who are the musketeers the muscadines if you want to be if you want to be glib about it where the first proud boys of course the difference was is that it was there were actual stakes and it wasn't pure uh pure entertainment uh they were uh they were the children of the 0:11:31 upper middle class not the gentry not the old aristocracy who went on the streets in in finery and with with jewels and walking sticks and perfumed uh cravats and would beat up uh an attack and sometimes kill and castrate republicans jacobites they were part of the thermadorian suppression of left-wing sentiment which was the first of a number of pivots that the directory did over its five years where it would essentially play whack-a-mole it would suppress the left and cosy up to the right and modify the right but then the right would become overweeningly powerful and begin making uh uh threats to gain power either through a coup or through the legislature and then they would suppress the right and pick up the left and then 0:12:33 the left would get too big for its britches uh the center could not hold there trump was going to fill the gap and it ended up being napoleon who was a truly dialectical figure in the sense that he was the synthesized embodiment of the entire political spectrum at that point and the moment history on horseback is because his his reign uh was a was filled with ratifying the meritocratic uh and enlightenment like um uh government and uh concepts uh and and and he enforced like secularization of um of 0:13:34 like the bureaucracy that the republic had instituted but then he created a heart a hereditary monarchy with with all of the pomp and structures and circumstance of the old royalty and it turns out if the money is still being made and if the battles are still being won that's really all anybody on the right really wanted especially once

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he made i don't think there's a monkey out there something uh man yeah it's wild 0:14:46  
out here we got helicopters we got some sort of uh someone's asking about that clip  
that was just being put around a while back about um michael hanecki saying that  
it's immoral to do entertainment about the holocaust that schiller's list was immoral  
the thing about hanaki is he's he is an artist second he's a moralist first and that  
doesn't mean he's a bad artist or that his work isn't bad it is it's just that's not a  
guy that i'm gonna go to for any real questions of uh of of like artistic cancels oh my  
god trump's not going to cancel the election and i have noticed by the way that ever 0:15:47  
since trump had his uh thing where he said we're going to get rid of the ballots bye  
bye-bye balance uh people been \*\*\*\*\* rivets ever since then there must be a protest  
or something i'm guessing uh at the idea of a coup some situation where he just says  
like that atlantic monthly article apparently it outlined an idea where they're just  
gonna tell the state legislators to pick their own slate of such the republican state  
legislatures are going to be asked to just pick their own slate of pro-trump electors  
to go and cast their boats which they can do like they can do that you know like the  
the electoral college does not actually have anything in it about the electors being  
chosen by elections in the state it just says that they will be chosen by the states 0:16:49  
and in the past that has meant state legislatures and they could just do that again  
you know but even though that could technically be legal i think it would be such a  
breach that it would be in the realm of what people are worrying about or at least  
what they really think they're worrying about when they talk about this stuff is  
some sort of uh you know tanks in the streets moment where this is the uh the state  
of siege has been instituted and the constitution is null and void i think that could  
that could lead to that uh but then a lot of people seem to be backing off from that  
maximal position saying no what if it like more realistically it's like okay now we're  
talking what if it's just like florida 2000 all over again and to which i say well then he  
won the election because you can talk about how that's illegitimate well guess what  
the 2000 election was illegitimate no one did anything about it so that standard that  
can't be coup territory anymore that can't be the rules of change that can't be it's 0:17:50  
running man now that can't be this is our apocalyptic moment this is our apotheosis  
i'm sorry if it's just a little more blatant version of florida 2000 then it's just he  
won the election and people will whine about it and there'll be some protests but  
so if that's what you're talking about then they're not really talking about a coup  
\*\*\*\*\* chris hayes said that the difference between those two things is semantic it's  
like okay i'll accept that premise but that means that we haven't had a legitimate  
\*\*\*\*\* government in this country since 2000. we just let that go and you have to  
reckon with the fact that that has been absorbed into the system and no one in any  
significant number decided to mount the barricades in defense of democracy then so

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how are they going to do it now in similar circumstances just because i mean yeah people are madder and people are sadder people our lives are worse as americans in general than they than they were in 2000 but were even more atomized even more confused even i mean my god the internet was pets.com and the dancing hamster in 2000. now it's our brains you know what somebody asked a very weird question the kind of question i usually ignore in these chats like kind of the left field ones but i thought it was really interesting because i had an immediate thought when he when i read it which was it said was the most cursed picture of a politician and i was obviously a ton of contenders but the one that uh immediately came to my mind without me even thinking about it my first thought actually was oh how am i going to pick and then i just saw it you guys won't remember this and i'm wondering if i should like if i can show you on the screen here because you're not going to have seen this most of you you \*\*\*\*\* fetuses in this chat will not have seen this because it's 2004 when john kerry was running against george bush an election that i was wildly wildly emotionally invested in uh hilariously because yeah the stakes now are both supposed to be so much higher and i care basically zero percent as much as i did in 2004 uh so it was him uh visiting a nuclear facility i think uh it was some sort of clean clean room some sort of technological clean room that he was and he was crawling through a tube a white tube and he was wearing a white uh containment suit and his and his was his nose like this and he looked like a bunny rabbit it was the cl it's the closest thing a political a presidential candidate has done to appearing is as a furry is somebody putting it in the chat i bet someone is i've got a helpful all right i'm back i don't know why that happened it's very irritating i don't know why that happens when that happens it literally just froze and dropped me off of the call off of the broadcast uh it's because trump is trying to stop but yes the bunny suit photo there's just something about his face that fills me with revulsion at myself for having ever cared about him being president at him for what a disgusting \*\*\*\*\* and uh spineless little twerp he became in his life uh also just a general embarrassment for the country that we have our \*\*\*\*\* presidential candidates do this childish \*\*\*\*\* that's how the level of our discourse a bunch of just easily amused toddlers it's it's a very it's a bummer man i know i wasn't online i'm i was not talking into the void i he wasn't just secretary of state john kerry he was he was decent he actually did the iran deal he did the uh the cuban entry uh cuban reopening which of course is now dead but he actually had i mean he was much better than hillary clinton but obviously still very bad in any not going to watch really scott's \*\*\*\*\* robot show i've had enough of this \*\*\*\*\* and \*\*\*\*\* robots how many \*\*\*\*\* times is this \*\*\*\*\* going to make a \*\*\*\*\* movie about \*\*\*\*\* robots what is he so fascinated with it's not that interesting man it's like it's not that much of an artistic an interesting

artistic trope i just don't think so at this point especially not the way he's done done it like what is his insight in all these movies what does the insight he have go beyond like i don't know which one of us is actually the machine or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* what is he actually bringing to this conversation about the nature of consciousness or whatever the idea that he was snuck into without mentioning it the idea that he snuck into um prometheus that the aliens the alien uh space jockey people the big buff pale albino guys they came to earth they seeded human life on earth and then one of them came down to earth to like make us stop being jerks to one another and that was jesus and then after we killed jesus they decided to send the uh a 0:24:1 species extincting punishment yeah it is in the movie i'm sorry you it's not said that explicitly but it said there's one point where they're like looking at the hieroglyphics or something and david is saying it's like this was supposed to depart 2 000 years ago now what happened 2000 years ago that would make the aliens send a an alien pod to wipe out humanity that they created who was around back then and you might think that's dumb yeah that's ridley scott he's a dumbball he's biden is focusing on 0:25:14 venezuelan \*\*\*\*\* because he wants to win florida that's what they always do now of course yes they want to overthrow these governments yes there's a long-term interest in the united states to see all all uh op potential opposition certainly sitting on top of anything like venezuela's oil wealth the largest proved oil reserves in the world that that imperative is going to be persist regardless of who's in power but biden is talking about it as much as he is to i gotta say the stoned ape theory makes a lot more sense to me now than it used to be you know because the things exist right and uh all this \*\*\*\*\* exists in nature and it interacts with human nervous system and perceptive apparatus and people are gonna they're gonna take it at some point and enough of 0:26:16 them take it at the right moment and you have that that leap and not the only thing that would have led to human human consciousness is evolving of course but but i think like a one thread in a in a tapestry of phenomenon that uh but i think like the genetic bottleneck point i think that had a lot to do with it too the fact that one that uh all humans evolved are our direct descendants we're not direct descendants but eventual descendants of about 5 000 human beings who survived a a massive uh climate catastrophe in in africa but i do and i also like it because it is a materialist it's a materialist ex explanation for spirituality like the universe is a whole the universe 0:27:20 is a fully conscious to the degree that it is and then we showed up for one reason or another and maybe because of the co-evolution with other species that had chemicals some people theorize that some mushrooms uh have that effect on people because it makes people less likely to destroy them or something i don't know but whatever it is it would be a it would be an actual like material intervention into a natural ecosystem a a equilibrium a homeostasis creating an imbalance an over development

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of perception among one subspecies of animal that then just went basically insane which we have been ever since just screaming gibbering deluded maniacs because we are all essentially trapped by a delusion a a a a dissociative state and that is of separate individual consciousness that is this the essential psychosis of why do i think uh do i think politicians pooping their pants is more common occurrence than they let on well considering that they don't they barely ever let it on uh like jerry nadler just you know that he just dropped anchor right like it wasn't like a shark it wasn't a it wasn't a little trickle it was like it was thanksgiving dinner in his \*\*\*\*\* uh underwear because he just immediately starts shoveling off stage does it in the middle of their stupid presentation and hey i don't judge the man but i do think that uh i mean for one thing he's 75 another thing he got lap band surgery he used to be much bigger uh and he had lap-band surgery so i'm sure his gi truck is an absolute uh it's a nightmare realm his intestines are like uh the \*\*\*\*\* the the uh highway system and the mad uh but yeah no biden if you get back to cap \*\*\*\*\* uh clap \*\*\*\*\* just think that's so alpha compared to please clap right it's the opposite it's chat it's a chad it's chad the way that trump was chat against hillary and you can make an argument that the best predictor in the modern era of who win the presidency is who's coolest because who is cooler hillary or trump well that's a no-brainer who is cooler obama or romney again no brainer who's cooler obama or mccain no \*\*\*\*\* brainerd who's cooler george w bush or john kerry we \*\*\*\*\* know the answer to that one don't we folks who's cooler than uh who's cooler between bush and al gore once again duh clinton was cooler than dole bush is not cool but bush was cooler than dukakis dukakis was a little uh stiff i mean he had the \*\*\*\*\* picture behind the thing uh bush look came off as sort of like a pencil neck geek but he also had a real patrician gravitas because he was like the the absolute cerulean blooded american like a wasp establishment he's a personification of like deep american money the original american capitalist so that kind of resonated off reagan of course cooler than mondale cooler than carter carter was cooler than ford nixon versus humphrey is such an insane uncool off because you think nixon wasn't cool my god hubert h humphrey was an absolute spaz just he had he had kid in the front of the class putting his hand up because and it was it was cringe and his name linda johnson wildly cooler than barry \*\*\*\*\* goldwater what uh like the \*\*\*\*\* bill buckley types try to act like oh he's epically cool and i'm sure there are shirts you can get with goldwater and he's got sunglasses on it's like oh epic and yeah he was a rancher and all that \*\*\*\*\* but he was a square he uh there's a in in before the storm rick pearlstein's first book which is about largely the 64 campaign he talks about how these group these uh crowds have juiced up young conservatives like uh the young american for freedom types the people who burned you know uh uh they did the first like dumping the

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french wine out thing and that they would hold bonfires of soviet made products and they would be there these young exuberants cheering on uh uh go uh the speech and there'd be somebody to come out and give a stem winding opener and then goldwater would come out and the room would just die he had no charisma at all he was chosen because he was the ideological heart of conservatism in the elected federal government he had no charisma lyndon johnson had a dick he called jumbo he had a \*\*\*\*\* aqua car that he would drive people into lakes with without them 0:33:30 knowing it was an aqua car he wasn't a terribly uh powerful speaker either but he certainly had some swagger in his personal uh interactions whereas goldwater was very much a nerd and that's one of the reasons he played being a rancher so hard because he was such a \*\*\*\*\* nerd i mean he was like a he was an amateur and if he'd been like middle class he would have just been a nerd but the fact that he was you know the millionaire scion of a department store dynasty in arizona meant that he could play both he could be a and of course jfk famously is more cool than nixon jfk won because of sam giancana uh bill daley and his coolness eisenhower was cooler than hadley stevenson truman is cooler than dewey dewey got murdered because eleanor roosevelt's er uh i think it was one of the roosevelts i think alice maybe said 0:34:31 that thomas dewey looked like the little man on the wedding cake he had a little mustache that was 1948 version of just an annihilation that's that's you're done after that uh fdr was cooler and biden is even though his pants are filled with \*\*\*\*\* any given moment and he doesn't even know where he is that has given him a ease with himself and that is what coolness is after all it's just ease with oneself that's what people are picking up when they say someone's cool they mean that they are not in a state of anxiety relative to themselves or the people around them and i think that both and both trump and trump and biden's coolness is largely powered by their senility at this point it's why they're like trump is obviously a uh incredible 0:35:33 narcissist and more importantly a deeply needy man who needs to be reassured at all points that but uh his public persona is one of absolute certainty uh because as much as he might be crave the approval of others he has no instinct to tack towards anyone he just is himself and then if so i think though biden might be cooler biden might be thinking about it in this terms like if it's because trump is insecure in a way biden doesn't seem to be well unless it's about being perceived as to the left in any way biden is incredibly neurotic about that he will tell you i beat the socialist i \*\*\*\*\* got in the time machine and uh oh somebody asked about the debate uh i 0:36:41 saw what the debate topics were uh and one of them is the actual integrity of the election itself and i i do not think that's ever been a debate topic before which means that something is different about this it's not pure hysteria because even if it was pure hysteria it's enough hysteria to our discrete actions always just in the internet

and like our our media responses they do kind of just go into the ether because they are uncoordinated but if you have everybody even uh if they're not on the same page just have a religiously ecstatic moment simultaneously you can move the \*\*\*\*\* meal and i think that's that's the possibility there everyone just wills themselves into believing just making a quantum leap but like i said i don't think it's gonna 0:37:54 happen i'd say most i'd say you know what's nice nice and likely is yes uh he loses the popular vote again by a bigger margin and he wins after a above statistical likelihood number of ballots get thrown out in a couple of states which by any stretch is not a legitimate election it's the kind of thing that you would overthrow i mean my god think of what think of what justified uh more alice's overthrow was some \*\*\*\*\* like oh we found a statistical sampling of some \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* in our exit polls or something this is literally yeah ten percent of absentee ballots were disavowed or ten percent of mail-ins were just thrown in a challenge and thrown in the garbage or lost or something that's uh that's that would if it was a strategically important enough area that would that would lead to some sort of direct intervention uh especially if it 0:38:56 provoked a uh popular protest but it would still be business as usual for us it would not be the opening of the seventh seal that we'd still just be here grumble about it complain about it get real mad frothing angry about it post about it certainly protest yes but over time without protests leading to anything it leads to so wait a minute somebody says that uh uh biden uh 538 has biden at 352. you mean 352 electoral votes that's honestly that doesn't seem crazy from the polling i've seen i mean he has a very s i mean people like to say they were wrong in 2016 what if there is wrong 0:39:58 now there's all these stories like i mean yes but once again this is a different context trump is the incumbent president you've seen this big shift in suburban voters away from republicans to democrats you've seen a big surge in turnout these things could especially with i don't know the economy collapsing around a \*\*\*\*\* unnecessarily disastrous maybe that's not true maybe this is a real durable lead maybe this is actually a lead uh and i think that will be the funniest outcome really if the wind just goes out of everybody's sails on election night like all of this animal has been built up to a frenzied pitch like they don't even need to wait three days for all the \*\*\*\*\* absentees to come in that's not saying that's a likely outcome but i think something like that could very likely happen like okay maybe there's a couple days it's a little touch and go there because they're still counting ballots but trump isn't 0:40:59 able to to muster the horses to really try to go full hardcore just because of the frenzy pitch of the country just like uh just because it would be a disaster for the markets in the near term there's no question about that uh and it's like is that necessary do we like trump that much and like i have said i don't think they do i don't think he's not necessary to and then a couple and then he wins and he's got like 300 electoral

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votes or more uh i'm assuming everyone's just going to i mean you think people would be relieved but i think it's going to be something else it's going to be this emptiness there's going to be this hollow echoing emptiness and people are going to be like robert redford in the candidate what now and i think the answer for a lot of people is going to be oh yeah i don't care about politics anymore which is going to be pretty funny thinking of all the people who spent the last four years whipping themselves into a frenzy and believing themselves to be political warriors on behalf of democracy or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* or anti-racist crusaders who are going to scourge the land like john brown after all that after all that edging and all that and then just the absolute failure to have any kind of apotheosis i think they're just going to say \*\*\*\*\* it i'm going to get into craft beers or something i don't know if that'll last and i doubt it will but i think you're gonna get like a a refractory period there where a lot of people are just gonna stop paying attention to any of this \*\*\*\*\* deny committee someone wants to know about they that was a committee that uh was chaired in the 20s i believe to figure out why the hell the u.s went into war in world war one considering the fact that nobody really wanted to go wilson campaigned in 1916 on a platform of he kept us out of war and yet we still ended up going in why because of the zimmerman telegram and then i committee made a claim that it was essentially to secure the massive amount of loans that the united states had made to the allies they lent money to both sides but disproportionately and in much much larger amounts to the allies specifically jp morgan among them the guy who had single-handedly saved the entire american economy in 1907 by underwriting a job a private sector bailout of the american financial system which is one of the things that led to the creation of the federal reserve because there was a understanding that they could not allow that kind of crisis moment to be in the hands of unorganized capital it had to be capital at its most uh tightly supervised in the form of about and honestly people might say it's simplistic but it makes a \*\*\*\*\* more much more it makes a \*\*\*\*\* lot more sense especially if you're trying to put events in a i don't know historical context and relate them to other events and other things instead of just isolating them it makes a \*\*\*\*\* ton more sense than well we wanted to stay out of the war but then germany shot one of our uh shot uh a torpedoed one of our cruise ships people forget that \*\*\*\*\* lusitania it was not like lusitania was sunk and then we went to war right after that the lusitania was sunk in 1915 the united states didn't enter the war for two more years and the zimmerman telegram oh yeah that was a real concern they were the mexicans were going to invade the united states i mean they were in the middle of a completely uh paralyzing civil war at that time they were no position to do anything to us securing american uh securing american uh uh financial instruments considering the fact that the united states was like at

that point a junior partner to like an anglo global market uh which worked one was largely was largely about who was going to be able to direct that flow who was in charge and england won and we were on their side essentially from the sidelines for most of it and then we had to secure our investment which was a very smart move for you know the ruling class because it helped facilitate the eventual handover of the entire uh mechanism to the united states after world war ii when direct colonial control was no longer financially feasible and we replaced it with a dollar hegemony that's ruled ever since and that's all because as uh ottoman bismarck said the most consequential event of the 20th century or i'm sorry the most consequential fact of the 20th century english oh god biden potential cabinet picks who gives a \*\*\*\*\* i mean i'm only curious to see what klobuchar and buddhist got i kind of want to see how good negotiators they are if buddhist got veterans affairs or something it would be funny if warren didn't get anything although honestly at this point i don't give a \*\*\*\*\* what she gets anybody thinking that like her in any position of power will be substantially different than any of these other \*\*\*\*\* vampires i don't know what to tell you even if she even if you can convince me that her intention is not to rule like one of them her ability to negotiate the house of power has proven pretty conclusively that she's never going to be in a position to get one over on any of these \*\*\*\*\* people no matter what she did in the senate not within an administration where she has no real independent base which you could oh god sally ate says he uh that is a that is an underrated thing that people that uh happen sometimes is cabinet people are chosen as basically as a snap as as a own of the previous administration as administration um there was a famous example of that with the obamas because obviously obama wasn't going to do anything about any of the crimes bush committed and those guys committed let bygones be bygones uh who hasn't uh broken a few million iraqi eggs to make an omelet he uh so he didn't do any actual uh accountability but in an act of supreme west wing symbolic importance he appointed eric shinseki who had been i think the secretary of the army under bush and had uh he had complained he had said something about how it was going to take more troops to to hold iraq than the government was saying they were lying about what it would take to secure iraq in an invasion and he got fired and they appointed him uh veterans affairs secretary to be like aha look at that dignity and facts rule again and apparently the only thing that shinseki is known for is he gave uh the army berets for some reason and everyone really got mad and that they hate him to this day because they made them wear berets because they're not they're like uncomfortable and you can't really all right guys i think uh i think the man bertovo and company are going to be streaming soon a few minutes here i think i'm going to log off and they'll log right on and uh anybody who wants to see some wonderful twitch-based content and support uh i

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believe the louisville bail fund should check it out so have a good time

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hey there we are the people are here they're coming i'm exiting host mode once again that's the trick of the twitch trade when you end when you start one of these it says enter exiting host mode at least what does when i do it i think that means we're no longer hosting someone else's channel and uh we're now doing our own it feels kind of weird though because i mean i am entering host mode like this is me being the host of my little backyard uh tent revival it tells me that i'm exiting host mode so it's very counter-intuitive i have entered and exited the host mode simultaneously 0:1:5  
thank you i did this myself i cut my own hair it was because of the last episode we did in the office i saw that it looked like i was getting some sort of horrifying mullet i had to take care of that can't have it can't have a henry i just i have a clipper and i just do it now i grew up i grew up at a time when the mullet was was the archetypally terrible haircut it was a symbol of of epic fail so i still have that instinctive response to it when i see it curving out in the back oh god no gotta stop maybe it's uh you could argue that it's buried like classism you know because it was 0:2:8  
it's of course coated around uh whiskey tango white trash as it were you know wife peter and mullet that kind of thing achy breaky heart ronnie dobbs who so uh yeah maybe i should just get a mullet in solidarity with the white although does anybody really wear them anymore i mean now it's kind of ironic right do people wear mullets anymore not ironically i don't i haven't watched enough tic tocs to know what's really going on in the heartland which is what it's good which is what's good for tick-tock just getting a uh put it being able to dip a ladle into the american primordial ooze and so tomorrow is uh going to be a hell of a day i think i'm going to stream uh on 0:3:9  
my birthday hey birthday boy maybe i'll wear a little hat and then me and i think at least brendan will see if someone all shows up are going to be in the in here for uh our portion of the debate commentary uh and i will be uh i'm not sure yet we'll see what i'll do i am very very very ready to be wildly disappointed to there to be nothing enjoyable to find that we have reached a point where reality is at the worst possible point where it is so drained of of metaphor we're so we're so accelerated towards pure representation of reality or purer anyway than we previously had in

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terms of our culture uh that the unexpected can't happen anymore the the truly uh  
uh unhyper-normalizable thing the thing that can't be digested instantly into the  
stream is impenetrable essentially impossible and um i would say that and when say 0:4:10  
you say hey what does that mean you know because i'm basically saying well yeah  
trump and biden could have some epic hilarious fails but how does that change from  
any we've seen before it's just we're getting more of the same i think the dream the  
secret dream of people when they imagined like a thing like a biden trump debate  
an abstract was something that breaks the wall like one of them having their teeth  
fall out of their head entirely maybe and fall onto the into their lap one of them uh  
actually \*\*\*\*\* themselves jerry nadler style but we're not going to get that and even  
if we get some amazing brain front moments another thing we're not going to get is  
like a ron paul moment which would be work i had the spicy mcnuggets they were 0:5:13  
okay they were a little brittle tender i mean that's a funny word to say for you know  
chicken slurry but there's like a more kind of crispness beyond the point where it was  
like a separation between the coating and the and the almost dehydrated seeming  
nugget it was okay that's fine i think i would just stick with the i did not use the 0:6:32  
mighty hot sauce i used my uh honestly i prefer like the morning star heights chicken  
nugs the veg the veg vegetarian ones to the to the taco to the to the um to the spicy  
nugget not to the original the original nugget has its own beauty to it it's one of those  
perfect uh perfect products it's like a flavored nugget like a flavor puck designed to  
hit your no in your mouth in such a way to cause i do hope that uh i do hope that 0:7:38  
biden strikes the thing i'm hoping happens and think might happen is that biden  
tries to get epic tries to tries to obviously tee up a john's conceived but of course he  
will probably botch it it is amazing to hear that biden paid three million dollars in  
taxes especially considering that he's he was always one of the less wealthy members  
of the senate it really does go to the to the just the sick reality that he is selling  
out he's tore himself out he's cored himself from within and turned himself into a a 0:8:40  
\*\*\*\*\* puppet of the fire sector but not even in exchange for extravagant riches like  
other people have uh like mitch mcconnell he's made like a hundred million dollars  
since joining the senate he's got stacks uh he's like moving weight biden got a \*\*\*\*\*  
amtrak uh uh windbreaker and he got jobs for his otherwise unemployable kid  
which that's not nothing but he just has such a low asking price and he's paying all  
those taxes like a damn sucker i mean i guess it's because he's a politician and he  
doesn't know the ways of uh of the real estate game where it's all and a lot of people 0:9:41  
are going to think like trump not paying taxes does make him smart and he's using  
his smarts for my benefit which is of course that's the stupid part but all cons involve  
uh like exploiting the greed of the mark in this case it's thinking hey trump got rich  
by screwing people over uh and avoiding taxes and playing cutthroat he's gonna do

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it on my behalf now and if you believe that you're a \*\*\*\*\* sucker but the reasoning is still there and most importantly the reason he doesn't have a lot of competing claims other than the democrats saying i'll hear you i'll listen to you i'll hold your hand while you are administered the euthanasia shot i mean i think the real uh the real thing to point out is how he just has used being president to like bail out his business which is pretty funny just total corruption on behalf of himself while being president and of course his base isn't going to care about that and it is really weird to me how every time there's a big thing about trump people feel the need they're compelled by powers beyond even their own understanding to say uh his base won't care ah yeah they're they're his base that's that's axiomatic that's you don't need to even say that obviously they won't care they're his base and maybe it's because they don't realize what that means now because you know the last republican president who oversaw a huge economic disaster left office with like a 25 approval rating and i think people believe that implying that there was some sort of crack which in within like the greater republican base of like you know 42 43 percent of the voters and i don't think that's possible anymore because the collapse of legitimacy of institutions like the media is so complete now has been replaced by this this choose your own adventure game of social media means that to be a base is to by definition never believe anything bad about the person you're the base of because it's all the product of the media lying that's the that's a prefab guarantee that they will nev nothing will ever me reach them and so it's weird when people just insist on reminding everyone that and i think it's because they have some traumatized belief that base like that means a governing majority of voters or like a governing i guess you'd say a governing minority voters that would be able to like hold power and i don't think that that's the case uh the election is going to be decided as it always is in the margins and those people are by definition not trump's base the question really is just how many of them are still carrying the vote and that'll be the difference between trump winning again and biden of course accepting things like electoral shenanigans and bush v gore style soft coos soft kooz ku's so soft that nobody even calls them that and nothing changes and the political system is not rent asunder confrontation i've never visited harper's ferry i think i would like to like to see the pump house but like i said if it's if it's if it's bush v gore two that's not the that's not the suspension of democracy people are imagining it will be you might say that now but i guarantee you if it as it happens is it winds its way through the courts as outrageous as it's going to be and as much as you would say that this is a coup in september you would like lay this out as a nightmare abrogation of democracy step by step it is going to be stage managed by the two parties to maintain a veneer of legitimacy which means we'll never reach that point where there is a popular consensus if such a thing could even be mustered

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around the idea that democratic real democratic principles of uh and constitutional governance had been abrogated the same way that it did with bush versus gore which most people took to be the legitimate outcome of a legitimate electoral process as laid out in the constitution and interpreted by the judicial branch and it would be a similar thing here now it would be more resistance than bush versus gore had certainly and there'd be a lot of protests but considering how many protests we've had this year it'll get swallowed in that larger narrative and we will just have another trump term and it will not be it will not be the the tearing of the veil of maya about 0:14:56  
funniest jfk the funniest conspiracy theory jfk was killed by a secret service agent tripping and his rifle going off that's a funny conspiracy theory it's also one of the more uh forensically convincing theories of the case of course that doesn't change any of the other questions like there could have been a man on the grassy knoll and the bill that killed kennedy was fired accidentally by a secret service agent i have not read read mars not i've heard a lot of good things about kim stanley robinson but i 0:15:58  
have not listened i've never really been a huge sci-fi literature fan i'm trying to think i'm thinking about maybe changing that but shakespeare authorship shakespeare what come on get out of here shakespeare wrote the plays i prefer the the argument about whether shakespeare was secretly catholic which i think might be the case because it's hard to imagine shakespeare i've heard that the theory that beethoven 0:17:0  
is black comes from the fact that he was from the netherlands or like belgium uh at a time when it was under spanish dominion so he was a moor because i think that's it which i don't think is even accurate that's not even true like the uh dutch had already gotten independence by the time he was oh this is a good one who's better berthoven or carpenter oh boy that's a tough one they're both like obviously very uh just perfect kind of stylists like auteurs were able to shape like that content uh 0:18:2  
expertly uh without making a big show about it or even necessarily having like a trademark look escape from new york i don't really like i think i might go for hoven i think i go for a hoven a carpenter is i gotta watch darkstar thank you for i have not watched the coming rule yet we're gonna watch it the whole thing for midweek from the patreon episode so virgil watched it live and he had some amazing posts there's 0:19:4  
they actually have a line of dialogue about uh about like general flynn going to a uh an event sitting next to jill stein like a russian guy talking about that it's pretty funny it's it's purely like a pure lib uh delusional fantasy which will be fun to see the and i'm there's gonna be a lot of uh a lot of paint huffing going on because in the near future because sorkin's coming out with a \*\*\*\*\* movie about the chicago seven trial which will of course be awesome make a lot of good points about the need for uh being mature and realistic when dealing with political issues and not indulgent and childish like certain apparently though sorkin was pitched this movie by spielberg 0:20:5

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and he had not heard of it he had not heard of the case which is amazing like he's he's a fetishist for that whole era and yet he didn't even know about it that means that he's just approaching the material with no like previous conception so that means it's going to be purely based on his reaction to the current moment so it's going to be just a perfect old man yelling at cloud type deal it's going to be great abby hoffman is going to be the face of the bernie bros and poor put upon straight-laced effective tom hayden is going to be oh apparently they've been making this movie 0:21:6 for 20 years holy \*\*\*\*\* yeah jeff daniels being like sorkin's ideal version of himself is pretty funny the guy from dunn and dummer who pooped all over the toilet that's that's his uh embodiment of his own like best and the sad thing is jeff daniels is a good actor who i generally enjoy in his work i'm usually pleased to see him in things having to watch him just spit out that joel or mike i'm always joel because he's 0:22:35 who i started with so i could never judge them uh honestly because it's the same way that like uh trace bilio is the voice of crow like there's like three voices of crow and and and like kevin i know kevin murphy was the second tom servo but to me he's the only thompson hero just because that's the configuration i i was introduced to uh at the most formative period so everything is going to be everything else is going to feel slightly off because there's a very early imprinting uh show this is very i mean i'm not alone in that obviously that show is very uh very important to my it's getting dark out here i might have to bring out the christmas tree lights again 0:23:59 that's an interesting question somebody says why don't german americans have the same weird uh fixation on their their uh their heritage the way that irish people do i think a lot of it is where they settled the irish clung to the coast uh i mean obviously not only but because they were uh because of when they showed up they uh they ended up uh uh clogging up the northeast and staying in the in these like ethnic uh ghettos basically whereas the germans kind of spread themselves more thinly across the midwest uh where you know there was there was german like cultural identity around things like beer halls and stuff but and you know german language media persisted for a long time but uh there was less of a sort of a self-reinforcing ethnic uh identity uh that you that you get in like an urban setting i'm gonna plug in the light 0:25:0 here it's \*\*Music playing\*\* also there was world war one and world war ii which had their own effects on uh on german identity like there was a genuine ginned up uh uh ethnic hysteria against germans during world war one not only did they change the name of sauerkraut to liberty cabbage but there were attacks hate crimes lynchings even of germans uh during that period which and a lot of places changed a lot of german name places in the midwest changed the uh from to something else there's a suburb of milwaukee called new berlin and i'm almost positive that used to be 0:26:2 pronounced new berlin uh and that's i think world war one maybe they decided to

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change the pronunciation uh although if anyone knows that that's not true i'd like to know it if anyone has a more history on that because i always think it's interesting that it's always everyone calls it new berlin no not a single person calls it new berlin even though that's obviously what it was and then of course world war ii doesn't help you know you do the holocaust it's a little harder to walk around in later housing and there were a bunch of very self-aware german americans whose contribution to the culture in the 40s wasn't in 30s and 40s was not st patrick's day parades it was also 0:27:5

you have the fact that there isn't a unified german and part of that thing of them leaning to coast is that there's more of a unified like irish uh or at least self-perceived notion of an irish immigrant experience you know coming into the city not getting a job no irish need apply uh going to fight world war you know like gangs in new york going to fight the civil war and then becoming a cop or a ward healer uh or or yeah uh the whole like passion play of the immigrant experience which italians have a similar version of jews also all those all the east coast culture makers whereas out in the hinterlands the germans are just kind of \*\*\*\*\* around and coming from different uh environments you know like there were the germans make up like the biggest i think single ethnic group in the 19th century of immigration but you know at that point for most of it germany wasn't even one country and uh there were different religious divisions and uh linguistic and uh and cultural that meant that there was 0:28:7

not that you know the thing of getting kicked off of you know the plantation because you there are no more potatoes and having to get in a coffin ship the religious thing is big you know it's saint patrick's day after all and like a lot of the germans where i'm from from the upper midwest specifically like the triangle or i mean the middle midwest i guess i mean the upper tier but like the lower half of the upper tier and the middle tier to milwaukee to st louis there's a lot of those are like german catholics but they're not they weren't all there's differences between bavaria and you know the \*\*\*\*\* uh prussian palatine or whatever but uh that is one advantage one thing 0:29:9

that makes german americans on a whole better than irish is because they don't have that for the most part at least not as much and oh man aaron sorkin's john brown that would be amazing i would see that he just uses he does a biblical breakdown with a southerner about why slavery is uh not supported uh in the in the new old testament or whatever the guy just kills himself he doesn't even he chops himself up with a \*\*\*\*\* broadsword because he got owned so bad yes the nuenstas massacre 0:30:12

uh german immigrants in texas lynched for opposing secession and it was german americans who mobilized uh a militia to prevent and of course you got guys like willit and joseph wedemeyer and franz siegel becoming members of the of the high levels of the union army oh man struggle sessions doing a whole thing on uh lovecraft country i stopped watching they showed they st there was an episode that i started

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watching and it was all it was about people in korea as like a flashback or something  
and i just thought oh no where what does this have to do with anything now like is  
there even any kind of coherent approach to this like i i don't even care about the 0:31:13  
characters you already have introduced me to you're going to introduce me to new  
ones who are like in a totally different i've not watched uh raised by wolves it's on  
that hbo max \*\*\*\*\* and i don't \*\*\*\*\* with that also really scott no thank you and i 0:32:14  
don't care how good his moods are people say oh he's such a great soap director he  
said great creates such great moods i don't get that either it's not it's not just that  
he like narratively isn't terribly competent it's that his whole vibe curation thing  
and i feel like some movies like gladiator were just absolutely butchered i don't i'm  
sorry i don't think there's a good action scene in gladiator which is just crazy when  
you consider the i did like the counselor and i'm annoyed that really scott made  
that movie although you know it's just it's a core mccarthy script so it's going to  
rise or fall on that and i think that movie is maligned but i it's very alienating and 0:33:17  
depressing and kind of like watching it sort of like chewing on uh tin foil but i think  
that's good that's what it's supposed to be i love i just love the fact that that movie  
ends with uh cameron diaz saying the line uh there is no one crueller than a coward  
and the slaughter to come i haven't seen black hat yet people said it was kind of bad  
i never really stumbled upon it anywhere never really uh digital man to me is not 0:34:20  
it's not as good i like early man more i guess so i never really had a uh a huge desire  
to i can't believe he's still making a movie about enzo ferrari i thought for sure that  
that had ended up turning into ford versus ferrari through the development process  
which happens a lot apparently that awful uh robin hood movie that ridley scott  
made speaking of him with russell crowe that originally started off as a alternative  
take on robin hood that was from the sheriff of and over the time it just turned  
into uh it turned into robin hood origins even though the last big robin hood movie 0:35:24  
not the uh the like in america anyway the kevin costner one was already a \*\*\*\*\*  
origin story it was it's like they're trying to they were trying to shake up the material  
and they didn't even do it terrible so i always assumed oh yeah they want to make  
this movie about enzo ferrari and over time they said you know there aren't enough  
americans in this could we bring in those ford guys oh this carol shelby character he  
seems pretty interesting oh man the brewers are in the playoff it's going to be it's  
not going to be pretty folks it's it's a \*\*\*\*\* it's a sham this whole season is a sham  
honestly like i said i don't even know who would want to win this year that's gotta  
have an asterisk on it forever oh yeah the year everyone was getting sick and they  
were playing in \*\*\*\*\* empty stadiums with cardboard cutouts in the stands and 0:36:26  
\*\*\*\*\* rolling uh clouds of ash moving across the outfield just the full dystopian hell  
season who wants to win that i guess she'll always be uh you'll always be the answer

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to a trivia question unless all the seasons are like that knows people everyone loved the bubble does this season have the same thing because like all right they were they 0:37:28  
were pretty far along in the season when they when uh coveted hit and they had to cancel it right so did they how many games did they even lose so it seems like that one is closer whereas this baseball season where it's like this incredibly uh truncated season where they weren't able even to manage to avoid people getting sick which at least i always knew the nfl would definitely still play there was no way in hell that the nfl wasn't going to happen we could have like uh we could have a genuine covert emergency right now like the kind of thing people were worried about happening 0:38:29  
earlier in the year with shortage of ventilators and \*\*\*\*\* and happening oh hell yeah i could imagine them like you know zombie apocalypse playing nf playing nfl games on like aircraft carriers beamed to people and \*\*\*\*\* uh did the top at the 0:39:30  
tampa bay lightning win the \*\*\*\*\* stanley cup god damn canada is such a joke of a country can't even have one thing you can't even you can't dominate in your i understand why you know it's because the money goes it's money goes where the center of gravity is not sure \*\*\*\*\* is in canada relative to the united states but man it's still hilarious when was the last time a canadian team won the \*\*\*\*\* stanley cup it's got to be 20 years and then losing and then having cities in \*\*\*\*\* florida 1993 are you \*\*\*\*\* kidding me i remember when the like the closest anyone's come is when the canucks loss to the bruins in my recent memory lane i really don't think there should someone asks what ketamine feels like i only have my own experience to go 0:40:32  
by but it's basically the opposite of uh it's essentially the opposite of hypersensitive to your surroundings to all that is outside of you makes it incredibly uh uh riveting because it like it it boosts your reuptake of of stimuli externally catamine basically does the opposite and that it makes you hyper focused on your body uh way i can describe it as it feels like you're kind of made of glass or like fiberglass insulation 0:41:33  
or something and that's why one of the ways you can get ego death and the way that john lily figured out he was going to talk to aliens by \*\*\*\*\* dolphins is that if you do both it essentially leaves you with nowhere for your brain to go it's like we are always editing down to a manageable amount the stimuli that we have in our bodies and outside of it because otherwise we would overwhelm literally our sensory apparatus and uh i think that's i think that's the reason it's not my stuff really but it can be it can be interesting i can also be therapeutic i know they use it for uh they use it in depression cases as they i don't know what i'm having for dinner all 0:42:51  
right we have about 20 minutes left here it is for horses it's hilarious it's a i haven't read that much phil okay dick i need to correct that like i said sci-fi is a blind spot for me i usually just like okay i get the point yeah what if everyone's a robot yeah i 0:44:1  
have read uh man in high castle i read ubiq i read the short stories which were really

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poorly written i thought like very stilted but had really cool ideas in them all i have  
uh i might have some of those chicken nuggets those those any debate predictions 0:45:13  
or drinking games i mean you've got to have a command man in there because he  
gets very exasperated and honestly the best hope for real entertainment is if biden  
gets mad if he gets true elder rage which i think would um could really lead to some  
interesting territory could lead him to start improving uh which will be of course  
disastrous i don't care what drug combo they got him on and of course they have  
him \*\*\*\*\* flying of course he is \*\*\*\*\* blitzed out of his goddamn gourd i do think  
though that there's a chance that biden sews up the election with this thing i if he's  
out there and he is as as zooted as he was in the last debate with bernie i think  
the people who are paying attention who aren't there just waving pennants for one  
side or the other i think if they if they get reassured that he is he's not the pick the 0:46:14  
caricature of a senile doddering uh out to lunch old guy that he uh he appears to  
be they'll vote for him because i do think people want think not just democrats i  
think there is a there is a yearning for things to be normal and people might very  
well associate normality with biden even if it has no content and his campaign has  
no content i mean his lead is durable and it hasn't really shifted and it's bigger than  
hillary's was at this point and it makes me think that this whole thing might end in  
the most hilariously anticlimactic way possible which is biden winning with relative  
smoothness which will just leave everybody pinioning their \*\*\*\*\* feet after running  
off the cliff like wiley coyote and i think a good performance of the debate by him  
in terms of appearing cogent getting off a few good zingers will do it will will be the 0:47:17  
final like sign off i mean obviously he has to do it for all three debates but i think  
it could work consequently he could do bad enough to \*\*\*\*\* blow it like i hate to  
break up something that is essentially a sterile spectacle but i kind of think that the  
the specifics of this race mean that because like obviously the challenger should win  
this that is not a question given the ejected conditions the challenger should win  
this race but biden poses specific uh obstacles now the democratic party offers its  
own set of obstacles namely its inability and unwillingness to provide any reason to  
vote for them that's bad that's heart that's like that's one hand high behind their  
back but that might be enough it should be enough even with that because just okay  
you're not you might you're not promising anything but you're not this guy you're  
not the guy who \*\*\*\*\* everything up which is how non-base voters cease things  
usually because remember it doesn't matter what his base thinks they're the base 0:48:18  
by definition they're not going anywhere uh and i think that they might sign up  
for door number two just because hey you know maybe people will stop yelling so  
much because i really don't think they've succeeded in making biden stand in for  
antifa or blm or anything i mean sure biden runs like hell away from the left at any

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opportunity and i think that also just his presentation of self this geriatric white guy just who's been around forever and was obama's vp it makes it very hard for and so the problem is that he is still a guy who barely campaigned a guy who when he comes out in public says embarrassing senile ass \*\*\*\*\* uh and if he's not up to the task then those people who are weighing options they might decide one not to vote or two to be like \*\*\*\*\* it you know better and as a result this might be a consequential 0:49:20 debate for once we know for a fact that the debates in 2016 were meaningless because whatever revisionist history you hear at the time it was widely considered and not just by the liberal fake news media that hillary won those debates erratic went on insane tangents she was mostly on message uh and i feel like like there are things pulled out from that later on that formed like a part of a narrative about why he won like when he when she says you know she said something and he replied with you it's like uh something about like if i was president if i was president something and he goes if i was president you'd be in jail and that's a good line but i think more than anything the debates just didn't change the dynamic one way or the other like we were on a glide path the clinton campaign the candidacy her person was such that they were in a terminal decline towards the mountain they were ignoring all 0:50:21 the signals blaring on the \*\*\*\*\* monitors and just gonna plow into the \*\*\*\*\* side of the mountain and the debates were just another signpost along that way and the media response to the debate saying how good she did was just another thing that helped blind them towards the reality in front of their face but i think that oh wrong also was very good but wrong and she had a couple of absolute cringe lines and you know she had no answer to his basic accusation of how come everything is bad you've been in charge for 30 years and that ended up being the only thing that mattered but that wasn't the debate that made that it was the 30 years you know what i mean whereas this campaign the way it's shaping up i think that the people are what the biden needs to close i hate to sound like one of those schmucks one of those uh one of those horse race \*\*\*\*\* but this is i think like the archetypal situation where you have a challenger in a position to win but there is this fluctuating there's 0:51:23 this wateriness to the support and that there's reasons that can't be changed like the platform and like the party they're not going anywhere they're still not going to be offering any alternative to trump but there's the ones around trump or the runs around biden specifically that can be allayed because way more people are going to be watching these debates than any of the stuff that comes after any any any uh press conferences i has has it been confirmed that they're going to be in the same room because i haven't been paying attention and my big worry is there's going to be yes they're going to be in the same room okay that just upped the percentage possibility that this thing is really good that's just i'm a little more optimistic knowing that

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they're going to be in the same room that's exciting okay that makes me feel a little better happy birthday to me maybe don't want to get my expectations up but the thing that really was just killing me was the thought of just a couple of \*\*\*\*\* zoom heads waiting for like audio delay or something awful and i really do hope there's a drug test although of course they're not going to agree to do that it's funny like the hillar elizabeth warren kind of proved everybody do not take trump's bait ever and her taking the dna test was idiotic but at the same time god wouldn't you love to see biden say hell yeah i'll take a it is chad versus chad because whatever you want to say about biden he is in a certain sense chattish in the same way trump is you know they're both these glorious senile decrepit monuments and they have the similar i'm not saying it's going to make biden win i'm going to say it's more likely that sparks will fly that that'll be entertaining like i told you i don't \*\*\*\*\* know and i'm saying biden could do well or poorly and have it affect the outcome but my only real interest is the entertainment of the thing and them in the same room is more entertaining than them in different rooms who is the most cringe european monarch how do you go with anyone other than carlos the bewitched of spain the guy who's was so inbred that he couldn't chew his he was impotent and had like the iq of a dormouse they said his heart was the size of a walnut when they did they they uh autopsy didn't at like at like he had just like this high squealy voice you get very agitated just the perfect final outcome of uh of of the la of the the finest lines of european royalty uh charles charles the 12th of speeden the guy who uh would not take no no for an answer against russia and just kept fighting until he just got he just ruined sweden's uh position as like a baltic hegemon i i haven't studied the 30 years war i read i've read a few books about it i can highly recommend stevie wedgwood's book which is was written in the 30s and has a great i think the funniest european accent is dutch because she's got that that like sh in there although the castilian uh lisp is also very funny like an swedish accents are very funny especially if you grew up with a swedish chef as a as a key influence i like to get at the ice cream truck is the ice cream with the on a stick with vanilla ice cream on a stick with the with the chocolate shell what do you call that a dilly bar that's only a dairy queen i think someone's asked fdr assassination theories i are you referring to the uh to the shooting the attempted assassination of presumably of roosevelt that happened in miami before his inauguration when uh giuseppe zangara fired on his presidential uh car and succeeded in killing anton cermak the mayor of chicago because i think there is a uh there is a theory that rather than it being a failed assassination of fdr that it was an intentional assassination of cermak under the cover of an provoked the ire of the chicago mafia that's the only fdr related conspiracy theory i'm aware of if there's any there aren't any really iconic ones are there like what what like john lithgow

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played him in that uh really cheesy tv movie series from the early 90s i remember seeing as a kid it was lithgow as fdr it was michael kane as stalin which was the best part and bob hoskins is churchill which was fine but \*\*\*\*\* michael kane is stalin was so good i am stolen or bloody stolen mate uh i did like edward herman and annie that might be my favorite one all right i'm going to ask one question john voight in pearl harbor oh man terrible i do love that that he stands up he's to give a dress not to the like the people but to the guys in the room his cabinet gets up just to be like we're gonna kick the \*\*\*\*\* out of these japanese i don't know if fdr is a good subject for a movie because he is he's so uh inaccessible like he was not a personality who like he was not a president who like wore his uh he didn't wear his his complexes on his sleeve like a guy like nixon or lbj did he was very cool he was very reserved nobody ever really knew what he was thinking and although people say things about dumb guys like trump and uh bush that they agreed with the last person they talked to fdr was the opposite everybody left a meeting with fdr thinking that he agreed with them because he always kept his cards completely close to the vest protagonist eleanor roosevelt more interesting than uh from a narrative perspective than fdr certainly oh macarthur i'll end on this someone asked about the notion of macarthur as america's caesar is so funny and such a perfect example of how like we are as every way is always seeking to create these pathetic uh poor facsimile copies of roman archetypes in america like macarthur was a was an absolute uh a prissy little \*\*\*\*\* how about that he did not have anything like the uh the acumen will intelligence character even of a of a caesar or a napoleon if he's anybody he's uh charles bolangier the guy who briefly threatened to pull off a sort of bonapartus bonapartist outsider coup on i think the second french republic before he lost his nerve fled france and killed himself hope everybody's excited i'm going to go take i'm going to take a lot of nutrients and i'm going to say my prayers i need my vitamins because tomorrow's going to be uh either the worst birthday present i ever got because at this point any chance for transcendent comedy that it doesn't manifest is is one less we're ever going to see because it just seems like we're getting to the point where nothing can be funny because the the the the gap between exaggeration and reality is non-existent uh so i will be mourning it if it's not fun but if it is if it's a good one it'll be my best birthday present ever

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there's barely any sun and yet i still get this insane glare from this i don't know why is it i can't explain it guys please don't ask me why there's the shaft of light maybe it's because i'm god kissed it might be because i'm god kissed i might be god kissed guys look at this there's a shaft of light here correctly coming towards my head illuminating me dappling me if you will on my damn birthday if i was one for augury i would i would libra season who's feeling themselves uh the last american marxist to ever actually uh one oh look at all those birthday greetings thank you guys feeling 0:1:10 good although it is very i mean i got the shaft of light here making it feel like i'm in some sort of identic splendor but it's actually pretty shitty today it's been very overcast and on and off drizzle on your birthday that's exactly what and i haven't of course unwrapped my gift yet that's for later we'll see what that is oh it's raining a little bit on me right now it's drizzling a little bit i can't believe there are people saying they're not gonna watch these debates i mean i get it if you don't like politics good stay away from this \*\*\*\*\* but if you're one of these people who has through 0:2:13 some device of the mind convinced themselves that politics either matter or that politics matter enough to care about not necessarily saying that you you have some sort of opinion about like the efficacy of the political uh system but you care enough about it to pay attention to it to say the way that somebody cares enough about a sports team to root for them i don't know how you care enough about politics to pay attention to it and not want to watch a potential uh uh bladder incontinence off between two i mean if we're going to be ruled by a geruntocratic elite of uh just out to touch old people who are waiting to die and then hand it off hand off reigns over to their wildly even stupider and more inco incompetent children who will you know sell the last rivets off of the \*\*\*\*\* hole of the ship as it's sinking into the ocean god damn it i want to see them at least show some of that uh decrepitude you know just just as a way to remind yourself that you know no matter how many much money 0:3:15 you have or power you have those neurons start uh they stop firing after a while and you end up getting trapped in your own mind and how that how that feels depends on the life you've lived and where you are mentally to handle it and if you're one

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of these psychos you're not you're basically designed to so you got two guys one of them firmly living in 1956 to avoid the fact that his current mode is is fail and then a guy not even living on this planet a guy living in an alternative dimension where he is and those are our two choices and for do we resign ourselves to not not a managed decline but a catastrophic one or but one that we feel that is inevitable and uh 0:4:17 unavoidable because our horizons have been so thoroughly uh beaten away from us by the hegemonic propaganda that we swallow every day and every single one of our cultural and political and economic institutions pulling us all away from each other at lightning like people in america are pushed away from each other the way that the \*\*\*\*\* like the galaxies are uh that the the shift that mysterious force that causes the the universe to expand and and send everything hurtling away from each other that's that's what we have and so manage decline it would be possible but it would require a degree of of citizen participation in government a degree of intervention in this extraction mechanism of exploitation that we have allowed to just reign free that is beyond our not not not that we even think it would be bad to do that like we don't even have the level of thinking like no that would be socialism or whatever 0:5:19 i think for most of us a 51 plus percent they don't even think it's possible as in as impossible as imagining that you're going to live to 200 you know like our our doom is as foretold as every individual's doom is foretold by their mortal body even though the fact that we are you know a \*\*\*\*\* a bunch of people who can hypothetically like reproduce you know and change the conditions and the in the world that that our offspring would come up into means that we aren't we could we we could defeat entropy but i think for most people in this country that to to even suggest it it just gets filtered into more political pablum because you're essentially demanding the impossible at least the way we imagine ourselves that's that's just capitalist realism 0:6:21 that's why jamison said it's easier to imagine the end of the world than the end of capitalism because we can imagine the system eventually collapsing we cannot imagine doing what is necessary to change the system and avert the collapse no it wasn't zuzia because frederick jameson but then again i think he attributes it to somebody else too it's one of those quotes is pretty good i always thought that uh he gets he gets people make fun of him sometimes for saying that the military is like the uh institution in american life that could most like realistically be a potential model for socialist uh you know inter uh transformation oh man i cannot you know what i'll 0:7:25 watch the vp debate uh for the cringe because kamala is an incredibly cringy debater uh does anyone remember when she made her last her last hail mary attempt for attention and market share in in the debates i think it was the last debate before she dropped out was when she tried to uh galvanize the field by uh calling on all of her fellow uh candidates to come together to demand that twitter ban trump because

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he's violating the terms of service and she asked warren if she would say today to add her name to this call which is a classic thing you do uh in in in primary races is a candidate will say well like lay down an ideological marker or like a and make a make a bid which then if uh their opponents either are they're stuck in in in a kobayashi maru situation a hobson's choice between saying no and alienating themselves from a popular position or saying yes and looking like they're taking orders from the person who should be by writes the candidate because like if i'm sorry shouldn't the person giving the commands be the one who you get the nominee give the nomination to uh but it didn't work because nobody gives a \*\*\*\*\* about it's not a no-brainer a policy it's not a one it's not one that's going to galvanize people it's nerd \*\*\*\*\* it's mommy it's not being fair it's not not even like that he's saying specific things it's that he's breaking the rules and she asked warren to do it and warren said no because she correctly intuited that it was not uh an issue where she had to worry about being on the wrong side of majority i mean i could see her getting totally rooked in that move by a different person in it with a different point but like kamala came in with just the absolute laziest \*\*\*\*\* haymaker ever ever seen on earth just ducking that thing was was nothing she got bodied by uh by \*\*\*\*\* tulsi gabbard of all people uh over her record and she had that thing and that little girl was me deal with biden which just actually \*\*\*\*\* her over pretty badly among democratic voters they thought it which goes to show i think that like the whole argument about woke \*\*\*\*\* on the internet it really is beside the point because that kamala move to hit him on uh segregation like that it hit him on bussing specifically and then connecting it to her lived experience that should be the kind of thing that wins that should be the kind of thing that works or conversely the kind of thing that like uh uh like shapes the shapes the race she tried it everyone said ew and then nobody really did anything like that again so there's clearly no like hegemonic liberal uh uh insistence on id paul you know that's like making it impossible to make a a populist left uh uh case like clearly that stuff is has a limited uh um impact on the general public so how can it be the face of the whole thing how can it be this like um dominant propaganda mode imposed from without when it's barely anything anyone can make hay of as a candidate they tried and nobody succeeded who got nominated the old white guy i know there's a theory that that's because bernie went to id paul but i'm sorry i paid attention to that campaign and just because aoc said in a speech after she endorsed him something about like brown bodies you know in a in a rally that was not what uh the contours of the sanders campaign were about and it sure \*\*\*\*\* wasn't what people were uh telling pollsters and telling everyone who would listen to them why they weren't supporting him they were saying because medicare for all is unrealistic because socialists can't win because we got to and that has to

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do with uh with you know hegemonic uh capitalist ideological uh um infrastructure that has captured the minds of the democratic a significant portion of the democratic electorate coupled with the fact that the democratic primary electorate is increasingly wealthy increasingly detached from any uh any motivation to pursue like those are the 0:12:31  
guys who those are the people those white suburbanites who who flooded the poles in virginia and in south carolina uh and and helped turn the tide and kind of just uh stifle the whole thing because they saw bernie winning and they said oh \*\*\*\*\* no he was he did get it across people's mind that he was the socialist candidate he was the candidate for radical change everyone bought that i do not remember anybody talking about him being the candidate of uh \*\*\*\*\* uh lbgt whatever or uh uh bodies and spaces however you want to phrase it any of the any of the icky alienating id paul that is supposed to uh make it impossible to to make a leftist uh material appeal in the current moment he did it he did it and the forces of power uh the forces of capital arrayed their their uh their mechanisms to defeat it for that 0:13:32  
reason aided by the fact that people can't imagine change of that that nature we have been so fully marketized that we cannot see anything other than this and that's why when bernie showed up people were like i i th these appeals actually directly hit me where i live and the world you're sketching is one that i know would be better than the one we live in and therefore you can't go forward with that plan that's very that's sobering and terrible but it it really does show that that the the the question of like the social issues that has defined this idiotic argument online for the past four years actually isn't influencing the political structures that these things are 0:14:33  
supposed to be determining at least not the way that people are uh claiming they are one way or the other like whether they're priorities for people and it's alienating to try to avoid them and that you have to speak about people's lived experiences for your socialism to have a chance because otherwise they're going to think it's too male centric or whatever the hell or that oh all those all that icky trans uh feelings pronoun college stuff alienates regular people who just want that is only happening to the people who are focusing in through the prism of this hot house of online argumentation where they have to find something to fight about because they're paying attention every second of the day and they're requiring stimulation and they're requiring argumentation because they've made it into a subculture i do know that kamala's stepson is a come town fan very funny uh dante de blasio the dill 0:15:35  
de blasio son also a kumtown fan i gotta say very impressed with their reach and fan fan fandom uh uh they're gonna the next generation of uh of political leaders like the next generation of black-pilled democratic uh executioners who just finish us off as a civilization will all be come town fans yeah and i'm sure they all hate us not because we're like owning their parents or something but because we're \*\*\*\*\* lame because

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growing up around politics they think politics is lame and talking about politics is  
lame and they're right it is lame it's what you do when you're foreclosed other options  
of finding uh of finding meaning and and uh and purpose so yeah they probably think 0:16:36  
we're correct and i'm not saying that you know it's it that it's dumb to care about  
politics i'm saying is that uh in the current moment politics is so distant from from  
ammonitizing anyone's well-being that focusing on it requires you turning it into a  
part of your life if you know what i mean like it becomes a spectacle it becomes  
something that you because you know it matters but you can't do anything about  
you fill that gap with the emotional resonance created by enjoying it on a day-to-day 0:17:38  
moment level of observation not engagement observation which is all we're overdoing  
we only vote once every four years for president and that's the big thing right that's  
the big one and then every two years in order to keep that focus you have to have  
other areas foreclosed and like that's just that that's the the hinge system that's  
going to bring people to class consciousness and marxist theory is that you have to  
start caring about politics because there's nowhere else to get any anything in your  
life and you're like my god we have to change this and you push towards it and you  
need a combination of people who are sort of indolent and people who are exploited  
uh and the problem right now is that far too many of the people who care about  
politics care about politics because they're filling a void and that is what sharpens 0:18:39  
and it's not because we aren't suffering it's because for a huge huge percentage  
of americans the process of social atomization fragmentation uh the destruction of  
the monoculture the replacement of it with the the simulation of simulations the  
spectacle of spectacles of online uh uh and the physical breaking up of working-class  
communities the breaking up of uh of like extended family units and any sort of uh  
social networks beyond you know immediate households uh suburbanization making  
that a geographic part of the \*\*\*\*\* they're still feeling that horror but they're not  
tacking towards politics because they're not it's so far away it's so far away and  
what's going to get them there what's going to get them there all they engage with 0:19:40  
in the world to make sense of it is this stream is this flow is this undifferentiated  
amount of \*\*\*\*\* uh of stimuli that gives it an illusion of infinites it's an illusion you  
give it gives you an illusions of omnipotent or omniscient control of information in  
the universe like you can actually step into a stream that contains everything even  
though it's it's like a corporatized miniaturized intentionally manipulated version of  
that uh and then you have to make sense of it and what institutions exist to have  
anyone make sense of it what lived exp what what shared experiences of class class  
struggle or exploitation and it's it's since i i it's entrapped us it's the damn matrix 0:20:41  
it's the dangle matrix and even those of us who think we're like more aware of of the  
stakes and and and uh what we should be doing in terms of making a political project

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to make things better instead of just seeking self ultimately self-destructive forms of escape how much of that is bound ends up being lost into that same self-destructive escape because of the lack of urgency and i know that's you know it's it's not great to hear because it does seem like it limits our ability to have any hope but that's only if you adhere to certain expectations beyond the expectation to be alive on a day-to-day basis and live your life and be there for the people in it and be with them 0:21:44 and allow that that to move you forward instead of a thing in your head a ship and a bottle that you've been building in the skinner box that we think is the universe and if you feel if you can if you can keep yourself on that beam it becomes easier to see things as they are and avoid the traps that a lot of people fall into where you decide that the work the real ruling classes that people online you or that voting for donald trump is actually uh populism and because the trumpism is the best chance we have for a like social democracy in the american political system coping 0:22:45 like a madman i mean thinking that thinking that there's any kind of like morality to voting at all like i'm voting for biden because it's harm reduction what is your contribution to that harm reduction if you vote for him and he wins does that mean you're responsible for x number of people not dying because of whatever he does that trump wouldn't do which honestly has he really gotten too involved in explaining what would be different under him other than everything would be calmer i mean that's up to the people in charge to do that to reduce that harm you're pressing a button \*\*\*\*\* one of a hundred million people pressing a button you didn't you 0:23:46 didn't reduce \*\*\*\*\* these are individual votes and individual decisions and as such you have to take them in their context in their you you cannot take the end result of an election you kick one domino and at the end of the domino strike down you've got the entire world uh being changed by an electoral contest but you're not the only one flipping that goddamn domino everybody is it's just all exactly the same way exactly the same way like there is no butterfly effect thing where one your decision to vote for a candidate changes the outcome and election you can say a group of people did or people like you demographically or people that you identify with on the internet because you post the same memes but you had nothing to do with it which means that you're not reducing any harm or exacerbating any harm you're 0:24:47 not doing anything so why are you arguing about it why are you adjudicating it that is persistent that is uh participating in maintaining the fiction the delusion that there is a coherent involvement in the political system now in the in the absence of the bernie campaign to form an actual structure of like organization around issues and organization around tactics by virtue of voting for him you know like creating an actual because what bernie did the bernie idea of bernie is that bernie would give content and structure to the voting bloc of people who vote for a democrat

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they wouldn't just be 50 million people waddling around and flapping their doodles because because his candidacy would be singular and because it would be organized around specific radical challenges to the existing political and economic structure that could not be digested by the political system otherwise that means that voting for him is participating in a greater project biden is doing the opposite of that he is he is expanding the net to everyone by robbing his candidacy of any content what is the biden agenda he just came out people were talking today about his monstrously terrible health care plan that involves four-figure deductibles that's that's supposed to be the the affordable health care that people are gonna have people there's gonna be four four digit deductibles which means you have to spend thousands of dollars before you can even see a dollar back in in insurance coverage of health care costs which makes it for a lot of people who don't have thousands of dollars don't have four digits means that it's as inaccessible to them except maybe no as accessible to them as healthcare would be if they didn't have any insurance what are you doing by participating in this election are you getting rid of donald trump are you preserving decency are you making america built back better nobody \*\*\*\*\* knows nobody cares which means there's going to be no \*\*\*\*\* consequences for anybody directly after this in terms of the party structure they might lose some elections but they're still going to stay on the top of the system and i'm never i'm not telling people not to vote what i'm telling them is you got to ask yourself why you're actually voting because only until we understand what the vote is and get rid of this mystification around it this this ritualized sacrament that we've turned it into we these we break the spell of the vote well people realize the massive chasm between their will and any any accountability at the point of government and people would say oh \*\*\*\*\* if we want things to get better we actually have to make them better these \*\*\*\*\* will not do that and that is why i see anybody making any arguments about the whether you should or shouldn't vote for biden i feel like even as well intentioned as you could possibly be this is by definition not only wasted energy this is actually counterproductive because it reinforces the mystification around the vote strip it down to its essence walking into a \*\*\*\*\* gym pointing uh pressing a button and walking out you have done nothing 100 million other people are going to do it too your decision is not going to impact the that doesn't mean you shouldn't do it and if you're doing it in coordination with a bunch of other people like hey we're all voting for bernie right for the health care and stuff right now you're actually participating in something but in the current system with the current candidates you are not participating in \*\*\*\*\* other than a ritual a ritual of of feigned authority where we pretend to bestow we our participation honestly individually you can talk about like how elections have consequences i'm saying individually our individual

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contribution to uh to elections and to the uh the who rules us is less than when the queen of england goes like hello it's ceremonial it's literally ceremonial until we do it in concert then it's not ceremonial anymore and in the past there have been times when it hasn't been ceremonial because of actual coordination around issues and agendas pursuing political power self-consciously instead of what we have now which is biden because he's not trump and then whenever he does it won't be trump so it'll be better and how bad it is hey do you want trump instead and you'll never ever change anything until you're like \*\*\*\*\* i'm not voting unless it matters i'm not voting unless it's worth my time now i vote because i enjoy doing it because i'm a sicko i like going in there i like filling out the little forms i moved to new york right after they got rid of the old machines with the little flip buttons and i was incredibly pissed i never got to vote in an election with the old voting machines which they also had in my home county manor to walk but i was i never voted there i i moved out to you too early and so i've only ever done like scantron and that's fine but i like doing it i like filling in a little bubble i like putting it in the machine i enjoy that i enjoy as toby says in american splendor i enjoy the ritual it's one of those rituals that i have fun with but i do not amuse i do not dis i do not uh delude myself into thinking that my my my vote has moral meaning it has no more moral meaning than me going to get dinner going deciding whether i'm going to get the arby's gyro or go with the just the roast beef and horsey sauce so i like voting and i'm going to vote who i vote for doesn't matter doesn't matter in terms of morality i could leave it blank i could write myself in i could and you have to at treat it that way or else you're gonna leave that \*\*\*\*\* voting booth thinking you've done something and we're all gonna leave that voting booth thinking we've done something and then the wheels just keep turning and oh \*\*\*\*\* what happened obama is exhibit a of that because while he was able to marshal a broad enthusiastic voting block there was no content to it at all hope st to come stuff not even anything like the new deal wasn't fleshed out when uh fdr ran but the cons the idea that there was going to there was going to be a radical change in the relationship between the government the economy was taken for granted this like new deal like it was gonna be new obama and so everybody left those voting booths in 2008 thinking they'd done something and then what happened they took it from there and they they listen to their real bosses the people who they talk to every day the people who actually participate in politics by giving money and raising money and directing money and having meetings and sending emails and that's why people want me to debate x y or z guy about voting for biden waste not only wasted energy misdirected energy because because what's the argument for ryden every argument for biden revolves around how much better a biden administration would be than a trump won for like the most marginal and i wouldn't even argue those points what i

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would say is okay but what does because i'm not picking between those two things one of them is going to happen but i'm not going to determine the outcome by my vote so what difference does this make what and look somebody says like it's harm reduction versus accelerationism i agree but those are just other words for cope versus cope you get to go in the booth saying i'm voting for biden and then biden's going to get in there save lives and maybe reduce the climate apocalypse even if it's not as much as i'd want i feel like i did something good i feel like i'm a good person that's just coping it's just a way to convince yourself you're participating same thing is going in there like actually uh trump by presiding over a continuing economic crisis at the head of a still capital dominated party uh will lead to the emergence of you know a broad hostile left that will break free of the shackles of the democratic party by uh uh engaging disenchanting members of the the trump coalition as well as energizing new swaths of uh of previous non-voters through grassroots efforts and the creation of like counter-hegemonic cultural forms fine maybe once again what does that have to do with you pressing which button i wrote in drill in 2000 in ohio in 2016. at drill i wrote voted for in ohio which ended up not really being a swing state ohio so somebody says so what if you do that what next i'm just saying you have to get there i don't actually know it next that sounds like a cop-out absolutely it is but i'm this stuff this is things happen when they happen you know what i mean and they can make other things happen that you cannot predict the contours of them are not predictable what i do know is that if people who feel that they are political feel like they have a responsibility to themselves future generations the people they love to make the world better for the people for everyone and make the planet \*\*\*\*\* habitable but voting is literally nothing it's less consequential morally and and and meaningfully than jacking off what are we gonna do what do we do about that and then we work with what we have to build from that \*\*\*\*\* foundation of what do we do about it which we're not asking or not enough of us are asking because this massive weight of of of the presidential uh election this this spectacle of spectacles this grinding uh pyrotechnic phantasmagoria designed to completely absorb our attention uh can be \*\*\*\*\* blocked out a little bit and maybe part of that maybe then people say hey i got an idea how about instead of us just voting based on what we think would be like the the more moral thing to do how about we all get together figure out what we want pick somebody to run for that and then vote for them all together if we want voting to matter if we think that there's enough there's enough juice in the in the pickle of american uh political system if it is if it actually can connect to power if it's not completely ornamental that's still a step up from where we are now and it's still something that is only going to be possible enough people are motivated to not just in the sense of feeling the dread and horror of of alienation and and and precarity but

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also because they can see a thing to do with that precarity to do with that angst to  
do with that alienation to do with that will and drive and incentive towards action  
which cuts through all of the it would be very funny if somebody asked if they're 0:38:22  
going to bring up the crime bill tonight i don't think this this one uh it would be  
very funny though if trump brings up the crime bill and calls biden like the puppet  
of antifa in the same sentence see this is so interesting so people are taking from this  
i'm seeing in the chat that i'm saying don't vote not saying don't vote i'm not going  
to tell you what to have for dinner i'm not going to say oh \*\*\*\*\* what's the name  
of that salad place sweet green don't go to sweet green do not have a chicken salad  
sandwich you better not have \*\*\*\*\* peanut butter jelly or you better have spaghetti  
and meatballs it is beside the point you have to answer the question of whether you 0:39:23  
should vote or not every individual has to answer that question themselves it's the  
only thing that matters and hopefully giving the the active the proper the proper  
proportion the proper proportion of your life that it met that it uh uh maintains i  
mean i am i'm a goofy uh enough romantic to even think that there could be either  
outcome of this election could bring about some sort of third-party formation i mean  
it would have to be in the context of a genuine crisis inevitable this is a crisis but 0:40:45  
when i say genuine crisis i mean like one that leads to seismic re shuffling cracks in  
the in the fissures you know or cracks in the system and and significant uh and i think  
i've said before on the show that i think we might end up never seeing that moment  
come just because all of those crisis moments that in a previous generation would  
have been perceived to be a a a splintering of reality would instead be immediately  
normalized within the greater culture as the people directly impacted are sort of  
softly removed from the roles like oh oh we just lost florida well that's really too  
bad all right i guess we'll start redrawing the maps you know what i mean and in a 0:41:49  
system like that two parties in until in two parties until the you know government  
someone really wants to know about the elliot spitzer scandal i don't really know i  
never watched that alex give me documentary apparently he was very horny and he  
liked to spend a ton of money on uh call girls and it got found out i guess mainly  
because wall street was mad at him for being too so i mean i don't know like that  
seems like what you could get from wikipedia i don't know what else you want me  
to say oh he also sucked liz smith's toes but that was later after he'd but i think the 0:42:52  
main upshot is is that the thing he got bit nailed for is stuff that almost all of those  
guys do and it only brought him down because he annoyed enough people in real  
power in new york i.e wall street because diaper david vitter got re-elected to the  
senate after he got came out uh he was found in the black book of a dc uh madam  
not only that uh it also came out that he was a diaper fetishist and it's almost  
always true that if you don't resign it eventually blows over and yet somehow a sex

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scandal like that that you think wouldn't have been that consequential at that point  
became this thing that he couldn't get over so yeah i guess that makes you think wow  
maybe spitzer had some metal to him but honestly i think he uh he probably was 0:43:53  
just pursuing a populist uh political branding so i don't get presents anymore that's  
fine i don't really i don't have anything i need the debate starts at nine and i'm i'm 0:45:0  
fixing to be uh i am fixing to be entertained uh and if uh god damn it i'll entertain  
myself if my favorite dark tower book somebody asked is probably the wastelands  
blaine the mono baby oh i'm doing a white claw tonight rip everyone likes wizard of 0:46:5  
glass i just remember being really annoyed after all those years that he has a another  
dark tower book and it's a also i i like all the like the \*\*\*\*\* posts battle of jericho  
hill stuff more than the i did see the dark tower movie and it is stunningly terrible uh  
really impressive how shitty it is uh really reminds you that the pro the filmmaking  
process has basically nothing to do with art at that level of capital investment which  
makes the insistence of people to turn it into the soul vector not only of like culture 0:47:7  
but politics and personal \*\*\*\*\* morality very very grim oh god jesus rolls i couldn't  
finish it i might finish it at some point but i got about like not even half an hour into  
it one of the worst things i've ever seen just breathtakingly terrible which of course  
it always was the idea was terrible and i love the idea and john chatturo used to  
say that he would bug the the cohens about making it and you know that he asked  
them to write it he said hey i have an idea for a movie and you know they should  
they were as polite as possible like yeah john that sounds like a good idea but they 0:48:9  
were never gonna make that movie and so then he decides to make it himself and  
holy \*\*\*\*\* it is it's a hell of a cultural artifact so armenia azerbaijan who you got  
coys who you got who you got who takes it armenia or azerbaijan who takes it not  
who you're rooting for couple eyes here by jeans now it's overwhelmingly armenia  
looks like i i think that's the kardashian's responsibility for that honestly somebody  
asked what my birthday dinner is i'm trying to decide what should it be what would 0:49:12  
be a good dinner let's let's end the chat talking about food so i can get all riled up  
birthday salmon what kind though korean fried chicken yeah i was thinking szechuan  
fried chicken with the gyro though sounds really good too oh i wish i could get an  
arby's euro sadly i don't think there's any arby's in the city it's \*\*\*\*\* unavailable 0:50:13  
somebody says donner but i got maybe it's just because i grew up because when  
i lived in milwaukee as a younger after college there was no doner there were only  
euros there were two places oakland and apollo and they were both really good apollo  
was uh i think a better but uh oakland was much better people watching it was a  
great place to go and so for me it'll always be a euro the donner's fine but it's just  
not yeah those are even better than arby's when a chicago keeps i will stress again 0:51:35  
for a fast food gyro remarkably uh good the tzatziki sauce is flavorful the the like

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greek style meat it actually does have like a texture and flavor and seasoning that distinguishes it from every other pile of lunch meat that arby's puts out oh buddy that's so sweet well if you've people say i work there i any place any you don't want to see the sausage or the okay oh french fries on the euro is great somebody say 0:52:44 that's bad who the hell saying that's bad french oh god that's the way they do it in france \*\*\*\*\* i'm definitely getting a hero though you can't call him a gyro in new york though you got to call him a gyro because it sounds too much like hero i gotta 0:54:12 say though i went to what's supposed to be the best euro place in uh astoria which i'm assuming you know that's saying something that's like one of the most constant fully concentrated greek neighborhoods in the country uh and it was okay it was like it was pork for one thing it wasn't even like partially lamb and it was it was just the texture was weird it wasn't for me it was good but i was disappointed i still have not had a fantastic euro here in in new york there's one that uh i'm gonna try i think i have in mind that hopefully will don't tell me how to pronounce these a hero cake 0:55:17 what the hell is that that apparently pork euro is traditional well i'm not a i'm not traditional i mean i remember one time when i was like i think i was in college i went to a mexican restaurant and i asked for i saw i think it was a chalupa on the menu and i was like ooh chalupa and it was not at all like the taco bell chalupa and i was disappointed i'm a hick i didn't have i didn't have like ethnic cuisine until i was like in college the fanciest restaurant in my hometown was taco bell like that kind of stuff isn't true anymore like like you can kind you can find varied cuisine all over the place now but like just a few decades ago uh if you were outside of like even a like a metro a regional metro city you you had uh you did not have a lot of ethnic diversity in your food stuffs so i like the lamb euro thing i like the guy and the guy 0:56:20 cutting the thing off al pastor is a mexican giro and also oh yeah i tried patsy's pizza after we talked about pizza last week i got patsy's and it was really good

*The Flesh Screams for Those Who Hear It*

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um so hi guys sorry i'm just uh trying to make sure that i properly credit someone for the inspiration for the episode title today i did a tweet last night about or this 0:1:5 morning i think actually about the debate and how the only message that either that was sent being sent there was the bodies of the two people on stage and that the message was we're die and someone replied with the flesh screams for those who hear it and that stuck in my head and i want to give a shout out to appnubz for uh for replying to me with that because it's it's now the only thing i can think of when i think of that night which i'm gonna be thinking about a lot because for me let me finish this for a second for me it delivered on everything i was hoping it would be so i know everyone and i know i was saying beforehand there's no way this 0:2:10 thing's going to live up to what we want it to be or what i imagine i guess what i wanted it to be and sure enough of course it couldn't because what are we waiting for we're waiting for some sort of fracture moment which will never happen because the system is embedded in will always normalize it which is why as the thing was happening as these two demented fossils had exactly what everybody said would happen if they ever debated a confused random ejaculation of of uh stutters and and um and placeholders and circular wording around nothing because their heads are empty because they're not there they're at the point of most people's lives where the doctors they just give you prescriptions for anything because hey let them have fun with it who cares it doesn't matter if they get addicted or whatever they're not going to run out of traffic they're at that stage they're at the let's have fun stage 0:3:11 of drug use for elderly people and they're supposed to be in charge arguing about the presidency and it took me a while obviously to realize it and it didn't come fully to me until after i'd finished watching it but for me anyway this debate was that apocalyptic moment uh not just in the sense that it has given me now a a memory uh and a memory that i can even revisit by even watching one minute one second of the footage that will snap me out of the mental shackles of trying to invest the actions and especially the words of either of these two people and trying to ascribe meaning to them and trying to figure out what the future of this country and this

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planet and myself and the people i love is based on what they say there is nothing 0:4:13  
there they do not know anything they don't know where they are and the reality  
of that is too terrifying to admit so even people who were horrified by the whole  
thing how many of them in the aftermath of what we all saw decide to start arguing  
about whether or not donald trump was issuing a coded message to the proud boys  
to intimidate people at election sites to which i say did you just watch the debate if  
you watch that i don't know how you can imagine that there is any point to parsing  
the words that donald trump said in it there's no content it is meaningless they are  
syllables this is dutch schultz's last words there's plenty to be afraid about obviously 0:5:14  
in terms of where we're headed politically economically ecologically whatever you  
want to do they those two men are not going to be the authors of any of it they're  
not going to think up anything and then make it happen they are front pieces for  
systems much vaster more horrifying than either of them could be those are going to  
bring us towards our if it happens some sort of apocalypse but what is more likely is  
just going to be the slow continuing grinding and miseration of everyone over time  
which is why my main takeaway if you want me to get horse racy with it from all  
that is that biden's going to win and handily kind of make a joke of the whole thing  
like win by a surprising amount because when you saw that people talk about oh  
trump is alpha or biden said x trump is not out of his desire not out of his master 0:6:16  
plan because he is a figurehead because he is this figure of psychic energy that so  
many millions of people put their focus on either because they he will uh he has  
created a political culture now that is way overheated like given our decrepit 300  
year old \*\*\*\*\* constitution and uh you know our non-functioning government and  
minority rule and all this stuff uh the checks in the bounces all that beautiful stuff  
that worked when the government was just a fake little ornament for all the richest  
dandies who uh spent too much time in the library and needed some place to hang  
out while the real men did the work of \*\*\*\*\* conquering the continent like when  
that's when when when park congress was just this parlor game for the wealthiest  
in the country where the mass majority people were either too busy making money  
or making other people money to give a \*\*\*\*\* what happened to it or even imagine 0:7:18  
what was happening there uh now it's supposed to be the actual governing body of  
a \*\*\*\*\* world destroying colossus at this point uh and and all of these populations  
that in the american uh the early american era under the early constitution were not  
even part of the political uh calculus like native americans like african-americans like  
women are now part of it all of that increases the cultural heat but what's driving  
the cultural heat is immiseration is how bad everything is for people day to day not  
just the cheeto in chief and not \*\*\*\*\* on tv lived \*\*\*\*\* experience it's worse for  
people than it has been in this country and so trump is this figure who is like he's 0:8:19

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the sorcerer's apprentice rising up these giant gusts of popular animus both against him and for him that cannot be contained by our rickety ass constitutional system they are out of proportion the question is really are they out of proportion to the crisis in the system or does trump provide a specific and i think we're going to find out on election day obviously forget about coup and counter coup and proud boys at the ballot box i think the most likely thing that's going to happen is the rubber is going to meet the road and as many as as bad as it is for people in this country it's still relative to everyone else in the world pretty damn good and now more than ever we're no we know that we know we still have something to lose even the people among us who are suffering because you're not suffering as much as somebody waiting to get in this country on the other side of the border fence or somebody \*\*\*\*\* in a dinghy in the mediterranean and so and of course we have the fact that we've depoliticized half the people to don't not even see a political i think that we're all going to look at ourselves and trump will be the option of keeping ringing the bell and keep it and i think that a good enough people are just going to say no no no we're not do we really want to because if we rail if trump's president we're going to eventually have to have a civil war like we're gonna have to have one forget the material conditions trump being president will stoke us beyond everything and we will make that leap into action and violence and then people will see other people do it and be inspired and join and join and you actually could have a civil war but i don't think people want one not the people who vote in this country i don't really think they do and i think that sure you know obviously none of this applies to trump's base because obviously it doesn't saying that point doesn't mean anything i'm saying for the people who he needs to elect him i think more are going to be like yeah nah this is not my i'm not going to get a gun i'm not going to stand in front of a walmart trying to fend it off from blm or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* i don't want to do that and Biden is the alternative to that and that's why i think he's probably going to win and kind of maybe hilariously by a big margin like he's at the cuffs now in these pollings of going between like a clear electoral win and just a blowout now of course obviously polls polls anything can happen but i think that people just like ask yourself this question do you feel like we're in the material conditions to have an actual materially based civil war as in as in a battle over resources not ideas battle over resources in this country when there's still \*\*\*\*\* mountain dew do you really think that's true or is the orange man screaming noises that we're all trying to listen to and make sense of but are noises animal noises hunks honks and utterances it's like we made like a \*\*\*\*\* a pig that like wandered into the the distillery shed and like ate some fermented pop pumpkins and it's now shit-faced is wandering around the \*\*\*\*\* uh backyard and you all decide that he's a he's a learned pig and you're gonna gather

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around him and listen to his oinkings and try to figure out what he's saying and then he's going to be in charge and what he says is in charge that's where we are with trump i think people are going to say uh no matt yeah let's just turn it down things suck and it's bad and \*\*\*\*\* corroded and all that but and but this comes to the real like revelation point i had after after this whole hap this whole thing happened is like when i say i think biden's going to win based on the debate it's not based on anything that was said by either of them and there's no point in parsing anything they say that's that was my great revelations that i don't have to and i'm gonna try 0:12:25 not to and you guys can yell at me if i don't i will try not to talk anymore in public or even as little as i can to myself and my own internal \*\*\*\*\* monologue about uh trump's statements about biden's statements about what they mean about what he's signaling about nope the stakes are still high and saying saying that doesn't mean don't care about the election of course care about the election the stakes are very high i just said we keep trump in here we could push past the precipice just because of how hyper saturated with politics every fabric of culture became becomes under him it could happen i'm betting though that there's still enough elastic there's still enough resistance in the band before the snapback in terms of material conditions in this country where you're never more than 300 \*\*\*\*\* uh feet from a taco bell or even 0:13:26 getting a car to get one and as much as they're still misery in this country the most deeply abject missouri in this country is felt by people who aren't involved in any of this and don't vote and don't aren't even aware of this \*\*\*\*\* your \*\*\*\*\* aren't listening to the \*\*\*\*\* president to hear the coded messages to his army of nazis or whatever so if you want to do horse race stuff you can look at poles and you can just take a temperature temperature check of where you think the material conditions are you don't have to care about any of this and you can be entertained by it but you cannot try to pull meaning out of it and i've i and there is a distinction there because the moment that really what got me there is that i did in fact do a lot of drugs for a fair fair carpet right now for the um for the debate because it did seem like this like this thing coming together these two guys is so symbolically freighted that i'm like okay i have to know what this is and it has to mean something to me i have to get 0:14:27 meaning out of this because if my life which has been organized around things like this having meaning like my professional life and before that my my my spiritual life i guess you would call it before i really knew i even had politics and i got it because what i found myself doing in the middle of the debate was being caught between the the the totalized moment of these guys yelling at each other and chris wallace piping in from the sidelines and just having overwhelmed me the sense of like how how how hilariously fraudulent the entire terms of this are like this was an emperor's note girls moment of oh yeah these guys aren't in charge of anything these guys don't run

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\*\*\*\*\* and so what does it \*\*\*\*\* matter what uh and that was smashing against my need to like deliver commentary and like respond and that would get me connected 0:15:28  
to like fact checkered brain and like trying to put these in rhetorical sex and like well who said that and who's going to benefit from that and imagining what joe six-pack thinks of it even though i don't know who the \*\*\*\*\* that is and it's just me that those two things couldn't be contained in the same moment or i tried to i held them in my head as long as i could during the course of the debate and then afterwards i just had to sit with myself and be like okay you can hold those two thoughts together as much as you think you can you cannot keep them together because you will lose the deeper realization because i could find my i could feel myself getting pulled towards forensic dissection of this \*\*\*\*\* like trying to \*\*\*\*\* and i said no no no oh that's just going to make this worse because you find yourself this anxious point waiting to try to figure out what's being said because you can never know you can't know oh uh he was signaling to the proud boys they're going to show up and kill everyone on election day how will you know that until it happens or not you will 0:16:31  
have no way of knowing you are just done you're you're shifting through that \*\*\*\*\* chicken guts to try to auger out a \*\*\*\*\* uh auspice and i realized as soon as i saw people talking about uh well did uh does he signal to the proud boys i don't know i think he was being mistaken and that was actually two different questions it's like that's cue that thinking is q and on thinking even if it's coming from people who are politically sophisticated and fact-based and reasonable and on the left like the actual like serious left not even the liberal left uh that's q thinking that's what the q people do and that's what we're all going to do all the politically minded people do as politics detaches farther and farther away from material conditions it becomes more and more a spectacle that we have to invest with we will all turn into q if we keep our mind on these ins these things having semantic weight these specific terms words and phrases having meaning that we have to decipher instead of there being 0:17:33  
just a totalizing reality because that's what q people q people are in that same box like they recognize the sham you know like they don't understand the terms of it they think it's satanic pedophiles or something instead of capitalists but they understand the terms that this country that they think they live in is a nightmare and someone is making that way someone with power like they do recognize that there's power there they just don't know where the power is because they're \*\*\*\*\* americans and they're getting all their but they're also from that realization trying to get to truth through discrete decoding of the words of people like donald trump and so that's how you get them saying like oh everyone's all the pedophiles are going to get executed in march 15th because look at the three letters that he misspelled three words he misspelled in this tweet and how it spells out that date or whatever that's the same thing it's

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not as deluded but it is on a continuum of abstraction towards just self-destroying 0:18:34  
hysteria to go through his phrases going through the sentences he said did any of  
them complete a sentence in that did anyone actually have a noun a \*\*\*\*\* verb uh  
and like in the right order in in a \*\*\*\*\* thing like subject object per big letter at the  
front period at the end did any of them have a complete there can be no meaning  
drawn from those things and that means we are no that means we have to as at this  
point because we're not really powerful we're all waiting for election day basically  
we're treating it as an auspice we're treating it as a as like the the musings of like  
the oracle of delphi after they got her hopped up on mushrooms we're trying to hear 0:19:35  
the future but we can't know it from that we can't know we can't know the future  
we can only know what's around us and the people we love the world we want to  
see and how we can try to make use all the things around us to make that happen  
so if you want to watch today i'm going to keep watching the debates i'm going to  
keep talking about this election but i'm going to make a concerted effort to remove it  
entirely from any kind of context of political meaning it is entirely aesthetic i'm sorry  
people who are into politics aren't only into politics because they care about people  
not like those guys who like sports there's an aesthetic appreciation of politics just  
as much as they're in for sports and so if we can isolate it and use it in that way then  
we can engage with it but if we take if we take this these \*\*\*\*\* gibberish and we try 0:20:36  
to just rearrange the letters into coherence that is just being provided by our own  
neuroses because it's just a reflection of what we're thinking it's not and we're not  
coordinating with anybody we're not checking our work against one another we're  
all making independent judgments and then bashing each others against one another  
so yeah i was very pleased with it afterwards i mean uh i tweeted right afterwards  
as a joke i said it on the stream i said the real winners of tonight this debate were  
the american people because of how hilariously the wrong that was but um as you  
see people really freaking out after that debate being like oh my god oh my god  
hyperventilating one way or the other uh i think it really was good for uh the winner  
really was the american people just because i'm not gonna say it's gonna be you 0:21:38  
know some uh some wake up moment for a lot of people but it was for me and just  
in the sense that it took something i knew but only intellectually and now made me  
feel it which is all real knowledge is it's not reciting it's not having a dry axiom it is  
experiencing that in your life and then associating it with specific feelings contexts  
memories that can then keep you there they can when you find yourself straying bring  
it back and that is what that debate did for me uh and if you were if you had eyes to  
see it did it for you too i'm not saying but i of course was in a very specific situation  
to be in that way i cheated i cheated i did a bunch of drugs uh and that because  
i'm a cheater because i'm a bounder because i'm laosh because i'm a \*\*\*\*\* i'm a

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nietzsche's last man i'm a \*\*\*\*\* small soul bug creature over here of course i cheated 0:22:39  
that's one of the reasons that drugs psycho psychedelic drugs are so dangerous uh  
sort of like your long-term mental health is because what they essentially do in  
terms of your body in terms of your like body chemistry is they put you in a super  
advanced state of meditative focus the kind that can be usually only attained by  
incredibly incredibly incredibly determined pursuit and it just pops you there like  
within half an hour taking problem with that is that that deep meditative state that  
deep sensory awareness that perception of everything around you that happens at a  
deep deep level of concentration where you start noticing the porousness of all these  
like perceived uh distinctions and and you truly feel the imminence you know god's  
grace if you want to be christian about it or just the just that hum the universal hum 0:23:41  
of the of the thing that you're all always been a part of and you're going to return  
to and you're not even not part of now and it's all an illusion you feel that now if  
you feel that in a state of that you uh if you get that from intense concentration  
which has uh been achieved through discipline you're in a position to do something  
useful with that feeling you are sitting probably on a mountaintop somewhere in a  
situation maybe monastic or some sort of pursuit of you know your personal study it  
has integrated your life it has made you live a life that has enough space in it for you  
to dedicate that much time to being alone and sitting and thinking and controlling  
your surroundings which means when you get that insight you can imprint it on  
the world as it is if you get that deep meditative state overnight like that without  
the discipline as uh as dr ian malcolm said the discipline necessary to attain it then  
you have that perception surrounded by what what got you there what got you to 0:24:42  
that moment it wasn't \*\*\*\*\* rigorous pursuit of anything it was flight from this it  
was flight from truth and so what are you seeing now with that deep meditative  
fixation of of sense you're seeing these screaming but it can be good too if you can  
recognize the goblins for what they are and not decide that the symbolic abstraction  
thing and and have that be adhered to to that sense that feeling of oneness that get  
that really does transmit knowledge because now instead of learning oh yeah this is  
a puppet show you're learning though the puppets are talking to me i'm the only  
one who knows what they're really saying so all in all good debate had a fun time 0:25:45  
looking forward to the next ones i think that pence and harris is going to be hilarious  
because there's going to be a ton of pressure to make that one normal to reassure  
people abnormality and it'll be funny to see how that plays out i will say that uh  
people are mad at nancy pelosi for saying that thing about how we need we need  
a good republican party and you know what from her perspective she's 100 correct  
she's not saying anything wrong what she's saying is that because we do not have two  
parties right fighting over power we have two branches of a broader capitalist party

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whose conflicts are stage managed to avoid discussions of deeper structural issues we cannot afford to have wild uh uh unstable uh polarization whereby people won't accept the division of government like the the see-sawing back for chinese moments they used to call it in the 19th century spain that allows the pressures the social pressures to relieve oh all these democrats are pretty mad well we'll get a democrat at the white house they won't be mad anymore all these republicans are pretty bad don't worry we'll get a democrat in there that's that's the that's what keeps the the lungs moving the lungs of democracy moving and trump is threatening that he's legitimately threatening that he is raising the stakes emotionally for politics in a way that our system uh does not want which is why i think that push comes to shove he's gonna go and go quietly because he's a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* you think he has the guts to tell the beautiful generals what to do if they tell him that they're not gonna \*\*\*\*\* support him give me a break i'm not even like \*\*\*\*\* that like \*\*\*\*\* mitch mcconnelly probably wouldn't even \*\*\*\*\* but again the answers to these things are not to be found in discussions of the statements of any of these gibbering i'm sorry guys it's magic hour back here but it makes it hard to so i hope now it'll be very interesting for me to try to watch these debates with this in mind like with this focusing agent on mine that will allow me to avoid the temptation to turn myself into q by trying to pull and the beauty of this is that even if it wasn't even if watching that debate wasn't like revelatory to you if you listen to what i'm saying or you hear somebody else say a similar thing and it makes sense to you hopefully that memory connected to the debate like the reality of that debate and the memory of watching it can provide at least a fraction of what it can that is provided for me in terms of what i hope to be a practice of avoiding going down this \*\*\*\*\* rabbit hole because all it does is lead me farther from knowing what i'm talking about because it's all \*\*\*\*\* it's all conjecture wondering what someone else is going to do who isn't you which you can't know it's none of its structure it's all rhetoric remember we're not talking about we're talking about what is what are these words going to lead to other people doing that that's not at the level here that um ah man the sun is really pursuing me across this so i don't know what anyone else's experience was but for me very very uh very good and i'm very much looking forward to watching these the rest of these debates through that lens and using my memory of the first one to pull myself out of uh out of the spiraling because it really does more than anything just make it harder like for me my job i do i do care about like being right you know because i care about conveying things that are helpful both you know in terms of entertainment but also if it's going to be practical in any way not wrong and every time i find myself getting into these discussions i've noticed and this like thinking back on i noticed even more even as it was happening was feeling the anxiety build up but i wasn't really acknowledging or

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understanding where it was coming from it was because as i was trying to build up around these specific questions i would keep bumping up against this insecurity in my understanding because it was based on nothing i was just guessing i was guessing what other people were going to do and all i can do but to do that it's like well what if i was somebody else well how would i have imagined that what would that make me do you can't ask that question how can you ever ask that question that's why you have to materially analyze things and and i just never it didn't occur to me how deeply that implications of that run because the implications of that really are that you you can't think about what these guys are saying along about what it means but what people are going to take from it because you can't know what people are going to take from things and so i find myself i would find myself getting agitated and like starting to wonder well maybe i'm not good at this maybe i'm doing a bad job maybe i'm hurting people by giving them bad advice because i don't even know and it's because i'm i'm wiley coyote running off the cliff with my \*\*\*\*\* legs blasting around not recognizing that the goddamn crown is gone and it's not that it's not that these guys words don't have meaning like trump's trump's stoking of like resistance he's gonna get people killed one million percent he is going to get people killed obviously he's already gotten people killed he will get more people killed when i say he will i mean in the sense of yes somebody will hear what he says and yes he will use that as excuse to go do violence 100 i think that will happen but when i imagine that that's just because i still have to imagine someone else but the question i can't answer is how many how many boils down to demographic questions how many people are in x position to have y response when they get z stimuli in the form of and without that information i cannot move forward and maybe that information is available but i think more realistically for me just cut it off get rid of it throw it in the garbage aesthetically appreciate it maybe but remove the the flush remove the flush of uh of consequence make it into a game and not war like material stuff should be war always and at war you are sharpest you know but but if you're war in this clouds you will so well it's horrible to imagine violence happening because of these awful words of this awful man we have to ask ourselves what can we do about it we can vote and if you that if that means seems consequential to you for the but beyond that all we can really do and see what those connections lead to where our abilities skills passions uses can be applied we can't know that from looking at the chicken guts and trying to see the flight of the \*\*\*\*\* uh ravens over the \*\*\*\*\* uh someone's uh first episode of season four for fargo sucked gotta say agree uh not not looking forward to this season boy in fairness i don't think last season started terribly strong but i do think the second half of the third season of fargo is the best the show ever was imo in the first three seasons it just ended so great so maybe they'll bring it

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around but the first two episodes were uh were a little dire um that's the one we were running like you don't need me back here right it's not because oh they're finally addressing race it's the way they do it the way they do it is the way everybody does it so it's boring there's nothing unique to it there's nothing interesting to it and that's because clearly noah holly didn't care about this stuff but it's now being 0:36:3 imposed by an expectation culturally and now he's doing something he doesn't really believe in i think because it just feels so hollow that means should there be a show about a mob war but uh involving like a a black uh gang family that like involves you know the deep questions of america's racial history and hierarchy and like what whiteness is and all that stuff and how that like relates to the midwestern identity very interesting questions clearly though he's not the guy to ask though because it's not not because he couldn't in some abstract sense like he doesn't have the talent to it's clearly not what's interests him it's not what got him into the project but that and that's why we get worse art as things that get more like woke but the wokeness isn't what makes it bad it's because instead of a lot a thousand flowers blooming 0:37:6 like different creators of different uh uh experiences and lived identities being able to create in an open marketplace well that's not what we have that's not our culture is and that's not how media is created media is concentrated by firms capitalists knows that city's gatekeepers and like all capital nodes is just a \*\*\*\*\* piled high with uh accumulated and passed down wealth from the first generations of people to take power there and hold it i.e white people so when the cultural winds move in the direction of wanting to see voices wanting to see alternatives and and the whole color of life instead of getting experiences from people of all those colors lives inflecting this uh art we get the same old \*\*\*\*\* suits and the same old cottier of professionals 0:38:7 with maybe a trickling in of diversity hires and affirmative action cases in order to like assuage everybody's conscience and feel less guilty about themselves they're gonna tell those stories even though they don't speak to anyone with a creative spirit involved in the productions at all it's purely improper compelled from without it doesn't come from within it doesn't come from those other perspectives that are supposed to be viewed because when we're watching marvel movies we're not really watching representation like yes ryan coogler is black you know but uh the marvel machinery that made black panther is not black in any meaningful cultural sense and and and ryan cooler's specific blackness or the writer's pacific blackness or uh frank ocean's specific blackness they cannot overcome the corporate swill they're get they get their their genuine passion for it which is real is deluded because they're 0:39:8 cogs in a giant machine and so everything all the culture gets worse and it gets more inclusive and more cynically inclusive and people say see that and say ah it's the inclusion that makes this bad no it's not the inclusion that makes it bad it's the

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way that the inclusion is being infused into this capitalist edifice through compelled cynical utilization which is a greater sign of just capital accumulation strangling art more broadly because the stuff that the anti-awoke people hate or love in culture like guys being dudes and and exploding cars and ownage and all that \*\*\*\*\* that i also dearly dearly love if that stuff is pursued in this context of maximal bottom line and maximal capital uh concentration at the top and the need for like pg-13 as to be the sort of collective understood uh uh goal uh rating for every movie that's that has more than a few like dollars of pocket change committed to the budget up from 0:40:9 a major studio that's gonna suck too man that would suck ass it would just suck in a way that would but and i'm not saying that people aren't going to be moved by something like black panther that's how bad it is that's how deeply entrenched racism is at all levels of culture and how little representation real representation any minority sees in this \*\*\*\*\* eye of sauron of like whiteness and printing on everything of course you see it like anything looks like uh the \*\*\*\*\* a crack of light to the doorway looks like the \*\*\*\*\* sunrise and no one i don't begrudge anybody that i'm just talking about the general trend of everything getting worse and then being 0:41:13 things being indulged in by the students as a way to get some people on board more than they would otherwise you're alienating some but you're getting others on board and the and the the market equation is in the long run demographically hey who are we going to make more money with catering to the rising diverse young people of america or white incels who make up like the preponderance of the cultural conversation online about media where are you putting your money as a capitalist edifice this is a no-brainer that just means that preponderantly we're going to see worse most smoke stuff but as things are worse and worse for people it's going to look more consequential to people seeking anything else to mean anything than the \*\*\*\*\* thank you for the thank you the haircut i gotta say it very at the beginning 0:42:15 of quarantine i was i think i said it on an early couple early streams i was like 50 50 uh at least already at that point that i was gonna shave my head at some point which i think is the guy's version of quarantine bangs and i was like i'm gonna do it i'm gonna buzz this remnant this for lauren hope here uh but i always assumed i'd get drunk and do it one night but you know i stopped drinking so much more than anything really and i realized i never got to that point and i'm glad i feel like it means i never really hit bottom even if things looked a little shaky from or at least my bottom was higher than i guess it just means i'm blessed more ah i do have a 0:43:18 square head kind of right i'm a square head one time amber found a picture from ellis island online of a guy in like a bavarian dude in lederhosen who would come in like the late 1800s through dallas island and she's and he was uncanny he looked exactly like me it was memes i i gotta find it and post it some time again she had

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it on uh twitter once but of course her account's been nuked for a long time maybe she has the i'll find it somewhere i don't know if i can google matthew chrisman oh yeah i get to finally uh give my long awaited opinion on the gyro cake somebody uh posted a in the chat a euro cake that i clicked on and it brought me to what looked like just three euros stacked on top of one another basically that presumably you cut into slices and eat instead of just so uh somebody asked if good morning sunday morning was q anon code to the left you know no but give it a few years like nancy stays in power state like biden gets in there and you know we get the lid on a little bit and we kick the can down the road a little bit more because that's just what we're doing we're just pushing crises past the horizon and that's all it's going to be that's literally what capitalism is from crisis to crisis there's no long-term plan there can't be it's just a value form annihilating things are going to be bad enough that the democratic voters are going to get more so ensorcelled that they're going to have the same reverence and like fixated opinion on and analyzing of everything that one of their leaders does so yeah like when 95 year old nancy pelosi is still uh speaker of the house when it which has been like relocated to bangor maine because the entire eastern seaboard south of uh baltimore is gone uh she'll they will be scrying her words for meaning the way that good morning sunday morning i love that so much why why why what okay because you know all those people are it's all geritocracy it's all just people losing their marbles and then of course there's bernie who would people point out is just as old but have you ever noticed that he's completely with it and you know why because he's grounded because unlike those psychos he knows he's going to die and he wants it to mean something and that's why he's not lost in in anywhere but himself because in himself his can he can't bear it he cannot bear to be himself if you're if you're donald trump or you're joseph biden you can't bear to be yourself because you spent your entire lives focusing yourself completely and totally around acquisition built around an individual ego and the maintenance of and and reification of that into a world power global power that is at your fingertips and you've destroyed countless lives to do it on purpose but it's going to end and even if you have convinced yourself you're immortal and that you don't think about death that's just because you've crammed it so far down that it's driving you insane it's driving you insane and that's what and that's what's pushing obviously like you know uh bodily entropy does a lot to it but there's something also driving it there's something also pushing the \*\*\*\*\* uh play-doh through the the tube that like you know the grate to make it give it a different shape and that is this this fleet of this flight away from the reality of their mortality bernie on the other hand he doesn't have the ghosts that they do he is not breathed by uh by like the the scores of uh at least not as many of course obviously you know he's he's a senator he ran for

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president he's got blood on his hands the way anybody in power does but did those 0:48:30  
in a pursuit of a greater goal and i think that is what keeps him now that's what  
keeps him here that's what keeps him on point because he doesn't have to flee from  
the moment where he's dying he can stay in the moment because yeah he's dying so  
i got stuff to do neither biden or trump can be in the moment because the moment  
is death the moment is decrepitude the moment is confusion fear dimming bodily  
failure and the terror that cannot be felt because it is everything it was totalizing its  
death itself because it's right there nancy and i feel like because i'm a guy i think i  
get trump and biden's specific senile like flight from uh from the moment of mortality  
but pelosi because i think she's a woman and you know there's certain experiences 0:49:32  
that aren't known from one or the other of those divides uh she ends up going good  
morning sunday morning but it's the same thing i think it's the yeah because you  
know we all think of the real horror of life is the knowledge that we're gonna die  
someday and that's not really it it's the fact that we once again have two things that  
are true that we're trying to hold in our heads simultaneously the one thing we're  
trying we're keeping in our head we think is true is the culturally imposed idea that  
we're going to die someday in the future which i believe is sitting on top of a deeper  
biological understanding that we all already died everyone has already died this has  
all happened before it will all happen again this universe that we're in has winked out  
of existence you have already your gravestone has both dates on it all of ours do and 0:50:34  
the thing is if you know that if you have that in the background the way that when  
you watch a debate you have the knowledge that this doesn't have any syntactic  
meaning to it in the and you know it's like you're on flight 93 and it's going into the  
\*\*\*\*\* uh the field like there's no thing that ends with anything other than the \*\*\*\*\*  
plane crashing and you dying the only thing that matters is are you at the chair  
bashing your head in terror against the glass screaming your mind annihilated with  
a fear that you can't even comprehend or are you this the actual flight 93 itself are  
you aware are you able to connect emotion and intellectual belief in symbolic order 0:51:35  
in such a way to believe the fundamental truth that you're not \*\*\*\*\* separated from  
anything and that there's nothing to lose there is no such thing as death but that's  
very hard to keep in your mind when you live in this world that insists you every  
moment of the day in every interaction you have that strips you of your species being  
whips it from you tears it from you like your skin off your \*\*\*\*\* body like you're a  
flayed and replaces it with this no you're gonna die someday you're gonna end this  
is gonna be over which flees you which which leads you in the terrible skinner box  
where all you're really doing is fleeing from fleeing from this towards desire and away  
from uh or towards pain and away from pleasure or towards pleasure and away from  
pain which means you do not have any independence you are literally an automat 0:52:36

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you are and we all are ruled by that to an extent i mean we do know we're here we do know that when we end they're not getting any more of this we know that that's true but the degree to which that matters is the degree to which we can live and guys like trump and guys like biden have spent their entire life banging their heads with a \*\*\*\*\* ladle to keep them on the path of acquisition of power and respect and money and their dad's head pats or whatever they think heaven is instead of knowing that it's right there always in any moment we're always right there grace is there the hand is there you can fall you'll never land you'll always be held and that's the realization 0:53:37 that can that robs that robs the questions of our life what to do with the time we do have of their mystifying benefits things that make us make wrong decisions uh emotions clouding us memories of previous events that are going to guide us in an event that doesn't need that but that's overwhelmed the task of building insane in humane society is building one where that that knowledge can be accessible to more people because the more accessible it is the more people will not need to be governed by an external authority like the market and \*\*\*\*\* value form lording over us as like it will be because we have stripped our days of the need to pile up and not be in the 0:54:38 moment where because you know we know for a fact that like when you cry it's not because you feel sad you feel sad after you cry like we know that for a fact because of the delay of signal it's inevitable it's a quantum question so we aren't actually in charge of any of this like we don't we can't operate from that perspective because we have to live and if we're aware of that truth it makes it easier to act in that is do what you should be doing and not try to bang against that destiny because you can move one foot in front of your other as long as you're looking down but if you're looking everywhere else wilderness so someone's saying tell everyone else how to live 0:55:46 that's the thing i'm not telling anybody else how to live the whole point of all of this is telling you that i can't tell you how to live that you have to know how to live we all have to figure it out ourselves and right now the only thing that makes sense to me to do with whatever i find myself with in possession of the of the moment this this this platform this career laughably called such this skill set developed in the pursuit of those things what do i do with them right now this is what makes sense to do with them and i have to trust that if that feels like it's not true anymore that i can divorce myself from the need to acquire in the moment the need to dis uh to distort my vision of what's in front of me by the fear of lacking something in the future uh and then you can \*\*\*\*\* act as in act according to where you should do 0:56:48 what what should be happening the the way the golden path that's always there so i'm not telling anybody how to live for the love of god the only thing i ever say is what boils down to the same thing every time i say about it and everything i said today about the \*\*\*\*\* election all boils down to the same dumb two words log off

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and i know hypocrite of hypocrites i'm doing this i know i know but you could not tell when you say log off you can't just smugly say that's it because that is asking people to essentially withdraw go through withdrawal system withdrawal symptoms of i can't even imagine the monstrosity of which i haven't been able to cut off the internet and i tell myself it's just because of my job but i also find an allure there i also find find this this sinful uh dump of of emotional energy i find that that that tantalizing and so i engage from that perspective like i try to sweeten myself so i 0:57:52 that's why it always ends up having to be turned into these longer diatribes coming at it from different angles to make up one great big banal truth that is the whole sum of like the uh uh praxis of this \*\*\*\*\* show log off what that means to you what you can take what steps you can realistically take as opposed to no i'm gonna \*\*\*\*\* i'm gonna get dts for the next five months out of some uh how would i even be able to sustain the faith to keep going with that kind of hardship you'd never be able to do it i know i wouldn't be i know i wouldn't be that's like you the faith the faith that's there has to be uh in some way rewarded or else the horrors of the world will overwhelm your defenses and uh everything else is entertainment like i said so there's 0:58:54 one big thing you get out of a thing like the debate and it's there's no meaning here there's one but then there's the the aesthetic enjoyment of watching it play out and making fun of it and stuff like that drained of meaning same thing drained of rather uh drained of not drained of meaning if you you know take it but drained of import it's play instead of war like i'm saying the war is log off just like the war of the election was stop listening to these people everything else is entertainment and if you find it entertaining and i think it's i think it's probably better than yelling at people on twitter for an hour watching this i think is better than yelling on twitter for an hour i will i will flatter myself to say that and if you're going to do that instead of that i mean i know that that's self-rational that's rationalizing to me rationalizing 0:59:56 to people who do it but those sort of reward uh negotiations with oneself are what give you the leeway to find oh this isn't as bad as i thought it would be oh look i'm rewarded in this way with this instead of just having this giant void that has to be filled immediately you can work your way towards it as we i like kind of someone said kind of okay i think that's what i usually end up i mean that's what i'm aiming for perfect perfect understanding is impossible total gibberish i wouldn't like that either that's self-indulgent kinda right in the middle that's what i should always be 1:1:0 shooting for because if i don't if i shoot for perfect i'm going to turn into gibberish and if i just shoot for uh you know legibility over anything it robs it of any content so i'm gonna end up uh out kicking my coverage on some concepts someone says see uh mikay's 13 assassins i highly recommend that movie that was a really good pick i have never had carvel in my life i lived briefly in uh long island and i still never

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had carpel it just never appealed to me i've never been a it's not that i don't like ice 1:2:1  
cream cake if you give me an ice cream cake hell yeah i'm going to eat it but i i'm not  
going to get my own ice cream cake that would be crazy i would be a different person  
if i bought my own ice does logging off me to stop watching kush vlogs eventually  
probably yeah i would say yes when that comes just like mine will add will end at  
some point with me stopping doing them like that's inevitable too and we have to  
accept that like yeah oh this already happened this already ended and hopefully  
it ended because hopefully it ended because oh we don't need it anymore and not  
because oh he tried to crack the universe and uh you know ended up running nude  
on the atlantic uh uh um running noon down atlantic avenue uh or just like try to 1:3:5  
ignore the voice in my head trying to get things across and just indulge myself and  
try to attract myself and just end up keeling over after like an arby's gorge i would  
not like it to end that way i would like it to end on my own terms in the sense that  
i i don't need to make these anymore because some i have something else in my life  
that fills that spot and i have to just trust that if i earnestly and with good faith  
comes does anyone know the score in azerbaijan anyone know who's up on that one  
what's all right i think that was about an hour sometimes they really fly well talk 1:4:11  
to you guys hopefully soon we'll see uh and can't wait for the next debate honestly  
it's gonna be a real uh experiment seeing how i uh i get around to dealing with just  
letting it wash over me completely just letting it all wash over me so it's just noises  
and then i can just distinguish the noises by amusement to me

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uh **\*\*Music playing\*\*** is **\*\*Music playing\*\*** is **\*\*Music playing\*\*** oh classic tune 0:1:5  
from my uh my fellow wisconsinites the violent femmes am i supposed to feel sorrow  
goddamn man isn't it something to be alive at this moment at a certain point you can  
talk hell world all you want but man there's something about living now obviously if  
you don't have the boot of capital directly on your neck if you're privileged enough  
to be in that position there's something vertiginously giddy about this whole thing  
**\*\*\*\*\*** they they all got it they all got it they all gave it to each other to prove a point  
to prove a point about how it wasn't a that's the best part like we've talked about alex  
perrine wrote a great article about how you know the rubes are in charge now and 0:2:6  
like like there used to be a divide between the hoople heads and and the leadership  
of the of the republican party you know there was stuff that you told people but  
you didn't actually care and more importantly i think even in that process is just  
the panopticon of online like you cannot be seen in masks you cannot be seen to  
care let look like you actually care about coven because to do so uh is to undermine  
your argument and then you got the fact that for a lot of these people like it is  
reality it is reality like it's not a big deal like these are not just things they tell  
people to keep the vote heavily up they really believe it and now they all have it  
they all gave it to each other and when did they do it at the **\*\*\*\*\*** at their little  
uh witch's coven with the uh amy kobe bryant their little end zone dance on the  
**\*\*\*\*\*** uh on on the supreme court they oh man i don't think any of them are going 0:3:7  
to die though as funny as it is to imagine especially like the idea of him dying like a  
week before the election uh i mean people said that about rbg how funny would it  
be if she died two months before the election how funny would it be if trump died  
of corona a month before the election once again how funny would it be if biden the  
sleepwalking geriatric got that nomination over like 20 strivers how funny would it  
be if trump beat hillary the funniest answer has been the most predictive one and i  
think that's not just being facile it's because what is comedy like comedy is surprise  
comedy is a is is something uh defying expectation and we live in the moment when  
all expectations are being annihilated by the accelerating crisis and the lack of our

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political institution and media institution uh their fundamental lack of flexibility in 0:4:10  
dealing with it their incapability of dealing with it which means that what we get is  
the funniest outcome i don't know where the hell those birds are but they're getting  
really loud lately they've not been this loud before is it the time of year do they  
know that the super volcano is about to erupt or something is this like the beginning  
of uh the core when all the birds like geolocators get messed up by the failure of  
the earth's core to create electromagnetic field and they just it would be funny if he  
has to debate biden from a hospital bed oh man are you saying the audio's choppy 0:5:20  
because the thing is i went with the uh plug-in to the computer because people said  
it actually was better and specifically they said it was louder which i know has been  
a consistent criticism uh so i wanted to do this because i i think it might work but  
if it's choppy i'll go back to the should you vote for kanye in oklahoma i mean if you  
think it'd be funny i mean why it's not my choice you're the one doing it i mean  
kanye to me is a little played out at this point i mean i'm not voting for biden but i  
don't vote for kanye or howie hawkins for that matter if i'm gonna just do something  
to amuse myself it's gonna be to amuse myself you know and kanye is not music  
to me at this point he's a little played out so uh i don't know yet i might write in  
bernie just as like a i think maybe the funniest thing you could do is vote in write 0:6:24  
in hillary clinton which i might do that might be the funniest thing you could do is  
write in hillary clinton i'm still with her folks i'll i will also yeah voting for everything  
except president like they did in michigan in the tens of thousands which helped kill  
hillary's chances of the presidency that's another that's another strong move uh well  
i want to say one thing is that there's already been some argument about like all  
right say bye say trump dies soon hilarious hilarious and then presumably it would 0:7:26  
be up to the rnc and who that they would like be the candidate and i think they  
would probably just pick pence for continuity reasons and the question is like was  
does that help the republicans or hurt them and i've seen some people argue that it  
helps them because it might get those suburban republicans who hate trump back  
in the fall but i think that that number would be dwarfed by the number of trump  
warriors who would just be broken by it and would not vote for pence wouldn't  
vote at all more likely to show up at the polls with like a an ar-15 and it would  
be funny though if the q people insist he's not dead and he becomes like the false  
dimitri or something just like he's like the occluded motty of american politics and  
they just keep waiting for trump to come back i do think that if he dies they should 0:8:28  
give him a viking funeral in one of the beautiful boats get him out into one of those  
shitty lakes that all those people like to tool around in on all saturdays have don  
junior don jr tries to do it and he \*\*\*\*\* up like 15 times like edward tully he can't  
get the thing and then they try eric tries it he can't do it either and then ivanka

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comes in like the some people say he doesn't he's not sick i don't believe that because i mean frankly that's that seems like cue stuff to me oh he's not really he doesn't really have it it's all a ruse uh it goes against his narrative is the big thing i have a problem with that like okay sure what it means he doesn't have to do a debate maybe or it gets people to have sympathy for him but it cuts undercuts the whole argument he's made which is that it isn't a big deal how is it not a big deal if the entire white house has it and i guess they're thinking like well this old \*\*\*\*\* gets it it doesn't die then people will think it isn't a big deal either but i mean at this 0:9:29 point it's so close to the election that his not available that they're going to keep that secret is like thinking that they're executing john legend and chrissy teigen and guantanamo bay and but the tweets are gonna be great i can't wait to see the tweets of him quarantine just watching even more tv than he usually does not being able to 0:10:33 go to the rallies uh the fact that everyone has it though is so funny mike lee's got it which means there's probably a couple other senators that have it this could honestly be the one thing that stops them from getting amy uh joseph coney on the on the on the hilarious i mean those senators must be terrified because there's they're old as \*\*\*\*\* although of course you know rand paul had it earlier in the year and he didn't he didn't give it to anybody who died virginia foxx that awful gorgon from uh i think south carolina she didn't die either because god delights in human evil and when i say god i mean of course yellow boweth the \*\*\*\*\* demiurge he loves them and he's going to keep him alive he's going to protect his arch gods he'll protect his archops he's got their back folks i had the corona and i'm fine in fact i have more 0:11:51 powers i can smell time now i can smell it i can smell the time yes for the time it is i smell and i i do wonder if he's going to take hydrochloroquine because he kind of suggested that he was taking it a few months ago but of course you can never tell what's real and what's carnival barkery i realized looking through my notes from uh the uh comey rule that we watched and talked about on the last episode that i missed i forgot to say one thing about the show which is uh there's a scene where he's talking to kony where where brennan gleason is doing his irish trump like top of the martin luther i'm donald trump i'm here to talk to you about pre-president uh and he goes and he's he's talking about how he doesn't listen to experts or uh you 0:12:52 know political people he talks to tv people because tv people actually have uh stakes in their jobs they can if they don't get ratings they lose and so they have to be right now of course that's very easy to undermine and point out the absurdity of because no they don't have to be right they just have to be entertaining but that shows that trump understood american politics better than anybody at the time and why he won more than anything is that he understood that being entertaining is being right it's entertaining is correctness it's because eyeballs are all that matters which honestly

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is why i think this could hurt him badly because uh in the last episode uh felix was suggesting that trump might win if he can just use the next month to maximize like 0:13:54  
to what he did in the debate every day in terms of just getting everyone so disgusted and exhausted that instead of voting to turn the volume down they just stop voting they just stay home and then the rabid rump of trump supporters is enough to just sneak them over the finish line thanks to of course voter suppression and outright fraud and all the stuff that we know they're gonna do one way or the other uh and i think this really hurts his chance to do that he's in quarantine for two weeks now i mean what's he gonna do i did not predict this on twitter by the way somebody made a fake tweet about me that was very funny but no that did not happen i did not say he was gonna do that i did predict though uh talking about the debate that he would condemn biden uh for being racist due to passing due to writing the crime bill and say that all cops hate him because he is uh a puppet of antifa and blm in the same answer and he did it he did it in the same \*\*\*\*\* answer which is just 0:14:57  
so ma and more than anything reminds you that these people are not operating off of premises or political motivation political ideology they just have a few lumps of facebook lard in their brain they're shuffling around at any given moment and then barfing up which is why he's beloved because that's true of everyone who likes him they don't have political ideas they have they have a facebook feed that provides them with something to tell people about what they're mad about on a day-by-day basis but none of it connects to each other none of it coheres into a hole none of it has any uh coherency to speak up they're it's all isolated the only people who are threading things together of course are the q people but they're doing it at a level of like esoteric uh analysis that is beyond even talking points it's it's pulling things out of the talking points those birds are losing it up there wow oh if this is a if they are 0:16:18  
ravens and they're they're quoting if they interrupt me when i go back inside here and i'm pouring over my quaint and curious volumes of forgot lore i am going to be mega pissed i'm gonna come out here like betty draper with a \*\*\*\*\* bb gun no i'm not they're fine i i always get mad i guess people always yell at me when i talk about 0:17:19  
anarchism so i'm not going to talk about it too much just to say that it's a way for people to think that they're good guys it's a way to be like i want all the good stuff without any of the bad stuff and since it's all at the level of labels it doesn't really matter but what matters is like how you are operating off of those labels because one thing i know from like dealing even in the minimum way that i have with like the micro sects and you know emerging tendencies within the self-conscious left in this country which is to say political cosplayers myself included there's no real coherence there anymore as there is the people like trump and facebook grandparents like there are uh mls like people who i've seen call themselves you know in dsa for example

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like call themselves marxist leninists who uh demand like regional autonomy for like their dsa chapter from a national that's the exact opposite of leninism as it applies to party structure like leninism means democratic centralism which is like something 0:18:21  
like psl has where there is a line that is enforced after a vote once the vote is taken the line is enforced and you've got people who call themselves marxist leninist saying no no i want my chapter to be able to do whatever it wants well that's not what what it's just because the words have resonance the words mean things emotionally uh and then they want to apply those regardless of what it means to their actual lives and that's not a huge deal as long as it doesn't obscure your ability to see what's happening in front of you because i really don't think any of those labels mean anything when the nut cutting time comes when people have to get offline and uh and engage with their hate to use oh \*\*\*\*\* they're saying he's gonna get i mean i 0:19:32  
don't know if that means hydrochloroquine it would surely be funny if he took that oleander extract that my pillow guy is flogging which is apparently actually deadly i gotta say though if he bounces back in two weeks and he's fine i kind of think that's the most likely scenario because he shouldn't be alive now but \*\*\*\*\*  
he shouldn't be alive period he should not be alive what actuarial table tells you that a man who is the who is the exact shape of a frigidaire refrigerator and eats nothing but gristle for three meals a day should be alive at the age so maybe he is 0:20:33  
impervious maybe he's like his of course if he was uh if he is if he is felled by quack medicine he will not be the first president to be killed by uh uh quack medicine uh i think we've talked about it on the stream before but george washington father of our country was killed by a guy a doctor whose for whatever the hell uh he had i'm not sure i don't know if anyone knows what he had but it was it was one of those classic went out went out and rode in the rain and came home and got ill you know type of situations pneumonia or something he just bled him he's just like he's still sick got to get more blood out of there and he literally just draculed the father of our country to that and then of course there's uh garfield who was killed by his quack doctor 0:21:35  
friend uh who insisted on sticking uh unsanitized fingers into the bullet hole and then most damagingly of all refused to allow him to be fed orally but instead rectally which caused him to over the course of his uh attempted convalescence to lose like 60 pounds which made it much harder for him to fight off the infection which could have been defeated if they had just uh sewn them up after the gunshot because the bullet didn't hit anything anything vital it got lodged like in i'm trying to think of anybody else died of uh i mean nelson rockefeller who was the unelected vp for ford uh he died 0:22:37  
pretty funny he he died william henry harrison famously said to have died because he uh gave a speech in the rain and got pneumonia that's possible but my opinion is is that he died for the same reason that zachary taylor died and james polk right

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after his term ended which is during the 1840s there was behind the white house about a couple hundred yards maybe not even that far a giant sewage lagoon a huge open air pit of human feces which most likely gave cholera to one they said zachary taylor died from milk and cherries there was also a theory for a long time that he was 0:23:38  
poisoned by the slave power to stop him from uh resisting um allowing slavery into western the western territories claimed in the mexican war but he was most likely killed by the in fact zachary taylor i think i think it's a while ago now i think it's like 20 years ago he was um disinterred because they wanted to test his body for arsenic because arsenic lasts very long in the human body and you can actually uh do test sport in hair you don't even have to do an autopsy so they they um they they dug them up and they cut some hair loose but they didn't find any arsenic coolies just had a heart attack i thought while shaving i believe tr presidents don't die like they used to they don't die at all they live forever \*\*\*\*\* uh jimmy carter is 96 now he has had a brain tumor for five years herbert hoover also lived into his 90s and of course ronald reagan uh bush these guys they have all the adrenochrome 0:24:40  
like they've literally taken all everyone else's uh animal spirit into themselves and allowed them to live forever because they they don't suffer the same health risks that the rest of us do because they pile up our our labor to so i mean somebody will die prematurely at some point but i don't know i don't know i wouldn't want to 0:25:42  
bet on which one it is sure not going to be obama you know he's got the best he's got the best of during have you read about the bloody uh baron unger sternberg in the russian civil war i have in fact i highly recommend the book the bloody white baron about him because that is an insane story uh so during the russian civil war you might know this or not you know there was uh the the basic geography was is that the bolsheviks held roughly the center of the russian empire's territory and then around the edges were a number of rebel armies under different commands which is the big reason that the bolsheviks won against them against such long odds and against you know the combined attempted intervention of the uh of the allies from 0:26:43  
world war one is that they held the middle they held the middle area which means that they had internal lines of defense and stuff and and they could coordinate in a way that the white armies just couldn't uh and there was one white army uh under a uh like an old prussian aristocrat named uh under baron ungers von sternberg had a ragtag army in mongolia where he essentially declared himself like a reincarnated uh buddha and had like kind of a weird quasi-mystic buddhist uh cannibal army in the mongolian hinterland before the uh before the before he was finally defeated by the bolsheviks and executed there's a very interesting um moment there because after 0:27:44  
he was caught he was brought to a nearby city and displayed for the town like they put him on a stage and people came and watched him and like asked him questions

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about what he had done and he defended himself before they uh before they i think hanged him but he was a complete psycho uh and yeah he thought he was like he was a god on earth he was a very much a colonel kurt situation uh and he had his his guys massacring civilians and and deserters and and he made deals with like local uh uh like buddhist mongolian religious leaders to to like co-rule with him interesting very interesting story and uh there's a detail from that book that i think is one of the most chilling things i've ever i've ever encountered which is that uh when one of the um one of the romanovs one of the one of the one of the girls while she was in captivity and they found out later um her she had written while she was in uh in 0:28:46 her cell wherever she had like a journal and she was drawing swastikas she just was drawing she had drew in a bunch of swastikas this is like 1918 uh because you know the nazi party did it emerged from an esoteric tradition in among uh specifically among european aristocracy which sternberg was representing which the romanovs were part of which uh ended up in germany finding expression in the tool society which was a group of esoteric cultic wealthy germans who backed the nazis in the early era so i recommend that book it's very it's it's short it's well written uh and 0:29:48 there's lots of they're saying he has a high fever oh \*\*\*\*\* god if he does die \*\*Music playing\*\* he dies before the election i mean if he died before the election how could we handle that like he has been this man has been the single focus of the emotional energy of what i'd say 50 million americans something like that either against him or for him like he has been the star that their psychic world has revolved around we have all even if we don't have that much emotional investment in him as a person 0:30:49 we've all been living in his brain for the last four years and if he just was oh yeah he's gone now before this election that's supposed to be this titanic contest that might might turn into a civil war according to everybody who's secretly jacking off for that to just be like yeah i know it's over one of the greatest anti-climaxes of all time one of the great um one of the great uh \*\*\*\*\* blockings honestly just an entire nation i'm trying to think there's a book or a movie or something that's got like one of those just hilariously anticlimactic endings the closest thing we have to esoteric rightism 0:31:51 in this country now and you and if you saw that feels good man documentary and the interview with the with the uh with the with the magician guy it's probably like 4chan it's probably it's probably forums it's probably reactionary forums full of those like in-cell child molesters who just concentrate have so much time on their hands that they can cont and that they can they can collectively concentrate their will on creating memes that they charge with dark power and then put out into the world i would say that more than q just because q is it's less self-conscious i 0:32:52 think like these people don't these people think they're doing normal politics is the thing for now i think that's going to change as q gets more intense and and more

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broke but for now it's like they're normal they're they think they're normal still is q  
christian it's not only christian but it is largely christian it's its earliest proponents  
are definitely uh evangelicals there's it still is like i say fundamentally evangelical and 0:33:53  
i would say also and i talked about this with sean on uh history as a weapon that just  
came out where we talk about cube that the the new age people who are now part of  
hugh are essentially secular evangelicals the way that scientologists are you know like  
everyone's essentially an evangelical in this country because at least everyone who is  
pursuing the american dream self-consciously is an evangelical because the american  
dream is the dream of everyone being god which is of course why mormons are the  
ideal americans and the ones who have done the best at a synthesizing uh a way of  
life out of american capitalism because they were the first ones to twitch onto what  
america really meant and they went out west where there was still land they grabbed  
some even though it was \*\*\*\*\* and by virtue of the fact that they sublimated uh  
capitalism into their social fabric they were able to present the they were able to 0:34:54  
prevent the the deracination that happened to everybody else uh but but you know  
everyone is seeking that they're the only ones who have it as a theological uh principle  
but everyone is seeking gut to be seeking godhood on earth and it's it's it's it's why  
we are consuming the world because the american dream is that the the access to  
material excess that used to be the province of gods on earth kings emperors sat traps  
potentates is now and and like the idea of a social good well there's a math i could it's  
not hard math problem to show why that's not sustainable and that's why we need  
a new uh a new religious framework a new spiritual uh and value framework that 0:35:56  
that d that de-emphasizes material not not in the interest of austerity for everybody  
like oh you know like the way carter did hey you guys should you guys should stop  
uh stop being so materialistic and save some energy it's like well \*\*\*\*\* how about  
you create a world where that's even possible you know uh it's about changing the  
social inputs in such a way that uh that living is possible living in the absence of  
striving for material gain well it says abundance for everybody but abundance is 0:36:58  
what you know like abundance if it's abundance in hamburgers if it's abundance in  
\*\*\*\*\* high fructose corn syrup if it's abundance in mcmansions that's not a viable  
most social model like abundance has to be defined socially like everyone should  
have an abundant access to to the what is best in life but what that is can't be  
determined by the market because the market's answer what is best in life uh chillin  
um no what is best in life sure \*\*\*\*\* is not crushing your enemies and seeing them 0:38:16  
driven before you that might be good in hyperborea but we have we now have our  
we are not we understand ourselves as part of a someone wants to know what books  
to recommend on john brown uh obviously if you want to write a novel which has a  
lot like it has it has a lot of like if you want to know like what happened in terms of

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just bare facts there's a lot of accuracy that's very well researched cloud splitter uh but uh there's also a kind of considered a pretty uh authoritative biography from david reynolds called john brown abolitionist the man who killed slavery sparked the civil war and ceded what's the progressive international is this a replacement of the fake pathetic because honestly i feel like that's going backwards into terminology progressive is one of my least favorite words on earth there was a period of a brief period when i was all headed with the concept of bernie winning and and uh you know and if not bringing about social democracy at least changing the game and i'm imagining a world where in the future you know that battle has been fought and uh i always thought it'd be fun to write a book in that position about elizabeth warren called the last progressive just the idea of warren at that i mean that if bernie won of course if uh uh warren representing sort of the last gasp of of the progressive uh tradition in america but sadly that did not happen not don't like that word is that something from giannis versus fakas because i absolutely i think that his analysis his his analysis uh of the situation and his insistence that we need to think in terms of building institutions that transcend national boundaries is very very true like i think this idea that you're gonna i understand the argument and i agree with it that in the current moment national political institutions are the only ones that people can have any effect on really and so that's where people have to focus their energy but i think there has to be an eye at all times on the on the necessity to transcend that because because international cooperation is going to be the only way that we mitigate the worst of the crisis we're in but he doesn't seem to really have a very project going on i know that his uh his election his his party or whatever in eu is is not doing is very doing very poorly i like nietzsche someone asks what's my thoughts on nietzsche i'm a big i'm a fan gets a bum rap mostly thanks to his no he didn't kill god we killed god he just noticed i don't think he was a reactionary uh and and yeah he didn't like socialism because he was he was repelled by any kind of uh you know uh any project that sublimated like the individual like that and then yeah because he was a romantic it's but like there's still use useful stuff there things someone's asking about like the idea of like using nationalism and patriotism to sell socialism i think any at this point i think we should see that there is no future in branding that that what we're branding is too hegemonically capitalist to accommodate a alternative within it that could genuinely challenge it yeah we should because like when people talk about like bernie wasn't uh like patriotic enough or he didn't he didn't like salute the troops enough or whatever that all feels like people uh pippin picking that \*\*\*\*\* out of peppa because that was not the thought he did not run on like america the united snakes he ran on boilerplate america is a great country and it deserves the great you know system and all that stuff there was no way to add to that that was

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gonna that was going to change the fundamental dynamic which is that somebody 0:44:31  
somebody in that field is gonna have to is going to be pitching themselves to a  
specific group of people i.e voters and those voters are going to be taking their cues  
if they're democrats specifically from a media apparatus and from a party that is just  
fundamentally incapable of assimilating that level of uh of government intervention  
into the to into our blessed neoliberal uh market system and there's no way around  
that and i and i and i think people thinking of ways to you know buff it up and and  
and throw some uh throw some cool uh tires onto it and turn it into a \*\*\*\*\* suv  
with a big american flag or something none of that is going to change the the under  
the fundamental issue which is that what alienates people from bernie among the  
people you needed him not to be alienated by are two things one if you are a voter  
if you're a democratic voter you are taking your cues from the democratic party and 0:45:32  
from the media apparatus which means that it's a non-starter there's not enough  
amer america flag kissing he could do and secondly the second group uh are not  
paying attention so they don't \*\*\*\*\* notice if he's wearing a flag pin they don't care  
if he's wearing a \*\*\*\*\* truck or hat they're not paying attention and that is the  
problem and if they're not paying attention to politics i don't think they really are  
humping the symbols of patriotism in such a way that they are like just incantation  
and also like all that patriotic stuff like that's all coded already like you can't pry  
that stuff away from its context like when people talk about patriotism they're not  
just using it as a as a broad concept it's connected to other specific sub-concepts that 0:46:33  
are antithetical to a socialist project prying it off prying it off is not the easy task  
that people think it is and i think it's it's because of that it's more fruitful to look  
lower to look to look to more basic stuff than to the democrats are will go for q and  
r over time as i've said everyone who is politically minded will go queuing on over  
time because things are going to keep getting worse politics is going to continue not 0:47:36  
intersecting with actual conditions and that means that you're either going to have  
to stop paying attention which a lot of people are going to do and just check out  
from it but the ones who keep paying attention on all sides of the aisle are going to  
have to get more and more intensely esoteric with their parsing of symbols in order  
to invest the whole pageant because like q started with a very simple from a very  
simple crisis point like we talked about how you know it's the difference between  
the america they find themselves in in the america that they have in their head but  
more specifically it happened because trump was to them the guy who was going  
to make america great again he was going to fix the problems he was going to get  
rid of the sickos he was going to more than anything be the revenging angel against  
the people who they blame because resentment is the engine of politics at this point  
on all sides and then he got in there and he didn't do it nobody went to jail hillary

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for one thing like lock her up was the essential like forget great america great again 0:48:39  
lock her up was as important if not more so a slogan of 2016 trump campaign and  
did he lock her up no in fact at one point he even admitted that he wasn't going  
to lock her up in front of a bunch of hooting chuds after he got elected he says to  
him that was good for the campaign that was fun but yeah like he was just telling  
these people you actually \*\*\*\*\* thought we were going to throw some hillary clinton  
in jail i don't and so that was what they had to square trump's supposed to be  
putting these people in jail he's supposed to be cleaning out the swamp and yet  
everything's the same it's because it's happening behind the scenes well democrats  
do that too like with all their with obama with all the 11 dimensional chess stuff  
and like queen pelosi uh how she's got a trick up her sleeve that's only going to get  
more and more intense like biden gets in there and does nothing about the crisis  
which is probably going to happen democrats are going to go get q brain 2 even  
more so to try to parse now because q exists and is coded as trump and republican 0:49:41  
and reactionary it will look differently it'll self-consciously be different because they  
will have this example that they're not going to want to be like but in content in  
terms of its motivation and the engagement between politics and their world like the  
way that they are approaching it not as um exercise of power that's happening in  
public that you're observing but as a secret coded veil that you have to pierce they  
gave regeneron to trump they're not giving him regeneron that sounds like a uh that 0:50:44  
sounds like a drug in in like a robocop remake like some sort of rich person stem cell  
thing that gives you a tail and a oh if he they gave him energon cubes we're \*\*\*\*\* uh  
if if donald trump turns into a decepticon i don't think it matters how many proud  
boys show up oh regeneron is the company okay that's still that's also sounds creepy  
that's like a company so what if melania dies and trump doesn't wouldn't that be 0:51:48  
funny melania dies at the covet and he survives i think harris would beat pence if it  
every trump dies except baron and then he becomes the the false dimitri who who 0:52:49  
emerges to lead that nation through its the bloody white baron von baron trump  
he's huge he's absurdly huge and he is uh he is a virgin chad he is the he is he is  
the synthesis that dork one time said that trump was gonna complete the cycle of  
german idealism he didn't know that it was barron not donald because you see him  
he's this giant man \*\*\*\*\* that's true somebody says the selection's between a german 0:54:8  
catholic and a german protestant it's 30 years \*\*\*\*\* uh i have read about 30 years  
awards pretty intense honestly kind of crazy how little an effect it has on popular  
culture considering how hair-raisingly monstrously violent it was uh the number of  
people who died uh in germany was absolutely catastrophic i'm trying to find the uh 0:55:10  
the death toll but i think they estimate like a quarter of the german population or  
something like that died during the war entire regions completely disrupted spoiled

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swedish armies marching like \*\*\*\*\* locusts across the countryside and just destroying towns and castles and villages yeah the swedish army itself destroyed one third of all towns in germany over 1500 sweden the uh the most interesting players in this 30 years war were of course the french because france was of a catholic power of europe uh but it fought with the protestant league against the catholics because the catholics were led by the habsburgs and the habsburgs were considered a greater 0:56:12 threat to the bar bones than uh than any kind of any any uh potato eating uh \*\*\*\*\* scandals and square heads in fact it was a catholic cardinal cardinal rich lou himself are not rich luke uh a different guy who uh who advised france to get into that war on the which of course means it was not just a religious conflict it was good old-fashioned power politics which is people forget that uh people of course forget that sweden was a world power in europe uh in the in the 16th and 17th century uh in 18th century they actually had a north american colony delaware and parts 0:57:15 of new jersey were were called new sweden until peter and then after charles the uh the 12th just got their asses kicked against the russians they just said we'll find we'll just do furniture from now on no more wars for us who killed palm uh gladio broadly south africans probably specifically but palm was a thorn in the side of uh of the anti-communists international that was uh by the 80s going ham in south africa in 0:58:17 latin america operation condor but it wasn't hard to kill him that's for sure you say killing a leader of a country is a bit over the top though but i mean if if the the latest revelations are right the guy who pulled the trigger was some crank because cranks are great if you have an intelligence operation uh because even if they get caught they don't they're too dysfunctional to have like live connections to anything uh and also when you look at how easy it was to kill him the dude had no body 0:59:19 guards he was leaving a movie theater with his wife and then the guy who shot him even though he was maybe just this crank got away with it and never got caught i actually don't know if the business plot is real i don't know how real the business plot was i believe that smedley butler had these conversations but i don't know if it went even beyond that but it definitely indicates that you know even though fdr was the savior of capitalism in many ways that the capitalists were not all on the same page as to whether they wanted to which is why which is the which is the value of government which is the value of democracy in a capitalist system is that it not only does it provide popular legitimacy to legitimize all the exploitation and horror of it but it also allows for the coordination of behavior that individual actors within it are never going to uh sign off on because it hurts their i just want to end on that note 1:0:25 of like like what's realistic for capitalists to do uh i want to say that i just rewatched for a first time in a number of years michael clayton which i think is getting it's people are talking about it more and more these days uh and a movie that came out

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in that great year the last great american movie you're an american film 2007. there will be blood no country for old men zodiac before the devil knows you're dead uh and michael clayton that's just off the top my head there's more than i'm not even remembering uh and i think now clayton might be the best one of those honestly just because it is in my mind just the perfect legal thriller it's like it is it does everything that it could do with the material that is that it's made up of it the performances are amazing tom wilkinson obviously is fantastic but clooney has never been better 1:1:26 than that movie he does so much stuff with his face so he's just like he's this twitchy mask that's always looking like it's going to pop open really good stuff um but if you haven't seen the movie spoiler alert uh turn i'm gonna stop after this so you can log off if you wanna go watch it and i highly recommend going and watching it uh so if you don't want a spoiler drop off now uh because i will just be wrapping up here after i finish saying this so the plot of the movie is that uh tom wilkinson is this big shot lawyer with this firm that's defending a agricultural agribusiness giant against the lawsuit from a bunch of farmers in wisconsin that they gave them that they sold them a fertilizer that gave them all cancer and it's been going on for years but in the middle of a deposition uh tom wilson has a psychotic break and freaks out and and uh the firm brings in george clooney who's the fixer he doesn't do litigation he 1:2:27 just rough he just smooths over \*\*\*\*\* for people uh which is something that out the capital system needs those lubricants a guy to patch over uh the rough spots and and do the things that are not within the realm of the law necessarily and they bring him in because he's a friend with him to to talk him down but at one point eventually uh the head of the internal uh legal team for the uh agricultural company played by tilda swinton uh hires these dudes to kill tom wilkinson and then later uh george clooney after it looks like he's getting too close to the case and she's working on behalf of uh this the big the ceo of the company who's played by uh he was ed truck in the office uh also uh on 30 rock he was uh hank hooper and i think what's really well observed about it is that and i remember at the time when it came out ross 1:3:28 douthit complained that it was unrealistic because a corporation wouldn't just have someone killed it wouldn't just have people killed because it's a corporation they have zillions of dollars like even if they lose this lawsuit and the like the big thing hinges on the fact that uh the litigator the tom wilkinson character has a document that's like a absolute smoking gun that these guys knew the drug killed people knew that uh the fertilizer killed people and didn't do anything about it like the stuff that means you're dead you're \*\*\*\*\* you're gonna you're gonna have to spend is that the order doesn't come from the top guy the order doesn't come from hank hooper the ceo because even if this comes out what's the worst thing that happens he has to retire two years early right he has to take his golden parachute parachute uh a

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little ahead of time before he goes and golfs like oh maybe he has to go in front of congress like he's not going to jail he'll be fine the stockholders will take a hit they'll be pissed at him but like there's insurance it'll all be fine the person who orders the hit is tilda swinton because for her the stakes are vastly higher because if this goes south her career is ruined she doesn't have the golden parachute she's just she's just like halfway up the mountain she doesn't want to get thrown to the bottom she has the fear of falling and that is where all of the nonstress extra legal stuff happens not at the commanding heights because the guys at the commanding heights they're not really at risk of anything our system exists to completely uh protect them from any real consequences of their actions because like paying a fine with somebody else's money and then like resigning your job is not a real consequence for killing in this case like hundreds of people with a \*\*\*\*\* uh fertilizer uh or a pesticide of life rather um it's people in the middle it's people who want that and aren't there yet and could maybe face real consequences if something happened because they could go to jail those are the people who who who pull the trigger or order others to pull the trigger are those the guys who would do something like have a hit off olaf almost okay i'm gonna i'm gonna log off here but first some uh halloween movie recommendations good idea halloween three season of the witch you don't even have to have seen the first two because it's totally disconnected which is hilarious because they wanted to make it into an anthology series after the third after the second one but then nobody liked it so they went back to the michael myers stuff which first two are good after that it's like no they should they should have stuck with the with the idea of a anthology anthologies are highly underrated especially horror anthologies uh and on that uh third sequel second sequel tip exorcist three uh the one directed by the writer of exorcist a a wahhabist catholic william peter blatty who also made a great movie called the ninth configuration the only two movies he ever directed and both of them are really good um fright night two you mean a sequel to the original one with william ragsdale and uh and roddy mcdowell i didn't know there was a sequel to that that was a movie i saw a bunch as a kid fright night too oh no this is a sequel to the remake and it doesn't even have the same cast uh let me think of some other ones yeah three and a half stars that's good people under the stairs is fun i like the evil dead 2 yes of course army of darkness 2 army of darkness 2 even though that's not scary i did i recently watched wake and fright which is not i don't think really a horror movie except for the scene where they shoot they really shoot all those kangaroos which is pretty gruesome but i do like to think that it is a horror movie where the premise is what if you had to hang out with australians oh and uh in john carpenter uh on john carpenter tip uh obviously the thing but prince of darkness which is underrated and the mouth of i did see miracle mile that movie is

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nuts uh that's a great uh nuclear holocaust paranoia movie where anthony edwards overhears someone on the phone saying that there's a nuclear missile headed towards los angeles in like four hours and they have to try to get out i gotta say i haven't really liked a lot of these new these new fangled horror films i haven't seen one in a bit that i miracle mile is the one about the nuclear uh attack on los angeles that actually would make a nice in terms of like the time frame some of the setting uh it would actually make a good double feature with knight of the comet if anyone's seen that which is about a couple of attack yeah i'm gonna watch the new invisible man soon before the before the oh \*\*\*\*\* there was a fright night too in 1988 and it's out of oh it's not available anywhere is it okay i gotta see that because that because the original fright night is is a foundational movie for me the scene when evil turns into a \*\*\*\*\* uh like a wolf man thing after he gets the steak that's that's seared in my mind you're so all right i gotta try to find i gotta find try to find fight night two all right guys monster squad of course bye-bye folks stay frosty and uh get well soon okay well soon president trump lol

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uh we interrupt critter vision to bring you this important news president donald trump has \*\*\*\*\* out his due due ass early reports indicate that the due ass has been lost in the sewer system of the white house as a result the president is now assless that's right president the flash coming from washington apparently official 5 pm eastern standard time the president has ah so he's going home tonight so 0:1:6 everything's fine i don't know why everyone was freaking out thinking that he might be sick he'll be fine they just pumped him full of a uh they pumped him full of hunter s thompson's trunk load of experimental drugs over the course of like three \*\*\*\*\* days he's gacked out on mind bending steroids and they're gonna send him home because he's bored it's fine i don't know why anyone is saying anything other than that you're pretty owned if you think that he's got any problems that he's in trouble at all he'll be fine we're on track now for the herman cain which would be the funniest possible outcome he runs he does not die before the election he runs he loses to biden in a kind of an anticlimactic landslide and then he dies like a week later of comand that is officially i've looked at it by any metric that's by cosmic irony by just just desserts i mean just removing the fact of joe biden being elected 0:2:8 president while being completely unaware of his surroundings that's funny regardless of who he's running against you put these things together and then him dying of the disease that he said didn't have exist for six months it's too funny for words so that's why i'm thinking it might have to happen is because he is on the herman cain track because herman chain recovered he was doing good for a little bit there but i will say this trump might not die he is already an abomination he is a medical oddity that he's alive regardless of coronavirus this human refrigerator of \*\*\*\*\* uh pig meat this guy who's hard as a canned ham uh being alive at this point is is absolutely defiant of all science and reason so he could survive kobe but i don't think his swag will ever come back i don't think he will ever be the trump who haunts the nightmares of libs and uh jolts the groins of our nation's mega faithful or amuses 0:3:9 the uh the coping and uh uh allegedly detached overproduced elites who listen to podcasts but like he's not gonna be able to golf never gonna be able to go like they

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said today they asked him does he have did he have lung damage and they said that's a hipaa violation they said what his \*\*\*\*\* blood pressure was is that not a hippie hipaa violation he's \*\*\*\*\* like his body is cashed who might live for another 20 years like just hovering around in one of those dune sensor belts but he's uh he's never going to be the swaggering pimp uh rolling rolling through uh hooting crowds throwing out plague infested hats to him uh he's absolutely leaving against a medical advice there's i mean you not only was he leaving against the medical device he also took a bunch of experimental high uh highly dangerous drugs for old people uh because he told them to it's called vip syndrome or something like that uh where like if you have enough because doctors can only kind of like browbeat you into doing things using their authority over you as medical professionals and eventually for most people your confidence gives out in the face of medical certainty but trump not only is his confidence never going to give out in the face of anything he is the president of the united states he's got the nuclear football three feet from it at any time so he took all those crazy drugs with uh just because he wanted uh he wanted to get it over with he wanted to fix it because this whole thing has always been finding a silver bullet to just fix it because he doesn't want to think about it anymore okay he doesn't want to think about anything revolving around vulnerability or frailty because it's because death is is what stalks him because his consciousness is the only thing that's real in the universe he can't even conceive of his own death which is why he acted the way he did after he got diagnosed which is amazing he went to a like going to ohio and throwing his hat into the crowd okay like those people he they're nothing they're they're they're pawn swan he has no he has no uh respect or need for them but he went to a \*\*\*\*\* 250 000 a plate fundraiser in new jersey and coughed all over the buffet for a bunch of high level that republican donors like you either do that because you are some sort of like uh sneaker agent like there was a joke early in his term that he was actually some maoist third world is trying to bring the empire down from within or you just don't even think of it like the idea oh no they're gonna i mean obviously you don't care if anybody else gets sick but there are certain people you probably wouldn't want to get sick because it makes it harder for you to do whatever you want to do but that's still you can't like split the baby that way there's nothing but delusion all the way down and that i think is why it's useful to talk about capitalism as only operating out of its own perceived self-interest because even though it is this algorithm you know the value form that dictates human decisions uh you know at the uh there still has to be a human involvement uh in directing like the optimal you know flows and living that life of of you know maximal profits extraction or or the life of um being amongst people these people these these lizards these non-human entities who rule over us

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who's who have no human feelings like they do not have human feelings the way that regular people do which was always very useful about limited people as a metaphor because they are reptilian even if they aren't actual reptiles uh but what that means but you can't live that way you can't live as a human being constrain the way humans are like you're gonna die like this is all gonna end everything you've done everything you've piled up it's just going to sit there and someone else is going to use it and you're it's not going to be you and like dealing with that reality is what brings us to groundedness it brings us to an awareness of our vulnerability and our and the value of others because others will be here after you're gone and if you truly value other people you will find sucker in their persistence after your death and it will make dying being aware of your death getting closer to it over time more bearable but they don't have that so they just have to believe they have to deny that it is going to happen like they are psychically uh fixed around an idea of their consciousness persisting eternally and like the ones who think they're smart channel that into uh life extension \*\*\*\*\* like the peter thiels and the jeffrey epstein's oh they're gonna cut my they're gonna put my brain in a robot and the dumber ones like trump just don't even think about it they just pretend it won't happen and when they do have to think about it they get a little angsty and then they do something else and then the thing is that's why they're miserable because at least like a peter teal guy can have some sort of some sort of at the you know right before night comes when you're getting ready to sleep and there's that that existential chill like he can think oh yeah no i'm gonna their technology isn't there yet but i'll just take enough of this teenager blood serum to keep me younger so that i'll make it to 150 and then the robots will be there to take me into my but trump doesn't have that what he has is nothing and so he is miserable every moment of his life god that \*\*\*\*\* thing about him about him freaking out and going am i going to go out like stanchera is dumb buddy from new york real estate and that's the thing it's like uh stancher was a friend of his they hung out but now he's dead and does he matter at all does trump think about him at all no the whole the thing he can't imagine is well that'll be me that'll be me someday that will be me sometime can't handle it and that makes that means that he not only what it does is yes obviously makes him a bad person one of the worst people we have but it also makes him dumb it makes him bad at even accomplishing his goals because it requires him to delude himself and the thing is is that up until now that hasn't really hurt him because all he's really had to do at any given moment was have people pay attention to him like he didn't like we've i've talked about it's not like his genius was never business related it was getting famous and being famous because that's what gave him a sense of validity that's what kept death away was the idea that he was known if other people know that you exist and other people

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are talking about you then you will never die uh and and he was and he's been so 0:10:21  
singularly driven towards that goal and so \*\*\*\*\* good at it that it has led him to  
the presidency because he coincidentally happened to exist at this precise moment in  
american history is as things were sliding towards this you know total subsumption  
into spectacle the one person in the position to embody that spectacle was donald  
trump but now there's a thing covet that does not actually care about fame like it  
actually is a leveler not in the sense that it affects everyone equally because obviously  
it affects the most vulnerable most but a thing that could hypothetically uh get you  
no matter what and of course he made it happen by treating it like a not a big deal  
because he had to treat it like a nautical deal like people say he's a germaphobe i  
don't think that's really true i think he thinks people are disgusting and he doesn't  
want to touch them i don't think he thinks he's going to get sick he's afraid of getting  
sick in an abstract sense just like he's afraid he's gonna die in an abstract sense but  
i do not think that he thinks of it in concrete terms of like getting sick in a specific 0:11:22  
way you know like he's not a hypochondriac around specific ailments because that's  
too real uh it's he's just repulsed by everyone and they just call it germaphobia but  
he because the real germaphobe would have taken precautions against getting the  
goddamn virus and he didn't do it and that wasn't just him like well i denied it was  
real so i have to live that truth no he denied it was real because that was true to  
him and now and he was making it true to everyone else uh and that meant that  
he was gonna treat it and he was gonna be cavalier and now even though he was a  
person probably best position in this country not to get it he hasn't and it's going to  
\*\*\*\*\* him up even if it doesn't kill him he's going to \*\*\*\*\* him up there's no way it  
doesn't you can only think a guy like that is immortal until he dies just like him and  
the reality of it is hitting him and like so he's he's suffering more than usual right  
now he is in pain nothing's going to happen i don't know what that means i mean 0:12:23  
something happens every day of every every day something happens what do you  
mean nothing he's not gonna die well then something else is gonna happen if that  
doesn't happen nothing is gonna happen this can never oh man i watched saturday  
night live last night i mean it was a kind of reassuring to have it back but then you  
watch it and you just see the way that they try to take something like that debate  
that we watched which was a psychotic carnival of late uh imperial uh decadence  
like \*\*\*\*\* mad kick ludwig playing with his own um they turned it into something  
relatively normal and then of course they brought in kamala because like if you take  
that at face value those two old men going at it like that and neither one of them 0:13:24  
having anything in their head but but like the ghosts of ideas and and memories  
and slights and and uh and without any connection to a greater project without any  
ability to express or direct the flow of events running for president it's genuinely like

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i said it's freeing but also if you have any sense if you have any investment in the system terrifying and nothing has more investment in the system than something like snl snl's existence snl exists to normalize everything as it happens and turn it into just fodder and and strip it of any context and strip it of any implications so you watch if you're a regular lib if you're an snl viewer or snl writer you watch that debate the thought is oh it's okay because there's harris because there's a vp because there's a whole party who's gonna catch us even though if a guy like biden can get in that position and that's the position we vote for then clearly something is off in this equation we have we've un we have miscalibrated the \*\*\*\*\* power dynamics in a potentially fatal way but that's okay because there's a hair come on mommy kamala is going to come mommy kamala is going to come and she's going to rest uh our head in her bosoms and lull us asleep was a nice uh a nice soft caribbean lullaby just fantasy just fantasy uh jim carrey wasn't that good i thought jason sudeikis honestly was pretty good when he was on the show and he did bite because he did it like a big dumb labrador retriever he wasn't senile enough but maybe they could have given him a little a little of that now because he mostly played him when you know during the 2016 and after that when he was still mostly known for just being a loud mouth and not and his brain hadn't really shut off now shut off completely i don't really get what jim carrey brought to it or why he's doing it it's very odd don't get it um somebody asked me about lovecraft country i've spoken a number of times about lovecraft country i i've stopped watching it uh they went to korea and i'm like okay no uh we're not we're not intersecting with everybody on this this is exactly what you don't want but i just i i brought it up uh because this person reminds me that uh uh trevor from champaign sharks who uh was a good podcast in his good twitter account uh he had a thread about lovecraft country and i thought it really hit the nail on the head in terms of one of the deep things wrong with it beyond just the woke pandering it's that it's clearly written by yes i'm sure the writer's room was was was was diverse as hell and and majority black probably uh but clearly not working class clearly not anyone who's struggled in their life uh because the concerns of these characters who were black people in 1950s chicago uh the racism they experienced is very much filtered through the concerns of like the bourgeois like moving into a white neighborhood or you know uh dealing with white co-workers like these are all the stuff of modern racial microaggressions which you know um are part of the greater pr phenomenon of american racism but are the least grounded in material conditions the most epiphenomenal to the system we have but the characters in this in the show uh you know that they don't suffer they're not dealing with racism in a class intersection at all because the people making it have no context for that that's true of the people who make all this \*\*\*\*\* art which is

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why the representation argument is so hollow because at the end of the day it's just a representation of different strata of the bourgeois of relatively well-off people arguing about racism and and class and gender issues through their their least consequential lens not unsequential not meaningless but farthest from the the center of gravity of these oppressions which is where people are i'm not talking like obviously they have a lot of like intense stuff like they got shot in the diner and whatever but but that's uh but that's like with the horror genre stuff as opposed to the characters concerns themselves uh apparently they they showed the emmett till funeral playing the song cruel summer by bananarama i don't see that to me doesn't really feel like anything other than uh than just a project that is unmoored to real pain you know it just seems like it's people play acting towards oppressions that they've only everyone's excited about uh for telly tutti good old uh francis telling capitalism to back off i mean it's a good sign i'm certainly i'd rather have francis than \*\*\*\*\* uh benedict right now uh but you know it's it's a it's a real question how any institution as borobun does the catholic church can really participate from the top down anyway in any meaningful movement but it's it's uh i have not seen i didn't know i thought the good lord bird was starting in november i'm pleased to see it started i'll watch it tonight and i will report back on the next stream i am uh i'm i'm a little worried uh it feels a little uh it felt like i said it feels a little soy it feels like john brown is a little epic they're trying to make him relatable or whatever where they're trying to make the whole thing relatable which i think is the opposite of what you should do with that material you should make it as forward and alien as possible to make you have to re-examine this \*\*\*\*\* like over the chasm of time as opposed to trying to make it make it realistic or like relatable to to people in our position but i'm not sure yet i have to see it i still wish i sure sure wish it was michael shannon i mean ethan hawks okay he was really good in uh really good in uh first or formed but the trailer didn't give me a lot of health a little report back and then i think depending on how it is i might do an inebriated past chapo about john brown i know that uh the dollop just did a three-parter but i would do it more as like john brown uh in the context of the civil war and like his role in leading us to a civil war like his what he what he means to like the broader anti-slavery politics of the time and then of course his memory and culture what comes after trump for the gop this is of course a question that's on everyone's mind now that the \*\*\*\*\* uh uh might be on death's door and i've i think that you will see in the immediate demise of trump either he loses in a humiliating way or i i the joke of like oh he's gonna you know like come back and run in 2024 i think that i mean now especially with the kovid that's off the table i don't think that's going to happen so that means trump is going to be gone soon and the question is how who's going to fill that role and i don't think any one person can i

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think that he was so sue generous i mean he is susan harris in every respect like his body is how he is a defiance of science and god to be alive and he defies political reality when he emerged on the scene he had a combination of in a fame uh and the specific type of fame like he was he was famous for being rich but not in the way that like steve forbes was because steve forbes ran for president as like a rich guy who was going to run things like a business and got his ass kicked even though he had the flat tax as a gimmick one is because taxes aren't really what's going to move people you need something more flashy if you're going to run a celebrity only campaign a 0:22:35  
celebrity first campaign uh and two he was a \*\*\*\*\* dork trump was famous for being famous but also he was famous for being or he was famous for being rich but he was also famous for being famous like he was he had a tv show he was charismatic people knew him in the same context that they knew other celebrities who they watched in performances and his performance was of a rich successful executive who made tough decisions like he was literally like the way almost identical to the way that the president of ukraine is a guy who played the president of ukraine on a tv show it's that same level where where the spectacle has subsumed the real um and that's unique no one else is going to be in that position no one else has that kind of fame or like maybe they have a shadow of it but he's been alive for 30 years so that means that he's not like mark cuban younger people might know him but like great grandpa i don't think grandparents know him people who vote don't know him trump has 0:23:36  
been famous for being famous and that fame meant that he didn't even have to run put any money into his campaign his campaign was treated as news in a way that other campaigns aren't campaigns of regular can uh regular politicians they have to compete in the media for media attention they have to do because they don't have a lot of money they're beginning they have to pitch themselves in such a way that they can accumulate money they can get backers and they can get donations and then they can buy er by by uh unearned media but the earned media i mean he literally did earn that media but for being for being monomially fixated on being famous for the past 30 years 40 years or whatever he \*\*\*\*\* earned that media that's another thing that's totally individual to him uh he was able to run uh appealing to the core sensibilities of a huge percentage of democrat of republican-based voters by appealing to things like immigration above all else and having a specific big bro 0:24:39  
large-scale policy around the position of immigration it wasn't just immigration it was building the wall uh and he was able to do that while being totally independent of the party itself and having no uh being in a position to be totally unconstrained by that party's machinations like the party would never have let anybody go that ham on immigration they had their white papers from the 2012 campaign that said romney lost in part because we alienated hispanics too much so we have we cannot

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be anti-immigrant in this country uh and so as our main focus and our main party uh platform if we want to scare these hispanics away so they so anybody who had to be within the party and also the media like anybody other than trump had to was under the um discipline of both the media and the republican party because they require 0:25:41 both the media and the republican party to even have a spot to get to a position of patronage uh by donors and then by the media in terms of attention and uh and bylines and and minutes on tv that he didn't need to pander to there is no one in the aftermath of trump who meets those criteria some people say tucker carlson but tucker carlson is not anywhere near as famous as donald trump is and while tucker carlson might have a similar effect in the um primaries of like galvanizing the largest chunk of former uh trump supporters i do not think that his appeal translates the way that trumps did because trump's appeal was partially or significantly apolitical which trump carlson's is not and i think that you can wipe out any sitting officer you can wipe off any um actual like political office holder off of being a comparison 0:26:43 to trump cotton hawley no one uh \*\*\*\*\* desantis anyone who holds office if you hold office you are a regular politician which means you can you're not as famous as these guys as this guy and you can never be independent of the media or of the party the way that he could be and you're also a \*\*\*\*\* nerd you're a \*\*\*\*\* charisma vacuum because you're not famous he is famous uh like i joke about the my pillow guy but the micropolis guy's problem is that he isn't that famous either he's just like he's part he's known by the same trump people who like tucker carlson um because we're not just talking about getting another nomination we're talking about competing for power and any of the guys who might plausibly gather in the trump base to a significant degree i don't think have the ability to transcend that base which is what made trump specific and a specifically meaningful uh political phenomenon and would make would make trumpism an enduring political phenomenon is if it can 0:27:44 compete for power and none of the people who are mentioned as potential successors to trump in my opinion i would say though that one might emerge through the process of jockeying for position in the after aftermath of trump but who that is i don't know the the times will tell that uh but one thing i would say is i think there will be a period of instability like the times of trouble in of good enough uh oh by the way this i wanted to say this about trump and pence specifically uh before i forget so trump is was in the hospital for the weekend first president to be checked in the hospital 0:28:45 since reagan got shot uh he was on a bunch of wild drugs including a very powerful steroids that are that have significant psychological side effects hallucinations and at no point was anyone seriously talking uh no like him him holding power you know 25th amendment short term just and i think that speaks to the fact that trump is not not appointed a successor and certainly if he did pence is not it the pets does

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not have what it takes to fill that spot uh and also that i don't think i mean i think it more than anything it proves if trump has not been making executive decisions for a while like the joke would be well what if he gets on steroids and hits the hits the button that's a real possibility if anyone in that room thought that they would let that happen you know what i mean i think that at this point maybe there was at the beginning of his term maybe there only has been recently but at some point the people in at the trigger points around trump have basically agreed either explicitly or implicitly amongst themselves that there are certain things that they don't tell him there are certain things that when he tells them they ignore like we know for a fact that he ordered the assassination of uh assad this ordered it like wasn't just talking about it like told mattis to do it and mattis just said we're not gonna do it we're not doing that so that means like he has not actually been the president in the way that we think of that job which is which which which makes the fixation on him as a person and our like i was talking about after the debate our compulsion to scry through the entrails of his logaria to find meaning all the funnier is that he's not even he's not even doing the job that you think he's supposed to be doing he is just sitting there he's watching tv the whole time and it's like i think that's the thing people kind of get and maybe even walk around thinking in the back of their minds but it doesn't prevent people from getting so round up i much prefer speculating on his physical health than like what his words mean that's if it's all going to be just uh this this senseless augury that at least augur around something funny and whether he's shooting his pants right now uh whether his brain is like cooked like he's got a 110 degree fever and he's hallucinating that he's at studio 54 with uh which of trump's children will seek the nomination i honestly do believe that don jr is going to run for office because he is don jr was perfectly named because don gave him his exact personality problems but he has less of his dad's talents which is very much what happens with these families because they take the money more for granted they have less to do with the actual business and they fill that with anxiety they fill that gap of effective leadership and control over their lives with with anxiety around specifically their him and his dad uh their dads because donald trump has been shaped his whole life by the absence of the love of his psychotic father as uh and the same thing is true of donald jr i mean apparently he after college went and was a ski bum in colorado and he wrote about it in his stupid book and he kind of talks of it wistfully and you could see that like there was a desire maybe for him to live his own life and he ended up going back to new york and working for his dad partially because he couldn't think of anything better to do and he was lazy and dumb and he wanted money without having to work for it and that was the easiest way to do that but honestly i think more than anything it's because he thought if

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he did that he could get his dad to like it like like don don did like don became famous to make up for his father's lack of love i know this is all very dime store uh psychiatry but like this \*\*\*\*\* is real you know like these kind of phenomenon like our our relationships with our parents and stuff they are foundational and you can see with these famous people especially like the extravagant trauma that they're dealing with like their whole lives are expressions of course now donald is where's where his dad was his dad wouldn't quit his dad kept working well after he had 0:33:54  
alzheimer's and he would go into office and they would give him a phone that only went to his secretary and they would give him blank paper to write on which is of course that's literally what they did with trump to have a photo op they had him writing on blank paper uh and so now don jr has the same need and his dad is as disinterested in giving it to him as his dad was and now he's going to fill the gap he couldn't fill it with fame the way his dad did because his dad was more charismatic than him and his dad was smarter at being famous his dad was was a genius at being famous don jr isn't a genius \*\*\*\*\* don jr is a perfect mediocrity don jr is a perfect example of the absolute uh emptiness within our the the the most recent minting of our ruling class the copies of the copies of the copies the failed sons fail sons uh and 0:34:55  
so he is going to go because he can't be famous he could never get famous through his own talents he's going to get famous the way that nerds and dorks and losers get famous and that is by politics i mean he got famous basically as an accident because his dad did and now he's going to try to keep it going by running for something and i do think he's dumb enough to go straight for the presidency instead of even trying to build a base you know as a senator or something but he or maybe somebody can talk him into running for senate and basically it basically will boil down to which political grifters get a hold of him and scam him somebody who's got a plan for him to run for a senator somewhere or governor or whatever or somebody who's just like yeah no we're going to do a pump and dump on this jump pump and dump on the chump and just have him run for president and then skim all the donations for viral ads where him and nicholas sandman but uh it's not going to be him that's one thing i can say his he's not going to be the the uh the caliph he's not gonna he's 0:35:58  
not gonna be the he's not gonna alive he just doesn't have any of it ivanka people were very impressed by her speech uh i honestly just don't think her energy vibes with the gop now like what she does is very girl boss uh and it's very honestly it's very democratic uh and the republicans i think they want what their dad's putting out maybe it's different with women i don't know but uh i could see her running for something i just don't think she cares to do it i don't think that she is seems terribly interested in doing it like you can see why don junior needs to do it i don't think situation eric as stupid as he is is definitely smarter than the rest of them because he 0:36:59

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is appropriately arm's length this whole thing may be aware that it could definitely bite them all in the ass or some of them anyway and of course yes the real answer to this is always baron baron is the god emperor uh baron is the quid sock harder rock baron will uh it will imbibe the spice melange and fuse with the sand worm and rule over us eternally and this god kamala harris being president in six months is going to be such a \*\*\*\*\* trip she is someone that no one likes that no one even in california they don't really like her no one voted for for president i mean literally she didn't make it to the single \*\*\*\*\* primary contest just popping in there like hey i'm the president now after having a president who's so fully who is such just the center 0:38:0 of this storm of psychic energy to have somebody who barely anybody can muster a thought about it's going to be very weird that energy is going to have to go tulsi uh tulsi could be the candidate who split who who leads q1 and someone said tulsi is a q a candidate i mean if q see that's the real wild card is what happens with q not the trump base the smaller but distinct and growing section of that called cute the ones who have this religious uh fixation and have this this uh eschatological cosmology with trump at the center of i think if trump dies they will think he's still alive they will he will become the occluded motty there's no question of that the same way the 0:39:1 jfk jay junior is going to come back they're going to come back together at the right hand of jesus and they are going to really be looking for a messiah someone to and who that is that will be interesting to see i guess don jr maybe could do that he could be the cue guy but among elected officials tulsi gabbard really stands out uh as the one to do that because her whole deal seems to be doing the trumpism stuff like like the whole trump vibe but without trump and the associated stuff of trump and if q anon gets like keeps accelerating and it's abstraction away from the original premise especially if trump dies it could become it could be it could be adapted but we'll see we'll see they might love they might love trump too much they might they might get too fixated on the blood the blood is the life the blood is the life 0:40:4 can we print money forever i mean for i mean before the end if we're the end of the global supply chain we're in as long as we're the global reserve currency now that might change people have talked about the chinese and the russians trying to move us away from the dollar uh but that carries a lot of other consequences with it that i don't think any other that those other countries are really ready for yet but i think it's inevitable honestly that we get off the dollar and it would be good to get off the dollar it's just how we do it if it's part of like a trade war that'll be bad for everybody i think but if it's part of like a mutual drawdown from global hegemony to like a true multi-polarity where we lose our position like we don't lose everything but we lose 0:41:5 our position as the the uh executive authority of global capitalism and we distribute that power more equitably so that would be because it would require it would allow

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us to finally you know hopefully it all depends on like what the political like what the political uh background of it would be you know we're either gonna we're either gonna build guns we're either gonna be build bombs and planes and aircraft carriers to kill everyone until the wheels fall off uh or we will and then there's just no more dollar and then the whole thing collapses or we sort of spread that around lose our role as the global hegemon and most importantly military overlord and that allows us to recommit resources we do have the real productive capacity we have we do have to i don't know uh building our own infrastructure uh creating a viable country instead of just a \*\*\*\*\* but i mean if i if you had to ask me what's more likely it's going to be that we're just going to keep building building planes and bombs until uh but wall street isn't the only force someone says wall street is pushing for the loss of dollar hegemony i'll tell you who else is pushing for the end of dollar hegemony the \*\*\*\*\* trump administration and more broadly the american government like people take for granted that the us can just sanction another country and they don't really stop to think can anybody do that could you just sanction people no you can't you can't control another country's economy unless you are the whole the one who prints the \*\*\*\*\* money they use for their transactions and then you actually can and that's what we have done and we have abused the \*\*\*\*\* out of sanctions uh and as a result there's a growing resistance to them and the resistance to but right now the response to trump died or trump dying but to trump getting sick i don't know this is obviously not really empirical irrational i'm just talking from like my my individual perception and my visual emotional the the just the vibes i'm picking up which of course they don't mean \*\*\*\*\* but i after the convention after the debate i saw it i kind of think people are just going to want to settle down like even though things are terrible and only going to get worse and it's like we have an eviction crisis and 200 000 dead on its way to half a million and and you know the economy is in a k-shaped recession a k-shaped recovery where although people who are worse off are going to uh suffer the most and for the most the most deeply it's terrible conditions but that rather than trump leading us to this confrontation point that i think a lot of people really thought was going to happen and i never did but i could certainly see why people got to that point because he really was bringing us to a heightened point of of social paranoia uh that when you looked at it in connection with this you know incredibly uh bad economic and social condition in this country could make you connect one to the other and think this is happening but i think what instead happened is that trump has proven to be sort of pre-figurative like he is he through a number of flukes popped up in advance of a like a true crisis of of political uh uh power and as a result that this election is ending up to be a big deflation of the politics bubble even though things are bad i think because a lot of what we think of

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as like this political hot house is being stoked by people who have not really suffered those are the people who are the most politically engaged during this period you can talk about how oh of course things could lead to confrontation and conflict look how bad everything is it's like yes but people who are most directly affected by how bad everything is are generally the people who are least likely to be stoking this sense of political armageddon uh and i think we're gonna get they see the horror of others and it stokes them further towards towards frenzy but their frenzy is psychological in in origin not material and i think that that kind of thing can only be sustained for so long and i think that at the end of this election when he loses which i think he will and then certainly if he dies there's going to just be this popping this deflation of psychic energy not among his most deep supporters they're going to go into the cue hall and there will be stochastic political violence out of those people but i think even among a lot of republican voters there's just going to be this exhale because the people who are most politically uh polarized right now are also the people least likely to want to risk what comfort they do have you know to fight over resources that are still uh somebody said will there be as much violence if trump dies as if biden wins i honestly think if he dies there will be less violence because i think most people just the most fanatically fixated on it will just disbelieve it and like burrow deeper into a into a narrative which might which will put them farther from the snapping point like that's why that's why him losing an election definitely caused a number of people to snap because there's no way out of that one there's somebody else on tv that's there's the thing called the president and it's not him anymore that's a real thing uh uh and he's over there not being president anymore but like if if he's just gone he could he could be anywhere he could be he could be he's occluded he's he's he's the the king in the mountain sleeping and awaiting his uh resurrection and that's not gonna work for all of them but i think a lot of them who might otherwise have snapped are gonna but i think even some q people honestly might just wheel back and say okay that was weird you know like when they were really into anyway or something kind of a vaguely embarrassing chapter of their life that they don't want to talk about you know i know that sounds like oh that's uh pollyanna that's like biden saying the fever will break i don't think that's true uh i think by the time you know but by the time buying this campaign like presidency really gets in there whether it's him or harris you're going to see an explosion of political brinksmanship among republican governors like guys like desantis to set recession threats it's going to go wild i'm just saying is that in the immediate aftermath there's just going to be a law i don't know how long it'll last maybe it gets 100 days but then it's going to explode again apparently so many some number of people have insisted that these are blue jays congratulations to anybody who can tell that i that's i don't have that

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kind of birding knowledge as for governing nothing will get done biden's not going to accomplish \*\*\*\*\* and the way you'll know that is when they if the senate obviously if the republicans keep the senate nothing's going to happen period except for a grand bargain but if they keep the senate or if they lose the senate and then the senate votes nothing but without trump there to stir the pot it's going to be harder to get people emotionally invested in that you need that figure there just drawing all those eyeballs that entertainer in chief which i don't i think at this point the democrats could definitely take the senate uh polling is looking very bad in a number of for a number of republicans who i kind of assumed were gonna do okay like jody ernst until a few months ago i thought was pretty pretty much assumed to get reelected and now it looks like she's honest obvious she's done for like she's down by over 10 points she's \*\*\*\*\* uh hell alaska's seat is apparently tied lindsey graham is in genuine trouble uh so is tom tillis i don't know how much the dorky sex scandal with uh his democratic opponent is going to matter i don't i mean does that stuff matter anymore at all i honestly don't think it does susan collins is done cory gardner in colorado is finished that's a lot i mean i think that doug jones is going to lose but i think he'll be the only one they lose and if he's the only democrat who loses and they lose five oh yeah marty mcsally's gonna lose in arizona uh hell john ossoff might win in georgia uh like all you need is like i say all you need is what four of those to go even if you don't hold on to uh and uh yeah someone says doug jones is gonna win i just saw a poll that had tuberville up by like 10 so i don't know but i i honestly do hope i am rooting for the democrats to win the senate i'm earnestly rooting not because i think it will unnecessarily lead to anything but just in terms of you know if my job is in a in one sense to put it pretentiously political education you can't get much more politically uh politically educating than watching uh democrats take power and refuse to use it on principle uh of course for those democrats they'll never ever ever realize what's happening but it's not about all of them it's not about the center mass it's about the edges it's about shaving off the edges a new nbc poll has trump up 14. oh biden up 14. okay i thought something because that's what i'd seen i saw fighting up by turkey yeah uh like this is where we were on the trajectory towards happening in 2016 as people point out but hillary is deeply deeply unpopular in a way that biden just isn't people like by in fact biden's favor abilities have gone up over the past four months he was like net negative like 10 this summer he is now plus two in favorability in the tracking goal people like it at least they don't in comparison to trump he is more reassuring his his brand of senility is less threatening it's less ang it's less anxiety i mean if you were going to be in the day room think of it this way if you were going to be stuck in the day room of a nursing home with trump or biden who would you rather hang out with who would you rather watch wheel of fortune

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with and there's gonna be no i mean there's zero percent chance that there is a comey letter type situation like that's not going to happen there will be no comey letter uh if anything there's gonna be more \*\*\*\*\* with trump and the coven hurting him because you're in the you are in the day room of the nursing home you are also an old geezer you're in this scenario you are in the nursing home because you are all so old and about to die just like we are all in the nursing home that is the united states we are all watching the tv in the day room at the nursing home waiting for the day 0:55:30 uh biden is also in a situation where he doesn't have to debate again uh because he can rightfully say this guy's gonna \*\*\*\*\* give it to me he's gonna give me a disease but i'm i don't know if trump's gonna be in a position to debate next week because i think we are i think some people are really not taking seriously the possibility that he is really really \*\*\*\*\* physically because they gave him drugs that are only for 0:56:31 use with very severe patients that have that have documented side effects specifically on elderly people uh also the the most dangerous period for the disease in terms of its likelihood to cause like a fatal uh heart or lung issue is like 10 days into hard time immediately there's gonna be another debate uh i do i do think it's funnier if he dies after the election than before which is why i think that's what will happen but he honestly could die i took log off to heart i dropped off out of grad school and moved on to a sailboat hell yes sailboat that's where it's at you got a boat \*\*\*\*\* you global warming i've got every can every possible i have considered the angles 0:57:33 so smart move and don't we love beautiful boaters folks don't we love the beautiful boaters we love the people in the boats but of course the beautiful motors don't have sailboats they have big old \*\*\*\*\* outboards because sailing requires skill and ability and discipline and these people don't have any of that which is what makes them so disgusting to be our rulers because they are the don juniors they are the the second sons of the second sons of empire and they have done nothing to attain the power that they have they wield it with absolute lack of uh of respect for it uh acknowledgement of its power terrible it's it's a good example like you know the old wasp elite they sailed you know because they were uh they were they were part of 0:58:36 that ruling class that saw itself as distinct and that felt that it needed to have certain uh uh things to ratify that like george w h bush the last boss and now they've been replaced by people who never had that like the the the people who who succeeded the american dream by just acquiring that that's that's that that was the the the unifying like class destroying power of america is that it removes no bless oblige from power and you know in a respect that's good because it unmask power it removes its its its performance of virtue and uh its performance of um but also it's just kind 0:59:48 of gross it's and also there they don't have the freedom and uh independence of the old elite because everybody's in hawk now everyone everyone rich people are all in

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hock i mean look at trump for christ's sake the guy is basically function like people say he's not broke he's not broke he has but what he does is he doesn't have his own money he has access to a endless bottomless pool of credit which is in effect the same but which psychologically is different he has he doesn't have the independent of old money the independence of old money of the old elite will we be live streaming the democratic debates yes uh and i think that will be very funny because of how important how much the the press is going to be trying to build it up build up the answers there's going to be solomonic disputes about everything that everyone is saying they're going to get deep into policy the the media response is going to be very policy heavy because that is going to be them trying to reassert that the position of presidency has meaning that these people have real responsibilities and they represent real political ideologies and policies so it's gonna they're really gonna haul uh it will and i'm trying to think of how i'm going to to add i'm not going to fisk i'm not going to give it i'm mostly going to probably do a 5 checks just vibe checks i'm going to try to disengage completely from the content especially since pence has that really awful evangelical whininess which is very very annoying if you listen to it uh evangelicals are the whiniest people on earth they're so \*\*\*\*\* aggrieved and everybody's being mean to them all the time and oh my god just throw me in the lion's den already and it's from a position of total superiority and power it's just awful uh and he is like one of the worst examples of that every time you ask a question of them it's like it's kind of it's in it's an imposition that you're even asking which is why trump is so fun when he just doms those people just doesn't think that like panders them in an insulting way that intentionally lets them know that he has no respect for them and they just have to take it well you know he's he's like cyrus he's a he's a noble pagan \*\*\*\*\* you buddy you have to \*\*\*\*\* take and pence is the perfect uh embodiment of that just the piss i'm not going to get as drunk as i did in the 2018 midterms that's never happening again good lord what what a bungle that was don't drink nearly enough to do that anymore yes i would like to get virgil drunk though on a thimble full neri at yahoo someone asks this will be my last thing i uh say for the for the stream near netanyahu is so funny because he is like a don jr guy like he is he is this fail son's bell son he's the shitty uh like the concentrated \*\*\*\*\* of the greater \*\*\*\*\* like like it's in every way lesser than their their parents but also all basically they are the worst traits of their parents uh condensed with none of the virtues at all now of course trump and netanyahu don't have virtues per se but they have certain abilities and talents and they don't and and both nier and don jr have none of those and only the defects only the rancid personality uh and what's so funny about nerey anyahu is that because he's jewish but culturally he is an american uh he is a trump because that's what that's what israel becoming

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that's what the jews getting their own country did is it took away the jewish part it took away the thing that made jews like of a real chosen and special people was there was their orthogonal position to the cultures they were it that gave that made it harder for them to sort of be be seduced into the mindlessness of of a national of a false national consciousness and then they get the country and what happens they are just as stupid and asshole-ish and and and authoritarian and corrupt as us 1:4:59 they lose any of the virtues and it's just all us all the worst con parts and and now and so but our rich dumbasses they have to blame somebody for why things are bad and then it ends up having to be the jews because that's how it has to be because it always has to be at the end of the day some conspiracy if you don't acknowledge the reality of of capitalism as the driver of exploitation and alienation and misery in the world you will have to end up so if you're on the right at all you have to end up with some cabal and it's got to be it's got to be the jews because they're the ones who historically have filled that position there's nobody else who's a plausible candidate narratively and yet nair is in the position of having the exact same dumb ass brain as don jr but who's he going to blame and so he ends up having to be anti-semitic to himself it's amazing he posted a \*\*\*\*\* uh meme about like george soros being led by a by a scheming merchant being led by like a reptile person amazing that's why 1:6:0 mayer is going to be like the only guy in the world who goes who ends up believing in lizard people but actually because that's the only ones who that's the only people who could be bosonero's sons are in the exact same boat oh god man can you oh can you imagine getting all those dudes together nair and dj tj and the bilson arrow boys going to like hunt and kill the world's last black rhino or something ugh yeah like the hussein boys just the worst the society the worst our culture our world's social order could create bye you

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hey hey i am indeed america's most trusted news stork i'm here to be historic delivering news dropping it swaddled in baby blankets through your chimney which you will now absorb uh i feel great i don't know about you guys i'm definitely not drowning in my own mucus unlike some people i know uh man it's funny how things get interesting very quickly isn't it uh obviously the big news that just happened is that trump went on to twitter and said yeah no checks no checks before the election if you vote for me maybe you'll get one which is the perfect type of dumbass uh politicking that a \*\*\*\*\* like trump would do thinking that it was smart like he thinks that that's genius like oh no people are going to want to check and then they're going to vote for me to get one forgetting the fact that trump that biden is is also saying 0:1:3 that he would give checks and bigger ones uh and the fact that with any of trump's promises to make things better if you vote for him the problem always is well why don't you do it now why don't you make my life better now you're literally waiting you're telling me i only can get my life better at all whether it's stopping the rioting or getting checks to people if you vote for me and it's not supposed to be that explicit you know that's the thing with trump is that he he takes the implicit premises of a lot of politicking the stuff that people are supposed to only be subliminally suggested and he makes it explicit and when it comes to stuff like race and dog whistles turning into shouts people freak out about it but the fact is is that in general it's a little heavy-handed and i don't know if it has always has the effect he wants it to have and i think in this case it's disastrously terrible idea the fact that they're letting him do this honestly tells me that the republicans have written him off they have 0:2:4 made the smart choice to say he is a polarizing figure his value is is no longer uh no longer excellent we've squeezed all the juice we can out of this particular lemon uh and now the best thing to do especially since we've secured the courts forever from from the entire federal apparatus up to the supreme court uh we can just sit back let the democrats flail around for four years fail to deal with any of the problems that we've uh created and in fact may do our best to obstruct any attempt at fixing them which of course will be minimal because the republic democrats don't have any

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more interest in fixing anything than we do and then come sweeping back in in 2024 and take the presidency which of course is always what people who are terrified of what comes after trump uh i don't know what that is i've given up guessing i will say though i really think this is true less than a month before an election uh with the 0:3:5  
entire economy reeling and people facing mass eviction and and huge loss in income to not get a second round of checks out to people before the election it just tells me that that that right-wing populism that people are afraid of happening this sort of josh hawley uh heronvolk democracy where we get white medicare for all or something i don't think that's gonna happen uh i don't think that that's going to occur i think that the republican party is still well in control by capital as is the democratic party and capital has a bipartisan consensus to not get people too used to free money from the government and as such no one is has that much leeway to really be the huey long-esque every man a king uh uh figure from either party you know and so that means that we're just gonna get more culture war i would say on 0:4:6  
the horizon uh well the material conditions just keep getting worse uh and with no one doing really even suggesting anything to be done about them and no bidding war along actual economic access it's going and i mean i can get it from mcconnell's perspective like mcconnell he's got he's gonna get amy uh cohen brothers on the court uh and that's all he really cares about all he's had his eye on and he doesn't really care who the president is because he rightly understands that at this point it's sort of meaningless as long as the constraints as long as the uh aperture of political action stays where it is and making sure that there isn't even a possibility of trump becoming a populist uh kingpin uh uh as long as that's off the table then he doesn't really have to worry and now it's off the table the fact that trump allowed them 0:5:7  
to do this really does speak to the fact that he's too stupid to assert the authority that he could have because it is amazing he is a person who hypothetically could go to war with the entire political apparatus he could go to war with the republican party and the democratic party and create and really create a third force in american politics but it would have to be somebody other than him to do that but nobody other than him could be in a position to do that to me that's endlessly fascinating the only person who could have threatened the needle in 20 2016 was donald trump but because he was donald trump he does not have the interests uh the political uh the political agenda or ambition or vision like he's not a political person he doesn't actually care about the structure of american politics in any way which means that he will have no he has spent no time in the last four years actually doing anything to 0:6:8  
stand out from conventional republicans when it comes to governing it's all been at the level of rhetoric and at the level of spectacle because it would require too much investment to try to push back against the dominant ideologies within the republi-

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can party as evidenced by the fate of poor steve bannon who got turfed within six months because there was nobody else who had his back and assure \*\*\*\*\* wasn't going to be trump either and now the the upshot of that is that they're willing to sacrifice him and they someone convinced him that this was the smart thing to do because it's like i guess because it it makes it he makes him feel like he's in charge to tell them yeah no no no more stimulus you got to elect me to get more stimulus with no understanding that this means that he is now the man who is taking responsibility for people suffering through this \*\*\*\*\* crisis for at least months with no end in sight astounding amazingly amazing you know and of course this is now 0:7:9 making it look more and more like you could see a genuine landslide which could lead to biden winning and and it will be very fascinating to watch them fail to do anything with that power on purpose that'll be that'll be very entertaining to watch uh and i think that that's really what mcconnell's bet is and it's this good one is that he doesn't really have anything to fear from the republi democrats in power in terms of really changing the dynamics of power uh or influence uh in in government or changing popular perceptions of what government can do uh or the responsibility to you so he's in a cat bird seat with or i guess the the turtle bird seat i should say or the cat turtle seat actually just the turtle turtle seat no other animal just the turtle seat he's there he's on his flat what a hot rock he's sunning himself he's in his 0:8:10 glory and nancy pelosi of course thinks that she's being a genius too by it's so funny her attempt is very clear like she she doesn't have any incentive to see checks go up before election night either right she wants to see trump get trump have this around his neck but there's usually you would have to worry about your opponent realizing the obviousness of that and not falling into the trap you've laid meanwhile they had they just led trump out to fall onto the spikes like a \*\*\*\*\* cow just because they told him that he'd look very strong if he did that you look very strong mr president and yes people are definitely gonna care more about in the last three weeks before the election they're gonna be much more invested in this \*\*\*\*\* religious weirdo nobody's ever heard of than getting actual money in their bank account you're 100 right about that mr president someone says amy kevin garnett that's good amy that's actually 0:9:11 one of the best ones so yeah pelosi is uh is being gifted in her enemies uh which is the greatest blessing you can have which of course is the blessing that trump had when he had to run against hillary and i think i really hope that this election this 2020 final will really clarify retroactively that whole phenomenon and tell us that that the whole trump phenomenon really was partially at least i mean obviously it has real basis but the phenomenon of him being the president for four years is sort of an indian summer situation created by the specific catastrophic insanity of having hillary clinton run i mean just the only person who could have lost that election and

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i think that over time i i think at the time people recognized that she was the only person who could have lost that election but then trump's specific center of gravity his ability to consume all light kind of obscured that and he became the whole world and i think a lot of people kind of lost that perspective and started thinking okay things are different now we're in a new world i know i felt like that sometimes but i think now people are sort of sobering up a little bit you know 200 000 dead no coronavirus elise and and like there could have been something to trump but as i said he would have had to have been a different person and since he wasn't it's going to end up being this false dawn and i think we're probably we're not i don't think we're going to get some sort of heron volk uh movement because there clearly is not any interest in that at the level of establishment republican power and the only way that you can say that that could be counteracted at the grassroots is if you were to have somebody who could take trump's entire base in hand but direct it uh like to an actual political goal which is what people say they're worried about tucker or whatever happened or josh hawley or or cotton doing and as i said yesterday i don't think any of those guys have the range i don't think any of them can fill that role they could get a chunk but i don't think they're going to get the whole thing which is what they need to to be uh effective against resisting the actual party that they're trying to uh push against because we have seen what happens when you try to uh move from with like use party structures in this country against the parties when trump did in 2016 there was minimal resistance at the institutional level just because he was only seen as a transient threat until he became the candidate at which point he was seen as someone who could be controlled which largely he has been you know like at the individual level a lot of these guys have been humiliated and some of them are going to die because they thought that they could control trump like \*\*\*\*\* chris christie for example thought he was going to be attorney general or some \*\*\*\*\* and now he's just coughing his ass out in \*\*\*\*\* new jersey uh but the institutions and the people who actually hold institutional power are largely uh still where they were before uh but bernie on the other hand the democrats threw out all the \*\*\*\*\* stops and made sure that he wasn't gonna uh be able to challenge the institutional prerogatives of the and i don't think there's anybody on the horizon who who can channel that trump lightning in a bottle but not be a tv dumbass because him being a tv dumbass is such a huge part of it it's so it's you can't disentangle them like the idea of trumpism without trump is a little incoherent like it's it's the same thinking that tells that a lot of people use to say oh like we can we can do like we can re-pitch socialism like through the lens of patriotism or whatever or or you know like do entitlement reform but or i mean like a push expansion of entitlements but using nationalist language when these things are coded in certain ways that are

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intertwined you know at like the symbolic level and and and pulling one meaning out of them is beyond the the uh abilities of any of any one individual the only person who can capture the imagination the way trump did is somebody who is a being of pure spectacle of pure td game show energy without any heart to it if he had a heart if if he had a a political valence his career would have been different and he wouldn't have been able to be everybody to everyone the way that he was grant cardone who the hell is that who the \*\*\*\*\* is grant cardone if i've never heard of him i'm not 0:14:17 worried about him i'll say that kanye doesn't have the uh i guess focus i'm gonna look at some cards gonna look at some golf war trading cards see what's going on he's a scientologist social media guru and real estate uh creep well that guy sounds cool and i could definitely see him becoming like a crooked senator or something but i don't think he's gonna lead the what have we got we've got the m60 main battle tank this thing looks pretty cool it's got a 105 millimeter gun for more firepower it was an important part of the desert storm you know they still make tanks they 0:15:19 still make a ton of tanks and they are the the the army actually says we don't need any more tanks and then they just requisition more because we have places that build tanks and so we just say no no no you need more tanks and so they just have these giant tank graveyards where they just all hang out don't do anything don't use them for anything then there's another one oh here we go syria oh they'll come up they'll pop up a little later didn't get any credit for uncle sam for being on our side in the gulf war that's the one thing we need to know about america is that those motherf those hoes ain't loyal oh my god military skill heroes don't do drugs none of the us armed services tolerates drug use drugs impair the ability to think and move 0:16:22 just like in civilian life a soldier's success and survival depend on clear thoughts and careful actions good soldiers and good civilians never and here we got uh geography jerusalem i don't know what this has to do with the war in iraq it's interesting how they kind of sneak in these like references to uh israel like sideways in the in the cards as sort of a background context for our deep investment in the middle east as a strategic terrain but they don't say it explicitly \*\*Music playing\*\* but i also think 0:17:23 that trump doesn't want to be president anymore i honestly i mean at this point especially he was not having fun before he got the uh the novel coronavirus and now he's i think legitimately miserable yeah this bind this biden uh this biden term is going to be very interesting because it is it's going to be a real lab test it's going to be the exact same admiseration and horror and corruption and institutional failure that we and rot that we have seen in the last four years but there will be none of the hysteric cultural frenzy around his presidency the way there is with trump and what fills that void that's what i want to know what cultural fixation like do we really get into flagpole sitting and stuffing people into elevators like it's or uh telephone 0:18:24

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booths like it's the 1920s like is it bear baiting what do we get what do we do what do we do to fill our emotional void that all this politics is going to leave how are we gonna how are we gonna process right now we're processing the trauma of the political moment through the spectacle of the trump presidency but biden's presidency is going to be intentionally uh diffused of that symbolic energy but that energy's got to go somewhere avatar too someone says i agree that would be amazing if the if the biden the biden term is just avatar mania like avatar takes over and people are getting full-bodied navy tattoos and and and they're turning into reenactment societies and there's entire intentional communities that are trying to recreate uh uh pandora 0:19:25 people living in trees and \*\*\*\*\* each other with uh synthetic uh tails that they've had surgically implanted onto their bodies let's do it and then james cameron can run for president as a third party uh candidate although he is canadian that could be a problem but he'll be so popular that we will elect him and uh overturn the constitutional amendment on the same day so how are and most importantly how are these people how are all the people including myself who've like turned politics into a into an identity how are they going to walk down from that or are they not are they going to somehow find a way to get that roundup in the machinations of the biden administration this senescent old man just sitting in the oval office talking to corn pop in his head he's having he's having a a meeting with porn pop and uh 0:20:27 jane mansfield uh beau is there of course and just his dead wife and they're all just uh talking about how they're gonna pass a bill to make sure that root beer tastes good again and meanwhile the gears just continue to turn and you get reassured that well you know if the republic if the democrats just had 75 senators we could finally get something done and it's your fault you don't you didn't believe in them enough to vote to make sure that there were 100 democratic senators which would allow us to actually one billion senators let's do it one billion american senators every every man every man a senator but no one wears a sash that's one thing we could bring 0:21:30 to american politics they have that in latin america sashes sashes of office you know we don't we don't wear enough japan has sashes everyone's got sashes but us god we make politics such a spectacle yet we don't have any of the fun putterances of that my favorite attempt was uh nixon in the in during nixon's term he made an attempt to have the secret service wear uniforms and they were they basically looked like they were in a marching band they had piping and they had i think epaulets and white gloves and everyone thought it was very goofy and embarrassing and they got rid of it pretty quickly but yeah for a brief period under nixon and that makes sense because nixon was one of those guys who actually did take seriously the the presidency as we 0:22:31 imagine it right because the only way the presidency makes sense is an office given how much power they're officially bestowed within the constitutional order and how

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much in uh focus they have in our political mind and our political imagination that person is essentially the one-man embodiment of the state like truly like type deal you're like you are in charge of everything relations with every country in the world the grand trajectory of american foreign policy and domestic policy uh and when you talk about things like global warming the \*\*\*\*\* future of the habitability of the the habitability of the of the \*\*\*\*\* planet which is of course insane and crazy and no president can actually do that and most of them i think understand at a certain level that that's not the actual job but nixon thought it was nixon thought that he was at the crossroads of all human history and that he was the one man who saw the future of the american project and was the one man who could steward it uh to 0:23:32 successful fruition meaning that he saw the end of unipalat unipolarity uh he saw the end because he saw the end of uh he saw the end of the amer he saw the end of america as the industrial uh heart of the world economy he saw the he saw the end of america as the producer and he saw that it was going to become a consumer because when he took when he removed uh gold convertibility he ended the final vestige of the gold standard with the dollar it meant that uh dollar circulation was going to be predicated on budget or on trade deficits which meant we were going to have to produce much less and buy much more and that meant that we weren't going to be in that position of our golden age and that we were going to have to walk basically negotiate away from that to a multi-polar world and he was the only one who saw it 0:24:33 and he was going to do whatever it took to make it happen which of course is why he was an isolated maniac who tried to run the entire foreign policy of the united states out of his own office with henry kissinger and why the intelligence community saw him as a threat and why he spent his last years in office getting shit-faced on the white house on the presidential yacht and watching patton because that job is not the job as created and conceived of is not doable and shouldn't exist like i i said this after 2016 trump should be the last president and i hold i hold strong to that and the fact that we're making honestly the fact that we're about to elect biden by such a huge if it happens such a such a big uh margin proves that because clearly no one really believes that this job is what we think it is so why not get rid of it why not remove this absurd anachronism from our system if we're so cavalier with it 0:25:34 that we're just gonna let anybody who's either entertaining or uh tells us reassuring stories about uh putting hair nets on and fighting people with uh bike chains in the 1950s no more presidents come on what's the best ape uh gotta say not humans certainly orangutans seem pretty chill i like those guys gorillas too i mean chimps are generally considered kind of \*\*\*\*\* and of course that's because they're the most give me yeah like a nice a nice chill orangutang nice chill vibing orangut people are 0:26:37 saying things like uh gibbons and stuff those are not apes those are monkeys that's

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a different question how dare you okay so i've watched the first episode of the good lord bird i don't know how many episodes there are it was only the first one uh i will say that i really really did not like it uh it was basically the exact opposite of the of what i would want out of something like that and i know understand that it's based on a book and like that it's not about john brown like john brown's a character in another story uh but i get that i just think that the approach the material is bad it's not interesting as i guess what i'd say because i'm not interested in how we from this perspective this point in history like view this kind of stuff because that's pretty easily designable i think trying to recreate that psychic terrain and like grapple with you know history as a foreign country is much more interesting and i did not feel that from that at all it really it killed me the first thing the first scene is it's it's it's john round about to be hanged being taken to the gallows and it's a voice over from the from the main character who is this uh this former slave who was liberated as a child in kansas by john brown and knew him over the like the last decade or so of his life and he says he says some he says some black people think that he's uh uh you know he was a hero some black people think he was some \*\*\*\*\* white savior and that just like stabbed me in the \*\*\*\*\* heart because okay that's understandable from the this from that from now right like yes i can understand anybody saying that now black or white or any other racial background saying like this is that the like maybe not even as a real person but like as a as a as a historical personages and as a as a character that people like cleave to one way or the other that he is a white savior yes but do i think that a character who lived through that period would say that or think that or communicate that as a belief i don't think so and that's the violence to the historical tapestry that i find kind of repulsive were people really thinking about like oh oh sick of these male ass white saviors in when slavery was happening and john brown was one of a handful of white people to take black equality seriously to the point of risking his own life and life of his family maybe but i'll say this i've never seen it i've not seen any evidence that that was anything like a common view and it's just more than anything feels not interesting it just feels like i can get these takes on twitter i don't need them in a show so i will watch the whole thing but i'm not happy about it did not like ethan hawk at all because he's playing it as a complete psycho like absolute maniac and we'll see where it goes with that like i might this might be a misdirect but watching the first episode i really got the impression that the show was essentially taking at face value the old dunning school claimed that john brown had to have been insane because you'd have to be insane to be a white man and take equality seriously and but now this is like in this moment the woke take is that yeah white people can't really be not racist and the idea of any white person truly pursuing like uh uh equality in life is in some way delusional or

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or is racist but not in a way that they can recognize and i think that that's a kind of 0:30:41  
like race pessimism that i think is one wrong and two really depressing and frankly  
\*\*\*\*\* politically counterproductive because i just do not see the upshot here where  
everyone is supposed to believe that racial chasms are unbridgeable we cannot really  
ever cooperate across racial lines except white people being compelled by guilt that's  
the only way and yet but somehow we're going to create a coalition in this moment of  
profound crisis that will have the necessary trust to be able to operate meaningfully  
i don't think so i think the opposite is what you're \*\*\*\*\* building is you're building  
a situation where if fracture comes people are gonna be told from one end of the  
\*\*\*\*\* spectrum to the other that the only safe harbor is race is is the is the certainty  
of race and you'll have like a few academic white people who will take that to mean  
well i need to abnegate my race like pathologically and i'm going to i'm going to just  
be the opposite of of what i think my identity is which good luck with that that's 0:31:42  
not that's a recipe for uh in first psychological uh uh schizophrenia honestly uh or  
or you recognize and everyone else is gonna just end up going back towards uh just  
towards racial politics at its most uh suspicious and hostile and and that means that  
every demagogue of every stripe will be able to guarantee that where's there's never  
any meaningful resistance to the capitalist onslaught of uh total uh spiritual and  
material alienation and and uh and destruction so i'll keep an eye on it but not not  
very pleased with the first episode and also just from a pure aesthetic perspective uh  
it did this thing where it would just like skip scenes and just like kind of jump ahead  
and and it kind of deflated any kind of dramatic tension and made it feel just sort of 0:32:44  
like uh it gave it it had that like and then and then picturesque feeling that i i tend  
not to like because it drains things of momentum because so anyway we'll see not not  
gibbons are apes really huh i didn't know i thought gibbons had tails learn chris is  
here he's uh he's laying in the cut he's looking at the at the comments he's judging all  
of you for your bad questions he's got a list of bad questions and he has your handles 0:33:46  
next to them and uh after three strikes you get banned isn't that right chris uh i  
actually am not sure how to ban people from the chat oh um i also watched uh good  
lord byrd oh what do you think uh i probably liked it more than you i i i am familiar  
with with the john brown meet those uh though i don't have a pre-meditated take  
on how i would want to portray it um i've listened to your takes on it and what you  
would like to see i i understand your criticism of hawke's performance but i do think  
that even given what you've discussed i appreciate you know even though as you say  
that he's playing him as a total psychopath not psychopath but a crazy person here  
it is like a half step away from what you would want to portray is that you know  
the the religious fervor and belief people felt at that time is incredibly alien to us  
today yeah uh although i will say that it was often played like when he was talking

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to that rabbit about you know whether it felt god in its heart or whatever you know 0:34:48  
as a joke well the thing is is that he's the only one who's that yeah religiously like  
all even his uh even his sons and stuff are all rolling their eyes at it like every other  
character is modern and except for him yeah and to me and and then so he's just  
this this absolute specimen of like a a pre-modern era that is like caught in a glass jar  
but what that does is it turns his anti-slavery sentiment just into another pathology  
of religious mania like not that it's rooted in anything like i think that you could  
make it i would argue is was john brown insane of course john brown was insane  
because the only coherent uh definition of insanity is a social one right like you can't  
say that insanity has some sort of intrinsic definition to a person that is not just a  
con a social context uh you because you know we're all building reality in our heads  
the only way we know if they're conforming to the real world is if other people agree  
with us and john brown was insane because to be a white man in that era and to 0:35:51  
truly believe in racial equality was to be by the social contact by the social mores of  
the time to be insane it was it was a it was a disordered thought it was not it was  
not a rational or reasoned response to the world around you because everyone knew  
that that wasn't the case and they and worst of all you ended up if you believe that  
kind of thing in that social context over time your actions will become more violent  
and erratic because of the inability of you to live in accordance with those beliefs so  
yes he was insane but that says more about like the social order of the time and to  
me what i didn't get what i got from this and we'll see if it persists is that the show  
has that cynical you know like half-wise like afro-pessimist thing of like yeah that 0:36:53  
was always true and john brown was kidding himself to think that america could  
ever think that black and white people were equal which made him insane and and  
so therefore those all those white racists were more right and more sane than he was  
you know what i mean yeah we'll see though yeah um i mean currently reading a  
little bit of 19th century american history one of the things that stands out to me  
is you know we've all been keyed up over especially over the last four years of you  
know the constant fretting that they're that america is on the brink of some psy-  
chological break and just really diving into the uh especially like post 1830 the state  
of your average politically engaged american the amount of edging towards insanity  
over a number basically over the slavery issue it seems much much higher yeah i  
mean we did we actually did a war we did yeah yes but but just the general tenor  
of of denunciations renunciations even just the language that people would use in 0:37:55  
mainstream from one congress person to another they were beating each other up  
in congress yeah about about like the perfidy uh and and uh destitution of soul and  
spirit of of of the opposing sides and then was about as uh as it's just on a whole  
another level of keyed up it's on that alien level where we we it is a foreign to even try

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to comprehend how built these issues in their psyche yeah because they are insane issues yeah the issue of of agreeing with or disagreeing with the widespread social acceptance of human bondage yeah and it doesn't it it doesn't seem to me to take like the premise that it is in fact slavery that makes that mania it is the imposition of that system that drives the mania you know uh rather it's this cynical after the fact observation of well look what happened after the war look at our failure to integrate black people into american society at every level look at the persistence of racism 0:38:56 well maybe those uh those you know red uh maybe those uh rough border ruffians in kansas i mean they won they were right and and john brown therefore from our perspective is the insane one because his uh dream was unattainable in this country and i don't know if that like i said i don't think that cynicism is is warranted and i sure \*\*\*\*\* don't think it's politically useful and considering how much it suffuses so much \*\*\*\*\* art nowadays i did not find it something interesting or uh evocative to watch uh i did appreciate uh our boy from lodge 49 yonker russell showing up as a young jeb stewart yes young jeb stewart he did he did a decent job with the accent i mean he's got the face for uh a civil war guy definitely and the beard but yeah i think i'm gonna do now after this is over i'm gonna watch the whole thing i'm gonna do a inebriated past on john brown and the coming of the civil war and his sort of place 0:39:57 in american history because i feel like we're losing it it's like we went from dunning school where he was crazy for thinking black people were equal because obviously they aren't uh to now he's crazy because he thought white people could be not racist which obviously they can't be which to me both of them lead to the same place some sort of racial separation in racial endless racial conflict defining american uh society until a point of uh apocalyptic confrontation because what's the alternative if you can't have one polity if you cannot have a trans-racial american polity that can coordinate across racial lines and trust one another across racial lines to build a project and to invest in it then how the hell are we going to be anything other than just stripped of everything and then set to war against one another on the most flimsy premises and across the most cynically obs uh uh reified racial and and absolutely fundamentally abs uh um illusory racial differences uh i'm i'm gonna not i'm gonna 0:41:1 switch topics for a bit just because it's funny that uh this came up today with an ongoing project i have but i have an answer for your question of where all that anima goes uh in the joe biden administration that cultural fervor that we've built ourselves into arguing over the president uh and it is arguing an eternity about whether infinite jest is good or not god it's it's eternal recurrence on twitter doc if you don't believe in eternal recurrence just spend a year on twitter and note how many times the same arguments and the exact same contours come up over and over again it's like it's like they're they're \*\*\*\*\* volcanoes they build up they have to burst forth everybody

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gets their \*\*\*\*\* david foster wallace takes out of their system and then they go back into dormancy until they arise again i don't know what it is there's something about 0:42:3  
there's some sort of gender anxiety i guess it's so funny that that is the thing that became such a locus of gender anxiety around it so the background of this is that a few weeks ago uh molly uh my wife uh and i started a project because she has read infinite just multiple times loves the book and i have never read infinite jest we keep seeing these things come up and we were like we sh we need to to uh i mean excuse me for being flippant but we need to clear this narrative and have the uh the woman of the couple read to me uh the book uh and so that's what we're doing in a podcast she's reading it on the podcast as an audiobook and and to me and then uh you know we're chatting about it afterwards and we did it especially because we knew that this would keep coming up and then we could keep promoting it every time people were arguing it's pretty good it's pretty smart move you're not going to go broke uh anticipating this bursting forth and what's so funny about it is it's clearly 0:43:4  
this gender anxiety but it's very specific urban i hate to use the term but there's no other word for it pmc or an overproduced elites who are who are who who who live in like this post-feminist world where they're supposed to be you know encountering one another romantically on equal level but there is this lack of trust and this anxiety about like maleness as this as this toxic set of traits and but because we're talking about a very small subset of you know urban professional educated uh guys it has to be personified by like the symbols around this 1200 page \*\*\*\*\* book that almost no one in america has read including the vast vast percentage of american men and certainly the most toxically masculine american men have not \*\*\*\*\* read infinite jest the very idea that this is a stand-in for like aggressive masculinity is just proof of how distorted this lends in and you're talking about this tiny subsection of american 0:44:6  
men who at the end of the day it sucks to date because everything sucks everyone's miserable everything sucks nobody has any money nobody has any security and we uh just project these anxieties about the other that then wrap around these absurd \*\*\*\*\* uh shibboleths but anyway i've actually read the book and it's good i'm not enjoying it so far but it's only 42 pages in it's going to probably take 500 episodes two-ish years to get done you will finish you'll finish the project broadcasting from like a \*\*\*\*\* ham radio in a climate refugee camp yep and we will still continue it it's called infinite cast soundcloud.com infinite dash cast yeah sorry to promo on the cushion no please do so i i hope i know that's a very gauche so in a year and a half when you get to the eschaton scene i would like to come on because that's my favorite so i'll pivot to this matt what's your favorite jacob wool uh i mean the thing 0:45:8  
where he had the guy come out and talk about uh how he got sexually dominated by elizabeth warren yeah that's the clear answer that's what i was gonna say that's

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pretty funny the guy couldn't even not laugh that's really funny he was like literally laughing while he read it uh i actually saw when we saw him in uh was it concord or manchester what's the capital of new hampshire new manchester i think it was manchester we saw him in manchester at the lobby of hotel he brought donuts and the only people who he was able to muster for his press conference were us and two autograph hounds who hung out in the lobby to like see political celebrities uh which means they were absolute cool people and the uh bosses 100 one of them was like an old dude and the other one was a young kid in a maga hat who who didn't recognize jacob wall and wall couldn't keep a straight face during that one when he had the guy come out and say that biden has parkinson's and that he had met him at secret rich people parkinson's support group meetings with michael j fox and \*\*\*\*\* and that was really a high point for me was just thinking like okay buddy what what's in your head what are you up to because now he's in trouble for doing actual voter fraud and voter suppression and vote tampering that could get him in actual prison which was not a bit like that was actual uh criminal activity and yet he was clearly doing like the biden stuff as a in some respect as a joke he's a fascinating figure to me to me he is the most interesting of all these guys the the funniest part of uh of that was the the maga kid who was looking for autographs of like i don't know one of the hosts of uh fox and friends or whatever and we were like hey are you going to get wolfe's autograph and he was like i don't know who that is and it was like it was like a rock and roll autograph hunter standing two feet from lou reed and that's serious i i don't know i don't know who this guy is yeah up your game young man yes up your game young bud uh 20 minutes before that though when we got to the hotel we got to see brian kilmeade failed to open a door for about five minutes that was very funny he kept like rattling on it it wouldn't open god what a what a dummy um the roast more uh chat questions in the chat i have a few from a while ago but i have no idea how uh how relevant they are today or anymore these are my oh i just want to say one other thing about infinite jest uh and it was a tweet that i retweeted from someone else today forget who it was uh that it is very funny to always see these takes on infinite jest specifically takes denigrating it on a website that is an entertainment product so addictive that people spend their entire lives on it and in fact lose their sense of sanity and perspective by gazing at it which even i know is the literal plot of infinite jests yes the the unmarked vid card given to the uh the attache yep yeah the one that i'm through that part like the thing about that book and you'll find this out as you read it is it is incredibly uh uh president president he clearly knew where everything was headed he he saw how uh uh the spectacle was isolating people and and providing this this narcotic for for that sense of alienation uh but the one thing that he couldn't have predicted because it seems like nobody in the in the 90s really

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knew what the internet was going to be was the interactivity you know because his his his entertainment ends up being just watching something you know and the thing is is it was what it turned out is it couldn't be watching something there has to be an interactive element there has to be a a further not just the fantasy of the narrative that you're absorbing but a fantasy of participation in the narrative that's the final ingredient that's what turns it from morphine to fentanyl uh okay let's go maybe go 0:49:18  
back to this uh i mean i feel like i know the answer this but i kind of want to go back to talking about this in the future what happens to stimulus talk to trump in a lame duck uh and nothing will get passed i mean i think we have to be be ready for the fact that i don't think anything's getting passed possibly forever and i think we'll get something if there has to be something in january just i mean for the markets like at the end of the day when you wonder like what needs to happen the thing that's going to be the gun to the head will always be the markets uh and and for for just like there needed to be a stimulus for the first time even though it was not anything anyone wanted to do as a first order preference because of the of the precedent set there's gonna be another situation they're gonna need that uh but not before that i don't think and so things are gonna be really really bad uh and like i said the thing 0:50:19  
to watch is if the if the democrats win the senate back which i said i think they will watch what they do with the filibuster because if they if they if they don't do something to mod to uh to reduce the power of the senate minority to uh to stop legislation they're not going to do anything in a previous stream i've said that the uh my prediction for for big signature policy for mobident administration is is some kind of aca but for climate uh and i still think that that might be true if they have the political capital for it but i i have updated that to having actually read something about the congress priorities the uh the hr one which is the voting rights bill yes and that makes total sense because voting rights are the only thing the only thing in the 0:51:20  
democratic uh putative wheelhouse of policies that they actually care about because it impacts impacts their ability to maintain voter share and therefore share of power and without an a consistent vote share that reflects a consistent ability to influence policy they are not useful to the people that they work for and so they need to protect their vote share and the one thing that i think they've been genuinely scared of under trump is that slide towards just outright vote uh um nullification because and and and that's what they're actually going to spend any of their capital on is re rebalancing the political structure in a way that guarantees their continued access to voteshare after that i think it'll be a bunch of uh glad-handing \*\*\*\*\* with no real teeth to it which is very is very funny and perfect because right now and especially as we entered the summer there the democratic leadership response to literally any issue is vote what are you going to do to prevent uh them filling the supreme court 0:52:23

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seat nancy pelosi well vote vote you have to vote uh which is why i will be writing in merrick garland uh on the ballot uh in november yeah um but then their signature their move after they get the votes is to do one big move to get more votes and then after that who knows and then they'll get nothing passed but they'll say we just don't have enough uh senators vote please now you can you know no excuse we we secured your vote we've secured your voter integrity so now you better vote for us and if you and if we don't get anything done it's because you didn't vote enough for us it's the perfect uh it's the logic of uh like a water douser or a faith healer if it doesn't work it's because you didn't pay enough or believe enough and it can never be disproven which is what's so funny about how many people who think like that really believe that they're being the most logical rational adults in the room when 0:53:25  
the thing that they pin their entire political faith on is an is a transparent scam it's pie in the sky when you die like uh um i don't know if you have any interest in this one matt but somebody keeps asking about jade helm 15 which is just very funny to me because the the move over five years from being terrified that the uh the government is going to use walmart's to stage a national um use net walmart's to stage a a national guard invasion of texas to the republican president pledging to invade democratic cities yeah well i mean that's that's the thing though is that none of it is none of those principles are real everyone's principle is power that's the only principle americans have is power and the only american uh value is contempt for weakness which is why trump getting coveted is so bad for him because he looks 0:54:26  
\*\*\*\*\* weak that's it doesn't matter these infected 500 people he's typhoid mary of washington dc doesn't matter that his policies helped lead to hundreds of thousands maybe a hundred thousand unnecessary deaths and who many how he knows more after that it's that he's he's uh he himself got sick he didn't he lost the mandate of heaven by contracting coronavirus and and it proved that he was a weakling and uh and mercy uh mercy is for the weak and the weak must be destroyed and the strong shall inherit the week's reward as they said on wonder chosen the strong shall inherit the week's reward people keep posting this and i'm not sure how to believe it but apparently facebook just instituted a full q anon ban remember when 4chan banned 0:55:27  
pizzagate and then they created 8chan which then created q anon [Laughter] uh yes nbc news facebook bands queuing on across its platforms oh boy is that part of the hashtag plan do you think like how do you how do you square that how do how are they doing right now i mean obviously i know that they're i i mean obviously no one very few people are going to be really disillusioned by this some will like i've said like everyone does not have an equal commitment to these things and that's why you can't think of it in terms of like an entire movement flipping overnight or staying loyal overnight it's going to be a gradual process some people are going to fall away

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some people are going to double down and i'm just interested in specifically how the people who double down are going to rationalize everything especially if trump loses and leaves office and especially i mean if he dies i'm going to assume they just think that he's gone but if he leaves office and is just there but not in charge anymore i really don't know what they're going to do it'll be very interesting a lot of ways for things to go yes a lot of ends a lot of outs a lot of what happens i do think it's interesting uh because obviously you know the 4chan people just created their own website but i don't know what these boomers are going to do without facebook like all they know how to do is post they are not computer savvy i mean half of these people are still paying for aol disks even though they have broadband as all right let's wrap it up yeah you wanna you wanna call for this evening yeah let's do it all right great um this has been another issue issue another uh episode of the kush vlog grill stream 0:56:30

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ah hello perhaps you recognize me it's your favorite president shit's really funny it's times like this that i don't feel that bad about picking politics as my is one of my zones of uh of uh entertainment i mean yeah obviously it was much it was it was it was great when he was in the hospital but honestly i love this now too this thing where he like he's in the oval office and they're saying oh he's enough office he's he's signing documents and then they come out he they just just right before i came on they dropped a video of him in front of the white house just caked up on the makeup because he looked \*\*\*\*\* like he looked like death last time and he sounded absolutely gaked they've clearly got him on the roids or at least he's still not flying high on him and you know what he might be fine he might not even he is he shouldn't be alive anyway so maybe he will never it's still very funny to me because not even for what's happening because he's mostly been hiding and now he comes out with his like proof of life video uh but because of just the absurdity of this the pure absurdity of the president having this deadly disease and being hidden away in the castle and everyone trying to decide what it means and all of his minions and all of his supporters going uh he's dabbing all over corona actually uh you're owned and other people being like no he's on death's door without any of them having any actual information just a pure projection onto this void which i think is evocative of certain phenomenon and just like this death watch this death walk life watch god it's something it's something uh i mean he is going to be stronger in the short term because the steroids are going to whack him up i mean he's going to be real powerful like they said he was eating like crazy which i love how like don't people know what steroids do it would be funny though people started giving themselves corona like in solidarity with the president that would be really good yeah if anyone's seen the new uh video he seems very keyed up more so than usual certainly more so than when he's uh speaking extemporaneously not in it's funny because like i said the other day the fact that at no point was pence even in the ballpark of being sworn in as president even though he was like in hospital care for a while and on mind-altering drugs it really tells you i think less even that pence is this empty shirt which

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obviously but more that he isn't really in charge of anything like they i don't think if he ordered a nuclear strike they would do anything if he they wouldn't they would ignore him like they ignored him when he said he wanted to assassinate assad which means that like this death watch is is in a way it's just it's it's it's it's the further intensification of just the pure spectacle and that's the one thing that the politics expect of a presidential spectacle has lacked until recently has been like the actual corporeal body of our figure of uh of fixation you know like trump has seemed like a permanent fixture in our lives and now there's this schrodinger's fat thing where it's 0:5:14 like is he gonna live is he gonna die could he die could we handle him dying at this moment because the big thing that gets me is like him leaving office and then going to onon or something i get that you know it's just it's just it's another crimp in the narrative but if he's just gone after what he has ended up becoming in this culture after how all-consuming he has been as a personality oh just what is this where does that go where does that energy have to go and and the reason i find that question so fascinating is because i have no \*\*\*\*\* idea that's one where i just feel that's why his death feels impossible and why at the end of the day i just can't buy that he's going to die anytime soon just because i cannot imagine what it looks like with him 0:6:15 gone what are these people putting their energy into both for and against we don't know where we would be without him we need him right now he is the focal point of all of our energy now i do think that this election is the process of us like weaning ourselves off of him you know like fighting will be our uh our suboxone or what is the name of the uh methadone the stuff they give you when you're addicted to heroin if they'll wean you off that's fine but him dying is just cold turkey overnight like just not doing it anymore after being heavily smacked out the deep the the the uh withdrawal is going to be it is easier to imagine the end of the world than it is to imagine the end of trump uh correct bad bite mck but trump is going to go away 0:7:20 one way or the other i mean entropy demands it and it is the thing that that gets me is how do we how do we either maintain like that psychic investment in politics or where do we put it if we decide to redirect it it's all very murky like i always when trump got in there i recognized it as like a tectonic change in american politics and uh and i said i remember in like 2016-17 i said like we don't know what everything has led to trump but nothing has pointed past him because trump is the end point like of all of our most prescient uh art right and culture that that sees the direction the arc of our political trajectory all of it says the end point is donald trump the end point is this absurdity where politics has been rendered a pure spectacle and 0:8:21 the guy presiding over it is like a giant court gesturing chief like that's where it ends and then that's like supposed to be sort of you know the the dystopia and now we're in it what comes next and i still don't know i mean electing especially if he does

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win in a landslide although who knows i'm honestly getting to the point where i'm wondering \*\*\*\*\* maybe trump's gonna win hilariously maybe that would even be funnier because i was talking i was singing like funniest outcome trump loses then dies like two weeks later to bite but now i'm thinking \*\*\*\*\* trump almost dies and then wins that'd be pretty funny too but i still think it's more likely that biden wins and us electing a absolutely out to lunch advancedly senile man is certainly uh a topper on top of the trump thing but then what's going to happen you know he's probably not going to serve that which is like the triumph of uh you know of woke neoliberalism but what we know for a fact about woken liberalism is that it provokes a wild wild cultural backlash in the absence of trump who kind of came in to fill a spot and i think that's the thing that's why it's hard to talk about because whatever emerges will emerge organically like i don't think anybody thought trump was going to run for president in like 2014 seriously run sure \*\*\*\*\* didn't think he was going to get the nomination sure \*\*\*\*\* didn't get to think he was going to win and we're in a similar situation like what the things that are going to come are going to be he did no he didn't run in 2000 he made a half-assed bid for the uh for the reform party nomination against pap buchanan happy cannon got it remember because famously a bunch of uh south beach jews voted for noted anti-semite pat buchanan thanks to uh the wonderfully designed butterfly ballots this is before most of your time that ended up costing gore florida and giving us bush and sending us hurtling but i feel bad for the country as darren rafael said but this well somebody asked is it was it the brooks brothers riot or was the chad well i mean bad ballot design and other things are what made it so that gork didn't have a clear election night win which if he had would have obviated any kind of riot or recount or anything so florida ran a shitty election first and foremost and of course part of that was by design like jeb did illegally purge a bunch of people from the roles who happened to be minorities uh and that contributed but i don't think that there was like an outright effort we're gonna steal the 2000 election it was when it became a jump ball they went and grabbed it which is i think the only likely outcome like everyone worrying about trump stealing it it'll just be that again a jump ball that gets stolen and right now if you believe the polls and who the \*\*\*\*\* can say at this point there's not going to be enough jump balls for them to grab or there's going to be too many jump balls for them to grab there's going to be too many places where biden wins handily uh but who knows i mean the polls were off last time that's undeniable but why and what what i don't think anyone knows to this day why and as a result it's almost impossible to handicap polls now so you just have to kind of go in blind which i think is useful and honestly i think it might be awesome if they banned polling completely got rid of polling no polls what's the point of knowing who's gonna win beforehand

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how does that contribute to your decision of who to vote for in a meeting like in a policy sense because remember this is supposed to be us collectively as a country determining our policy uh trajectory what our country is going to do shouldn't that mean that the only thing that needs to matter is who the candidates are and what they say they're going to do what they're gonna who's ahead how does that help anyone it's literally an entertainment product and if we wanted to make politics not entertainment and make voting less of a weird uh like sacred ritual divorced but it's like it has all of the powerful emotional resonance of sacred rituals with none of the uh effect of creating like a sense of well-being or connectedness to a community only the opposite it only pushes us against each other how can we like put shrink voting down to size which is really when i talk about voting on here people seem to get the wrong impressions sometimes i'm not saying it doesn't matter who you vote for and i'm not saying it doesn't matter if you vote or not i am saying is that the act of voting is of little to no individual moral consequence for a person which means that it cannot be the sum total of your political activity and the only way to bring it down to size is by psychically reducing the hold it has on you morally and in terms of building an identity making elections less entertaining would be a big part of that because one of the reasons we we do put so much energy into voting as a cro as a totem is because that means all we got to do is watch the show hashtag like they say in the queue and on which is a show we want to watch we wouldn't tune in if we didn't want to watch it and half the country doesn't like the show when they turn the show off and they're not paying attention even though they're the ones most materially harmed by our political reality the the falseness of the front of our democratic process means that for half the population this show is too boring that's because they cannot give voting the sensual emotional uh uh sacred place in their uh in their minds that people who are still watching do that's the unnecessary that's the suspension of disbelief you need to watch a tv show and get into the characters or the situations this vote means something from that all the other pageantry of politics comes to vivid life which is why voting is not going to be the answer for anyone it can't be the answer for anything because half of the people have decided that it's a boring show they don't want to watch because they cannot they have not made the investment which means nothing you do at that level is going to reach them which is what we learned with bernie is that even though they were making intentional a big effort to reach out in person to people like in iowa i know they hired a bunch of service industry workers as organizers to organize their workplace like instead of just calling people uh and it had in specific places where you had like real like working class like uh structures like the union dense uh city of las vegas where you know people were able to do shoe leather organizing and and bring like you know cleaning

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staff and uh and \*\*\*\*\* taxi drivers off the strip to vote uh but that was never going to be enough the hope was is that the people watching this pageant were going to hear what bernie said and be moved by it problem was the only people watching that pageant were people who were already locked in on the right side to the republicans and that was not their concern to the left side to the democratic party because of course they're voting of course they think the democratic party means something of course they think the democratic party represents their aspirations if they didn't they could not find the show the pageant of politics interesting and they would turn it off and that means they wouldn't be paying attention to it which means they couldn't be intersecting with it in a way that was and so for the people who do vote which is basically everyone who watches my you know watches my streams or listens to the podcast or anything or goes on the internet to discuss politics like they'll vote or if they don't vote they're not voting is not turning off the tv because it's boring it is a reaction to voting you know the way that all atheists are still christians you know like the way that atheism is basically just like a really refined form of protestantism uh you're still in the system even as you reject it because you are making a conscious choice to reject voting out of a political stance as opposed to is that voting has to be brought down to size in your mind because then you'll have to fill the rest of the time figuring out what does work and what does connect people and what does provide any chance that we can influence events because what i see people talking about like oh we go you know biden what's what's he gonna is he gonna you know biden needs to give outreach to the left or something like he has no interest the party he represents has no interest in doing anything for the left they defeated the left they risked a lot to defeat the left they risked a lot of their credibility they killed their own \*\*\*\*\* voters in some states by insisting on having uh primaries in the beginnings of the coronavirus all these people who now are telling you how trump is horrible for ignoring science and getting people killed with his reckless rallies went out there and said yeah no go vote don't worry about it knowing they were going to kill people uh they they are saddled with this fossil this demented fossil who could die at any moment or just start blurting out a logarithm or have his teeth fall out uh or just start saying slurs maybe uh and who in his person rejects the entire carefully crafted identity politics appeal that they were building for uh like minorities in this country to make up for their lack of their any kind of material politics like oh we're gonna give you representation and representation is its own form of power nope old white guy old white guy who got into congress running against uh bussing which his own vp nominee uh pointed out in the debate with them this is not what they wanted they brought themselves to this level to defeat the left so they're not going to give anything to the left why would they they're only thing is going to happen is they're

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going to the only way that they're going to change anything is under pressure and that pressure can't come through voting for him for biden because if biden wins then the left uh then the left was disciplined uh if biden wins that means the left enough of the left voted for him to get him across the finish line which means you can take them for granted if biden loses it's because not enough of the left voted 0:20:44 for him either way the left is still out of the tent i mean is that wrong tell me if that is wrong right because since when has a democrat winning made anybody think thank you left because as i've said a million times voting is not a collective action there is no like coherent left to express a collective desire to either support or uh not support bernie or biden's candidacy like you know the aff-cio deciding not to endorse mcgovern in 72 because they were pissed about the nomination process uh there's just a bunch of individuals who can be ignored because they're on the team or it could be blamed but anyway all this means let's ban poland band polling ban uh pharmaceutical advertisements i don't see how this is uh this should somebody 0:21:46 asked well does that mean uh like they're saying well who should you vote for then and that's just it there's a weird more like part of the moral confusion that goes with voting is like if i vote for someone that i am responsible for anything they do if they win basically and i am absolved from responsibility for anything that happens if they lose like that's the moral wager there and a version of that an expression of that is that like if i tell someone to vote for if i if somebody says you need to tell your followers your listeners to vote for biden the assumption there is that me saying that will make all of them vote for biden or even a majority of them vote for buy and the fact is they might vote for biden and they probably will more than not but that decision will not be because i told them to do a thing there is no way that my decision for more than a fraction of a fraction is going to be the sole determining factor in their decision to vote for somebody because nothing is like that there are 0:22:48 no sole determiners of actions at that level there's a million reasons you're going to vote for \*\*\*\*\* biden if you're going to vote for biden what i say is not going to be the tipping point any more than me voting for biden is going to be the tipping uh i i have to say though that i will be voting uh in person due to the nude celebrities because they horn me up i'm horned up now i'm all horned up i did not know chris rock was so i will be rich lou to uh braces louis uh louis viii absolutely we will \*\*\*\*\* up the catholic league somebody wants me to talk about meditation i'm not really i 0:23:51 don't think i'm the person to talk to because i'm still learning you know i i have a sporadic practice uh i try to do about a half an hour a day i do it more often than not but i do i don't do i'm not um but and i try to do the insight yoga uh which is like concentrating on breathing but you know mostly i'm in my head thinking of things but i am trying i try to mostly use it as just a time to make myself sit with

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thoughts and then let them go because i've realized that one of the keys to thinking clearly is to not stay into one thought train of thought for too long you need to allow like you start thinking about something because you've had some sort of connection 0:24:52 between your your brain and the world and it gets you thinking about something and over time you know the conditions that brought about that thinking they go away and now you're somewhere else and you're still thinking about that thing and now that you like you're you're in your head more you're less in the world and to stay in the world as you think it's probably i think it's good i'm finding it's not something i used to even think about doing but now i feel i try to do it consciously is just let thoughts just kind of go off and then just instead of trying to pursue them let them go and then just like look once again around you and then something else is going to come up like the brain is not going to be quiet as much as we might want it to be sometimes but where it goes will at the end of the day always end up being directed from and sensory experience if you're actually paying attention to your and i mostly like i say that to feel better about the fact that i have a hard such a hard time 0:25:56 like clearing my head yeah i have never done transcendental meditation that seems pretty intense i guess the thing i worry about is like doing anything that's too uh i don't want to get discouraged i guess is the thing because i worry about my i worry about my uh i always worry about my discipline levels you know like the reason i have been a louse my whole life is because i i had insufficient motivation because i didn't really believe anything you know and the problem is like belief is that like furnace it goes up and down you know and sometimes it's stoked up and sometimes meditation helps with that but it also it provides sort of a a concrete expression that 0:26:57 can for me anyway be something i but i'm trying to keep doing it i'm keeping on so tm is mantras instead of breathing i would like to meet david lynch in the spirit realm i would apologize for not really liking his work because i yeah we could hang out at the black lodge that would be cool nothing's wrong with david lynch i respect 0:28:12 him immensely he's he's one of the few pure artists in cinemas certainly uh in like his television program from what i understand is uh like almost suey generous in terms of being a mainstream product in the first seasons on network television with that kind of singular artistic vision um but it's just it's in the past anyway it's just not it's a wavelength thing it's a vibe thing and it's just not a vibe that i was ever able to really connect with maybe that'll be different i haven't seen somebody reminding me of that the one recent steve uh eastwood movie that i haven't seen yet i keep forgetting to see it is the one about the guys on the train that uses the real actors or as actors uses the real troops who stopped at a terrorist attack on a train in france 1517 to paris which i i know had baffling reviews and i'm intrigued i keep forgetting 0:29:16 to watch it but thank you for reminding me i'm going to see it soon i am people are

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asking my height i'm probably 6'2 at this point from yep i'm a confirmed chad sorry guys i mean if it makes up for it i have a limp so i don't know if that uh ameliorates the uh the chadness or maybe exacerbates it i don't know how chad this works i do know being tall is part of it apologies to the uh to the mantlets out there but it is it's brutal bone law and of course this is all being said tongue-in-cheek none of this stuff is real uh in real life these things do not exist i've seen enough experience i have enough experience in my life to know that there is no like look determiner for uh outcomes in life uh specifically romantically in this country it's all it's this real like all that stuff is internet uh mania turned into delusional uh ideology did i ever watch what would you do i remember that theme song i hadn't thought about that show i haven't thought about that show in 25 years \*\*Music playing\*\* oh man that was a show it was like a kind of a quasi it was a money-based prank show with uh with mark summers where he would like pay people to humiliate themselves wow that's insane why would someone ask that and how would i literally that was wow i there is zero chance that i have consciously thought of that show or that song since i watched it as a child and as soon as i saw because you see what would you do on abc just i instantly heard the whole \*\*\*\*\* thing that's brains are crazy because the thing is we like we have perfect memories like your brain imprints everything it experiences it's just accessing it for the front that's so hard because you're trying to juggle all these balls by absorbing all the \*\*\*\*\* in front of you like you're absorbing all of this stimuli while trying to pull things out that happened longer ago but that was just sitting there waiting to pop up when i think of the things that i can't remember and have forgotten important stuff and necessary stuff and the fact that that was just waiting there no no no what this is an interesting question someone says uh what uh would you see us twitch chatters as real people that's an interesting question that's an interesting question uh this is a very uh interesting ontological question are you people real to me like when you interact with me like do i imagine you the way i would if i was in a room filled with 100 uh 1400 people and they were like had microphones or something i mean i'd say abstractly yeah like i i believe that our consciousnesses behind these comments that this isn't machine generated for the most part you're not thoughts and that you're you're i'm engaging with you but beyond that it's very hard especially if i'm trying to like formulate thoughts and stuff to keep like a concrete notion of an audience intact they kind of kind of guys kind of melt away and it does sort of become like i look at myself i don't when i'm really in the groove look at myself not at the chat you know and so if there's like a weird like uh element where i'm basically i am doing some sort of like conversational exhibitionism where i'm talking to myself in front of a lot of people you know um another question i saw before i started talking there is living what's better living

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color or mad tv uh about a while ago now like 10 years ago maybe i uh did a little i rewatched a couple episodes of a living color and even then it didn't hold up so i guarantee you if i tried to watch it now it would be painful meanwhile mad tv is has got some good stuff in it i mean and as you know kum towns talked a lot about how if you have any sort of um fondness for the pre-woke cultural comedic uh style mad tv was your show i mean the wildly uh racist uh sometimes very edgy 0:35:28 as they said they had a character who was a white lady pretending to be an asian woman i mean the kind of stuff was just like oh my god uh but the thing is like those things can't hurt you now so you can watch them from a movie and find them pleasurable i think in living color i remember just being very uh very cringe when i rewatched it wonder shows and on the other hand now that's a \*\*\*\*\* program apparently it's not streaming anywhere i haven't watched it in all the way through since i saw it on dvd and i would really like to rewatch it but apparently it's not streaming anywhere is it on youtube a lot of time things are on youtube if they're not anywhere else if anybody can hook me up with wonder shows and because i was i talked about fright night 2 the other day somebody recommended it to me and i couldn't find it on the internet and somebody said oh yeah it's on youtube and they showed me the link it yeah wonder shows it is uh an exposure to that show at the right time is like just it's saturating your brain in an alien uh uh um premise like 0:36:30 just an alien sense of uh compared to the rest of the culture you consume it is at a complete angle to everything else you're gonna you you you are absorbing and i think that's true of all that vernon chapman stuff and everyone's watched his new claymation show on uh adult swim shivering truth very good xavier renegade angel he also did a uh he has done two really fascinating side projects that he apparently paid for with his own money one was weird niche companies that existed one was a custom porn site that would if you paid them enough shoot a porno for you like according to your casting specifications your dialogue you know the the scenario and 0:37:31 then he gave them a like a movie script without any sex in it and had them carry it out i haven't seen that i would like to the other one he turned into a book uh he there's apparently companies that will and i cannot imagine who has ever gotten their money's worth for this if you need help writing a help writing a paper for some sort of school assignment uh they will basically farm out to people in i think asia most of whom's first language is not english and they will write one for you and he sent them a bunch of different uh essay topics and they wrote them for him heart she-holler also very good final flesh is the name of the movie i i have seen wizard 0:38:36 people dear raider oh my god we're talking about comedy legends here uh another guy that i i absolutely revere brad nealy uh to this day wizard people dear reader is the only encounter i have had with harry potter as such i've not seen any of the

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movies independently of that or read the books i just saw wizard people dear reader and yeah china illinois all the shorts they did before china illinois uh harg malin slippio pipio i thought somebody we're doing we're people are shouting out adult swim shows now and someone says uh moral oral and they talked about that and 0:39:37 they said like it's it's they compared it to bojack horseman and i had not thought of that before but moral oral is sort of how is like the the gallant to bojack horseman's goofus in terms of it is the uh it is the good way to do that kind of thing it's the good way to uh yeah yeah this is uh this stuff is some demographic pandering right there it's like hey are you a uh are you a late millennial uh white male come on to the cush stream and let's yeah i gotta say like i really do realize over the course of 0:40:43 these that that i am definitely you know projecting a very uh a relatively rigored uh you know um i'm i am expressing on these streams a very specific point of view and anybody who isn't like shares a lot of my reference and sort of experiential premises but i actually don't worry about that because like i remember when chapo started a lot of people like asked us like you know do you think like it needs to be don't you think it should be more inclusive and stuff and and i i think that that assumption comes from the expectation that everything should be for everybody you know and i don't think that that's the case like what you get when you do that is the kind of you know a mediocrity thing like where like uh like the new fargo or something where it's 0:41:44 it's just enforced like the real diversity should come from giving ev from maximizing the opportunity for creators of all types to express themselves rather than having every like node with any kind of uh uh you know market share oh wait a minute somebody says that there's somebody who worked on the dark tower tv show in the chat or the movie i'd be very interested to hear about this yeah it's when so i know the show didn't uh get picked up right the movie was terrible i mean the movie was 0:42:53 the worst kind of uh of garbage and not in that case for diversity like idris elba was actually pretty good choice for just the number one failing is absolutely no respect for the audience's intelligence that's the main thing that's what's made it impossible to have any quality to it is its expectation of like audience buy-in to the world they were building was so low there was so little confidence in in you know presenting something and having the audience sort of come along with them and and accept it and fill it in as it goes as opposed to having it spoon fed to them especially since it was only 90 minutes it's like my god it's almost like they uh they realized how like soulless and juan it was and just decided you know this was gonna be like a two and a half hour long bloated piece of \*\*\*\*\* like every other big movie let's just cut all 0:43:54 this stuff and just call it a day and everyone just went yeah that's for the best it just like it felt like nobody's heart was in it except maybe mcconaughey who'd seem to be really chewing the scenery but which is why it was kind of like even after that

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terrible movie i was kind of a little hopeful for the show just because the very fact of it being a continuing narrative would give them more time and more uh rope to sort of build their own narrative scaffolding and maybe a little more confidence and then they were like nah no show either did i never have a grateful dead phrase what what do you think what do you think what's the likelihood of that i'm just wondering how what the percentage likelihood you'd think that now i didn't like music enough i think i've said this before but i used i didn't buy albums because i was like even if i liked one or two songs and a band did what if i don't like the rest now i paid for this album that i'm not gonna get that much use out of so i i did not have a cake or a ween phase never got into ween and i'm sorry but i still like cake so that's not a face i mean i don't listen to it as much as i used to but that's because i don't and i do not like camp town races that's the best cake song that's an interesting question there's a lot of great ones if i just try to blank my mind and think of the first thing that comes to mind i like mexico a lot too satan is my motor is great as well the distance is a great song it is a great single it's just i kind of take it for granted you part the waters is a great shot great song friendlies a four letter word is really good short skirt lot of jackets really good i'll go i'll go italian leather sofa number one they did a great cup their covers are some of the best they did a great cover of i will survive and honestly their cover of uh sad songs and waltzes is i know this is heresy i like it better than the willie nelson version because of the trumpet the trumpet adds this like plaintive emotional note to it that is in my opinion even more evocative than willie's voice which of course as i said heresy i understand bomb korea is good too the cover of war oh i really love rock and roll lifestyle too and mr the wind is mad at my cake takes the obviously someone's asking about the revolutions podcast i they asked the best season i don't know if it's the best and probably by definition it isn't but the most impressive season for me just as a podcaster and as someone who's like has the long-term goal to try to do historical like entertainment like historically based you know uh podcasting and has in the past done that what he did with the 1848 revolution still blows my mind like the fact that he did 1848 at all i kind of couldn't believe i thought for sure he'd skip it and then the fact that he was like no i'm going to do it i'm going to do a thing that took two years happened in almost every european top country simultaneously and then bring it together i mean it's not as like you know narratively satisfying as the haitian revolution which is a great great one and maybe it's probably the best like pure expression of the show but i'm just very very impressed by 1848 especially since 1848 is a very important historical moment for like the birth of modern uh revolutionary politics and it's very under known by people and like a lot of people ask me like what's a good book on the 1848 revolution so it's like that's a tough one because of how unwieldy an event it is and

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how much more likely you're gonna find like more uh like thin-slice narratives and 0:50:7  
he really did a service by giving just like just an event structure so that you could  
do something like read the brumaire and like have it have a context which is hard  
which makes it hard to read if you don't but like i would say like marx's writing on  
1848 is all great but he's assuming a level of knowledge that most people i saw the  
movie bakaroo and i liked it i liked that it had a very rigorous sort of uh it had the  
rigorous it it very much had the tone and look and feel of a world cinema art movie  
you know what i mean like those those three hour movies about you know a village in  
turkey where someone's trying to sell a mule and that's the whole plot so it has that  
aesthetic but then it has a absolutely bonkers uh b-movie uh plop up uh pulp plot 0:51:8  
and i thought that that was a very interesting choice that i thought worked very well  
and of course it's very politically relevant you know these rich anglos hunting poor  
poor brazilian peasants and everything i never got into dan carl and i never listened  
to the dan carlin podcast too long too long and also apparently conversational i know  
it's hypocritical for me to say this but i mostly prefer uh uh someone's asked me if 0:52:10  
there's anybody in somebody who's been evil who has gone good uh who got anyone  
in history like a historical figure who started off evil and became good uh i'm gonna  
troll epicly and say ben i would like we're gonna do another among us stream soon  
uh that was fun i got the hang of it uh as i went on i have to say uh and i have and  
i did enjoy being a i do enjoy being the infiltrator that's a uh somebody asked me 0:53:13  
why don't you uh call more nazis nazis and i will say i don't know what you're trying  
to get with that get with that but the real reason i don't use that word too much is  
because i think it's incumbent on people to make the political system this political  
situation more clear to people if they're going to talk about it for a living instead  
of less clear and that kind of language no matter how it conforms to some sort of  
you know checklist on the internet does a disservice to that goal it makes things  
less clear it fills the moment with a thunder and emotion and an urgency that is 0:54:15  
not matched by the actual political engagement of our population and leads people  
i think to make uh to to choose wrong priorities based on an emotional response  
to a symbolic collection of trigger words and ideas that and i mean i think when  
people yell at me for this it really does feel like they want me to affirm their mania  
they want me to say no you're not being hysterical and the thing is i think a lot of  
people i mean if you think we're on the verge of a coup or a fascist pushed then you  
need to do something other than post and if you can't find it in your if you can't  
find something to do that isn't posting to make that happen then maybe it's not as  
imminent as you think someone says be more specific i don't oh god it's a little lens 0:55:18  
all greasy again why is atheism protestantism i don't mean in the sense that like  
there is a way to not believe in god that is inherent that that like not that by not

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believing in the judeo-christian god requires like oh that's just provincism i'm saying that people we think of as atheists new atheism is just another it's just a further uh um abstraction to the individual and away from the notion of a social religion that catholicism represented catholicism says is that so that uh that religion is a social practice uh and protestantism says no religion is a personal practice and then the furthest the further removed to that is is the post-rational atheist who says and it's 0:56:19 just it's it's further severing those social ties because at the end of history where we are you know uh religious devotion if it is divorced from a social context like it is in america is a uh it is a connection to something else like something older something beyond oneself even if it's only in the mind and atheism says no no sever even that connection to anything outside of yourself you have the tools of racial sensation within your mind to make sense of the world with the help of others uh but you do not have to pay homage to any old system of beliefs that predates that and that's just the further it's it's it's eternal velocity away from because anyone who makes a project out of like atheism it's baffling to me because whether or not god exists is 0:57:21 beyond the point so beyond the point because none of us will ever know ever what matters is what we do here and that atheism does not get you there like i understand people think that they're like breaking the spell or something but they're not really like when you look at the trajectory of new atheism on how it went from people opposing the bush administration in the early aughts because it was filled with all these christ bothers to now a bunch of people who are measuring skulls like maniacs to try to determine who should live and die in the coming lifeboat uh economy uh you know following climate collapse like i don't think god exists in the sense of a any being outside of the natural world like i don't think that there is but what we call god 0:58:22 is a real thing every everything that is and has to be acknowledged as such you know evangelical american atheism which is just another schizophrenic uh insistence upon the primacy and and uh in fact paramount and solitary and untranscendable barrier of the individual i sound like a baby well i am well i'm a baby i'm definitely a 0:59:24 baby all right maybe i i played disco elysium a little bit but it was very complicated and it kind of hurt anything where i have to click uh bothers me i've heard it's very good our theater is going to die we'll end on this i mean eventually yes uh and i think 1:0:27 that this all might have really facilitated the end of that i think we might be at the end of the if there is an end to the corona if this isn't the new normal and if it is then yes obviously theaters if nothing changes about our ability to be indoors together in like five years which you know some hysterics freak out about like oh what if we get more and more mutations and you know we never reach immunity and therefore we can never go back normal well that's true then but by theaters but even if like two or three years we get back everyone can do it uh i think that the shift to digital will

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have been complete by then and theaters are going to be mostly maybe they'll be rep maybe we'll still have repertoire houses like the way they are now people showing old movies and honestly that's not the worst thing in the world going to the movies is obviously not just the experience of seeing the movie it is a social engagement for the most part you know there are people who see movies alone i see a lot of i used 1:1:28 to see a lot of movies alone but even then there is a social element to it you're out of the house and that gives your viewing of the movie a formality and an experiential richness that you don't get at home and the thing is though that could be anything you know if it's old movies i mean people see old movies now people used to see old movies now even when there was new ones to be seen but it will definitely change the number of theaters there are the size i mean we might be we might see the end of uh multiplexes we might get back to like uh one one screeners i don't know what they're gonna do with all those uh all those old big theaters uh putt-putt but i think most the theatrical release is going to go away sadly but not maybe the theatrical experience which i'll take i'll take it alright 1:2:30

*Burger King in the Mountain*

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welcome to the chat room we got lots of games i've done that one before but it's still funny we've got posts that you can find for if you need your posts we've got your machine or your disease whatever i don't know it's never a big g it's a nice 0:1:1  
crisp fall day it's something so crisp got a new flavor today cranberry lime it's okay probably wouldn't get it again if other options exist but i always like to try new it is an odd combo i want to give it a shot we're not talking about the fly we're not talking about the fly that's stupid we're not talking about any in fact i'm not trying to talk about that stupid debate at all other than to say how funny it is that they're so desperate to make things normal have i seen the movie the apple i actually did a charity um commentary track for the apple with josh olson and gareth reynolds from the dollop and will uh a couple other people i think uh during earlier in quarantine 0:2:5  
it was pretty funny i had some good bits in that one if i'm it's an amazing film uh one of the greatest works of the canon filmmakers in the 80s what is soy facing wow you have not been i have no idea what's going on with the second wave i i'm not plugged in in any way i'm just out here i mean yeah i know the seeds are going buckwild and i thankfully don't live near them anymore i used to live right not i think the ones that were going buck wilder in burrow park i think the the ones in uh uh the ones in crown heights are a little more chill they have not been beating people up anyway and that's where i used to live but anyway i would rather not be 0:3:7  
around a bunch of people who refuse to wear the mask in public so uh but yeah i'm far enough away from them that i just keep i keep my distance and uh good luck good luck to all that i say i do think it's funny where they're trying to act like uh and trying to impose health you know uh public health standards on the seeds is like uh the warsaw ghetto i don't know how the hell you keep pulling that out of your ass and have expect people to keep accepting it as true and not eventually just rolling their eyes and well you somebody says it's a total rejection of modernity not really they drive cars they use cell phones i mean if they really wanted to reject maternity 0:4:8  
buy some land and \*\*\*\*\* farm this thing we're like no we don't we won't have any connection to the to the larger uh culture or you know society but we also demand

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modern infrastructure sorry you don't get you shouldn't anyway get to do that okay that's so the thing about the thing i want to talk about to start off with is the uh is the case in michigan about the attempted uh the honestly i'm sorry hilarious attempt attempt to kidnap the governor of michigan and put her on trial for crimes 0:5:9 against the constitution which was broken up by the fbi thanks to a paid informant if these guys were muslim would anyone take this \*\*\*\*\* seriously for a second is what i ask would anybody would anybody who is freaking out now about how the nazis are about to come in night of the long knives anyone would anybody be saying that \*\*\*\*\* this is the exact same playbook the fbi ran for a decade when people cared about terrorism which of course now they don't which is hilarious if you're old enough to remember after 9 11 when terrorism was the defining social anxiety for like for for a good five six years now it's off the radar and so we're all scared of each other the uh we we we're done going out there like iraq was the last the last frontier we can no longer impose our will on the world and we all know that at some level so now the new enemy is within and so a lot of people who \*\*\*\*\* should know better 0:6:10 are freaking out because the fbi had some dude who wanted a playstation who got some yak some yahoos to say hey you wanna uh uh you wanna abduct the governor and they go yeah let's do it and now you got guys saying oh my god there was gonna be a coup in michigan thank god the fbi came and stopped them the fbi the guys who killed fred hampton and maybe mlk they're your friends now they're the good guys they're the ones saving us from the from the nazi hordes i mean i understand the psychic need to have to feel like to feel like you are aware in a way other people aren't about how bad things are you know because it does seem like everybody is just sleepwalking through the apocalypse and i totally understand that and people want some way that they can signal to others and themselves that they are not like 0:7:11 the everyone else they're not as as stupefied as everyone else they're they see through they're cutting through and so one way to do that is to uh convince yourself that we're on the verge of some sort of uh nazi uh overthrow of the government and the thing i don't get about those people though is if there if there was a if there was a coup tomorrow what would you have done to have stopped it even though the people who are so certain that we're on the verge of some nazi takeover what would you have done to stop it what could what position would you be into to uh to oppose it if it happened you can \*\*\*\*\* post just like the rest and right now i think a lot of it is because a lot of people are are coming to terms that they're going to vote for biden 0:8:12 and they're not happy about it and so they're convincing themselves that they have to that that that the threat of a trump-inspired uh uh night of the long knives is too too present too real to do anything other than vote for biden even if you don't like him and the thing is you don't have to go through those mental gymnastics it's not as

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i have said a million goddamn times it's not that big of a deal who you vote for if you want to vote for biden just do it whatever not my problem not anybody's problem but trying to but but insisting on a mental realm where you're under constant attack from these uh these these nazi hordes and then trying to insisting that you have to convince everybody else of that too you you in the interest of just assuaging a sense of of you know violation of principles that you're going to vote for this awful deal liberal you end up making it harder for everybody else to concentrate and figure like 0:9:15  
the people who say i actually saw multiple people say it was an attempted coup if six yahoo show up at the governor's mansion and take her hostage does that mean that they're now in charge of the state of michigan is that what people would think would happen is that honestly what people would think shhh i think another part of it is people want a people want some sort of resolution to all this people want a fracture point people want to stop having to go to work you know people want to stop having to pay their credit card bills even if it means they're running from uh lord humongous at least things are different at least they don't feel like they're continuing to uh carry out these social obligations uh purely out of momentum out 0:10:16  
of just the the fact that there is no other alternative and how horrible and and empty that feels you know a a apocalyptic revelation of underlying conditions that breaks our social obligations i think that's something that people are secretly on all levels craving and like what i really don't get from like a lot of left left wing people who i think generally will say yeah the cops are not your friend in fact the real problem isn't even you know the uh the paramilitaries it's the police well then what how do you explain the fact that the fbi broke this up like what do you what is your what are you imagining here that like the fbi are uh are the one good police police force or that in this one case they did a good thing or does the fbi do what it always does which is try to \*\*\*\*\* justify its budget and get everybody involved in every specific 0:11:18  
case a \*\*\*\*\* uh raise and a um pay bump and justify budgets which is why they do it which is i mean yes all those fake terror attacks that the fbi set up and then thwarted in the in the bush years they certainly did have a political purpose and that they stoked the hysteria about terrorism but the real front of the brain motivation of everyone involved was to was to justify their \*\*\*\*\* uh their payroll line and that's what i think if there's one thing we can do and there's very little we can do which is 0:12:20  
what's so terrifying and so innervating and sad about the moment and why people want to find an a grand narrative they can cling to if there's one thing we can do it is sort of sit with our real conditions as shitty as that is and that will help us find a way forward individually because that's the only way we can move forward because there ever all sense that there is a collective is a fantasy it is it is a illusion that is uh propped up by our engagement with a social media that has the that

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appears to be like some sort of cross-section of america that appears to be a group of people who are in communication with each other and can hypothetically activate and organize uh coordinates through coordination but in reality it's just everyone screaming individually into the void and then making what amount to social groups 0:13:21  
out of it the other thing is i think people think that if the right wing is this real threat if the right wing like paramilitary extreme is that important that means the left wing must also be in oh who is lord mungus lord humongous lord humongous 0:14:31  
from uh the road warrior walk away someone's calling i said someone's calling me a hypocrite probably i am everyone is that's the price of living in this uh at this moment is it is that principles are someone's all right are you not concerned the gop has the electoral college sufficiently gained to lose at this point they can't to the point that they can't lose if that's true we'll find out and if it is what are we going to do about it that's the question what are we going to do about it and if you look around you'll see that there is no capacity to resist that right now so build capacity but that 0:15:33  
doesn't seem what people seem to be interested in people seem to be interested in in getting people anxious in making people aware of an of a sense of anxiety of a sen of just this to be on an edge that can only be satisfied at the symbolic level because it's so overwhelmingly at the level like worrying about something like if the is the electoral college and and uh gerrymandering and uh voter suppression and vote vote theft and all the other things that can you do anything about that as a person you can't but you can fixate on it and obsess and while you're doing that what are you people are looking for instant ascension i think that's it people think that because 0:16:38  
the problem seems so intractable in their personal lives and in the world around them there's so little social context to their existence that if we focus enough at the highest levels like where the real because we understand that these things emerge from huge systems and structures that are beyond us if we can concentrate hard enough at that level we will be able to am i saying that the birth of a nation didn't have an influence on people joining the kkk or top gun influence dumbasses joining 0:17:40  
the navy no it probably did both of those things absolutely happened but birth of a nation is not why the kkk rose to prominence uh in the in uh in the early 1900s the military buildup of the reagan years was not caused and political movements that are based around stamping down symbolic outcomes outcroppings of material conditions oh who's manking everybody manking that's such a weird thing to make 0:18:44  
a movie about about the the screenwriting credit for citizen kane just seems like a weird thing to make a movie about mank folks ah paul paul you hear about mank mink it's banking season how bad is the sorokin movie going to be i mean i already know what the justice is going to be it's going to be those damn yippies uh those those those those children those unrealistic punks abby hoffman and jerry rubin they

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undermined the work of real uh effective political activists like tom hayden and the thing is if that's the case i don't know how mad i'm going to be because the \*\*\*\*\* yippies did suck i'm sorry they were bash it was embarrassing i mean it's the purest 0:19:46 like middle class uh uh like lifestyle politics which is part partial to the uh to the i mean the fact that jerry rubin became a \*\*\*\*\* like stock broker or whatever that's hilarious pretty pretty uh almost it's too on the nose like the fate of most of those guys is amazing when you look at what happened just the way that everything got subsumed by by the culture the 70s culture of like individual pursuit because it was always an individual pursuit it was just in the guise of politics which is true of politics now too i mean we really are in a uniquely a unique historical material condition where it is almost impossible to to effectively make effectively live political 0:20:47 values what we can do is express political values socially in ways that almost always end up being reinforcements of some personal branding exercise and i include myself among this it's because there's no the slots aren't way less pro inter apparently abby 0:21:57 hoffman was less pro-intervention whatever that means than uh i am okay i don't hate anarchists i just think that it's not i mean i'm just saying not even not that's wrong not helpful i i just don't think that it is a it is a lens that that is uh effective that it ends up reinforcing uh all the worst patterns in in like leftist political uh organizing and and thought but people within it can be very well intentioned and can be effective organizers and effective uh comrades if you want to get cringy about it but they would probably be more so if they uh got some weird comments here 0:23:20 today apparently pence uh pence might have it which if you watch the debate last night that makes sense he did not look good he looked \*\*\*\*\* rough he was looking very very pink he had the eyeball he had the big red eyeball the which biden did 0:24:23 earlier in the campaign remember he first one in one of the primary debates he came out just had a perfect red eyeball i i look forward to this as as the new normal of candidates pretending not to be sick at debates and then just having parts of the only thing i took from that debate is that pence is not going to inherit anything from trump he is an absolute wet uh towel lamo no absolutely no base it was watching him what felt like looking through a time portal to the bush era he was like a free he was like a dehydrated george w bush all of this charisma removed his and all that's left is just that squinty eyed dumb sounding keeningly whiny evangelical tone which even 0:25:24 evangelicals clearly at this point are sick of and want somebody who's just the man is swagless the man is absolutely swagless oh god the 25th amendment thing just these democrats trump just said he's not going to do a stimulus people are dying here \*\*\*\*\* people are going to starve people are going to get kicked out of their homes they were already getting kicked out of their homes you're seeing the economy itself could completely \*\*\*\*\* collapse in the next couple of months barring another \*\*\*\*\*

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infusion of stimulus because people don't have any goddamn money like genuinely are out of money and she wants to have some sort of parlor game discussion about whether he's fit to be president less than a month before the goddamn election she doesn't want to talk about that \*\*\*\*\* stimulus and honestly it's because she doesn't want to do a stimulus either because she has made the political conclusion that he will be blamed for it and therefore don't let it happen and that that's cruel but it might be true but only if you actually make people aware of that and reinforce it and instead of reinforcing it instead of talking about how he's stonewalling a needed \*\*\*\*\* stimulus she's gonna go off on a \*\*\*\*\* wild goose chase about his health even being it's like these people are absolutely cold-blooded scum who have no concern for any human being's life who play politics strictly as this lizard battle for power and influence and yet among democrats even then their instincts at doing it are \*\*\*\*\* it's amazing like they're bad and then bad at being bad amazing i mean the 20 i mean what the heck congress has nothing to do with the 25th amendment the 25th amendment is if a majority of the cabinet signs a letter saying that they that the president is not fit uh to to um have ought to perform the office that's where the start of it is it's the cabinet you think the cabinet you think trump's cabinet's going to do that no there's nothing there's no role for congress except to take make this the story and the thing is all trump has to do is keep putting out those hilarious videos where he's doing proof of life about how you know you didn't know it but i'm actually a senior citizen i you didn't know and i didn't want to say it but i'm actually i'm a senior i know you thought i was 32 you thought i was too young to be president because of how wonderful strong i am all he has to do is keep doing that and people will be like nancy pelosi seems like a hysterical maniac i mean hell they might lose who knows they could like i said trump winning trump winning in these conditions trump winning while dying of \*\*\*\*\* kovid that would also be very funny so it's possibility okay somebody said about the right pot they wanted a clarification when i was talking about the right populism and it was after trump uh said no dice to more stimulus there's this persistent kind of wish slash uh warning i see people make that the right wing because the democrats are so wedded to neoliberalism and refuse to do any kind of real populist rearrangement of the economy that that's going to leave a space for the republicans to do it and i think the fact that we have not seen another round of checks this close to the election with a guy like trump in power and a guy like mnuchin as treasury secretary guys who do not believe in all any of the arthur laughter \*\*\*\*\* about \*\*\*\*\* uh uh uh about debt i mean none of them really do but these guys really really don't it tells me that the party itself is for a number of reasons constitutionally incapable of delivering this kind of populism with trump and i i don't think as i have said whoever comes after trump is going to be

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more beholden to the republican party than trump is which means they're even less going to have less leeway to try to actually uh provide some sort of hair invoke social democracy which means it's just going to be more it's going to be pure culture and i understand why people just want want some way out of this this horrible vacuum sealed hell of endless culture war while everyone slowly starves to that but i'm sorry that is what politics two-party politics is going to be for the foreseeable future until unless that dynamic is interrupted by a third force people of humans not political parties that are that are fused \*\*Music playing\*\* do i think trump ever smoked weed 0:30:34 absolutely not i don't think he's he might not even have done coke the fact that he does those weird british uh antihistamines tells me that he's got like he doesn't drink we know that i think he's got some sort of weird phobia about losing control and so he has to do drugs that aren't illegal that are prescribed the same way he has to get fast food from uh he has to get food from fast food places where it's all always looks the same and it has like the he it ha everything he puts into his body has to have come from some multinational corporation that's that's that's what tells him that it has it is a controlled product anything else where to come from what's in it who knows he doesn't want it no no no no so yeah adderall probably we know 0:31:36 he's on all the weird uh decongestants uh but i don't think he does he's he would not do any illegal drug because where to come from and now he is completely he is in a god-like high on the \*\*\*\*\* uh steroids he's on which who knows how long that will last although now he wants to push back the next debate which tells me that he's still sick in some like he's aware not just that he's sick but he's aware that he's sick because i don't know i would think that if he was genuinely feeling better he would want to have the debate and he'd be like yes let's do it next thursday i can show america that i'm still there and the fact that he's like let's do it a week later i don't know man he's very right now i think he's absolutely terrified of going 0:32:39 out like stan shara he actually said in that uh uh video he put out today you know people say you're vulnerable talking about the seniors you're vulnerable and you're not vulnerable you're the least vulnerable but in this case you're vulnerable and i'm vulnerable he actually said that it's creeping in there man it's death of ivan it's death of ivan ilich territory for him the eternal footman is holding his coat but whether he'll actually go or not i have no idea uh am i going to go in like sanshira tell me be straight with me am i going out with stanchira has anyone heard from chris christie is the best thing about that stan cherish story is that you know and i know at least 0:33:45 in my heart that it's not like he was worried that he had any kind of empathy for stan shara it's that as soon as dan sherrod died of kovid in trump's mind he became a \*\*\*\*\* loser he was a chump even if he might have liked him as much as he can like another person which is very very little and so now the thought am i going out

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like stan which is why he's the most miserable man on earth because he is he cannot conquer death which is the only way that he could ever remove that the misery of his of his every moment because this misery is driven at base by the knowledge that this 0:34:48  
this sensory castle that he has invested all of himself into is uh is temporary stancher died like a dog oh yeah mike lee say mike lee saying america is not a democracy uh that's actually classic uh john birch society \*\*\*\*\* that used to be a refrain of the john birch society is that america is not a democracy it's a republic and they would uh they would you know you always do it like a town hall or something the cranks because somebody would say something like we're a democracy and someone would go ah actually we're a republic so this is just this is old school paleo conservatism making a comeback uh and it's in defense of you know the counter-majority and impulse that is now controls government and i think the strongest argument against that like beyond obviously like even if you take the premises correct like democracy 0:35:49  
is ruled by the mob and the mob is not is never going to be able to understand what is the best interest of all because they're too selfish and narrowly focused and too impulsive because they have not been refined enough to exercise discretion and uh virtue the way that the the the men of of uh worth do you know this goes back to the \*\*\*\*\* optimists versus the popularities in \*\*\*\*\* ancient rome but i'd say even on their own premises look at what this counter-majoritarian republican institutional framework has given us who is in charge right now these are the dumbest \*\*\*\*\* on the earth who have led like just look at covet as a as by itself a singularly incompetent response to a a uh a public health crisis these guys these republican institutions are not you only reproduce privilege and that means that you're just getting habsburgs 0:36:51  
very shortly even with even if you start with purely a meritocratic framework you will very shortly get nothing but carlos the bewitched don juniors and \*\*\*\*\* because they're guaranteed spots regardless of their ver regardless of their merit and living the way that these people do essentially is designed to prevent you from ever acquiring merits of any kind ever acquiring virtues of any kind because you are denied any opportunity to exercise them because money lubricates everything and it makes it makes taking the easy way out almost always the smart choice in the near term and you do that long enough and then you're at best what wyatt coke making terrible shirts and thinking that you're \*\*\*\*\* qb halloween was not i'd say it's probably the 0:38:3  
most enjoyable of the um of the adam sandler netflix movies that i've seen mostly because it was such a self-conscious reference to the old happy madison movies that everybody liked or more more people like it was it was a it's a weird mishmash of like billy madison uh waterboy happy gilmore alex just like packed together a little and he and he finally found a new it's like he has a different voice in this one it's sort of uh it's a different kind of of of way to talk funny which hey he's like 65. i give him credit

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for but that whole republic not a democracy it's so transparent about maintaining existing power structures like it's saying that these are inherently the correct power structures basically because they persist which makes sense given america's uh you know providing presiding uh ideology and even religious ideologies which is because this is the land of uh where we made our own destiny right this is the land where people came from other places to inscribe the land as we wanted to because it was it was a continent's worth of free real estate explored from people who were not part of any kind of understanding of the public that wherever that money ended up wherever that power ended up wherever that land ownership ended up aft through that process by definition is the correct where is where it should have ended up and attempts to change that distribution are interfering with god's will in a very real sense interfering with um even if you're not religious interfering with a just the just distribution and the most efficient and most correct distribution because it is the best baseball movie major league of course i did see color out of space it was it was okay i didn't love it i i did think that cage was fun and the fact that he did a trump impression like his dad because the whole thing is he turns into his his abusive father over the course of the movie and that his abusive father voice is clearly him doing a trump impression that was a fun choice but it's also it shows you how the trump era has totally destroyed art in a lot of ways because he is not a person who really we should be thinking about that much and i know that's hilarious for me to say i mean in terms of making art you know making stuff that's supposed to speak to deep like if you're trying to adapt lovecraft you know you're talking about existential questions man's place in the universe and to bring him into it it's kind of uh it's a little even if it's entertaining which it was it's also a little depressing because you just think oh like this this figure this pathetic figure is now the lens that we're going to look through all of our most important i talked about the john brown show uh previously i did not like the first episode at all but i'm willing to accept that i might be misinterpreting it honestly when the character at the beginning said some people call him a \*\*\*\*\* white savior that kind of soured me on the whole thing and i probably it's going to be hard for me to evaluate it fairly after that so i'll have to watch a few more episodes to see if i can get the taste and for me it's not even the thing that bothers me about that isn't like it's insulting john brown oh no my boyfriend john brown i love him don't say mean things about him it's more than just that i don't think that that is a uh that that is such a contemporary framing that having it come out of the mouth of a character from the 1860s to me it's it's it just flashed to me like oh god no this is another one of these movies this is another one of these shows this is another one of these things that we're all seeing which is how can we take that the past that alien country and instead of trying to understand it try to turn it into now so so take it out

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of its context and just flatten it into something that we can recognize and doing that to me robs it of any of its which republican governor tries to secede first well you got to figure uh what's his name the roller chair guy texas dude not dan patrick he's he apparently he's the more uh powerful figure the lieutenant governor but abbott texas you gotta figure is gonna make and make uh make waves about it desantis in florida 0:44:23 but honestly i think it would all be all those efforts even if they got like scary even if it involved you know like demonstrations of force like like greg abbott rolls out of the \*\*\*\*\* uh state house and reviews a bunch of national guard tanks going down the roads of austin or something as a show of force to you know claiming nullification or something it would all be auditioning to run for president not to actually secede because and that honestly is one of the saving graces of the right wing in this country is that it it is increasingly being dominated at even the highest levels at the political level not yet at the level of capital but at the political level by by true believers con 0:45:26 artists and people who are both people who have con themselves so that they can con others and what that means is that they can't coordinate any better than than we can everybody's got each other so yeah you'll definitely see secessionist murmurings but it's all just going to be people auditioning to either run for president or get a fox news show or a line of catheters i don't think the republican party is going 0:46:42 to fracture someone asks if it's going to fracture the republican party i think is is coming together i think the republican party is is actually coalescing uh and it's yeah it's going to be a the party anyway is going to increasingly be a rump of of wildly reactionary old people consumed by conspiracy uh and the queueification of the party is inevitable um but that's just part of a greater trend of as politics is going to accelerate further and further into spectacle and as conditions deteriorate more and more and people are forced to create more and more elaborate fantasy narratives to explain why things keep getting better keep getting worse no matter who's in charge and right now you and it's like you blame the other party you know and that's the reason that's a big reason half the country stop paying attention is 0:47:43 because that's absurd you have to have convinced yourself at a basic level you have to fool yourself into buying into this thing to make that next step that oh no it's just because those other guys the half the country is like okay bye-bye and so the republican party is gonna it's gonna is going to pack tighter together the democratic party on the other hand i think there's a actual fracture lines there but i don't know how how much how resilient this is i kind of assume honestly the system's resilient enough and republicans getting worse and worse will basically be the glue that keeps the fracture from happening like the awfulness of the republican party sort of works to prevent any kind of real fracture among the democrats no matter how far the party moves from its base uh all part of this all as expressions of the same phenomenon 0:48:44

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of of generalized deteriorating conditions it's it's it's brilliant nobody drew it up like that either that's the amazing thing like at this point that's what this system does exists to continually diffuse popular hostility to actual power holders by directing anger towards scapegoats either an enemy political party or a other within within the body politic that must be expunged um and then everybody else just checks out but nobody ever sat down and drew it up that way it but it was written up to prevent popular investment in government and that it has done just the way that has happened has changed like the original the founders originally imagined that there would not be parties and now we have coherent polarized political parties which 0:49:47 have rendered the constitutional system incapable of actually governing but it has not led to the popular participation the the bursting force of the ravel rabble that the founders feared because the parties themselves over the years have emerged as middle middlemen between capital and the public and have fused so uh behind the scenes in such a way that they that they act as one organism which was something that was never conceived of by the original uh founders but which helps to carry out the original idea which was to keep people out of and that's what happens when the system can continually adapt because social pressure is continually vented off which is what american exceptionalism is based on our ability to vent off social conflict which 0:50:50 is going away our ability to vent off social conflict is reducing over time but at this but now we have this new thing the internet and i think when i've talked in the past about how the frontiers closed in and there are no more places to imagine american uh uh expansion you know nowhere else to to to tease out the american dream the new one is the internet and that's why politics is now in practice synonymous with self promotion because it's the only place where realistic social mobility is possible in this country is if you get a little bit of micro celebrity of course talking about myself among others and that's where now the battle will be and that's where the 0:51:51 uh the social venting is occurring that's where that's where we are venting off the the the current amount of social uh alienation and dislocation and the capacity of the internet to absorb it is so that's why i can never buy anybody who says i can't buy any claims that like continuing decay uh continually uh declining material conditions will produce x or y or z a result because i honestly don't know myself enough i don't have enough confidence myself in what what capacity the internet has rank choice 0:52:58 voting is not a bad idea i mean all those like all those clicks and whistles are fine but they're not going to do anything by themselves and the best example of that is australia australia has a lot of the features of their electoral system that people in america pine for and they have awful politics they have less of a they have the australians have less of a live political uh spectrum than we do even though they have rank choice voting hell they have there's rank choice voting in the senate don't

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they have it in the senate someone an actual australian told me they had right uh ranked choice voting in the australian senate the fact that they have senate by the way is hilarious why would you do that i'm literally having people saying they do and they don't at the same time okay why why do i even look at this chat oh ireland has ranked choice voting my god you want to talk about a a moribund political spectrum holy \*\*\*\* i actually respect that about ireland is that they don't even pretend like their two main political parties have ideological differences it's really just what side of the irish civil war you were on that's it which is what we had for a while here democrat republican it was basically what what side you fought the civil war on and they've just they've just stuck with that as the defining characteristic it's kind of impressive is sinfain the official uh opposition yao because i know they have a unity government right after the last after the last election is shin family and things get if things get better there they might thanks in large part to the absolute office bungling of the british regarding brexit it will not be because of any uh electoral structure i have no idea what's going on brexit after corbyn lost i as a treat to myself i said well this is terrible but the good news is i don't have to pay attention to british politics at all and i have not uh if something big happens if if like uh if if if they reunite ireland or like scotland secedes let me know but i am not paying attention to that \*\*\*\* it's interesting like scotland now probably i bet if they did another referendum i'm sure i would bet now that scott that independents would win in scotland uh but that's why they won't have one that's why they're not gonna do it they're not gonna \*\*\*\* up again the way they did with brexit they're not gonna have any more votes and if they won't let like if if if westminster doesn't allow them to have a referendum then what are they going to do about it hold their own like catalonia did how'd that work out for them i gotta wonder though like what's the point though you're gonna rejoin brussels so some other \*\*\*\* uh foreign powers can dictate your uh uh the boys i'm watching the boys it's okay uh cgi better actually the cgi there is not as terrible as it is in a lot of other things i think because they make the blood really dark which kind of hides the cgi-ness of it but you can still tell and it's also very very on the nose it's one of those shows you can tell is inspired by someone's twitter feed which to me i have i already will go on twitter i i am not i think a lot of people generally get off on watching shows that are reflecting their twitter feed to them they're like aha it's like validating and i i end up just cringing and going oh god uh fargo is now it's three uh not encouraged not liking it now this is an interesting question if i watch the movie that i really like the effects like i thought ah these guys are doing squibs thank god and then i found out it was cgi when i feel tricked i think i would probably i would feel i would honestly feel kind of dumb for a second like oh they got me like in the commercials where it's folger's crystals you know it's not the it's not

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store and you're like oh god maybe i'm a rube i think more than anything i would  
i would i would chalk it down to over time me just like the the the the my level of  
like ability to discern this stuff declining as my exposure to the real stuff goes away  
but after that grappling i would probably just be like okay good i'll accept this fine  
whatever i'll stop worrying about it if the technology is here then i'll just accept it 1:0:24  
he loved big brother did did pence is pence been announced it's confirmed of course  
he does of course he did of course he did of course he \*\*\*\*\* had it of course he had  
it does that mean that uh oh by the way how did that plexiglass barrier do for uh  
kamal i guess we'll i gotta say i understand every argument for why trump might  
still win from the unreliability of polls to the fact that there's been a big surge in  
republican registration in a number of states the fact i just saw an insane poll that  
says apparently 54 of people say they feel like they're better off than they were four  
years ago which is absolutely baffling to me uh you could leave your house and not  
worry about contracting a disease that might destroy your lungs four years ago how  
by that alone do you answer that question yes and also of course you know uh we're  
already seeing it in the in the states that are doing early voting where in texas they're  
limiting uh each county regardless of how many people in it to one collection point 1:1:26  
for uh for mail-in ballots and in early voting in in ohio lines are on the block all those  
things are real but man everyone having \*\*\*\*\* corona in the white house to me it  
just it feels like that it feels like that thing at the end of a movie that the turning  
point and of course that's why it might not be true because we look for things that  
confirm our narrative and then that ends up taking the place of actual knowledge  
but one way or another uh we love to see it and it's very funny and that's really what  
we should always be focusing on if we're going to be paying attention to this stuff at  
least have fun with it i think that's my main argument with the people who want to  
feel like they're on the verge of being crystal knocked is that how is that fun i mean  
i get that it's pleasurable at a certain level but that seems to be a perverse and an  
unwholesome pleasure as opposed to just yucking it up oh so he didn't he doesn't  
have it you people what i can't get a straight answer out of any of you about whether 1:2:29  
the australian senate has a ranked voting ranked voting or if pence has coronavirus  
i'm being gaslit i am being gaslit by you people i actually like this because this does  
remind me that like this experience of just reading something very fast and getting  
conflicting information and then just having to in your head decide which thing you  
believe that's essentially twitter that's essentially online it's just there's an illusion  
of control there because it's moving that is it's not is moving as fast and as you you  
can control your uh it's easier to control like your input and and what you're seeing 1:3:30  
but it's the same thing it's just bleep bleeps hitting you in the eye and then you  
having to have an emotional response to them man it really is bad it really is bad

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stuff it really does just make it impossible all right someone is saying that australian voting is preferential and they also have proportional representation so one way or another has a lot of the features that people demand that we add to the american electoral system in order to make it more responsive all right uh what what how long have we been going because i know it's getting dark out here but i might just log off before i okay we're over an hour all right okay guys before the lights don't go out 1:4:31 completely before the before the darkness comes in and swallows us it's time to uh take it sleazy see you guys later

*CushBi, like Quibi for Cushbomb*

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foreign okay so hey we're in i i was sorry i was making sure we were in i'm hacking 0:1:35  
into the matrix \*\*Music playing\*\* hacking into the matrix uh it's raining out so i'm  
not out in my splendid garden i'm in here and not for too long uh i'm not going to be  
able to broadcast or i'm sorry broadcast force of habit for too long today i've got uh  
i've got time constraints for other media non-media related reasons but i didn't do  
anything this weekend and i don't want to go three in a row days in a row generally  
without doing one so i was just going to put a little a little nugget in here a little cuibi  
for you guys a quick bit which is apparently what the way people love to consume  
media according to noted super genius uh was it jeffrey katzenberg the the \*\*\*\*\*  
brain brain man behind that \*\*\*\*\* god those guys have so much money and they  
definitely deserve so i just wanted to say i might not don't talk about it so okay i 0:2:47  
want to start with this so i said last week that i really didn't like the new show on  
showtime good lord bird with ethan hawk as john brown and i got a lot of pushback  
people said they really liked it a lot of people have said it's great and i decided well  
maybe i just got off on the wrong foot with it i watched i the very beginning of it  
when someone when the character says some people black folks hate him and think  
he's a white savior it hit my here wrong and maybe i gave the whole thing an unfair  
greeting because i was primed to not like it because of that moment early on but so 0:3:48  
i started watching the second episode with good faith and it doesn't really change  
any of my opinions about it i gotta say and in fact i one specific moment happened  
that i think crystallized some of the specific problems i have with it uh and it was  
uh so at one in the second episode the main character who is this uh young boy  
former slave boy who is part of brown's band but then separates off and is in in  
cross-dressing as a woman uh they ends up in missouri across the border from kansas  
uh as among slaves uh and enslaved i think at a brothel and a character refers to  
the ruffians the border ruffians who would go across the border to rustle cattle and  
intimidate and attack free staters and vote most importantly vote in elections uh for  
things like you know the the the various uh slave state constitutions from the one of  
the two competing governments that was always being established in the kansas area 0:4:49

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and she refers to them as rebels and it just clanged off my ear and i thought who are these people rebelling against this is 1865 i'm sorry this is 18 i believe this is 1856 when this thing is set uh the south has not seceded abraham lincoln has not even i believe been elected not uh abraham lincoln has not even been elected yet uh the the democratic party hasn't even shattered on the issue of slavery at its convention yet are they rebelling against in the in during bleeding kansas the federal government under the doe face wretches franklin pierce and james buchanan who were northern men whose entire political fortunes depended on absolute uh obsequious ob essence to all slave power dividers that was how they maintained power the urban machines in the north plus the slave power in the south they couldn't they because they were 0:5:50 the most demanding constituency on the issue of uh um on the issue of expansion and the the fate of slavery in in new territory because slavery slavers self-consciously understood that the future uh viability of slavery as a system depended on continued expansion that was what drove the conflict that led to the civil war wasn't slavery as such it was slavery in the newly acquired territory and so the governments that oversaw bleeding kansas by the democrats pierce and buchanan whose northernness connected them to the free so state electorate a part of the coalition but whose policies were always enough to guarantee the support of the south so that incentive structure meant that the federal government consistently recognized the con the pro-slavery legislatures in kansas and declared the free state constitutions illegal which 0:6:51 meant that the laws passed by the uh pro-slavery legislatures had the force of law insofar as you know if uh if the pro-slavery forces enforce them with violence the state in the form of the local uh uh and very small uh federal troop deployment uh that was there uh at forts leavenworth and uh uh one other place i can't remember right now but dodge i think um would it would intervene on the side of the pro-slavery factions if anyone was a rebel in kansas it was the free state uh faction they were in the disfavor of the federal government which was the arbiter of power there and the because missouri was right there filled with drunk uh dirt farming southern whites who hoped to scratch a few dollars out of the soil uh after coming a cropper in in the settled territories those settled states would just pour over and 0:7:53 overcome everybody with numbers and violence if numbers wouldn't do and i think the reason this is not just nitpicking because to me that rep that for one thing reflects a misapprehension of the strategic situation that john brown found himself in when he did things like perform carry out the uh pottawatomie massacre which is considered the blackest stain on his reputation and the thing that makes even people who support him like as uh figure him to be a a progressive or virtuous character in history have to acknowledge was a uh over-exertion of of of mania caused by some sort of an imbalance and his pursuit of the harpers ferry raid in the face of

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any plausible route to success rendered him in the minds of even people who would support him inherently mad and because i think more than even his erratic behavior or violent behavior it is his very uh clarity of faith not in god as an abstraction 0:8:54 but as in god as a lived reality that is what rendered him insane to people is what renders him more than anything insane to people and that the insanity they depict in this movie show is an insanity that is just spiritually bound and therefore deeper human spirit to use get abstract and goofy about it just it seems to chop it down to a recognizable framework oh religious mania plus like well-intentionedness equals uh kook or something like that and this small thing about rebels is indicative of that john brown carried out things like the pottawatomie massacre in a framework where it looked very much to every observer especially right after the sack of lawrence which was when the patawatomy massacre was carried out that the pro-slavery faction in kansas was going to win was going to take over the entire territory have it admitted 0:9:56 as a slave state look what was happening in washington the the president the the presidency was in the clutches of a democratic party that was fully invested by the power of the slaveocracy which meant that that combination would guarantee that future states would come in as slaves and the only long-term hope for ending slavery in any realistic fashion short of the spontaneous war was cutting it off creating a cordon sanitary freeze uh territory around the south to eventually weaken and destroy the beast thy starvation of land and expansion and that's what the south understood which is why they were fighting so hard in kansas and why when the issue of kansas galvanized the north so much that they elected lincoln over the issue of the compton constitution that's what the compton constitution is what broke the democratic party into three parts what ensured lincoln would win and what guaranteed uh the republicans a stranglehold on the vote in the northern states such 0:10:57 that uh lincoln was the first anti-slavery candidate to carry every northern state which meant he would have run even probably without the democrats splitting up why was that the issue why did they vote that way why did the south then secede because they saw that the writing was on the wall because of what john brown did in kansas and then in harper's ferry which means that assuming that they were mad or or bloodthirsty or or erratic assuming that not knowing it through textual analysis which come on nobody reads anything you're just going off reputations you're just looking through the prism of history through sort of a broad humanist lens what you're doing is you're failing to see the tendrils that bound him to the earth in such a way that he could be sane in a land filled with insanity that he could see the deeper reality of human human interdependence that was invisible to everyone else and that 0:12:0 he was and that what he did pushing at the boundary at every level of what was acceptable and going beyond what was practical or even moral in the pursuit of the

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next level of engagement with the issue the next concrete move towards the actual eradication of slavery was predicated by him asserting and so any art that seeks to deal with him i think should deal with him from at least understanding that in this show to me it seems to me that they haven't even thought this way they had it this stuff has not even occurred to them honestly i think what it comes down to more than anything is that the new left-wing social position that you see in things like a showtime movie with a prestige cast that's going to get written up in all the good uh online periodicals and was going to form the a part of a balanced cultural diet for a you know late empire uh uh over-produced elite in our media in our country's uh 0:13:3 media centers is that we have now internalized the same thinking about race that the dunning school perpetuated through american society at the turn of the last century that was when the prevailing understanding in culture was that john brown must have been insane because he thought black people and white people were equal only only an insane white man could think that therefore john brown was insane now the new uh cynical afro-pessimist sort of t tn uh the coates uh uh received wisdom on race is that john brown must have been crazy to think that white whites would ever treat black people as equal that they could ever actually affect equality in society because why would john brown want to see slavery ended unless he thought eventually human equality could be could emerge out of white and black living alongside one another why would he have done it if he didn't think that could happen and would happen 0:14:4 as a result of it and that's the part of it that they now think renders him insane it doesn't mean he was a bad guy that's the difference the old dunning school people said he was mad and bad the new uh afro-pessimist liberal uh cultural uh hive mind says he's bad because he couldn't recognize the inherent wickedness of white people or the inherent intractability of of white supremacy because you can't because the inability of white people to actually empathize with black people at a deep enough level to treat them instinctively as a person that that is an impossible thing even though he felt it he felt it as deeply as any man could feel anything that makes him crazy that's what makes and this show is about that it's about how he was two he was two he saw the forest great but he missed the trees like the whole first thing 0:15:5 the first thing he does is that he rescues a a slave from a from a slaver in kansas plantation in the process gets her son her her husband killed or i mean sorry his gets his father killed then takes him from the plantation and in the process of taking him over here's what his dying father says about his name to think he's a woman and just assumes he is a woman because he can't see her i mean sorry him i keep forgetting it's really him he can't see him he can't see onion he can't seem henry for who he is because he is too mad to recognize to his own white supremacy to recognize his own and so even though he's going to act on behalf of black people it will never be truly

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him acting as uh it will be on their behalf from a position of inherent superiority that he doesn't even recognize because it's drowned out by the voice of god and that's that's going to that's the complicated modern take on john brown that that 0:16:6 acknowledges the reality of slavery and white supremacy in america and it is more uh truthful and doesn't go in for white savior tropes meanwhile you're embedding in people's mind even deeper of course it doesn't matter you know it's all noise but it's just an expression of a culture that in every way reproduces the idea that and capitalism is happy to do it that's race is irreparable on the end for reactionaries it's it cannot be reduced because it's real it constitutes an actual difference of some sort of spiritual or or genetic uh disjunction that that cuts off the obligation between humanity says you are not part of it anymore the other says that white people believe that too much for it to ever actually uh be defeated which then means there can only be conflict there can only be conflict over resources and victory and defeat there can 0:17:7 be no reconciliation because there could be no equal terms for a social contract and the question then is who's going to win that fight and given the numbers in america if push comes to shove and that's where everybody gets pushed either by the right or the left the answer is going to be their own kind because it's who's at the end of the day they're so anyway not a fan so far we'll see i'm gonna watch all of it that's okay i'll keep watching that garbage as our friend donald trump i might be wrong like this all might be getting complicated and turned into a rich bullier base honestly this is one of the faults of television as a as a art form not kidding about this i think that one of the things that makes one of the many things that makes television a lesser in my opinion art form than things like film is that the way it is viewed and the way it 0:18:13 is reviewed make it impossible to view it the way people want to prestige television is supposed to be this narrative that unfolds over time and yet you are seeing it in these intervening chunks honestly binging is the way to watch it all the the gapped out way that we we are used to that's actually worse in my opinion because it means you have to have a take on everything before it develops and then you decide oh this thing in this episode is bad i didn't like it it makes you like the show less it makes you less likely to watch the next episode and then what about later if it's redeemed as turn of a broader whole and you realize it needed to be there but you already watched it and you already formed your shows your opinion about the show based on that and you're not able to adjust or it's harder to adjust anyway than when you're viewing something as a seamless garment anyway i will continue to watch this garbage and i'm willing to say it might be better i will say this though i do not like 0:19:17 ethan hawk at all that is not about the artistic intent or the historical value or any of those higher questions at a pure technical level i do not enjoy his performance i didn't think he was a good pick for it in the first place and i think he's bad in the

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role the way he's playing the character forgetting whether it's insulting to brown as a character by making him this comical uh madman this don quixote figure um just the way he performs it is to me uninteresting it's just this centaurian rattle with no red with no deeper uh no deeper connection to anything it just it just seems to be blood and thunder just absolute to the rafters he seems to be just trying to mouth religious piety through a a kind of an empty uh performance of like a tent revival preacher it just feels very artificial it doesn't feel like it's coming from him uh i would 0:20:18 really and the thing is what about first reformed if he'd played john brown like he played father toller we might be getting somewhere that'd be an interesting play on the character he's not he's the opposite of reverend toller in this movie and he is as bad in it as uh he was good in that movie so that's another big hurdle for me is that i don't like him in it like the scenes where he's owning slavers and yelling at them and going i am here on a mission of redemption and then cam \*\*\*\*\* steve zahn gets blown off with a camel cannon and he owns epically 50 slave owners it doesn't even have any kind of oomph to it because he's just never robbed of this sense of sort of comic opera buffoonery that means that he can't even get any badass moments off i think people are just reading it at their want oh they just want to see the slavers get epically owned because it's just another performance of the same puppet show of antifa versus a proud voice that we're all psychically investing in instead of engaging 0:21:19 in politics and so i see why people want to get off on that but he can't even give it to me if it michael shannon with his voice cracking like the \*\*\*\*\* mountain of doom is is like the the voice of justice itself willing to also be realistic with john brown's voice and make it like high and crackly um \*\*Music playing\*\* he did not have a deep booming voice actually he was like he's like abraham lincoln in that way lincoln is thought to have or was before the uh daniel day-lewis role defined the character was thought to be very deep and resonant like sam waterson no it was high and reedy and uh and danger day lewis went for that because he had the confidence and he knew he could work with it \*\*\*\*\* ethan hawk it's like no it's not badass enough and so he ignored the reality to give him this and i understand i understand that the real 0:22:20 point of the show is to take him as like a figure in american history like a figure of um uh like paul bunyan or pecos bill or john henry and like that's his role in this like that's why there's that's you know it's it's john brown as a as a cultural folk hero if that's the case i don't like the aesthetics of it at all if that's the case you can't go with ethan hawk there give me somebody who actually feels like they would be bigger than life i'm sorry ethan hawk even though he's been good in things in the past and is an underrated actor generally he is not larger than life so you \*\*\*\*\* it from the beginning if that's what it's going for and i've heard people arguing that that's the lens to view it through no no this isn't john brown this is john brown if he

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as paul bunyan this is john brown as john henry this is john brown as an american folk character brought down through generations of like retelling of you know the the 0:23:21  
american history then he needs to not be ethan \*\*\*\*\* hawk i'm sorry so there we go  
uh oh john wait tom waits is an interesting choice brad dorf oh he's too old now but  
oh my god he could have been good but the ian mcshane is one of those guys who  
can't do an american accent that's why they had to put those funny little bits in of  
extra dialogue uh around uh uh they had to lampshade it in deadwood they had the  
lampshade that e mcshane was british by having ellsworth at the bar go is it true  
that you were descended from english royalty because otherwise why does he sound 0:24:22  
like that it's like how in uh in schwarzenegger movies he would like to be talking to a  
date and go yeah so i was born in austria we moved here after the war after my father  
uh for some reason uh decided he needed to nick cage is john brown oh god honestly  
with the way this thing is like winkingly self-referential and very of the moment  
and honestly just it's the same tone as all this stuff that's my main problem with it  
beyond anything even ideological is it's just the tone is this arch fully socially like the  
problem with wokeness as a concept when applied to art is that it implies this world  
wariness and like full understanding of history that honestly just ends up coming off 0:25:24  
as cultural as capitalist \*\*\*\*\* realism it's just more just a wary snarl and a and a  
wink like oh no we haven't metabolized the whole pageantry and horror of human  
history without having imbued it with any emotion beyond our pale reproduction  
of it our our quotation marks ironic appropriation so i hope those people who still  
like the show will engage with this critique because i feel like i've articulated some  
genuine issues and i would like to see some people who like the show like i'm seeing  
some like people i'm generally very sympatico with saying they like it i haven't asked  
matt carpe but i got to find out what he thinks steve scheripa there is a go that's good 0:26:25  
but anyway it couldn't be a mcshane because elsewhere engine can be british i guess  
but john brown is american in every sense is the distilled promise of america and and  
all the things that made him genuinely mad and i would agree that he was mad in  
the sense that he his personal perception of god was so imminent in his like moment  
by moment life he was so imbued with it that he basically was hearing voices he was  
not in our consensual reality or at least off enough of it off by enough to constitute  
uh being unable to recognize the same reality we do sure but only because he was  
driven driven that way by the need to assert principles deeply deeply actually lived  
and felt principles of equality in antebellum america as it became more and more  
overdone by slavery because the other thing that drove drove brown through history  
was the accumulation of the power of slaveocracy and the in the expansion of slavery 0:27:27  
and the rise of slave influence over government my god the day after lawrence kansas  
was \*\*\*\*\* sacked charles sumner was beaten at his desk in the \*\*\*\*\* congress by

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some hillbilly \*\*\*\*\* from south carolina who was too cowardly to even let him stand up for himself because he was over six feet two he probably would have starched him and was received and received in response bouquets of cane sent to them from the good people the good gentlemen the good well-bred gentlemen of the south they were murdering free staters in the streets as well the \*\*\*\*\* sack of lawrence was validated by state approval the difference in was that the difference in moral calculus boils down to this john brown's violence had a threat of being met with state force which meant he was risking something by it the violence of pro-slavery people was engaged 0:28:28 with casually because there was no fear that there would be any kind of uh uh state intervention against you you'll serve there will be no consequence for this so it's free to do get get get drunk on corn liquor drive some \*\*\*\*\* free soilers out of town on a rail tar and feather them burn down a \*\*\*\*\* uh hotel loot a printing press have your way with a farmer's daughter it's all in good fun because who's ever going to stop you john brown was operating under no legal sanction which meant he was risking his violence was a risk to himself so that means it had to be pursued by a deeper belief than the mere belief in indulgence and honestly like the the answer to this 0:29:38 might be maybe you don't make a movie about john brown maybe you won't make a tv show about problem maybe some things are sacred maybe some memories some some people some stories can't be adulterated by the moment by all the intersecting baffling demiurgical uh delusion of the current moment that we live in maybe we don't need to imprint it by creating a new document that people can psychically organize their understanding of an idea around and thereby de-sacralize it and pull it out of its context and render it cheap and tawdry maybe that's the answer to this maybe you don't do it at all it's not everything in the past but maybe there are some things that you just don't \*\*\*\*\* with just why i believe this i honestly believe this and people can get mad at me if they want to i believe that in an ideal society there would be no death penalty for any crime committed against person or property but 0:30:40 that there would be the death penalty for the wanton killing because you have to have an enforced and understood social conception of sec sacredness i'm not saying execute people for putting john brown on television i'm saying that just maybe have some respect for things some things and you know it's up to you all right guys i'm going to wrap it up here i think i got my i think i set my piece if you want to if you want to hit me up in the dms to rap about it i'm always

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\*Music playing\*\* do hello i'm plugging in the phone to the laptop because i've heard that that makes the sound better especially uh on the youtube so hopefully it does fingers crossed i'm gonna do this from now on folks i'm sorry facing we love to do it don't we we love it i want to kiss you guys i want to do this my face but i kiss you all the boys the guys and the girls many many people told me that at that rally he just was doing my impression of him and god damn it he they're right so many people have said that i do a bad impression of trump and i'm telling you i do trump at his most concentrated and condensed which means once in a while he's gonna like hit the top of the the meter you know he's gonna he's gonna um what's the term in uh in acoustics when you blow out he's gonna blow up the top of the of the of the key and then he's going to sound like me then he's going to go i want to kiss the guys i'm going to cause him i want to get on the big kiss because i'm immortal folks i drank the mercury i did it i followed the golden path to the mercury concoction and now i'm the immortal emperor folks we love to see it i've got an emperor and i've got an army i've got a beautiful terracotta arby and guess what folks they're going to rule the world on my behalf because i'm the emperor the immortal one and i've got immortal terracotta warriors and guess what guys i'm gonna live forever uh yeah he literally thinks he's immune now even though we're not even sure that there's any long-term uh immunity provided by uh infection because we've already got uh because i know a number of months ago there were a spate of reinfection cases in south caroli south korea that eventually turned out to be uh just failures to have like accurate testing essentially uh like they were they tested it wasn't like it was a it was too false it was like a positive and a false positive or something like that but um in this case it looks like we've got at least two confirmed recon re uh infections including one of a woman who died i mean she was very old but still uh it's folks it's not great that's not great i do have the tightest \*\*\*\*\* in the five boroughs so instead of accepting that reality he is instead concocted to reality where he is immortal now and immune and his blood could probably be synthesized and if we could make a truck people say how do you get the trump people to make it to take a

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trump vaccine or any vaccine just say that you made it with trump's blood if trump says that his blood is going into a vaccine everyone would take it and you know what it would probably give us what it would do is even if it was total placebo it would essentially refr orient our way our understanding of disease and reality to such an extent that we would actually cure covid but what by essentially redefining covet out of existence like over time like we would still have the deaths and we would solve the sicknesses but we would just break up the apparatus for even recognizing it which was always the basis for trump's covenant policy stop don't test don't test because 0:4:7 you get tests you get positive results so you don't want that and you could make that a reality by simply defining the the disease out of existence and if you say well that's going to lead to things like you know lots of uh people going to the hospital maybe the capacity won't be there well one thing is you do is you build you you direct resources to building capacity to deal with these increased deaths but the increased deaths lose the urgency of corona they urge they lose the the patina of exception and they re-establish a normal baseline where now we have x number more deaths a year from this infectious disease but it is not coronavirus and that means everyone's back to work and everybody's back uh maskless and there's no social distancing and everybody just lives their lives with a slightly higher risk of dying or getting a long-term neurological disorder or long-term lung damage it just becomes a new normal the way cancer rates going up over the years is something people accept hey you're getting older the price of that is you might get cancer you know you got older the 0:5:8 price of that is you might get this thing or and honestly that's the most realistic thing we could do if we wanted to be pure realist about this moment like we're going to strip everything of morality we're going to strip it even to like recognize even even evaluating from a political perspective like let's say we're not even going to try to wring any political juice out of the failure of covet and say oh look you know covet is uh covert is capitalism's fault uh we don't want to let capitalism off the hook but if we recognize that there's nothing elucidating about this moment and that the covet moment has no revolutionary potential we could just say okay fine we'll do this because then at least you could \*\*\*\*\* get back to like a functioning system and restart the economy in a meaningful way and deal with like because otherwise this is an intractable problem having a system set up that has no capacity to do 0:6:10 the things like live scale uh uh wide scale test and tracing capability and lockdown capability most importantly the kind of things that would be facilitated by a i don't know massive suspension of rent massive suspension of mortgage payments complete suspension of all debt collection of any kind uh mass infusion of direct cash payments to people to obviate the need to engage in the service economy and go outside of the home and allow for large-scale lockdowns around areas of infection that were tested

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rigorously that would be wonderful who's going to do that you're talking about the realistic solution to this it's just redefining it out of existence and adding it to the perils of life the way that we went from zero people getting killed every year in car accidents to 50 000 getting killed every year in car accidents that is a 500 and not 0:7:14 and it's not a thing that we think of as a crisis it's a thing we manage and it'll be another thing we manage and of course that will disproportionately fall on the poorest among us we will least access the health care least able to take off from work at least able to even be aware of this threat at least basically people who are forced by the market to risk their lives more than they previously were yeah that's awful the only thing that's going to prevent that from happening is an intervening political movement some sort of political uh organization that interrupts this process that puts the \*\*\*\*\* broomstick into the spokes of the machine that's the only thing that's going to outcome and of course maybe we get a vaccine maybe we get a vaccine and then everybody can just act like you know what guess what and here's the thing trump wins say let's say hilariously trump wins which not outside of the realm of possibility at all i'm not gonna say in any way joe Biden has this thing rocked up i 0:8:16 think he'll probably win but my god i'd certainly have more i would be less much much less surprised i'll admit i'll be way less surprised if trump wins than i was that he won the first time that was genuinely shocking i'll admit i was out to lunch like that on that one with a bunch more coastal elites we weren't enough close enough to the ground and if you want to ever own me by saying you didn't see trump coming even though you could listen to us talking about that \*\*\*\*\* election and talking yourself over and over again right to the precipice of recognizing that holy \*\*\*\*\* he is the one of he's the man for this moment he's going to win this thing he's the one who makes sense in this context everything about like if politics is a game show if politics is a spectacle then he should win but no it's not that much of a spectacle yet there's still a grounding there's still a reality there are still fence posts and now and then we found out nope no no no that firmament you thought there was totally rotted away so i call it fully admit that that it could happen again and i'll be way way but man if trump wins and then like halfway through his term after you know 0:9:17 he like loses in big in this house and send it again and gets impeached again and get and ignores it again then we get a vaccine and then he like leaves office he's like this decrepit ball like this somehow this like dehydrated but also wet sack of like uh ron popeil rotisserie meat bright orange just sliding allegiance out of the \*\*\*\*\* frets in the white house just go i said it would go away magically i said one day it would be gone and look it is it's gone look it's gone now i said it i said it you heard me say it over and over again then eventually one day like magic you'd be gone and now it's gone because for trump it is only the moment it is in past does not exist only

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as a vague memory that you have shaped into a into a \*\*\*\*\* mirror of your of a delusion mirror of yourself putting yourself in in this position of fantastical uh uh 0:10:21  
command of the moment when in reality you're a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* who is barely aware of what's going on around you man they see that apparently eli lilly was doing trials uh oh no johnson and johnson which i was surprised by i thought they made like soap and \*\*\*\*\* i guess they're also a pharmaceutical company they were doing a trial vaccine and they had to stop the trial because of an unexplained illness or an unexpected illness either way you don't want to hear that word before illness and i just thought i am legend will smith they create this vaccine that's going to immunize you from cancer and then cut six months later half the populations are these horrible cgi zombies uh vampires and of course there's the question that i don't think anyone has ever answered to my satisfaction but i haven't asked that much element what 0:11:22  
about this possibility that kova just keeps evolving it becomes like the flu where every year there's a new strain there's a covent 20 there's a covenant 21 there's a boney 12 and two with all different lethalties that are like pegged around covet lethality and require a new vaccine before you've even created one for the original covet no i'm sure that happens all the time but it was just the word unexpected illness that made me think oh god we've created a new mutant that's going to take over it's captain trips  
\*\*Music playing\*\* seasons don't fear the reaper the wind it's so funny that they're doing the stand right before this hit and now they're gonna release it hey guys i 0:12:23  
guess that's they're thinking that now that everyone has basically decided that it's over even though it's still happening and happening more and more really and that the trend lines are up and that you're reaching like early uh outbreak levels of daily infections and deaths now uh which like i said it's just we're all grinding down the emergency on our mind so we can keep going because we're just sick of sitting here uh we're acting like yeah it's basically gone and now we can look back and like oh wow we're lucky that didn't happen oh now things are great i can do socially distanced drinks you know and at the bar at the in front of the bar downtown which it just feels so much like hanging out and you know it's like this is not a shadow of my former enjoyment and my former social life this is just the new version of that because we've normalized it into reality we've okay so someone's saying that it's state more stable than the flu and less likely to do that that'd be good that'd be good all right that's nice that means you could actually get a vaccine that could be that could stamp it 0:13:25  
out relatively and then of course we would look back at that time and learn nothing of any meaning all we will be is dumber from having lived through it dumber and deafer and more distracted and more agitated and more knee-jerk in our reactions and more uh either plugged out of politics to the point of nihilistic self-destruction or plugged into politics to the point of ner just cripplingly neurotic uh nearly erotic

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fixation on the ups and downs of the of the spectacle of politics either way not in any way better positioned to deal with the horrors of the world around us and the crisis the continuing unfolding crises it's like harrison bergeron where you know the smart people are forced to just have like a a siren go off next to their head every 10 minutes so that they can't think too far ahead before getting disrupted we're all 0:14:31 in that and then we're going to be in worse worse situation monopoly capital will be in a vastly better situation because monopoly capital has monopolized the \*\*\*\*\* taking the opportunity of this mark this corruption this this uh this drop in the economic like the the ex because you know one of the things hurting there's a drive towards monopoly and capitalism but there's also you know expanding wealth and and inflation through that which makes it harder for capital to you know subsume others because they're able to grow in relationship to them but in a situation like this when you have whole sectors cored out almost overnight monopoly capital can scoop those up and add them into the \*\*\*\*\* borg so we're going to have a more monopolized capitalism than we've had since the robber baron days if we don't already and it'll be it'll be uh something a lot of mom and pop shops are going to get turned into like uh now i was not even something like you know like mcdonald's or other things not even more like they'll still be run by individual families and stuff but as sort of like 0:15:34 an uber model like a gig economy for restaurant tours where like you get to be a you get to rent out the pre the place and get like a per month per hour salary with no benefits to like basically run a restaurant instead of actually getting the profits from the restaurant like that would be the new model franchises but where like you're not even the owner you know like they've already been doing that uh there's a very interesting article a number of years ago now about uh 7-eleven owners and how 7-eleven uh has essentially proletarianized their ownership in large degree because most because there's these networks of like immigrant networks mostly in india that uh basically hook people who want to move to the united states from india up with franchises when they get there sort of as their stake puts them in like sort of a subservient position you know vis-a-vis this huge company that can manipulate you 0:16:35 know schedule uh uh ice raids uh on their own \*\*\*\*\* franchisees uh if they're thinking of you know asking too many questions but they like squeeze the owners to the point where many of them make like twenty thousand dollars a year even though they're specifically supposed to be the franchise owners and they'll just wholesale replace the entire you know business model of small restaurants i'd say restaurants and bars number one because those are the ones have been hardest hit and then but anything subsidiary to that escape rooms shooting ranges anything anything that rook it is a service or entertainment uh uh recreational industry uh or food consumption or beverages anything any of that element of life uh that involves people operating

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out of like fixed brick-and-mortar uh positions like fixed capital that's not going to be owned by individuals anymore and that class of petty bourgeois is going to be subsumed into the proletarian class which of course is what the engine of capitalism does it's separate you have a bunch of different classes embedded within capitalism like i have said there's even pre-capitalist modes sticking again there i as i have said am an artisan that is a pre-capitalist uh uh um class configuration doesn't exist in doesn't it it is not being produced by capitalism like uh hegemonically now like it was it was something that had to be subsumed within capitalism and broken up and largely it's gone what what used to be artisans are 99 of the time their jobs are now proletarianized i am a remaining artisan i'm still in there but the process is there are fewer over time until you grind out and then you've got like things like the small bourgeois you know and the pmc whatever kind of pseudo-class you want to pull out of your ass they will over time be pulled apart some of the lucky ones will get pulled up into the ownership class the the losers will get pushed down into the working class the proletariat and then you end up with just two and this is going to be furthering that process hugely the question is whether it be whether that's actually helpful to the you know radicalization of the working class uh the old idea was it would because it would create larger and larger concentrations of working-class people who shared working-class conditions shared exploitation shared an understanding of their alienation and the contributors to it and could organize that way create become a class for themselves with a with a counter-hegemonic political uh and and cultural uh like engine like they like that's what when the the battle of positions that gramsci talks about is between capitalist hegemonic cultural uh institutions cultural and civic institutions and an emergent generated a working class generated working-class generated uh counterculture of its own institutions and like post-war italy is the closest example in the world to that that concept uh because the communist party during the post-war period when it was the official opposition many of the time and was being suppressed by the gladio operation uh had its own civic institutions its own radio stations its own media apparatus its own political leaders mayors senators uh and and uh you know uh cooperative aid organizations uh uh civic organizations recreational organizations that's also true of uh the german social democratic party before world war uh before the nazi rise that's what um that's what the concentration of the working class the pulling of people more and more into the working class does is because there will always be more working-class people than there are capitalists which means over time as there are more and more capitalist workers relative to capitalist that counter hegemony becomes stronger the uh the self-organizational capacity of the working class as such gets greater and then eventually you're able to through force of arms and uh persuasion any element that comes along with

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being both most numerous and most organized it can't be one or the other if you're 0:20:44  
organized without numbers you will be crushed if you have numbers but there is no  
sufficient organization along sufficient concept which comes from creating institutions  
counter hegemonic institutions that's the durability uh that allows you to like point  
your movement in the right direction to find the crack and the fissure of capitalism  
and drive into it that's you need that and then the problem is is that while we are  
we are seeing before our eyes that this process of stripping all class character down  
to just two defining categories is happening and accelerating there is no concomitant  
rise of working class self-conscious counter hegemonic uh institutions uh culture and  
that's because of the process of social atomization suburbanization racial polarization 0:21:47  
and nationalism have done to and then compounded and compounded and quadruple  
compounded and exp and compounded beyond words compounded into the brain of  
a supercomputer the \*\*\*\*\* internet on top of all of that has led to a situation where  
even though more and more people are turning into working class they're not thinking  
of themselves as working class they're just thinking of themselves as someone fallen  
from a natural social position that's the full phenomenon of like the pmc who don't  
actually make money right somebody who is not thriving in the accredited world  
where you learn from your middle class parents that you get a college education and  
that allows you a certain social standing uh self-conception and salary and you don't  
get the salary but you still think of yourself as you still think of yourself first and  
foremost as part of that class that cultural class of college-educated uh people who are 0:22:49  
urban and cosmopolitan and value you know social inclusion as ends into themselves  
the refinements that come from accrediting oneself to the bourgeois morality even  
though they are now functionally more and more of them actually work in class in  
their relationship to capitalism they are nonetheless not imagining themselves that  
way and look at think of those trump supporting uh non-college educated white men  
who are his base who are his \*\*\*\*\* uh mujahideen his his uh his feathery warriors  
his his his 300 spartans some of them are of course you know just racist right a  
lot of them are just like i like racism but a lot of the reason that they're racist in 0:23:50  
america race is only really uh examined critically if you're white through the crucible  
of that bourgeois accreditation into middle class morality like that is really the only  
interaction a white person in america gets socially forget the television and all the  
stuff you see on the globalist media in reality what really brings you towards these  
not not like lived values i'm talking just things in your head things that cost nothing  
to feel like white guilt and white privilege and like the idea of white supremacy like  
it does and your need to fight it and things like that your sense of you know uh  
white responsibility for uh the position of of african americans in this country uh  
like that's the specific \*\*\*\*\* you get from going to \*\*\*\*\* college so some of it is

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just race 8 but other of it is misdirected rage due to the fact that uh you're even relative to the work the rest like you're in a working class even relative to your older generations before you or other people you see around you in culture and on the television your life is getting worse and worse but you don't know how to define that you can't define it because no one is talking to you from the other level alt media is the \*\*\*\*\* people who went to college talking to each other and everyone else is just drowning and they're just sitting on top of this drowning barge going oh it's so sad they can't they can't free themselves and they're yelling into the in across this chasm but it's all it's all loaded with contempt and it's all loaded with like the alienness like you're essentially talking to people who you don't understand you're condescending even with the best of intentions and you combine that with the fact that there's no lived reality of class in this country people don't live class especially in the gig economy world where people aren't working in those conditions of like a factory line i mean even like i'd say our best hope for mass organization in this country are the few places where people do work together like big box retailers or amazon fulfillment centers so and there are still factories in this country god damn it too and also people like postal workers and teachers like that's that's hopeful because it's uh it's where people work together but most people don't work together they're hustling because they've all turned us into lumping proletarians even and the thing is like so i think people argue over these questions and it's like at every point you can see how the category confusion is happening and how they're basically don't really even disagree they just have decided that arguing over this constitutes some sort of meaningful engagement for them or recreation or a combination of the two but man it's just if you pull this apart there's just there's no resolving it either way like this is a real uh this is a real conflict oh and also i forgot there's another section of the non-college trump supporters who are the boat beautiful boat people because yes there are a lot of upper uh like and what those people are are i'm saying it's like the class is getting pulled like the \*\*\*\*\* velcro is getting pulled well some get pulled down some get pulled up and they're getting pulled up and that's and that's and the reason they're voting for trump is because that's the class interest for them all the cultural stuff and the reason they both feel that way is because we are culturally segregated our culture does not we and we live it through much more through the prism of race than through class and as i've said a million times the only hope we have is that the conditions as they evolve will provide opportunities for us to grab in front of us the possibility of reversing these trends and grabbing people together and having them pull in the same direction to interdict with the slide we having towards total monopoly domination and i don't think it's lost i don't think we're doomed i just think that we have to accept that we're at a more basic level fighting at a

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more basic level than a lot of us want to be because the implication of that is that man we have so far to go but you know acceptance is the first step towards moving forward and i feel like a lot of us are just fighting through this kubler-ross cycle like we stay in the discourse and fight it because we're fighting that eventual inevitable realization and then we will you know when human voices wake us i did not hear the miss rebel thing from john brown i was watching it i had the titles on she said if those rebels find out about that you'll get hanged she was talking to missouri red shirts ruffians who were essentially almost all of them deputized into various militias 0:28:56 uh that were part of the united states governments recognized territorial legislature in kansas how they were they rebels who i've not read under the volcano i've no they were not called rebels why would they have been called rebels they were called border ruffians generally that was what they were called and uh in like the press and stuff there there was also like a political movement that was like called the party of 0:29:58 law but nobody called them rebels they weren't rebelling against anyone they were enforcing they were enforcing what was the closest thing to a legitimate uh monopoly of violence in the kansas territory according to uncle sam and the reason that matters is because to mistake that is to mistake the position that brown found himself in and the need to transgress to need to break out of the strategic uh stalemate that had arisen where neither side was willing to take the next step which over time benefited the the over the the larger political momentum behind uh the the uh slave uh state coalition there the missouri the missouri faction the ones who ended up writing the compton constitution even though their election was invalidated and they were not a recognized uh government they still \*\*\*\*\* passed and demanded that gov that's that 0:31:0 congress approve a constitution that accepted slavery as the law of the land of the new kansas state and it was whether or not the democratic party would support that uh constitution that led to the uh southern democrats walking out at the convention in baltimore in 1860 which led to the northern democrats nominating the remaining northern democrats nominating stephen douglas the southern democrats nominating for themselves john breckenridge uh some some radical centrists around in the clay tradition uh put a guy named uh john bell uh as the compromise can't we all get along candidate the cuck it was all over the lecompton constitution because that was the bridge that was too far even for the doe faces because stephen douglas was by any respect he was the next logical guy in line after frank david pierce and buchanan he was the most prominent congressional doe face the guy who fought lincoln in the 0:32:2 famous lincoln douglas debates over the issue primarily of slavery and his vehement defensiveness in defense of the planter uh uh prerogative and even foreign policy but the thing is is that around stephen douglas northern sentiment changed it was no longer possible in the north to say just give it to him like it used to be because even

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northern democrats the guys who mostly said leave slavery alone i care about the banks i care about the dang banks i care about the revenueurs and i don't give a \*\*\*\*\* about what these dainty doily \*\*\*\*\* these these quaker weirdos uh in boston these these these homos say about slavery what's it got to do with me do you want these those black people up in here i don't you know whatever but they saw slavery as a threat to the more they saw slavery as a competing threat to them a competitive economic system that could realistically put them in a position to lose their uh market power either as a farmer or as a laborer of any kind because they've been competing with literal free free labor they said nope this is a bridge too far because the lecompton constitution was if they accept this then kansas is a slave state in the union with two new senators breaking the balance in the senate and meeting with a democratic president because democrats had a lock on the trial college at that point especially with the whigs imploding and the dem republicans this brand new party that had just emerged that it only had one presidential candidate uh up to its net to its credit the the adventurist uh uh self-promoter john c fremont they had to go with a celebrity just to get people's attention the boom second time they have this it's still not it still would have fallen to a unified republican party or a unified democratic party and that unified democratic party would then be voting to mean to put slavery in every state and once it's in every state that surrounds the north how long before it has to be introduced there to keep moving to keep to keep pushing forward to keep allowing a new area for slavers to import slaves and uh and create a new market that creates demand for old older slaves older lines of slaves by the by 1860 most northern uh virginia the virginia slave trade was mostly about breeding and selling slaves down to the plant the big cotton plantations in the south because that teeth that tidewater had been sort of already uh farmed out by the over aggressive uh farming of cash crops like tobacco but you had this huge human capital stock that had to go somewhere and if you foreclose that that if you draw the the the if you end that process of expansion that's the end of the \*\*\*\*\* system over time and they understood that which is why they push forward but northern whites understood it too and they didn't want to be competing and so even douglas had to draw a line at lecompton and that helped lead to lincoln winning and that then guaranteed the civil war and so it was the kansas war more than anything that sharpened the sectional crisis to the to the breaking point which needed to happen and what did it it was kansas and then harper's ferret i'm just saying that that means if that strategic context where you go from a situation where it looks like slavery is about to get ready to just chomp on and get its jaws around the neck of free labor in the north to the hinge reversing and then the final confrontation which leads inevitably thanks to the superior industrial capacity and population and organizational abilities

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of the north to northern victory and to the end of slavery as it had to be and the funny thing is is that you could really argue that the civil war is essentially a uh the final it's the war between the federalists and the jeffersonians in its final form like if you if you if you wanted like if you look at it as an ideological conflict like forgetting the fact that this is all just a term a cultural description for a material process which is the development of parallel uh uh economic systems plantation based agriculture in the south slavery-based agriculture in the south and free labor and small holding in the north or free manufacturing labor and small holding yeoman farmery in the north they produce completely competing in different cultures the fact that the majority of the peasantry of northern uh of the northern states was um made up of smallholders who lived on their own land and farmed their own land right it meant 0:37:9 that they created pro uh uh they also were able to uh produce produ uh uh um surplus produce they would be able to most of them if they were successful there was a lot of the northern land wasn't rich enough to do big plantation agriculture especially in new england but there was enough land that individual smallholders could farm enough food to sustain their families and then surplus to sell and what would they do they would essentially exchange surplus crops for finished mechanical and material items like pieces of clothing manufactured items things for the farm industrial the basis of an industrial economy basically and that transmission belt created a civic society around it now in the south the the the proletariat largely was enslaved labor who produced only enough food for themselves like plantations had uh uh like all slaves had to essentially they were their own yeoman and that they they farmed and 0:38:11 they contributed to the farming of the food that fed themselves but otherwise they spent all of their time uh uh working for the plantation owner meaning that there is no surplus for them to exchange in the cities for finished products so the demand that created like the industrial economy and this and the urban life of the north was impossible in the south and so because of that you essentially had a federalist country and a jeffersonian country like those two competing philosophies of government that emerged from the reality of the end of the american revolution was now uh reduced to uh a real proposition because of the fate of geography because of the fact that there was so much rich soil that allowed for the creation of these vast profitable uh uh in uh 0:39:14 agricultural operations that could create huge surplus amounts of um of cash crops that could provide the material basis for also for formulating industrial capitalism in northern united states and also great britain you know it provides the fuel for the capitalist machine uh they had like all those linen mills in manchester were spinning for a lot of the part of it slave linen and that because the jefferson like the jeffersonian idea of american liberty that we live with is essentially the idea of living as a farmer now jefferson thought he meant small yeoman farmers but in reality that's not uh

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that's not possible without creating cities like you can't have yeoman farmery the way they hit in the north without creating the urban culture and urban infrastructure of things like banking and finance and like like abstracted uh you know essentially intensified capitalist productive relationships those things are united you can only 0:40:15 have continuing agricultural life if uh there is no no excess no surplus built up and the way to do that is who's slavery because he is imagining agrarian life through the lens of a slave owner not a yeoman he was a slave owner not a yeoman so when he he idolized urban life he was idolizing his experience now because the fact people like him were the people who made up the uh political aristocracy the leadership of the new country in the south over time their institutions became the institutions of jeffersonian democracy meanwhile in the north the absence of large tracts of rich land that could accommodate slave agriculture the fact that the relatively rocky soil of the north was more conducive to to small holding peasantry also the new territories of the north even if they were richer in land were also more deeply uh filled with native americans who had to be contended with and much more uh you know would require much more investment to just clear for large any kind of large-scale agriculture at all 0:41:17 was largely wilderness so those two modes come into conflict in the civil war and then instead of recognizing and then when the problem is is that of course that victory by northern capitalism would eventually result in a synthesis between the two it's not going to be just the destruction of the one that's impossible the problem is is that the new thing we created because of the results of reconstruction specifically uh was misshapen essentially uh its historical form bent that jeffersonian model of endless expansionary uh freedom uh maintained and now sits on happily in in in conjunction with like this uh attempt to build something like a rationalized you know uh social democratic capitalist edifice uh it's it's a bummer man it's a real bummer but the 0:42:19 whole point is that those those crisis moments are they're fluid and we had bad we had a bad run of things like lincoln getting shot was very bad you know i don't know how much better things would be if he hadn't died but man i've got i i'm willing to say they would have been in some way better which at this point a little bit could go a long way the way things ricochet you know the way things amplify over time and space uh it's a bummer though but yes like the entire american conception of freedom was jefferson's idea of limitless uh farming ex like the idea that you don't have to have all that icky complicated stuff that's socially uh that stuff that requires you to subsume yourself into a social collective you know even if it's like we could say that uh it's it's this isn't we're not talking about socialism we're talking about capitalist market exchange yes but capitalist market exchange remember is more progressive 0:43:20 than what is jefferson's essentially feudal world view and so he gets this feudalized capitalism because you know it was a part of capitalism slave agriculture was part

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of capitalism all those \*\*\*\*\* big uh um all those huge plantations in the south were powered were fueled by finance capital they were all mortgaged to the hilt they were all financial instruments they sold \*\*\*\*\* stock they were integrated into every level of the of the world the burgeoning world uh capitalist economy but they had this struck this this feudal remnant structure based around these uh jeffersonian ideas and we did not crush enough that idea of american liberty uh when the north won the civil war that was the main failing not crushing it enough uh and i think like i said it wouldn't have been fully crushed because you don't do that there was always going to be a some level of accommodation that leads to a synthetic thing not not 0:44:21 just the dominance of one that's a dialectical that's that's that's basic you can't argue otherwise but you certainly would be could be in a different position vis-a-vis that idea and really i think the real the the dagger in the heart to the to our progress has been that the constitution itself was not destroyed because the constitution was what got us into that \*\*\*\*\* mess in the first place and the same way that the articles of confederation reached a point where they were no longer sustainable and we started over from scratch the civil war should have been the thing that had a start over from scratch on a governing document which would have put us on yes still capitalist but on a track towards an actual industrial capitalism that had a like a social relationship at its base that accepted liberal subjectivity which is equal subjectivity which would have removed racism as a bat as a mystifying and socially 0:45:22 uh atomizing and um and counter revolutionary force and so the fact that we're still dealing with the constitution that's still this noose on our neck it really is the thing that moment stands out as as the thing that warped our behavior we're like a bound foot from a manchu you know bed maiden it wouldn't have made miracles happen my god i'm just saying we would be in a better position now than we are that's all i'm saying how much better i don't know i'm just saying we'd be in a better position we would not have trump as president we would not be in this specific dilemma i think we would have been more durable and and vibrant working-class institutions in this country we would have a more left-wing uh uh government even if things 0:46:23 had gotten worse after the seven even if like even if you have the same like basic structure of a post-war boom followed by a collapse of the world order and then reorientation around like global finance capitalism that led to the end of american industrial dominance and its replacement in the supply chain with uh cheaper labor in the emerging east and the america becoming instead the buyer of last resort the the surplus absorber within the capitalist system to uh you know maintain its its military might overseas and to provide like the mouth at the center of it to absorb all uh surplus uh production to to regulate exchange even if that had happened we would be in a better position we probably have universal healthcare let me just say

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that we would probably \*\*\*\*\* have it and we would not be in this situation where we are essentially biting our brains out of our head as a culture and driving ourselves insane because of our civic belief in freedom coming from this freakish perverted bewigged uh aristocrat sex criminal epstein-ass \*\*\*\*\* like the fact is is that when 0:47:24 we reach back to all right like most cherished american ideas of freedom they don't belong to like medieval peasants us in europe anyway when when people think of freedom obviously more and more they're thinking in terms of you know atomized american freedom freedom to consume you know for uh the freedom of uh the freedom of the market sure but at the base of that they also have a folk understanding of freedom that flows from the peasant solidarity that came before capitalism because these things don't go away they echo the the nightmares of all dead generations lay on the brain we on the other hand when we think of freedom even i think on the left 0:48:25 we end up at jeffersonian freedom to expand freedom because that's the thing about jeffers the jeffersonian idea and the reason that it foundered finally on its inability to expand itself because it cannot be stabilized within a system it demands always it can only compensate with more because you're not giving people a social structure the hostility the hostility to the state at the center of jeffersonianism is the hostility to being integrated into a social situation you're saying the fact that i unlike my peasant or aristocratic european f for founders who were bound by superstition and and and sultifying social conventions in europe and and and the vile hand of like roman papistry or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* now here we can breathe free in the open spaces but only but but that means that we have to do it by ourselves because to participate into to allow ourselves to be brought into a social relationship is to undermine our 0:49:26 freedom of movement and freedom of movement here is defined as the only freedom that matters as opposed to a deeper understanding of freedom is the freedom to freedom uh from fear really and pain that comes with a social uh awareness and and social reciprocal um reciprocal obligation that there is a meaning there and a richness to life that compensates for any narrow app reduction of the aperture of like indulgence because and that what that means is that the only answer to social friction in those situations has to be expansion there can be no resolution because there aren't institutions that people agree upon that can arbitrate distinctions and so it leads all questions have to be entered by expansion and so at what's what really healed the civil war breach between the north and south the the whites of the north and the whites of the south after we decided that we were going to solve the problem 0:50:27 the emergent social problem of emancipation by just re-inscribing slavery as much as we could in social form if not in like technically uh economic relationship uh we invaded uh \*\*\*\*\* spain or we invaded spanish uh caribbean and \*\*\*\*\* philippines and the spanish-american war we consecrated that with expansion into becoming a

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world power and then there was some battle within about that but by the end of world war ii we had the whole world and then space and we always had this this reach and it was not until the iraq war i think really that the \*\*\*\*\* the curtain closed and now we're turning inward and we're taking this jeffersonian notion of freedom and individuality and liberty and what it means to be an american and how and how that relates to you know a morality how amer being american is part of a moral framework that involves christianity certainly and as a protestantism all that \*\*\*\*\* 0:51:28

it all flows uh but that requires expansion requires somebody getting some of this pie at every point because there's no other fun way to reduce social friction and now how are we going to reduce it when that is the presiding ideology of government and we have this \*\*\*\*\* noose around our neck in the form of the us constitution smothering any chance of us breaking free of of this wild thrashing death as we parax as we peroxide our way through the the \*\*\*\*\* kubler-ross cycle realizing that our social body must die if it cannot you guys know about uh you know why some of these 0:52:38

answers are are purple highlight i don't know why i gotta say as much as i'm sure i'll hate hamilton and as much as i hate the concept of the whole thing i do think if you want to talk hero and villain if you're talking hamilton and jefferson jefferson is the bad guy i'm sorry and the thing is is that there will always be moments in american history where the jeffersonian tradition has very worthy exponents who are doing good things to check the rise of horribly monopoly capitalism unchecked capitalism i'm just saying that it was an insufficient uh antithesis to the thesis of hamiltonian developmentalism you know what i mean or maybe it's because it was the thesis it 0:53:39

when we never broke through we never broke over it because there was always free real estate always free real estate free real estate made us in every critical moment able to vent off instead of confront within because in europe those \*\*\*\*\* kettles started popping because there was nowhere for the pressure to go in america there was always somewhere for the pressure to go and to me that's the answer to every question about why america is exceptional why it didn't have a labor party it all boils down however you want to talk about the functions you want to talk about the \*\*\*\*\* social expressions of it and political expressions it boils down to that law of \*\*\*\*\* thermodynamics so if it's like if you want to broadly go a progressive regressive figure the progressive figure is hamilton the regressive figure is jefferson and i would say that just on a personal level even though hamilton was a creep and an arrest and kind of an obviously an arch-capitalist psycho uh who feared had nothing but fear and disgust for the idea of a common man uh was still better than that hypocritical 0:54:42

\*\*\*\*\* snot-nosed ugh just he's the guy boswell talked about when he said why do we hear the m that lar the why why must we hear the loudest bleeding for freedom from the drivers of negroes that's who he was and the guy immediately even though he had

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said that that there should be no you know real formal power for the president and and the legend and the executive because oh we gotta love that legislature gets in there louisiana purchase immediately oh what's that your \*\*\*\*\* principles don't compare with this thing anymore and the thing that really mattered was expansion because it's the economic engine of the kind of uh warped capitalized uh like an agrarian economy that you've created here inevitably out of your idea you \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* we do love john quincy adams folks uh one of our i mean you want to talk 0:55:43  
best presidents he is in the conversation and when share pass like lincoln and fdr uh spare spare moment for jqa also one of the better men to be president uh and a man who recognized the moral written he recognized that every oath in the constitution and the declaration of independence was going to be worth nothing over time if we made territorial expansion the undergirding mechanism of our economy he at the moment he's like this is going to lead us to abandoning everything and it did and it has and look where we are and everything that everybody wants to talk about america and all the good stuff is this schizophrenic uh frankenstein creation of of the of the of the like echo dominations of a greater horror and a greater mis series of crimes and exploitations and thefts and their corporations we didn't we weren't 0:56:44  
never made to behave the way that the european states were made to behave they spent a thousand years smashing against each other to grab grab grab but god damn it at some point you realize that there are other forces outside of you and we never hit that because the native americans who resisted our exploration of the continent never were able to cohere into a meaningful state resistance because they started from such a lower level of like surplus economy that they were not able to you know because you can't do it overnight it has to be staged and there was no time especially after you have the initial massive die off from like the essentially un uh intentional biological warfare campaign that happened before there was even settling in north america that had a huge impact and then over time you know native populations rather absorbed into the greater system or were pushed out of it but uh you know disinherited of any uh land and also a residue of you know social formation or i 0:57:47  
mean institutional formation that you could turn into an actual organized resistance against another state it was not all intentional the first farm the fir the first big i believe it was the first big smallpox uh uh plague in uh the mid-atlantic the one that uh happened right before the uh john smith showed up the one uh that allowed them to even like set up there was because some basque uh fishermen or something like blew on to long island and had an interaction with like a local tribe and then left and that led to something like 80 percent die off of the population within within a very short period of time and so of course later on you have intentional like lord jeffrey amherst and his smallpox blankets what i'm saying is that they didn't even have to

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try was how lethal they were they were like uh who else are someone asked who are 0:58:59  
their most american because john brown is one of our most american americans p.t  
barnum another one of our most american americans first name that comes to mind  
anyway i'll think of some more that's a good question i was going to like make a book  
of a a gal a rogue's gallery of like our most condensed americans along certain axis  
like representations of certain you know fundamental american uh uh expressions of  
culture henry ford is another good one yes mark twain also very good very good for  
sure donald trump yeah no you guys are all 100 though that's fire we got to get some 1:0:0  
women in here i feel like we're uh pamela anderson's canadian thank you gel maxwell 1:1:3  
also british it seems like i'm realizing that yeah when you talk in these terms you're  
always going to end up being very heterosys male normative just because so much  
of uh you know our received uh my received anyway you know narrative of america  
is this uh is this public-facing you know battle of ideas and a public spare that has 1:2:4  
been largely uh largely banned largely the domain of man amber frost definitely all  
right i've gone about an hour here ann hutchison is a good one good win who's going 1:3:13  
to win the world series the dodgers finally and it'll be with the \*\*\*\*\* asterix it'll be  
a fake season who wants to win this year i don't i wouldn't good keep it i don't even  
want it forget about it get it out of here get it out of my face bye-bye

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### *Feelin' Like White Alfred E. Neuman*

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so i've got wheels a polished steel i've got tires that drag the rope i've got seats that selflessly oh my friends and a truck that can carry the heaviest of loads i got a mind that can steer me to your house and a heart that can bring you red flowers 0:1:1  
my intentions are good and earnest and true but under satan is my motor satan is my motor hear my motor purr it's always been a favorite cake song of mine and uh lately i've been thinking about how truly evocative it is of just the condition of being a a liberal late capitalist american subject you if you grow up in the middle class if you grow up west you know with the fading beneficence of the post-war american economic boom that we're all slowly whittling away if you get any glimpse of that any grab of that you get a chance to be turned into a a person who's better positioned than almost anyone in human history to thrive to thrive have the ability with your hands to create a destiny now of course it is all on the backs of the 0:2:2  
massive exploitation of others this is without saying but within the narrow sphere of the personal you can feel like you have some control of the world because you know you have access to capital uh the lingua franca of the world access to its markets its beneficence uh a introduction into a bourgeois social uh network that is embedded and that provides you with like a real identity uh that that off acts as a social capital that can make up for a deficit and actual access to capital you're in as good a position as you could be you are you get the best of like secular uh uh um education you get the ability to live a life well-lived without having it constrained by oppression and happenstance and conscious alienation and yet the engine the motor of all of that is this poisonous self-conception this uh imagined singularity called you know your 0:3:5  
ego and this the satisfying of it because you can't satisfy your ego it can only ever just be fed from outside uh in the form of desires that are given to you to want and which make you take your beautiful car and drive it all over the \*\*\*\*\* road in any way any a just drive you away from from truth because the ah uh so jeffrey tubin took his dick out huh and was jacking it is this what happened he took out his penis and was jacking it during a uh an election simulator you say interesting i guess 0:4:6  
that's just the peril of the modern workplace am i right folks coven just to think if it

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hadn't been for covid we wouldn't have had that little hilarious uh story to all enjoy so maybe it was all worth it might as well look at the bright side i do wonder how many people get off on being nude during zoom calls though from the lewis down or something because you'll never know and that's probably appealing to some people 0:5:7 especially since zoom calls are so deadening and and you know they they further alienate the work day by making even your place of you know your your home uh kind of a constant office and getting rid of any private distinction like being able to assert any independence of that is going to be pleasurable maybe in some extent and maybe if you really concentrate on it sensually thrilling so i wonder what percentage of people do zoom calls uh pantsless i am wearing pants i i have shown myself to wear pants in previous streams in which i was moving around so i think that the benefit of the doubt could be extended uh that i am in fact wearing pants but honestly really what's the difference if you especially since you never know who else is pantsless you sort of have to just leave it to fate and just act like nobody is pantsless or act like 0:6:8 everybody is pantsless whichever makes it easier for you to engage with them i will say that uh i'm not going to talk too much more about that good lord bird show but i did watch the third episode where they go meet frederick's douglas and it just seems very obvious to me the whole thing just seems very very surface level i mean i don't really see what it's it's like a lot of shows now it just feels like the twitter hive sensibility expressed visually in a different context like here's sort of the hive mind of the twitter received liberal left wisdom that all of the creative class who make all the stuff marinates in what is that gonna what would that be and then they show hey what would that be when you're talking about the civil war and and slavery or 0:7:10 john brown or what about if you're doing um you know uh rich people in the current moment like succession which is another show like this it's just is reproducing sort of the received wisdom of of online left liberals and that's just not interesting more than anything it's dull to me because i can see where everything is going i'm not going to be surprised or challenged in any way i'm just going to have myself affirmed but that's what people are looking for in art now as we've had to settle for the swill of like this mass-produced television which is just getting worse as a medium while it becomes more hegemonic over everything and tough film itself is destroyed as a \*\*\*\*\* genre and turned into just another type and i don't i don't need that i don't i don't want to just see it reproduced and barfed at me like a baby bird which is uh which is yeah we can't get any middle around movies so we get middle brow tv 0:8:17 shows but then everything becomes that that's the problem because it's like it's the middlebrow film turned into an entire the entirety of and i gotta say that guy that jeff the jeff the the uh the guy who plays thomas jefferson on hamilton who they got to play frederick douglass who have seen a bunch of things i just don't like that guy

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he's just not uh he just doesn't have he's one of those guys who just i hate to use the word soy because people get it was like oh you're winking to the alt-right and you're creating a fash pipeline but god help you it is a useful descriptor of a certain sort of affect that you see with people with guys trying to sort of accommodate the more you know feminized public space of this moment uh and and it's like it's not bad it's not evil it doesn't mean you're brainwashed but it is a certain sensibility and this show it's like at that point a character like that exists for like a soy infusion 0:9:18 because that character frederick douglass is the imagined creators of this show like fred john john brown is is is removed from us by his faith and his in the distance of his worldview from us frederick douglass is a more worldly man and we can imagine ourselves in his shoes so he becomes the stand-in so of course he embodies all of those characteristics ethan hawk is a trump supporter damn that's a zig when i didn't think it would have been a zag that's pretty funny i think you do you mean uh he thinks john brown would have been a trump supporter because i don't think that ethan hawk is a noted hollywood lib i'm being gaslit in my own comment section again i don't know why the hell now i don't think soy is homophobic because it's 0:10:27 not about it's not about anything having to do with sexuality like a performance of uh non-threateningness and like if that gets coded as gay that's just that's just that's not that's not a first order intent if it's there it's it's it's not intentional on my part we love artivo folks we love tivo we love it we love tivo folks you go and you get all the shows you know i gotta say uh the guy who's uh who po who who people all found his uh his trump impression the guy on uh twitter man it's really 0:11:29 good and actually watching that it uh that's what reminded me actually yeah mine is terrible \*\*\*\*\* it's like not even close it's brutally terrible because that's an actual good one and i'm like oh \*\*\*\*\* mine's not even close to that i was stunned by my accents though damn velma and i am better than that of alec baldwin who's this terrible we love it don't we so because we love to do the trophy we love a trump i 0:12:30 do wonder how many uh like uh coups and assassination attempts the cia never got to run because they couldn't get trump to sign off on them because he was too busy drinking milkshakes and it's amazing he might be like a genuine like mr bean like an anti-imperialist mr bean who's just going around just destroying accidentally all of these you know like finely woven uh clockworks of intrigue and deep state para political power and he's just smashing it up without even knowing it like mr magu in a construction site of course people say ah you're you're saying he's a dove or something no no no he's he's got incoherent nationalist uh leanings he could have definitely be brought into war except for his individual narcissistic terror of losing 0:13:32 and being seen as a loser which is what stopped him from ever doing any big military action like when they wanted brinksmanship with iran what pulled him back from

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the brink was that he didn't want to get owned because he had owned jeb about the iraq war and he was like why do i think it wouldn't happen again and that's what stopped that from happening i mean it doesn't necessarily mean there would have been a war but he pulled back from the brink at several moments where presidential decision making is crucial just out of a naked fear of being made to look like a loser loser folks and you know if that speaks to anti-imperialism it's just that um it's just the anti-imperialism of his like narrow focus as a totally self-centered uh egomaniac looking through a totally personal lens and recognizing the weakness of american power which maybe it's you know planners are less concerned about because they know it doesn't matter if they win it doesn't matter if every politician has this 0:14:34 around their neck forever they still get their war that's what matters they don't give a \*\*\*\*\* who takes the electoral political flack for when it goes bad or what doesn't get its objective as though there's ever an objective other than just maintaining the \*\*\*\*\* war changing the terrain disrupting the enemies maintaining but trump is narrowly focused on his re-election which is a similar reason that obama kind of reigned in a syrian intervention i know there was a ton of u.s syrian intervention but the deep state the blob was clearly much more intent on pushing farther than obama went and uh in most cases like the the difference there from a democrat and a republican is fear of electoral uh blowback for the their narrow short-term 0:15:35 interests from the american people in general due to their the fear that they have and innate hostility to failed american military ventures because they don't want to see people getting blown up for no reason in foreign countries because they don't get a benefit from it at least not nearly directly enough to feel it as anything other than continual loss and and humiliation and trauma and ways for and whether that's because they're animated by some international spirit that says that those people are just as much as right to life as i do and that their suffering is mine or if it's just narrow focus on the idea that there's a limited amount of resources and we shouldn't waste them on other people one way or the other i don't care if it's blowing them up or giving them schools that's money and men and resources that we need here right now whatever it is whatever strain of uh like moral calculus gets you to the point there is this majority that wouldn't like it and it's sort of the only millstone 0:16:37 around the neck of the of the deep state but it doesn't stop the drive that underlies it because at the political level there's never enough of a organized opposition an articulated opposition to the very existence of the thing and sadly biden is not going to change that at all the good times are going to keep rolling for the for the for the draculas of the military industrial silicon valley entertainment \*\*\*\*\* complex i did see soderberg's shave but it was a long time ago i should watch it again i'd be interested to see somebody's banging a dang drum is it seven not six i'm seeing the 0:17:45

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chicago seven movie tonight we are going to be doing an episode on thursday that was inevitable apparently it's rich with liberty goodness and sorkini nuggets it's got all of our favorite things it's got all of the specific sorkin idiocy it's got more general delusional like boomer nostalgia and and uh misunderstanding of the of the 60s and it'll be interesting we're gonna hopefully talk to uh dave anthony and josh olson from the west wing thing podcast who talk about sorkin every week to talk about it that'll be interesting especially since apparently like they like the new left guys a little more than i think i do and i know amber does so there might be but i'm sure i've heard it's terrible and that makes me very excited because there's nothing i like more than a bad movie with very high production values and a lot of good actors in it oh that's 0:18:47 some of the best movie watching you can do is a just a bad like uh in some way like risible film that's got a nice rich patina on it especially since there's so much there's so little content these days in terms of streaming that it seems to pop out oh man barry's that very seal movie that was amazing that's like a \*\*\*\*\* definition of a limited hangout deal where they talk about barry seal and they say that they say yeah sure the the cia hired him to run guns uh illegally uh into uh nicaragua to arm the contras during the iran-contra scandal yeah he did that but he also and 0:19:48 he also while he was doing that uh was moving a lot of cocaine for pablo escobar into the united states at the same time and maybe the cia knew about it and looked the other way but most of the government didn't know about it that's the official and that's perfect example of a limited hangout because there is the the horror of oh my god like they're they're giving these guns these drug dealers are arming these terrorists on behalf of the us government that's amazing but the idea that the cia is directing the flow of \*\*\*\*\* cocaine into the united states in order to fund a \*\*\*\*\* terrorist war in central america genocidal \*\*\*\*\* attack uh where'd you get no look we're telling you as far as it went he did move drugs while he was moving the guns and we maybe looked the other way but you know at the end of the day he was 0:20:50 just a an american boy who wanted to do good and you know what the fact that he was so ambitious about everything and just wanted money so much doesn't that just really indict the entire american system after all move those crack rocks meanwhile you're moving crack rocks you're turning \*\*\*\*\* you're turning pieces into weight and then back into rocks after having basically created the modern heroin trade during vietnam and then in afghanistan you went from having a situation where the taliban had been very successful in eradicating opium production and it brought into like into it near extinction like it was on the path towards eventual uh extinguishment and then the u.s showed up after uh 9 11 and after that moment from that moment on not till now uh afghanistan has gone from something like in the single digits or 0:21:51 like i think under 25 percent i believe of world opium uh production to 90. like oh

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wow we just we couldn't do anything other than let that happen like these huge networks of uh \*\*\*\*\* you know uh extremists and guns and uncountable amounts of untraceable cash just gonna go out of the country without the u.s having any oh god charlie wilson's war another sorkin bomb we are honestly the show goes long enough we might end up doing every sorkin property because i think we've talked about doing a charlie wilson's war episode but we never got around to it it is absolute dog \*\*\*\*\* not just from the standpoint of its awful typical like it's another limited hangout deal oh we armed the muay jaadin oh weren't we stinkers um and then oh man taliban exists now exists darn fumbled the ball in the end zone i guess what we get for being too cocky but sorkin dialogue terrible philip seymour hoffman is the only good thing he's he's great as the pissed off cia guy who by the way uh was one of the guys who helped administer the \*\*\*\*\* uh the the military coup in greece that led to a wave of disappearances and torture but the action and the directing also dog \*\*\*\*\* it was like mike lee mike nichols in his like senescence when he was just making these boring \*\*\*\*\* tv movies and it's got this amazing the only action scene in the entire movie spoiler alert is this is a shot of some mujahideen uh shooting down a hind helicopter with a stinger missile that had been provided to them courtesy of representative charlie wilson and the operation cyclone and it's just these two guys in sandals and and headdresses standing on a rock that could have been in \*\*\*\*\* griffith park and then they cut to what looks looks uncannily like stock footage of a soviet helicopter and then they should cut back to the guy and he fires the missile it looks like an snl sketch and then they cut to and more footage that swear to god looks like it's a stock of an exploding helicopter and bad a few good men i say is his best stuff but a few good men is an unimpeachably solid film i would i would not really want anything else out of that movie and you know it's also one of his first films it's one of his first chances he had to uh show off all of his tricks and \*\*\*\*\* and i think the fact that it's a different context and it's different actors that is subsequently used over and over again you can kind of enjoy the sorkin stuff uh without it hating your ear wrong because it's not reminding you of the 500 other times he does that same thing because he has three \*\*\*\*\* tricks in his sleeve but it's still i think it's entertaining and rob reiner who's certainly nothing more than a journeyman at best i have more responsibility than you could possibly fathom what's so funny about that is that he gets up on his high horse about this \*\*\*\*\* and this is in the 90s though and it's really going to show how america was grasping towards the cold war without even knowing it how we needed to reestablish like the the threat matrix of an external enemy like the soviets for our entire defense posture and our relationship to our military to make sense like we have to find a new one because this is the end of the cold war and \*\*\*\*\* uh nicholson has this giant stem-winding speech

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that's supposed to like cut to the quick and make you question your assumptions as a pious liberal uh and it comes down to i'm afraid the cubans are gonna get me even though i'm hanging out in a \*\*\*\*\* uh i mean this is a post-war world where america is the dominant hegemon of the entire globe everybody else is either building themselves up or putting back the pieces together and this got their their colonial outposts uh in front of like a cow economically sanctioned pariah state that we've like waged unceasing war on for 7 50 \*\*\*\*\* years and he's good they're going to five i sleep 200 yards from 5 000 cubans who are trained to kill me it's like yeah they're going to come over the \*\*\*\*\* wire any day now but like our culture didn't have time 0:27:0

911 showed up just in time to like catch the foot as we were spinning off into nothing like catch us on the next rung of the ladder and move us along oh good now we made now the world makes sense again because for a while there we were in a real \*\*\*\*\* uh uh personality crisis we were real real crisis of identity there uh and 911 came wrong um uh either because it was an inside job and it was the state making it happen or because we were literally just driving into it as a culture subconsciously because of our like zaroz ask death urge to to find meaning at the end of history because we've been so deeply a culture to this barracks mentality and this apocalyptic framework of confrontation that our institutions could not survive becoming decadent we could not survive the end of the punic war any better than the roman republic could and now we find oh no this replacement has only accelerated the process because the process was always accelerating it was just disguised by some freak moments of uh 0:28:2

unprecedentedly um ill-distributed capital accumulation after world war ii pubic war indeed indeed yeah because the alternative to that uh apocalyptic confrontational framework is a climb down from our position at the head of this thing a chance to put the gun down and like close our eyes for a bit and hav and step down from our position as this global global strategic hegemon and also as the consumer of last resort and the the primary uh just mouth and that means like not not a stat not a drop in standard of living if you're talking about a like redistribution of wealth if wealth is genuinely redistributed you could eliminate profit and replace it with public 0:29:4

welfare in a way that reduces any kind of like felt material deprivation even if maybe there aren't many toothpastes you can choose in the \*\*\*\*\* aisle it wouldn't matter because you wouldn't care because you'd have other things like \*\*\*\*\* healthcare like roads you could drive on like some sort of guaranteed government income slash job program i i know those things are always fighting each other i don't know you guys figure it out those things could be achieved well like allowing other countries to uh to absorb like a a and we never had the political constituency for that because 0:30:8

by the time the crisis came our political system was wholly subsumed into a that has almost no real participation from the working class at this point and and that

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real re-establishing that uh someone asks if i will carve a gentleladder sir \*\*Music playing\*\* it makes me want to do a twitch uh can you watch like old movies on twitch do like a twitch halloween like movie night be like a svengoolie type guy like a local uh like hey welcome to chapel halloween theater whoa that might be fun i 0:31:10  
might do that later we'll see if we'll see if i can get a night though night of the living dead for many years was public domain i don't know if it still is though there was a while where any publisher of any like vhs company whatever could just put out a cop an additional night of living dead with any kind of aspect ratio they wanted her although i got to say the fact that he lost living in the in the copyright divorce with his co-producer i think it was to his benefit because dawn of the dead day of the dead i just feel like those are punchier than night of living dead now night of the living 0:32:11  
dead is perfect but i just feel like day of the living dead just doesn't have as much punch as day of the dead or dawn of the dead most of all dawn of the dead molly's game is not bad molly's game is very sorkini but it's also zippy and entertaining and one of the things that makes it fun is that the stakes are very low i mean obviously he tries to build up molly as a world bestriding genius because he has to because it's his protagonist and he can't doesn't care about a protagonist unless they're as smart as he thinks he is which means they have to be world uh it's got the snappy dialogue and it's just about her like her life if she's gonna go to jail or not there's nothing about the fate of the republic there isn't there aren't even like a lot of grandstanding around around like civil liberties in regards to the fbi uh prosecution uh and that 0:33:14  
made it reminded me that he's he is just he's he understands rhythm and stuff and what makes like dialogue surface appealing to people what makes it smooth even if it's you know not realistic i watched qb halloween it was kind of cute there were so many callbacks to the old happy madison films i was like ah i feel like this is my like dying dream like i'm dying and for some reason as my brain is asphyxiating the last part of my memory that's getting accessed is all of my collective experience of watching happy madison programming and it's turning into this film in front of me that's suffused with elements of all of it and i'm like turning all of these elements into imagine people in my past as i like so it's fun uh the 90s version of night of 0:34:21  
the living dead is interesting because it really does it changes the source material in a provocative way uh because it switches things from in the original night of living dead there's barbara and uh dwayne jones uh the protagonist the hero uh and then the family with the bald creep his pushover wife and their little sick kid and in the original barbara is basically catatonic the whole time and gets eaten by the zombies pretty much immediately when they burst into the house uh and uh the hero dwayne jones he shoots the dad the mom gets killed by the girl and then even though he survives the night when he goes there out to look that's what's gone in the morning

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spoiler alert to a movie that's 50 \*\*\*\*\* years old uh a local posse of people hunting 0:35:23  
zombies shoots and kills uh oh snap in the remake tom savini directed me remake  
barbara sort of is is the main character who over time kind of comes into her own  
and uh she escapes like i think joins the posse or something comes back to the house  
uh the hero has been zombified but the dad is still alive uh after being a craven  
piece of \*\*\*\*\* and she kills his ass so it's more of a girl boss version it's more of a  
girl an empowerment version a feminist feminist retelling the special effects are very  
good it's tom savini but it just doesn't feel necessary other than other than that you  
know inversion do i ever wake up with music in my head often i'll i'll go sometimes 0:36:24  
like a week or so with the same song it'll just get stuck there like at the beginning  
like at groundhog day and with uh i i got you babe but eventually it just stops but  
yeah i'll have it happen a lot i uh i watched the cats movie recently and i got the uh  
the mr mistoffelees song stuck in my head for a couple days there that one that one  
got wedged in real good yeah there's no cat more i think i forgot it now there's no  
cat more more dastardly what is it never was a cat never was there ever yeah that's  
it never was there ever a cat as as pimp as mr mistoffelees i actually found cats is 0:37:28  
obviously i think bad from a dramatic perspective i mean obviously the content is bad  
uh it's just these dumb cats introducing each other for \*\*\*\*\* uh 90 minutes i mean  
that's it they're just hey i'm this cat that's hey i'm this guy that's all it is there's  
no structure there's no story at all it's barely even there it's just an excuse for the  
song so it's all about how good the songs are some of them are pretty good some of  
them suck the big most famous song from the thing in my opinion is awful and i hate  
memories one of my least favorite songs on earth uh thumbs down to that one uh but  
some of the other ones are fun the skimble shanks song uh of course the cavity song  
you know they're not bad i really hated the the whole thing really hated the whole  
thing with uh with rebel wilson and the dancing crowd uh uh cockroaches grotesque  
uh kafka ask in a buster jones revolting thank you for reminding me of something 0:38:29  
i blacked out in my head definitely the low point of the film was the introduction  
of the disgusting simpering creature known as james corden uh just subsuming the  
screen and his early genius terrible terrible is one of those brits who they just give  
us and say here you take him now like a cursed amulet like that trampoline that uh  
he's like that trampoline that homer gets from uh krusty when he goes to take it  
back he takes out a shotgun and says keep on driving that's what happened with  
courtney we tried to send him back and the brits were like nope we rescinded his  
visa he's yours now and it's like i guess we'll put him on late night disgusting awful  
man simpering oaf but yes thumbs down to the odious buster for jones the cavity is 0:39:38  
truly not there it's true it's true so oh this is one thing i wanted to clear up so the  
uh the hard done by outcast cat jennifer hudson who plays who sings the terrible uh

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showstopper and is given the the the uh she's she's taking to she's taken to jellicle  
carousel at the end and put on a \*\*\*\*\* hot air balloon that's just a euphemism for 0:40:39  
her being killed right like being put down by like maybe the pound comes around or  
like somebody has to get kicked out of like the warm spot and freeze on the street  
she's dying right it's it's it's euthanasia i talked about eucalyn two things someone  
wants to talk about bolivia i i said my piece on bolivia uh on the show today it'll be  
out later tonight good news for once and for anybody who says cynically and i know  
that the instinct comes to me to think it this is all this is only happening because  
moss has been uh in some way disciplined that the message has been seen sent and  
that ensures that there will be further there will be compliance in the future and you  
know what there was certainly an element of that to some degree they wouldn't have  
they wouldn't have they would have pulled out more stops i think if there was a real  
threat that they thought uh that that uh moss posed an existential you know danger  
in any way but uh but at the same time they only had to they still had to give power  
back because of popular pressure and that means popular pressure is still sufficient 0:41:41  
to advance like a unified interest uh in the face of all of the entrenched institutional  
deep state \*\*\*\*\* and the connections to finance and global uh capital and that you  
know as conditions change that power can be advanced forward especially because  
you got this victory under your belt like everything everything is a double-edged  
sword all events have potential for disaster and an equal measure of triumphant  
only time will tell seems like a cop-out but it's the only way to engage with the  
moment earnestly and in good faith when it happens instead of just writing things  
off because you've already made a decision that can't be made until uh is castro 0:42:43  
a contender for all-time chat you know i was talking to brendan james about that  
the other day and i think that was exactly what we said i think we actually said  
castro has to be the chad of history at least at least modern history you know the  
condition the the industrial condition how do you get more chad that you're you're  
a fail-son lawyer who uh who has an absolutely failed attempt at a revolution just a  
ridiculous adventurous uh action that makes you get you in jail where you could very  
easily have been executed but instead you give a historical stem-winding uh prison  
oration that gets you essentially a commuted sentence and then you go to mexico  
and then you borrow somebody's boat and come back and go into the mountains  
and take over and overthrow the government from that position and then look at  
the face of the the continent the striding hegemon that had determined the fate of 0:43:44  
your country's politics since 1896 and uh 1898 i'm sorry uh and just say \*\*\*\*\* off  
and then survive for 50 years of constant assassination attempts and undermining  
efforts and meanwhile to like establish a system that is rooted enough in some sort  
of social project that it was stands the fall of the soviet union which which very

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few other socialist states could uh and then also the death of castro himself the the guy who was supposed to charismatically hold the whole thing together it's it's it's mind-blowing and then you know just baseball player cigar fact that he just had an instinctive understanding of how not to get killed by the cia which which scuba suit not to wear just know that it's the one that doesn't have the fungus on it that's going to make you choke to death in the water so that when when the woman is sent by the cia to kill you you seduce her and then get her to confess that she's there 0:44:46 to kill you and give her a gun and say go ahead and do it and say you can't do it because no man can kill me well i think the difference between tito and uh tim fidel can be in part shown by the fact what happened after each of them died he had an ability to withstand uh he he he would he had created he had helped coordinate the creation of institutions that were durable in a way that the ones created in but i will 0:45:48 say that yes one thing that tito had to deal with which uh castro did not is the whole ethnicity problem which is a real deal like it wasn't entirely ginned up cynically by guys like milosevic and tujman uh after the fall of soviet union it was certainly in part but it had been there and it had been simmering i mean the ustasha really did that \*\*\*\*\* in world war ii like that's not made up like the \*\*\*\*\* czech the croats did a genocide yes that's the funny part they all hate each other but they're all just turkish i don't understand why all these turks are mad at each other i hope nobody yeah uh the ustasha were the were the uh the guys who were most with this the 0:47:20 catholic church was most directly involved in uh in helping to flee europe after world war ii it was called the rat line it was a joint operation of the uh the catholic church and the oss to get the high level of stacia guys including ante pavlick the head dude out of uh croatia and into latin america it's pretty wild like i can see why there's hard feelings there and then of course you have like the civil war between like the czech 0:48:27 knicks communists i did like siriana siriano was a was a good movie it was one of the few uh hollywood products of the of the bush era that i think hold up analytically in any way i mean obviously it's very on the nose and sort of on its sleeve and and simplified in many ways but you know it's got a kind of social realist uh uh charm to it and clooney's very good in that as well that and that and michael clayton are my favorite clooney performances i think besides oh besides the stuff of the cohens all of which i love i love all of his stuff he's he's they're so good getting getting the i will say this about clooney has obviously made bad movies and he is you know in his convictions and aesthetic preferences he is a very stayed uh uh you know lib like 0:49:29 clearly you know the bogus of standard libs you could get and therefore not terribly interesting when he sets out to create like uh self-conscious works of heart like all of his directorial efforts and stuff they're mediocre at best but i will say this about the guy one thing you can say about as a measure of a a-list actor's commitment

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to you know actually trying to be an artist in some way any way you can in that world it's directly related to how often they play cops and it's not because of any ab a-cab \*\*\*\*\* or worrying about propaganda it's just because police officer is the most boring bog standard job you can have in a movie and movies where the protagonist as a cop tend to be boring and fog standard in some way because that's like the default thing is hey he's a cop doing x and then you have implied drama and action it's like it's it's just a big bowl of ice cream for everybody always and so if you're 0:50:31 always a cop it's like you kind of don't really care about anything other than what people and clooney has almost never played a cop i think the only time he's played an actual like the closest thing to a cop was when he was a marshall in um a us marshall a desk guy though uh in um after reading so i'll give him that like look at a guy like bruce willis on the other hand he basically only plays cops just just shoots half those movies while in so i'll give i'll give clooney that i think he's still trying to do work even if his instincts aren't that great there's intention behind it which hey is not true of most of those guys yeah i would like to get tubin on to do some uh some we could get him in age he could we could have him come out 0:51:34 in a judge's robe that's cut off right above here so it's actually just sort of like a judge's tank top and you can see he's oh yeah clooney is also a big propagandist i believe he actually like funded the creation of a uh satellite to like uh hover over sudan to prevent the sudanese from doing any more genocides which i'm pretty sure is like part of some rube goldberg contraption of like neoliberal clampdown in africa like some yeah like it's part of the spoke of some like surveillance wheel that's part of you know the molly uh uh uh installations and and like you know the special 0:52:35 operations headquarters and djibouti and the \*\*\*\*\* predator war in somalia and all that \*\*\*\*\* uh but they're all they're all reptiles of course their morals are \*\*\*\*\* i'm talking about i'm talking about the product you \*\*\*\*\* people we've gotten to the point where the personal is political has been so absorbed and the idea of the gramscian cultural hegemony being like this sole vector of reinforcement of capitalist relationships that we get we can't think in any terms other than uh ideologically ooh 0:53:42 the best halloween candy certainly not candy corn which is disgusting uh and vile but of course if it's on a table i will eat it if it is presented to me it will be eaten by me and i will at least one occasion maybe two give myself vampire fangs that will i really i gotta say guys i don't know if i like candy anymore i think i ran out of candy love i mean i kind of got i got gentrified taste now like as soon as i got my first taste of like a a dark chocolate covered almond like that's delicious i want that i don't want i don't want hershey's it's just too it's coin i'm afraid i'm a sophisticated now i'm a dreaded member of the pmc grifter over class which means i must have the finest suites i must get the 499 tub of trader's joe almonds thoughts on garibaldi uh 0:54:50

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pimp what other word do you want to describe him with uh like you could say that like john brown was like the american garibaldi uh and garibaldi just was operating in a little better uh tactical environment they both they both had problematic age gaps in their relationships though and i would say to my italian american brothers and sisters that if you really have to have a day you really got to have a day for your people uh fine but how about garibaldi he's right here hey he's a better guard what's so wrong with him huh he's a gold i mean he's the guy who actually created an italy 0:55:52  
in the first place for you guys to be and i know the idea is like well columbus like is the american part but again not united states of america a concept of america that they don't encompass at all in their self concept as italian americans it's an entirely different national identity yeah and garibaldi did go to he was in argentina doing \*\*\*\*\* revolutionary pimp but i honestly don't know why the italians need a guy i mean who else has a day the irish have a day i guess it's whoever was in whoever 0:56:55  
was in the big ethnic east coast machines that like ran the democratic party for a while that was their version of identity politics that was the identity politics part of the material the care the material and cultural case uh for the democratic party in the 20th century was yeah we give you patriots jobs and suburban houses with union benefits and also we give you a day for your people okay just imagine fdr like old patrician blue blood fdr going yes yes would you guys they got to be like yeah we're part of the team we're part of the ruling class it's like yeah sure you are buddy thus perpetuating false consciousness but germans don't have a day i mean oktoberfest doesn't count i'm sorry and it's just what it's just because we fought a couple world 0:57:56  
wars against them i'm sorry but they make proportionally the largest percentage of like european extracted americans i don't care about it either way really it's just kind of a thing that's one of those things i have a hard time getting my mind in the getting myself in yo god how about an english day where we just eat disgusting fourth of july is the opposite of a british holiday i guess technically because the 0:58:57  
people who did it were thoughts on the carbonari i'll tell you right now i could go for some chicken carbonari someone keeps asking me about nicotine what why how would you have me profitably discourse on nicotine it's an addictive substance that is utilized in the sale of uh they're a drug that has been successfully synthesized it's it's a market has been successfully successfully synthesized into the workings 0:59:58  
of uh the aboveboard capitalist economy unlike drugs like marijuana or cocaine or what have you scheduled narcotics but is essentially the same thing as a scheduled narcotic in terms of its market i i know i shouldn't respond when people just kind of rep spam comments but that one was baffling just because it seemed so left field and i was hoping maybe there would be a follow-up but it doesn't look like i'm getting a follow-up it looks like once again i am lashed to the mast eternally to be tormented

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by the pelican-like shrieks and pecks of my demented followers as they fail to engage me in good faith on my twitch streaming platform instead finding it humorous to distract me with non-sequitur questions and trolling and also mistruths that lead me on uh but i understand my uh the twitch stream is sort of my instant karma you know it's like i'm getting back everything i put into the world as it happens i know that's not technically accurate but that's how it feels all right guys i think i'm uh i'm done for the day maybe one more question horror movie i'm gonna say a movie that i just went on my uh your kickstarter sucks to talk about with uh jesse and uh and at dog boner i love that i love that handle uh return of the living dead halloween classic you can't go wrong with that one speaking of films that came out of the romero uh the branch off the romero tree of zombie films great film check it out wonderful mix of horror and comedy wonderful effects great performances the wonderful james karen we love to see him and folks here look dan kalfa it's cold for folks look at him he's already coated bruner he's the board tradition okay he cuts up the bodies and also look at this he's a nazi he's a nazi mortician it's crazy folks you wouldn't believe it was happening but you gotta watch it it's right there send more paramedics hey america

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how do you feel i need to let go you know you know no you don't you don't wanna shine on out and the hearts of man i wanna reach out with the back of my broken hand another headache another heartbreak i'm so much older than i can take reflection well it comes and goes on the direction to perfection no no no no we're back on the case 0:1:3  
how goes it out there in twitch land i hope everyone's ready for the second of turns out two presidential debates gotta say i'm excited now that i've pushed through to the other side of the looking looking glass and especially after i watched them both simultaneously during the town hall last week which actually ended up being way less jarring and discombobulating than the first debate because one i had a bunch of other co-hosts who were talking so that added you know cognitive uh distortions but just the fact that they were talking like at the same time but about without being aware of it like without you know challenging one another it really uh like symphonic 0:2:6  
quality because i was able to sort of tune pay attention to one or the other like i'd hear both but if i looked at one of them i could hear them more directly and the other one kind of fell into the background and so i could kind of pick my pick i could turn into a pixie song and i could go for a nice like shell like a nice a minute or so just listening to joe just this soft for grandfatherly senescence of of joe just sounding like he's talking himself into uh into dreamland sounds like he's getting he's waiting and it sounds like he's waiting to get the edward g robinson treatment from soylent green and that's soothing but you know it could get it would get boring if i listen to the whole thing so then i just look at trump and he's screaming at samantha guthrie about how we have the best we're doing the best we have the best test we have more tests than anybody in china no and it's like boom they it's like loud quiet loud and then you 0:3:7  
go back after that becomes too taxing and you go back to biden it's like soothing again with them actually talking to each other and having like one conversation i think it's gonna be uh honestly more challenging to keep zen but i think with my last couple of experiences i've learned to just absorb the gestalt and you just absorb sort of the noises the sounds yeah like like a symphony like like their voices are just instruments for aesthetic appreciation they do not exist to communicate uh ideas or

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facts or policy or anything is there a more failed world leader in history than benito mussolini that's an interesting question because on the one hand mussolini is one of the great political entrepreneurs of the modern era this is a guy who saw the writing on the wall in world war one saw it as the death knell for like marxian socialism as a meaningful political current or at least a political current that could realistically take power uh in europe after world war ii because you know they sure were hedging towards that point when world war one happened and shattered everything uh as we've talked about before on the streams but a lot of socialists were left after world war ii very bereft of like an understanding of how to move forward and you saw them fall to bloody uh internal mayhem and germany and elsewhere because no one knew what to do especially after the mussolini looked at what was happening said what do we got here we've got a left wing that's got this massive popular base but is existentially feared by the powers of being in our society and as we just saw they're willing to do almost anything to prevent the left wing from taking power including destroying europe here we are what we got on the right we've got a right wing uh movement that has obviously or a reactionary you know power base that has control of all the power within the society but has basically no popular uh support among actual people which in the modern era in the new 20th century era of mass politics is now necessary so mussolini said well we'll take the ship that gets people in the streets for the left and we'll just do it for the right and in so doing he created an entire he helped create and he wasn't the only one who did it but he was the most he was the first one and hitler was slavishly uh fixated on what mussolini was doing and the beer hall push was inspired by the march on rome he thought that the nazis were in a position similar to what the black shirts were uh in 22 when uh they marched on rome and and mussolini was just given control of government by a and it failed miserably they got the cops shot him and uh he went to jail obviously not for too long but anyway like that was a hell of an insight that was a hell of a uh move you know he's kind of like a ray kroc figure of politics uh and i say all that in with those terms because fascism needs to be understood first and foremost as this incredibly cynical attempt to create something that will work it was a it was a it was a a brand it was a it was a um it were people it was a group of people in search of power that they knew worked like what the kind of stuff that had emerged out of the push for socialism in europe had created like this uh this thing that the public at large understood to mean opposition to the status quo in opposition to the powers that be and the idea of a new and better world than the one we had a progressive one and he pulled what worked out of that and put it out there to prop up capitalism basically not the old rulers not the old people who ran capitalism necessarily but but capital in general which meant that they got they were able to draw large numbers of people

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into their organization with the promise of but without having to worry about really getting any kind of pushback from power in fact getting supported by power and getting huge checks huge uh uh wheelbarrows of lyra from uh the big landowners uh and uh the budding capitalists to break strikes and stop agricultural work stoppages 0:8:18 and it got him into power almost immediately like look how long it took hitler to get his \*\*\*\*\* together italy took power almost immediately in 1922. that's impressive but then the problem with fascism is that it really does it is predicated on imperial expansion it's predicated on uh on expanding its internal market through domination of new territory and new resources uh because of its resistance to the subsumption into any kind of like uh global network of power like it's it's a uh it's a philosophy of national supremacy which meant that for italy and uh i mean i don't think it's a coincidence italy and germany were the countries that had fascism and they were also the countries that missed out because they weren't uh they were late in being formed as nation states as coherent nation states they lost out on all the imperial spoils that had allowed capitalism to extend itself and extend its capacity beyond like 0:9:20 the locations of its original founding but if they were going to maintain capitalism as the engine of our economy uh and resist the sort of corporate of uh like naked capital domination that leads to uh uh the social atomization uh that you see in the in like the cap advanced capitalist countries so rather than do that rather than strip that national character you've got to grab some of that territory and when they try to do that it didn't go very well ethiopia was honestly harder than it should have been considering what the ethiopian military was capable of and they still used poison gas and \*\*\*\*\* everything during world war ii really everything during world war ii he honestly might have helped save the soviet union because operation barbarossa had 0:10:23 to be uh postponed uh because when it was originally supposed to happen because against hitler's pleas mussolini invaded greece after taking albania and in so doing got his ass kicked so bad that greeks were actually taking back parts of albania and so they had to divert forces to invade and uh conquer the greeks would throw the timetable off and then yeah overthrown taken away by otto scorseny to live in salo to where he presumably ate poop according to that movie then caught in a roadway shot by a firing squad hung up by his ankles at a that's pretty fail that's pretty fail 0:11:24 but the only reason i can't give him a full fail grade is because he really was a guy who came from nowhere you know i think one of the definitions of fail for me that's most important is that a lot of it comes with just being of the generation that comes that later the generation that's had it happened are for them already the ones who are supposed the ones who are given the position of someone who has amassed a huge fortune or a huge amount of power in the world but then none had developed none of the traits that the person who had uh developed in the course of getting it

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you know what i mean like the things that the things that help you get somewhere are the things that help you stay there and he didn't and these guys a fail person to me is someone who got the position but had none of anything that uh like makes you worthy of the role you know in any meaningful sense obviously you know we're talking about cap even in capitalism there is still a role for like skill and ability and that's what capitalists like to point to is the thing that we're trying to reward with this system but it's very very small what we mostly reward what is vastly vastly over rewarded is luck and not just like the luck to not have a brick fall on your head or you know get cancer or something which is part of it or get disabled in a specific way uh that's all part of the luck but the big part of the luck is being born into a position of already uh of already having assumed power and we're being ruled right now by the copies of the copies of the copies who built this liberal meritocratic system and so they have none of the the the abilities that are developed and chosen for through like the theoretical uh uh competitive architecture of capitalism or politics so i think anybody who is really fail they have to have in some respect some significant respect fumbled the ball dropped the bag and hit and mussolini \*\*\*\*\* uh fargo people are asking about fargo uh five episodes in very poor in my opinion very bad show uh just the it's blunt it's obvious in a way that it didn't used to be like i kind of got bored with the way it would create these thematic and symbolic uh presence to be opened by reviewers but i now realize that i kind of missed that compared to the just lack of any subtext and i think that's because they're trying to address a social issue which it's not i mean the whole point of fargo right it's supposed to be a riff on the coens the coin universe and the cohen worldview and the cohen aesthetic right and i'm sorry but that's not a big feature of it it's like social awareness you know that's not really what they are interested in and a movie and a series of shows that like don't really make sense honestly outside of that context there's a reason that's called that there's a reason that they have all these like the plots and the settings and even the characters they're all established by coen brothers archetypes and now they're making a season that's about like you know the realities of race as it's lived in america and i'm sorry that's not something that coens have ever really cared about and as a result you see just like the term paper mindset kick in where it's like we're going to give everybody a monologue about racism every episode which is not something that the previous but i will say like i don't think this is some huge drop of quality because fargo was always like clever but not fantastic just because it was so so you know fixated on like appealing to you know an idea of quality and now i think the thing about this season is is like now that element like having to have a racial or like a social awareness element to the plot i think that's now here not just as like some pander but because are not like a direct pander to like oh people

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are woke now let's give them something that's woke but just you know if the show really does seem to be in some way being driven uh by like the pers the idea of what the critical response will be then now i think in this current moment everyone is aware that the new critical consensus has that like for a real work of art to mean anything in the popular culture it has to speak to these questions and if it doesn't it is inferior and i just don't think gabinet uh somebody wants uh biden cabinet 0:17:6 uh predictions i'm gonna go with the grimace for secretary of the state uh i know you're gonna think uh hamburglar at treasury no thank you no i honestly don't get why people get riled up about uh any of the pet cabinet stuff one it's all just being leaked by specific staffers to make up like to do some internal office politics \*\*\*\*\* the way people read \*\*\*\*\* like that and just assume oh this is like the campaign telling us the truth as opposed to this is some weasel in the campaign trying to position themselves for the post-campaign era and you know that doesn't mean that it's not true and it certainly wouldn't be surprising but it's also not something that one first of all we can even no means anything other than office politics and people shocking for position which i mean tells you something but two it doesn't \*\*\*\*\* 0:18:7 matter who's in the cabinet it doesn't matter who's in the cabinet we know how this \*\*\*\*\* government will be run we know because we actually saw a primary contest that had like meaningful stakes and the party destroyed a number of its presiding uh institutional concepts from me too to the iowa caucus and then killed their own \*\*\*\*\* voters and if you can't give them uh you can't say that they're dumb like trump when he denied the pandemic they're the they're the party of science right they listen to doctors and they were telling people after the \*\*\*\*\* lockdown started i'd go vote don't worry about it be a hero do democracy and if anyone said don't do it they said wow the sanders campaign bringing up the ugly history of voters voter intimidation and suppression hearkening back to the days before the civil rights act when democratic when minority democrats were prevented from voting and that's 0:19:9 what bernie sanders and his gang of bulls connor are trying to do like that was a fight and like they didn't want biden i think it's pretty clear when you see how wide the field was and how long it took that the last thing they wanted was to have this \*\*\*\*\* fossil on top of the ticket but they had no other options because the party faithful broadly construed didn't really have any preference among the heirs to the throne because the democratic party has forgot how to appeal to actual voters like look at what look at what the democratic electorate and these are people who are democrats they accept so many of the premises of the democratic party they they're in fact basically enthralled to the democratic party because they will vote the way they're told to which is what they ended up doing but when it's when they were forced to choose between a choice like they basically got a lineup the the ms the dnc

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basically said here's your choice it's who you want and of course bernie was off the table bernie had his supporters birdie had his chunk of the electorate and you know he was working to try to expand that mostly through reaching out to non-voters didn't work well enough but that was the goal meanwhile you've got the regular democrats these are the people who go in there and punch the ticket on the Dems every four years every two years these are people who don't believe a lot of the uh you know right-wing uh american knee-jerk slanders around the democrat party like they don't think that they're eating babies you know they think that NAFTA might have had some bad effects but in general it made America better you know like these people are not even like trump curious folks right these are solid democrats and with presented with a next generation of people a next generation to assume the mantle of the Obama Clinton uh neoliberal democratic party the DNC the DLC mutant that emerged out of the 80s uh and post and in this like in a post 2008 world this is these are your options kamal uh buddhish gila brand uh Biden whatever uh all of the new ones all of the ones that were supposed to be the fresh face uh were got no influence no no i mean no uh real interest besides of course the freaks in Iowa New Hampshire who specifically uh are fixated on the new and the fresh basically they see themselves as like focus groups and they see give themselves the self-satisfaction and seriousness of purpose of a focus group like okay this is going to determine the next year's new flavor of Eminem i have to make sure that it's a good one or like oh my god these chips if they're bad that's going to be my fault like they think that way because they're first everyone else is actually trying to think of like who they want to beat uh who they think could beat trump and who they'd actually like to see and none of them caught fire at all none of them got any real stick with any of those people the only one who got any support was as a default Joe Biden because he was the one most directly connected to Obama who they actually liked and who they were really fond for the guy who was able to successfully mask neoliberalism with a uh like a appeal not like just to black Americans but to like a whole segment of like college educated whites as well that uh that just disarm them to any of his faults and to the democratic party party not the democratic party's faults in general which they have you know fallen away from but from the democratic party and even though these are all people who like oh you know they're all intersectional they all know the language they all know the language of this new you know woe capitalism people talk about that is the only thing that the democrats are standing for at this point and no none of them could gain traction none of them could and when it came down to uh to South Carolina people say like Clyburn uh chose the cha Clyburn sealed the fate of Bernie and guaranteed for Biden when he endorsed him uh i think i mean that's i think that's in a sense true but i don't think it's because Clyburn picked by the democrats and

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said biden i want him what happened was it was getting down to the wire none of the other people had any kind of uh support among his actual base in south carolina he didn't want to go like out outside the lane to pick somebody that he knew people didn't like who did people still like they still like biden just give it to them like that's what he knew that he was connected enough to his own constituents to know that biden's the guy that people like because they think it relates to uh if they remind him of obama and they think that because they think he's a safe choice he can win and that's because they don't know his brain is gone like everyone in the democratic party does so clyburn was forced if i'm gonna be if i'm i'm either gonna keep my mouth shut until election day and then i know then i've lost my power because who needs me for anything or i'm going to ratify the decision of my supporters or my constituents by saying uh biden and then getting everybody in south carolina to get rally around that which is what happened because south carolina was not just huge margins in the black community it was a huge surge in white suburban uh turnout for democratic primary it was a revolution against bernie which until that point they had been stymied by the fact that none of these people looked good but biden also didn't look good and for another reason for it's like different groups had different awarenesses of the different uh uh problems of the other candidates and so biden was the last choice and i'm saying all this just to say they didn't do this for nothing they did this to hold power look at what they did with the \*\*\*\*\* platform where they could have said anything because everyone knows the platform doesn't mean anything they still made sure there was nothing in the in the platform about at universal healthcare or \*\*\*\*\* israel or anything anything hot button they didn't give the democrats any uh the bait the base the leftists the berniecrats they didn't give him anything because they didn't have to they saw the measure of their opponent they were able to defeat them which means they don't fear them anymore which is why i keep saying there is no left stake in this election from the standpoint of like doing anything in a biden presidency there is no pushing him left there is no having them like somehow recognize the worth of having the left as a part of the coalition the fight has been one lo has been lost at that point like we're already in the aftermath of the defeat like that bernie was the effort it was to hollow out the democratic party from within like like one of those wasps who like bore into the head of like a grasshopper or something and lay eggs like if you want to vote for biden do it for whatever like harm reduction reason makes sense to you even though none of that makes sense to me at all i don't think we're heart we're reducing dick uh but for god's sake don't do it thinking that the left has anything to do with it and by the way same thing goes for saying no i'm going to vote for i'm not going to vote or i'm going to vote for a party or i'm going to vote for trump as the ultimate own that's

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not going to matter either because if you they lose they're still in charge and they get to blame you for not coming out if they win they get to take you for but honestly i've been thinking about it and like the entire the entire liberal argument that they give use for making the left vote is in my opinion basically incoherent uh like from 0:27:22 just a moral perspective tell me if you think this is crazy but uh like they say a vote for a vote for anybody but biden is essentially a vote for trump and of course that only makes sense if the underlying assumption is is that that person would be voting for biden or should be voting for biden and more importantly than should because technically shouldn't everybody be voting for biden shouldn't even uh trump supporters be voting for biden why are only leftists the ones whose failure to vote for biden is the is the cause for them to be the reason they lost that's because they they say no no but those trump people they they are back they're either stupid or evil but see that's twining different types of knowledge into one thing like that what they're referring to is the fact that you have a similar understanding to the liberal about 0:28:25 you know the need for you know uh things like anti-racism or uh uh you know civic equality uh economic egalitarianism even because the liberal will insist that they're just as socialist as you they just know it's realistic and they say we both want these things you want those things then by not voting for biden you are voting for trump but the thing is is that there's another level beyond just that common understanding it's all right we have these values how do we enact them and that is a tactical question that is separate from the question of whether or not you have a similar understanding of what the political good is how do you achieve it that's the whole that's the whole thing that's the actual point of argument and they lie to completely to assume it within the greater moral imperative for you to vote and i would say that if you look 0:29:26 at voting as it really is not as we fantastically imagine it to be as for you not as a general thing but as you as a person sitting in a voting booth uh what it is is a expression of a preference for government right so if like you're saying the person has to vote because like everyone should vote basically the kantian imperative of do it do what you want everyone to do like in a political realm you should behave the way you want everyone to behave and it's like yeah then you want people to participate because otherwise then you just have some sort of dictatorship you have to if people aren't going to participate in a punitive democracy you don't have one so yes you should vote but then you should vote but then the next but within that is who are you voting for because you are doing an act of individual moral reasoning you got to remember that you're not coordinating activity we pretend we pretend that voting is a collective endeavor instead of 100 million individual ones to allied this fact but 0:30:29 this is some fun like when reasoning about it if we're gonna if if i don't know what anyone else is going to do really beyond like maybe the circle of my close friends and

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like what i see in \*\*\*\*\* polls then i just have to act from what i think should be done and so then the imperative is not to just vote it's to vote your conscience which means vote for you know a third party of your choice or write in somebody because if everyone wrote for that person you'd have something good if everyone voted for who you're voting for then i mean that's and if anything that's an argument not to vote ironically to like if you're not going to vote for biden vote earnestly for a third party person of your choice or write in bernie or something but it's not an argument about who to vote for that's separate that's about tactics and it's also about your understanding of what the parties mean and what biden's presidency would mean because there's plenty to art there's plenty of evidence that a biden presidency will you can't say like it's going to be not as bad as trump in a broad sense but once again like what does bad mean uh but it will definitely be a further development of terrible terrible processes it will not be interrupting but rather accelerating the worst things that are happening in our political and economic system and even there you know who to vote for is up to you you gotta thread that needle but it's not this open and shut case because the open and shut case is buried down here in like the moral uh argument about like a coll a mutual understanding of like you know rights-based human humanity uh and equality even though if you really are if if they really are a diet if they were really are a lib and someone really does have you know deeply felt socialist priors they're not even there's not even an agreement there because the idea of what constitutes you know rights and freedom is different but say at like that level you know not as deep as where the conflict begins and not as shallow as where it comes back tactically there's an agreement but that's just like one thin slice of agreement and they turn it into a moral imperative to go along with their horseshit and i say i just want to \*\*\*\*\* i just sound at this point i just want to see something funny happen trump talking about how he wanted to kiss all the guys for a couple days while he was jacked up on steroids that someone says we need to stop moralizing about everything 24 hours a day holy \*\*\*\*\* if i see one fundamental flaw like beyond obviously the nature of online political argumentation i would say that you know the specific expression of that like the the the the category error that occurs that is generated by online argumentation and like the the structures of it is the constant turning of every question into a moral one every question is is a question of like essence like a good or bad is this act good or bad is this person good or bad and those questions are unsolvable by definition because unbeknownst to the people making them they're making them just to have something to do they're arguments that who is the moralist favorite president jimmy \*\*\*\*\* carter absolutely carter absolutely was a moralist first and foremost earnest one i would argue that that jimmy carter like he has had a virtuous post-war post-presidential life i would

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not argue that point at all compared to the other ones my god it's not even close and that kind of gives people this idea of like well he couldn't have been that bad of a president because he is a better man than most presidents and the thing is yes he is a better man i would say in some sort of soul-measuring contest with the other presidents he would win but that very fact in the context of his presidency is what made him such a uniquely terrible president because he was absorbing all of this essentially reactionary uh economic uh propaganda and turning it into like the firmament like the actual structure of reality and then reasoning morally from within that constraint which as president of the united states i'm sorry he should not be doing unless he wants to reify all of the worst emergent ideas within capitalism and the worst tendencies and he did what he did like try to bring about a recession on purpose steer somebody said uh uh that yeah that like well volker did a lot of it with the with the interest rate hike and that wasn't you know that was just that's technically not carter because he's you know appointing somebody first of all that's \*\*\*\*\* the federal reserve is just like the supreme court it is a political institution that is designed to look like it's somehow independent of the political process and it's and it's all a a a collectively agreed upon lie that we maintain in order to prop up the system which is why john goroberts is the smartest republican on earth and why every dem every republican who yells at john roberts really proves that he is well he's either playing to the base or he's a \*\*\*\*\* because roberts for example roberts joined the liberals in a pennsylvania case about a lower court ruling to stop the republicans from preventing mail-in ballots from going out three days before the pres before the election and some democrat republicans are genuinely pissed about this they do not understand or they don't want to understand or they don't care i guess that roberts unders roberts understands that these things being perceived as independent institutions is what maintains their their persistent power in american politics if they did not have that they would eventually be attacked by the political system if everyone understood them there was a collective understanding that these things were not independent of politics if there was not a taboo against politicizing them uh they would be immediate that's what the republicans are saying we're going to get put more guys in the supreme court and then they're going to add guys the supreme court like if you're me i i go who cares so what liberals democrats understand that that's a genuine threat that's scary because if that were to happen it would politicize the supreme court in a way that would render it no longer usable as a box stop to prevent real you know left-wing government control or exercising of control because you can you can't point to the ref and say it's not me it's the ref if the ref has lost his if the ref is understood to be tim donaghy for example uh and so roberts understands that if the court's gonna be around to do things

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like stop a green new deal from happening with uh uh legislation or more likely than anything uh prevent universal health care from coming into being uh or just like further stripping voting rights away especially if the left becomes ascendant uh that's only going to be possible if there's if if there's enough uh there's enough political cost associated with attacking the supreme court to prevent it from being 0:39:3 carried out or more importantly to prevent the base from demanding it be carried out like right now the thing that allows democrats to play uh possum with the dem the supreme court uh is the knowledge that there's really nothing their base is going to do about it they don't \*\*\*\*\* care uh they or more importantly even though they are horribly angry and awful and feel terrible about this well they have absorbed the democratic ideology that there's nothing to be done because the supreme court has to be protected from from politicization if that perception goes away it becomes inevitable over time that there will be pressing there'll be pressure on the court as an institution and he wants to prevent that from happening and doing things like joining the liberals especially on things that they really care about and right now what they care about more than anything is making sure that this election does not turn into 2000 again that's buying him good boy points for the next ruling but anyway this is all a big digression to say that carter thought he was reasoning in this 0:40:4 reality that was actually a pseudo-reality that was being projected to him by this new uh post keynesian austerity economics that said that the thing that was driving that the only way to solve inflation and to get the economy back on track was to break the back of working class power uh rather and essentially end the continual rise of the workers labor share of uh of now dwindling profits instead of i don't know taking those profits from the uh ownership side that wasn't on the table and so when he told people wear a sweater and you know turn down the thermostat and we're going to stop you from being able to \*\*\*\*\* um borrow money like i was this is what i was saying when i was talking about the vulture shock it wasn't just volcker he wasn't just applying volcker it was doing he didn't do wage and price controls he did credit controls where in the second half of his uh term he reduced the amount of 0:41:6 money that could be lent to people at the retail level that's the kind of thing that will basically force a recession to happen they were doing it on purpose and he was doing it out of virtue he was going to wean america off excess on behalf of virtue not capitalism so yeah moral questions at this point what is the point of it other than entertainment how about some questions of efficacy how about some how about some questions of usefulness and effectiveness and i know that these are not totally un uh uh removable but i find that any actual tactical questions get turned into moral questions almost immediately and then it is insisted no no we have to solve 0:42:7 this moral question and decide who's right between these two sides and this moral

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issue before we can progress because then we're going to be using the master's tools or some \*\*\*\*\* and my answer to that is just these differences you think you have are unresolvable and besides the point because you know the rightness of the of the morality honestly a lot of it will be revealed uh in in the course of who is arguing in good faith uh and uh and with an eye towards like reality those are the kind of things that suggest you who is uh more connected to reality and more likely to be able to conceive of uh is it that is that easy to remove your choice from revolving 0:43:12 ironically from the af effect that not having trump in office has on many americans well for one thing i don't know what that effect is going to be people say that but what does it really mean do you what do you really mean by that is my question i guess what and i would like people to list this what realistically do they think what pain what persistent pain are we going to see removed from america by biden being president instead of trump i'm not talking about anything in terms of uh you know norms or or even even things of normalizing and all that stuff because yes that's that might be true but it's a little pie in the sky i'm talking about actual conditions i mean do you think that they're just gonna open up all those uh cages for the kids and and just let them out and do you think that's going to happen i don't think that's going to happen now yes uh i would say one group visa holders or people 0:44:13 seeking visas absolutely 100 i agree that that will that there will be a immediate uh i'm not like saying there is none i'm trying to run through what they actually are so that's one for sure visa holders in general but other than that like people who are here illegally there might be fewer ice raids and stuff but like deportation's still going to happen ice is still going to be there environment i mean what does by what does biden want to really do what does bind really want to do that's that different from what trump's doing maybe he might close off a few public lands to drilling which is good but once again like in a broader sense have we decelerated any trends significantly and like the big one people want to talk about authoritarianism but i'm sorry with this \*\*\*\*\* whitmer kidnapping plot and a response to it i mean i don't really i don't see some sort of ratcheting down of authoritarian uh like excess 0:45:16 in the biden term if anything what you might see is sort of like a war on terror more on domestic terror like where the whitmer plot becomes a model for like a newly anti-fascist uh a federal law enforcement mechanism like antifa dhs and fbi that's gonna uh you know maintain popular support by reminding people how many how many nazis are under the bed even if they don't do that there's gonna be plenty there's going to be uh plenty of uh blame to go around enough to allow sort of the the current uh authoritarian moment to continue essentially unchallenged like these democratic mayors who send in squads of psycho cops to gas everybody they're not going to act any differently with bidens in charge and binds not going to what put 0:46:28

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any real pressure on them but again these questions are secondary because none of you are going to determine the outcome of this you pressing a button doesn't make it happen you going in and voting for biden doesn't mean that when binds in you're responsible that he's in there and therefore responsible for all the lives or if you don't vote for biden you're responsible for all the extra deaths and misery why is voting for bernie a collective political act for voting for biden can't be because bernie represented a coherent challenge to the democratic party as such from within and you had to accept certain premises that differed from fundamental democratic policy uh uh agendas and and tactical uh understandings and doctrine in order to vote for bernie and that wouldn't mean that you're going to now become a die-hard 0:47:29 you're not going to but it's going to mean that your voting is it's not just for one candidate it is for a coherent political project the democratic candidate who emerged from that \*\*\*\*\* primary after defeating bernie uh has no such there's no coherence behind the vote against it it's everyone from embarrassed suburban republicans to uh to anti-fat and who the hell do you think is going to get the actual influence in that campaign or i mean then in that presidency that's another way you can tell the really dumb the dumb cons the dumb conservatives are the ones who actually believe that biden is like enthralled to antifa or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* like there was some dumb thing from that nitwit uh weinstein brother and \*\*\*\*\* conceptual james today about involuntary conservatives about people who will accept all the horrible ideas that yes we understand 100 how terrible trump is we are reality based we understand that trump is awful and that he lies and that he is a fraud and a criminal and all this stuff because to not unders honestly like educated people understand that to 0:48:30 not at least recognize trump's manifest and manifold failures as a human and as a \*\*\*\*\* president and his everything requires a certain uh glassy-eyed mania to you it requires you to be in the thrall of mega to some degree uh to to a degree that is reality warping outside of the accepted level of warp you're allowed in polite company so you've got to think of some other reason and the one these guys have cooked up is that i can't vote for biden because look at these guys saying abolish the constitution and court pack and and uh and enforce and that is a result of someone being a \*\*\*\*\* and also just looking at twitter all day and thinking it's real life because if you can't look at the actual dynamics of the party and what has happened in the last year and see that there is no actual influence from that part of whoever ends up voting 0:49:31 for the democrats on biden on the dnc on the party in general you are you are as you are as self-hypnotized as a cue person i'm sorry i don't care if you want to think you're smarter than them but you're basically not if you could look at the world and look at the democratic party and say yeah you know biden he's a he's a puppet for uh for the \*\*\*\*\* um for what the new black panther party or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* i

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mean now when you want to talk at the level of like language yeah i would be i can't wait to see how hilariously woke biden tries to be like obviously they're gonna use kamala for most of it but there's gonna all the language all the academic anti-racism language is gonna come up it's going to be horrifying and i welcome it because you know i think it'll be an alienating moment for a lot of people to just see the wildly uh cynical use of their language and they're going to be left with a choice like do i do i accept the the reality that this stuff really at this point is just just a cudgel for the establishment or do i realize that it has to be transcendent and i mean i'm not saying everybody's going to choose the right choice there but i think some people will and i welcome that as a possible good outcome of biden being in there but anyway there will be no practical changes no policies are going to be enforced to make your life they're not going to \*\*\*\*\* blow up the constitution or the supreme court it's just talking about how they need to reinforce the the the public uh they need to super what they're going to be doing in there is taking every institution that trump undermined by treating it like it was because trump went in there like a child and he didn't understand that he's supposed to be upholding the kayfabe that no these institutions are not independent these institutions are not political he just went in there and just like yeah no this these guys all work for me right fbi director works for me supreme court worked for me these guys are i'm on the apprentice and these are my employees in reality yeah like at this point you know the constitution plus uh you know 250 years of uh of governmental uh expansion and complication all of it being concentrated in one executive office that is the combination of head of state and government for some stupid \*\*\*\*\* reason in reality all these things that were supposed to be checks on presidency are not just extensions of presidential power especially and then if the party that the president in a new par in a partisan political environment where there's two coherent parties with like different agendas that supersede any kind of investment in an institution that they might be a part of that means that if you control the legislative they essentially work for you too and he treated everybody that way and democrats have spent four years freaking out because we're not supposed to realize that we're not supposed to know that we're supposed to think that no these things are independent these things are checks on both sides so that they can be used when they need to be used and when you get a six three majority in the supreme court you're the democrats my god that is a gift now we now we have a guaranteed uh excuse for why we can never follow through on anything that our base wants and has a delusion in their mind that we actually want have any interest in pursuing and so when he gets in there biden is going to just be like \*\*\*\*\* uh uh fix it felix from wreck-it ralph just going around and uh putting back all of these institutions building up the their independence from from

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the executive and that means they're not gonna \*\*\*\*\* monkey with the constitution they're not going to add any seats to the supreme court and if you think they are you're a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* and you and you've just stared into the abyss of the online for so long that you've turned the \*\*\*\*\* random hooting of a bunch of just cope addicted um pseudo radicals who spend their days online cosplaying a political revolution that they know in their heart will never happen and then say yeah these guys actually wait a minute all right this is interesting your argument is forget about the visa holders forget about the covet victims forget about women and minorities i need to wax ambivalent about voters to self-sooth about the bernie laws once again i don't get what that has to do my vote and even when i say on the stream will not determine like losing these things lose these ritualized pseudo performances of political power have to be broken down and that means voting as like the locus of political meaning and moral expression and also posting because they're just different manifestations of the same the same phenomenon of of just this shadow politics now voting for dinner nope that's different if you don't get why it's different it's not for you and nothing in this world all right what is it it's almost time voting less than posting less than podcasting i would say i would say voting is will be one step closer than either podcasting or voting to real politics because it does contribute to an event that has an actual impact on something i will say that but it's just one level more advanced it's just one level removed uh and the thing is there's an accelerationist case for biden too like there's all these guys out there who've decided that they're gonna that their their form of cope is i'm actually voting for trump because uh you know he's the real challenge to the status quo and over like that you're just trying to uh ring some some meaning out of this some sense that you're not owned sorry everyone's owned in this we've all been owned there's no way out of owner there's no vote you can do there's nothing you can have in your head while you're pressing the button that's gonna unown you in this election we are fully fully owned uh if voting isn't meaningful then running for office isn't either i didn't say it's not meaningful i'm saying that its meaning is not in proportion to the way that people talk about it to the amount of psychic resources that it kicks up the amount of people's and i'd say running for office would be one more step closer to real action than voting but once again at that point come the questions of like tactics and feasibility if you're going to run for something why is it to get out of the house do you have an actual thing to contribute beyond i've read the posts and i have the good politics from the good posts is there something about you specifically that positions you well to present a socialist alternative in a plausible like uh electoral context like it's a it's a stack like political identity is the stack of actions you know that go from thinking some having certain things that you think of as ideas to expressing those ideas to

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the people around you expressing them online in different formats then expressing them through actions like you know organizing uh you know organizing a union or your work if that's viable or running for office or whatever or voting whatever those are actions and it's it's a our understanding of ourselves like pursuing political goals embodying political ideas is some percentage of those things and all i am saying is that voting is this gigantic thing in people's self-conceptions around it and as long as it is it's just going to rob you of the fuel to really pursue anything that might be more close to the ground and more consistent like a daily use of power that goes beyond just thinking things and expressing them online a daily pressing against living a political life living political ideas and voting not saying i wouldn't be part of that this isn't all this isn't either or it's yes and it's adding things to your understanding of what it takes to be what it really means to be a political subject and the only way you can do that is if you have to make room for other things and and i'd say the thing to kick out first of all the thing that dump off the \*\*\*\*\* uh the hot air balloon to lighten the load is your understanding of the of the moral uh weight around the issue beyond that like when people say what do you okay well log off what do you do that's up to you you have to make that decision based on your own world and your own life and your own understanding of your world in your life i can say vote as part of a political expression all right guys i'm gonna log off here it's amazing i'm going to likely the fake news media is going to smear me again after this about what he said about voting but it really does seem like there's like a conscious decision to not hear what i'm \*\*\*\*\* saying maybe i'm not expressing myself clearly and that's very possible i am just going off the \*\*\*\*\* top of my head but i really do feel like the responses i get from people when i try to explain this stuff it does seem like they're trying not to get what i'm saying

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how's everybody doing today i hope everyone is relaxing and chillaxing man it's been a hell of a week for old perverts huh some good stuff good stuff first you got jeffrey tube out slapping his hog around while zooming um proving that he just couldn't he couldn't continue to simulate the 2020 election from the point of view of the legal system and not satisfy his uh unleashed hog because of how erotic that is and i understand election simulation is intensely erotic but i think the beauty giuliani thing is of course hilarious and i think people are kind of missing the force for the trees i feel like when they're talking about it because a lot of people are hitting on the fact that oh according to this story uh borat claimed that this girl was 15 and that she 0:1:1 took rudy into another room and laid him on the bed and like he was gonna \*\*\*\*\* a 15 year old and then other people are saying uh actually and apparently they're being paid to say this in swarms on the internet actually uh that's the 15 claim uh was never made to rudy giuliani that she looked like a young woman and that he had no reason to believe she was underage and people are arguing that point and to me that is a pointless point who cares the reality take think about this situation think about the reality of what happened rudy giuliani thinks that he's going to have an interview with what some russian journalists or something they take him to a hotel room they talk to him for a while it's wacky but whatever and at the end of it this young woman just leads him into another room and what does he do he immediately just lies on the bed that's what rudy giuliani expects to happen when he has any kind of public interaction that's what these people do this 75 year old gargoyle he goes into these nice air-conditioned rooms to talk to a bunch of guys named like ivan 0:2:2 stroganoff about like some sort of uh money laundering operation or data swap or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* he's been doing in ukraine and russia whatever like just money on his grind and at the end of those meetings like instead of a cheese course they just lead them into a room and a woman who he has no idea who they are where they came from if they've been \*\*\*\*\* trafficked or what age they are just lays him in a bed and just sucks him off that's his expected encounter in the day think about that think about how socially conditioned he is to expect that what the \*\*\*\*\*

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do you think these rich this is the proof you need that the only thing that's crazy about q anon is thinking that donald trump or anybody else in a position of power wants to stop this it's just a giant disgusting power orgy these guys are doing rich 0:3:3  
i mean as they literally suck the vital vital fluids out of every human being on this planet and turn us into just hollowed out uh \*\*\*\*\* capri suns they enact ritualized conquest a despoilation of humanity through just this wretched disgusting sexual depravity and they don't even have to be thinking in these kind of epic ritualistic terms all they could just be feeling is how do i fill the hole within me that is made by being a soulless uh uh a capitalist husk like i am nothing i am empty of any goodness any virtue what can i pursue and the only answer is selfish pleasures and what does that mean it means even when you're 75 you've still got to have some disinterested maybe sex slave tug you off in a radisson that's how \*\*\*\*\* empty you are and that means that your life is just it is public and private uh obscenity and 0:4:7  
uh despoilation of humanity solo really got to the heart of all of this and that means all these guys do this trump bill clinton uh bezos allegedly all of them are just have turned sexual debasement of people that they have power over into a component of high stakes public and private folks they're gross they're sickos q is correct about that they are genuine sickos the problem is that there are no white hats if there are white hats it's us we have to be the white hats no one in anywhere anywhere close to a position of power they are either blissfully unaware of all the ritualized sexual uh uh degradation or or they enthusiastically participate in it maybe at best 0:5:9  
they've reluctantly participated it because it's necessary to maintain trust at those high levels of power and intimacy any way you slice it no one in power is going to do anything about this and and the belief that anything otherwise is true is the real fantasia at the heart of q all the craziest \*\*\*\*\* in the universe comes not from that essential insight about power and about the people who wield it but from trying to make sense of trump somehow being opposed to it that's where the crazy stuff comes in that's where the the clones and the lizard people and the \*\*\*\*\* uh holograms the secret guantanamo uh uh executions all of that is generated by the need to make sense of the basic fantasy that trump is in any way really opposed to power and the monsters who wield it rather than being a perfect so it's really is important to say like what is the cue delusion it really isn't anything to do with their analysis of like 0:6:12  
who who rules power who rules broadly speaking and what they do with their rule what they pursue with the power they have the personal indulgence that they seek as their sole means of soul distraction and and uh pleasure that's all just real good solid materialist analysis of power it's thinking that anyone in power will stop it that is madness and that could only create more madness and that delusion is powered by the fact that they're americans god bless them and they are ensorced to the fantasy of

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the two-party system to politics as a meaningful endeavor and that means that they have to map their deeper understanding of the horrors of power onto this shallow fantasy of genuine uh partisan conflict where in reality you just have a organic uh osmotic relationship of power within this one organism of the democratic republican political party machinery and uh and uh cultural attachments i'm auto-tuned what's 0:7:15 going on i'm sorry i was \*\*\*\*\* with the mixer oh that's funny i am a robot hello i am a robot programmed but sadly that's going to be one of the last illusions to die is the idea that there's genuine uh genuine conflict real high-stakes conflict at the high between the democratic and republican parties and we're gonna have to enact more and more symbolic uh and then not symbolic acts uh to consecrate those realities in the face of what's really going on which is bipartisan rule by the dracula \*\*Music 0:8:17 playing\*\* there's someone's asking for good uh books on gladio there's not a lot of great books about gladio honestly all the good stuff is italian and untranslated there's two ways to go though broadly there's two books that you can go to if you want to go dry and academic and more grounded and also uh a broader than simply italy like more into like it has a nato network a a nato program of a network of cells within places like belgium and uh france and spain and uh even sweden even switzerland even though it was technically part of nato they had a they had a uh a gladio program there uh it's called nato's secret armies i believe it's pdf available on the internet uh and then it'll give you that and it's a little dry but it'll give you the overview if you want to get pulpy though you got to go with arch cast catholic 0:9:19 lunatic paul williams book operation gladio which uh it reads like sort of the skeleton of a james elroy novel just the plot stuff without any of the charac the characters of you know repressed cops uh and there's not and there's stuff in there that is it is much more speculative uh including his uh tale of the possible uh murder of john paul the first at the hands of uh gladio figures uh and also the likely gladio involved involvement in the assassination of attempt against john paul ii it's an undisputed fact of history that the assassin the attempted assassin of john paul ii was a turkish ultra-nationalist gray wolf uh and the gray wolves were one of those gladio created uh paramilitary organizations that sprouted up after world war ii it was directly created 0:10:21 by the the generals uh who were the implementers of gladio in turkey and he also was only able to go to saint peter's square and shoot uh john paul ii because he had been uh arrested in turkey and imprisoned for the murder of a left-wing journalist and then had just escaped prison and by according to all a testimony he's just walking out of it and then he showed up uh in saint peter's square shot john paul ii uh and like i said not a lot of sources but it's all very interesting it's it's the it's the indulgent one and it's also a little the the pros is a little more uh punchy but you know i don't i don't say everything in that book is true you have to look at everything with a

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critical eye and but a lot of the wildest \*\*\*\*\* in that book you look it up and it's 0:11:22  
oh yeah the part of the problem is he doesn't have a lot of good sourcing in it uh  
but if you take the time to like follow down specific leads named around people and  
names it's very interesting it's like they're like uh a nato general in italy was arrested  
uh for uh involvement in like the drug trade and did indeed uh epstein himself in  
prison like that happened like the one big the one main uh witness in the credit  
on braziano scandal that brought down the vatican bank and exposed the gladio  
network and p2 uh was just poisoned in prison like there wasn't even an attempt  
to make it look like a suicide he just drank some coffee that yes had a \*\*\*\*\* ton of  
poison in it and no one ever \*\*\*\*\* figured out who did it and they just said yep so if 0:12:23  
you want to go down the rabbit hole those are good ways to start those are different  
entry points but either way you're not going to know and i like to like anytime i get  
into the nitty-gritty \*\*\*\*\* like gladio or any of the assassinations or even kennedy  
or whatever i always try to remind myself that at the end of the day this is mostly  
recreational because your ability to get to anything like a comprehensive overview of  
the \*\*\*\*\* evidence of of that can fill in the gaps it's not going to happen and seeking  
it can kind of drive you crazy but it is fun and you have to experience it i think the  
best way to do it is fun and the thing is it's also constructive because while you're  
sifting through the conspiracy uh silt you could get a ton of gold that you can hang  
on to like what you mainly have to do is just stop is not have to feel like you have  
to carry around in your head a resolved answer to a lot of the questions surrounding  
stuff like this then it really doesn't matter if you know in your heart whether one 0:13:24  
it's one way or the other because when you get to that point that belief is going  
to end up being brittle because you're always speculating and then because it's a  
brittle belief you end up having to defend it in public compulsively because you're  
just anxious about it all the time because you haven't convinced yourself and that  
leads you further away from the truth and further towards pointless confrontation  
to reinforce your ideas instead of just allowing yourself to glide between and just  
remember what you what the bedrock is you know between what you think you  
know about the world and what you know is speculative and uh and anytime we find  
ourselves getting really wound up around questions specifically of like more moral  
questions and questions of like historical uh veracity you have to be able to recognize  
when you're sort of floating when you've lost uh connection to bedrock and and and  
that'll keep you from just keeping yourself on the wrong course you and you can stop 0:14:26  
swimming and just kind of float back towards the shore i just used like 17 metaphors  
there and they were all i'm such a dumbass how's it going in the chat guys i'm oh  
man someone says just jesse ventura and i'm just reminded again of what we lost  
by him not running as the green party candidate a synthesis of trump and bernie

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the one we need too bad uh people say like why would why would gladio guys want to kill john paul ii it's not like he was a liberation theologian he was a good cold warrior yes but according to williams he refused to bail out the vatican bank with money that they could have done it with they're basically saying that he was uh 0:15:27 too because he was not really aware of the whole program he had sort of come in from the outside you know he was a pull lock he wasn't part of the inner circle of uh uh american and italian uh prelates who were like in p2 even though uh catholics are not supposed to join the freemasons all these guys all these italian guys were on p2 but he was sort of outside of it so he didn't really know what the vatican bank was in terms of this crucial element of the global uh like arms and drug trade that was financing the uh the the right the paramilitary right in italy and maintaining this the balance of powers that prevented the communists from coming to power he wasn't aware of that he was just like no no he shouldn't do that that's corrupt and then that helped lead to an a lot of spillage and a big scandal that led to the collapse of a number of the banks a big a short-term economic crisis in in italy and 0:16:29 then eventually the revealing of the entire uh p2 net organization and gladio itself so you could see why there might have been a motive to perforate that \*\*\*\*\* and get somebody who in there who would spread the money around and keep things on the qt but as i said i don't know it's fun to talk about it's fun to speculate about but i don't know yeah godfather three actually talks about all this \*\*\*\*\* and in godfather three they show the \*\*\*\*\* uh john paul the first getting poisoned and i honestly feel like that one's almost an open and shut case i feel like he was probably as close as i'm gonna get to confident i'm gonna say that john paul the first was \*\*\*\*\* gacked that this dude coming in here and taking he wanted to look at the books is the thing and that was not going to happen 33 days in the pontificate but yeah not over any uh any doctrinal issues just purely covering their asses related to 0:17:31 the giant drug money laundering inauguration that they had going that's the thing that i don't think is a question whether or not the assassinations happened is up in the air but whether or not the vatican was laundering drug money for the mafia and the cia i don't think which is kind of nuts when you think about it because that does sound like crazy conspiracy gibberish and it often gets put in with other stuff that is more outlandish but it's basically established fact and it doesn't change anything and that's my real problem with conspiracy theory as a heuristic is that it presupposes that revelation of the secret will somehow change the reality the end result of every security of every conspiracy narrative is a generalized awareness it's supposed to end in a congressional hearing or opening of files or testimony that brings to light a 0:18:32 secret reality that people aren't aware of and that's why q is the perfect accelerated version of this because it imagines an apocalyptic revelation all that you knew all

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the people you thought were uh were trusted custodians of power or or celebrities are actually demonic creatures bent on your destruction and that's not how it's going to work if we're going to beat any of this \*\*\*\*\* it's not because people are going to know how bad everything is the thing about hyper reality is everybody knows as \*\*\*\*\* leonard cohen would say everybody knows every other worst thing you could imagine everybody at a base level knows if we found out tomorrow that bush did 9 11 it wouldn't change anything it would have go from a thing that people kind of thought was true to like ah yeah there you go i have figures we have normalized everything because at a bone deep level we know and we just distract ourselves from that reality by carrying out these ritualized political performances that imbue our life with meaning and drama and distract us from that fundamental truth and so no nothing based on like educating people about like what the bad guys did and and who they are is gonna do anything knowledge alone will do nothing only knowledge that is generated from action is anything that can be built upon and that's what comes from people doing things together and finding in the doing of things is the bird drinking the birds drinking chris we were worried the bird wasn't gonna drink that \*\*\*\*\* is guzlin very happy to see it i love a good drinking bird don't we all love folks we love it the bird he drinks he's the best he's the best at drinking they say they say he's the best there is i don't know i honestly think it might be me folks i think i drink better i drink really good i use both hands never spill a drop never get a job spilled ever never spill trump seems like he's uh he's not happy right now i think maybe uh the the steroids are wearing off a little bit storming away from the uh the 60 minutes interview not a good sign i think he's gonna be tonight tomorrow night i'm very much looking forward to i think it'll be fun so here's the thing we were thinking about i'm gonna put this to you guys i kind of don't want to stream the debate itself just because watching the first one it really felt like having a hat on a hat to have anyone even commenting because it was like the shape of the thing was what was funny and it was kind of felt wrong to interrupt it and yet we couldn't stop uh i was thinking maybe since this is going to be the last one where they're like together in the same room uh and that means trump's going to be rip snorting and hooton and torton because i really don't think that there's any way that they can uh pacify him at this point uh short of rhino tracks i think it's going to be a absolute cacophony and as such i think it might be better experience just as something you allow to uh wash over you but maybe we could do a post debate react where we just kind of go over some of the highlights does anyone sound does that sound fun to anybody getting getting some agreement it looks like we're getting good approval on that all right let's do that then all right it'll be at least me and chris we'll see if we can get any other buddy anybody else to go on i think everyone else was so destroyed

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by that last debate and so traumatized that they haven't been able to even think about doing another talk about one and i can pull up clips and stuff afterwards and we can watch the highlights and i had a great time i had such a good time watching that debate eventually after i pushed through but then i had a great time watching the dueling town halls uh honestly that's i hope i wish they it was a vibe as they say all right so we're going to do we're going to do a react that sounds good all right perfect we'll see who else wants to do it remember when matt did joker make up for the bernie debate i remember i remember that that was back during joker vacation which was the last stage before grill vilification kicked in oh god remember when i got super drunk oh i really don't others do poor chris oh man i feel so bad about that that was a real bungle uh can i make a um embarrassing mia culpa for that uh i feel terrible about that whole incident mostly because i was the one who brought the rum i was the one who said you know what let's get let's get real real wild for this and then i was so consumed with running my first ever elaborate stream that uh uh you know i feel like that was a producerial lapse um yeah but i'm still the \*\*\*\*\* disgusting glutton who drank an entire bottle of rum without realizing i was the producer saying that it would be good it would make for good tape so i think we can i want to take like 50 of the the uh well i'll take a little load off because it does still bash me a little bit i just assumed others would be drinking from it and i didn't notice that i was the only one pouring from it until i was like halfway done and then it's like the momentum had taken over well i drank the entire thing and that was overproofed yes it was overproof that was over \*\*\*\*\* proof took the entire thing to the dome god yeah that was uh i think that was the i'd have not gotten anywhere near that drunk since then i think that was like the low point for me alcohol wise in a while uh yeah so i think i'm doing much better now i'll take this moment in that recollection to say that we are planning on doing some kind of elaborate election night broadcast absolutely and i will not be hammered off of rum we will keep it keep it under uh control and try to put it i might i'm not no promises i might be rolling hell yeah i might be uh i might have some acid in me uh or i might have chinese research chemicals but there will be no uh \*\*\*\*\* handle of uh rum to the face i'll just take this moment to try to promise to put on the in because i've been feeling very depressed over the last few days that one of the things covett has taken from us is getting to do a big election night show yeah that would have been so fun \*\*\*\*\* coveted the china virus but i will try to put on as big of a best of show as i can from this gonna be here in the office we're gonna finally get to use this whole set which uh chris had made and which is fantastic it's going to be like the dick cavett show when peter falk and john cassavetes and ben gazzaro are there just a rollicking good time as we watch the election not get called that's the funniest part because

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there will be no call that night um unless biden wins at a huge landslide uh there will likely not be a call on election night which is uh this is the first time i think in a long time that that has happened with anyone expecting it to be the case i think we all just assume that you'll get a call before uh midnight but i don't think we're getting that this year although you know there's that whole thing about we're at a position now where a biden landslide is more likely than trump winning in any way you know so those polls could be you know because polls can be wrong two ways and if they're under counting biden in some way and i understand not saying that's likely it's like it's possible if you could see a huge landslide and even with the \*\*\*\*\* 0:26:44

right and ballots you might have the thing you might have enough electoral votes decided to uh end it then and honestly that would be one of the funniest things in the world if we had a goddamn uh after this like hugely uh dramatic build up about how we're getting ready to reach some sort of civil war type situation like it's and then whoop uh it's over go back to the brunch everybody the uh uh we've switched to a kindly old grandpa instead uh the chicago seven episode will be tomorrow i've watched it it was i gotta say it was entertaining it's his movies i think are better than his tv shows just in terms of uh being entertaining because i mean the shows 0:27:45

are what they are you know brutal sklogs his movies molly's game is fun a few good men is a solid 90s uh programmer uh american president's pretty good and zippy and has some good stuff in it uh um social network is a great movie he's uh charlie's wilson wilson's wore his absolute dog \*\*\*\*\* but there are good movies among those movies i just listed there are no good shows among his shows i think it's because he can't allow he can't like he every time he starts making a project he's locking himself in his garage and just farting essentially and it's like the shorter the project the less time he has to just die of fart inhalation which is what happens on his tv shows he just starts huffing nothing but pure methane and i think with a shorter run time and a shorter character arcs he's able to sort of trim the fat and and keep it 0:28:46

entertaining instead of uh sucking on his own donk but i think it's a fun movie it's fine but the lib delib the lib the lib \*\*\*\*\* in that movie it is pure uncut liberalism and uh it is yes it is the purest form of the liberalism it is quite liberal of course the real hero of the movie is the prosecutor as uh that's of course perfect for uh for him it's just so perfect so we'll talk about that if i can get a hold of an hbo max login i want to watch that \*\*\*\*\* uh west wing hamilton election special that they did that is available now i don't know why they would leave that on hbo max if they really wanted to affect the election isn't that just proof that this is all stroke 0:29:47

off \*\*\*\*\* hey we're going to inspire america to vote as long as they've already paid 15 a month for some \*\*\*\*\* boutique \*\*\*\*\* streaming service for a streaming which means the people who are going to watch it are people who already vote are you

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\*\*\*\*\* kidding me this isn't reaching anybody on the fence about voting or voting democrat it's just a chance for them all to stroke each other off just a giant \*\*\*\*\* lemon party of liberal piety wouldn't you make that \*\*\*\*\* free wouldn't you put it on youtube nope 30 a month pros if you want to learn how important it is to vote and participate in our electoral system but i would like to watch it i would like to see what it is i thought see i wasn't too excited when it was it debuted because i thought it was just a table read but apparently it's a whole production lin-manuel miranda as we call him in the midwest what's going on what's going on what is the body without organs uh my butt we should do a chapel election simulation like the one that was stimulating the erection of jeffrey tube out everybody plays a different element somebody's the deep state somebody's a deep state somebody's q somebody is uh uh nancy pelosi's blood bag that'd be funny oh god mitch mcconnell's hands hands are only supposed to get that red if blood is pooling in them which is what happens after the heart cease is pumping if once you die like if you lie in bed and your heart stops beating your blood stops circulating in your body and it settles so if you're lying down it settles in your like butt and in your back if you were to like be hung up it would settle in your hands he looks like a corpse on a \*\*\*\*\* rope why why why is he alive how are these eldritch creatures kept living did you guys see that picture of \*\*\*\*\* prince charles's hands where it looks like he's got a \*\*\*\*\* fistful of like uh of beetroot he's got these big yam fingers that are bright red he's got a he's got like the pedophile association signet ring on and you can't even see it around the \*\*\*\*\* throbbing they are being kept alive by eldritch rituals it's either eve literal i'm either talking because like there's two ways this could be true right and this is true of all good conspiracy stuff the stuff that tracks there's a shadow like narrative reality and then there is the bear you know uh uh material base that it comes from and in the case of uh of like the unnatural long life of these freakish old \*\*\*\*\* it's they are using sorcery right they're doing ritualistic sacrifice of the innocent to power like a satanic machinery of life that fills them unnaturally but the bare material reflection uh reality that that gets turned into by the mind is because these guys just get to swim in an ocean of abstracted surplus value that is torn out of everybody else in the world at the expense of their own health and happiness and ability to thrive and have access to material uh restoration they're able to have access to the the most developed forms of capital uh in every air aspect of technology that includes medicine so look at that fat piece of \*\*\*\*\* chris christie this tub of ass this guy who's the loser's loser who he was been eating trump's \*\*\*\*\* for four years who got owned by him in the primary and then simperingly kissed his ass and got his mcdonald's in the hope that he'd get in the cabinet got turfed out of the white house by jared kushner because he put his daddy in jail and how dare he put his

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wonderful dad who was an absolute scumbag and huge criminal and 100 guilty in jail it's not like his dad was one of the central park five and then he goes off into the wilderness grubs around on \*\*\*\*\* cable news and tries out to be a \*\*\*\*\* sports d sports radio guy and he can't even hack that and then he comes back crawling to trump gets coveted because he has to be a alpha like trump and not wear a mask and now and then that guy who is just a giant bundle of comorbidities a \*\*\*\*\* fat turd with asthma he gets the experimental ultra miracle serum that eli lilly has that is not for general consumption the guy who's the ex-governor of \*\*\*\*\* uh of new jersey he has no executive power he has no need for what does he do what's the point of chris christie what is he doing he is unnecessary he's going to call into mike and the mad dog and complain about the cowboys he's a \*\*\*\*\* waste of space he's lost his political career is over his usefulness to the cabal is finished it's not anything other than an errand boy and he still gets the experimental super serum that allows him to survive a \*\*\*\*\* coconut diagnosis that absolutely should have killed him just like the crazy \*\*\*\*\* they put into trump including experimental ape semen and \*\*\*\*\* irradiated uh tiger blood and a \*\*\*\*\* uh steroids that would make sea biscuit's heart explode he gets to survive maybe who knows how long he seems like he's running at a high temperature he could just pop at any minute but he's still going and that is the aldrich ritual that is their access to the the this stuff that we don't get none of us get that why why are we less worthy of the beneficence of our social product of our of our scientific advances that the fat puck piece of \*\*\*\*\* and i know people might say that i'm being ableist or or lucas about fat people first of all i am not a thin man myself secondly i use that just to say that christy as a man who has no socioeconomic uh uh determiners that might make him a larger a man who has access to all of the benef the the highest beneficence of being in a high earner in america meaning access to good food exercise regimes the ability to stay uh healthy and and given and the fact that he has driven enough to acquire uh material uh power and wealth and influence and position to this and be focused enough to be a \*\*\*\*\* guy and he's still a piece of \*\*\*\*\* eminent eating piece of \*\*\*\*\* it's just it's proof that he is like many of our ruling class just a disgusting uh a selfish scumbag and that none of them have any virtues to speak of and that their lack of virtue manifests itself in different ways and in this specific form of chris christie it's in his the fact that he's a \*\*\*\*\* big fat piece of \*\*\*\*\* but anyway apologies for uh fatism it just drives me crazy that more than anything anyone would feel the need to crack out the \*\*\*\*\* crack out like the case of uh you know the the eight the 1796 uh rothschild you know like the 200 000 bottle of wine for chris christie he has nothing to give anyone and yet he still gets it because he's in the \*\*\*\*\* club he gets the miracle cure because he's been initiated into the cult of malik and so he gets so yeah they are ritually

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sucking the life of the rest of us and using it to unnaturally extend their own lives  
mitch mcconnell would be dead if he was a pharmacist donald trump would be dead  
if he was a guy who worked at a grocery store yes chris christie was too big to fail 0:39:2  
indeed what's going on what's going on what's going on hey what's going on what's  
going on hey what happened with the moon has the announcement happening yet i  
believe the announcement is coming monday oh how are you going to tease me that  
long well that's how they get that's how they get you to tune into nasa these days  
you have to that's great that's true they've really learned they're leaning into the  
game show host model and hey it worked for the president at least for so for so long  
it has we'll see yeah but the moo they're gonna drop moon too it would be so funny if  
they're like uh we're blowing up the moon remember that mr show sketch we're just 0:40:3  
gonna do that america can and must and will blow up the moon and we're gonna  
do it during a full moon to make sure we get it all hey mr monkey don't be asking  
why cause you don't mess around with american pride c.s lewis jr man that's a good  
show mr show mr show yes formative program for me really uh yeah help create my  
uh my outlook in many ways but yeah what else could it be they're gonna put a  
base on it that would be cool they found life there i i've said this before but my most  
nationalist take is that it uh it sucks that we can't put that we have lost the ability  
the domestic ability to put americans into space yeah if we're gonna count out there  
we should invest we should like take it seriously don't don't \*\*\*\*\* around like try to 0:41:4  
privatize it anything worth doing is worth doing with the full gusto and weight of a  
coordinated federal response and i think that should include moonshit and and space  
\*\*\*\*\* because there's a lot to learn there and there's a lot of stuff that could help us  
domestically and it does but it should be part of a broader you know effort that is  
not this bare bones monstrosity that we see before us yeah and also i think it works  
on the um symbolic level to like show people that the state is still someone wants to  
grill a thanksgiving turkey good lord how could you possibly do that very carefully  
grill on the moon yes before the end of the decade american who's the grill on the  
moon not because i am very hard i am the president i am the horny president my 0:42:8  
name is john f kennedy you know what he actually wasn't that much hornier than a  
lot of those guys though although he was in the top quartile i will say that but lbj  
also wildly horny big time horny he once said about jfk quote i've had more women  
on uh warren g harding uh impregnated a woman in the senate cloak room oh i've  
been seeing earlier in the stream there were a lot of calls that uh you should put an  
offer on quibby matt uh yes let's no apparently they're not no one's yeah no one's  
buying it so i think we might be able to get it for pennies on the dollar i think that  
all six of us should forego one month's uh uh salary yeah put an offer in i wonder 0:43:9  
what would we do with it will we keep uh just slowly increase the number of bits and

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decrease the number of shows until you're just putting out one really good show on quivi oh okay i get what you're saying oh okay like all the different shows start off as separate shows but then you slowly realize that they're all part of one big show and eventually all the dividing lines between the shows go away and then it's just one long program and then it never ends yes and it becomes a show that like keeps it's oh \*\*\*\*\* this is we just made it charlie kaufman needs to come in on this i mean people charlie kaufman's quibby is what we just discovered i love that \*\*\*\*\* people love tracking out extended universes realizing that one character in one show is like the audit of another character in another show yeah no that's it so that shows that's charlie kaufman presents quibby yeah we got to get him his creative director charlie quaffman with a q that's what looking at my cards here uh folks i was talking before 0:44:10 the stream that the um the the desert storm trading cards have been a great source of uh fun and riffing on the stream but you know there's only so much juice that desert storm has if you can anybody suggest another thing that would be just you know something we could pull randomly of that would like a desert storm trading card to uh to know uh uh inspire tangents garbage pail kids i'm sure you would be uh disgusted by the horrible garbage pill kids matt pathetic no i actually had a big old i had a large garbage pail kid collection in my home when i was a child and then one day my sister my skunk of his younger sister went in and took them all off took all the stickers off the backing oh i was furious but i really enjoyed them i enjoyed the the garbage pail children they were disgusting and hideous but i i thought they 0:45:11 were cute i liked them a lot uh they were awesome and and epic i think uh you know and a lot of them were very gross like they want they got really serious like some of those are some of the art in those things you've got real like grotesque \*\*\*\*\* like \*\*\*\*\* and viscera and blood and guts but i remember they did a reissue of them a few years ago and i bought a pack out of nostalgia and they were like updated and there were references to like gangnam style and \*\*\*\*\* uh like variable movies and i was like oh \*\*\*\*\* this get out of here terrible so somebody suggested um q anon trading cards which i didn't know if it was real or not and i had to look up and uh there are apparently q and on trading cards in the style of something else we've talked about this uh magic the gathering and i think if i could get my hands on one of these i would love to bring them in that sounds awesome the ones they have displayed is uh flynn uh who is a creature type former us army general dash patriot 0:46:13 they also have a um hogwash former parkland student dash traitor david hogg he's of course in the swamp \*\*\*\*\* hog i think we should get our hands on some of this we need those i need to must cop as the kids say i'll see if i can i'll try i can track some down uh there's one here that i enjoyed out of this pack it's uh personnel navy u.s navy seals having their roots in world war ii sea air land seal teams are trained

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in unconventional warfare they perform reconnaissance underwater demolition and special operations in coastal areas yeah like afghanistan highly mobile and lightly armed they rely on stealth concealment and surprise to accomplish most operations this elite forces members are highly educated and physically fit i just wanted to show this because the actual picture is a couple of beefcakes with no shirts on on the beach it's like it's not a dude in an outfit with his you know his scuba suit and a mp5 or something it's just some hunks playing doing the they do i gotta say they look pretty 0:47:16 hunky but none of them are looking at the camera because you have to maintain opsec which i respect matt did you see the uh that video from the egyptian army that was going around the other oh hell yeah the parade of beefcakes oh man i'm trying to find that real quick cece's egypt is on on one man they're really having a good time over there god there's got to be something freeing about just having naked military rule like not even pretending to put a patina of politics on it like oh yeah the army just runs everything that just feels like kind of soothing and then what do you get out of it you get parades of beefcake you get sweet beefcake parades hunks let's look at some of that beefcakes it's raining man hallelujah is raided men yeah yeah 0:48:19 it's raining man hallelujah is raining man yeah yeah look at those boys look at those beefy boys does it have a soundtrack uh let's see absolutely so get wet they are ripped these guys are ripped i i gotta say if i was if i was the uh the false government of libya uh standing in the way of the glorious general haftar chat so thoughts on bolivia i 0:49:28 thought we covered bolivia twice this week yeah bolivia i think we got our words out there oblivion uh we it's all as usual it's we'll see that's how it all boils down but it's certainly a better it's i think better than the alternative in every respect for now so that's good uh i want a shout out this was way back when matt was talking about the uh the pope about how the assassination of the pope was obliquely referenced in the new pope uh new pope young pope great series highly recommend both of those i got matt to watch the young pope which he didn't really care for but new pope you were pretty into yeah i couldn't really vibe with the austere hair shirt uh jude law pope i was on much more on the same wavelength with the uh erotic sensuous 0:50:29 indulgence pope uh john paul iii played by john malkovich i was like okay this guy wants to seduce people into catholicism i'm vibing on that rather than uh \*\*\*\*\* jude law trying to get you all to just revert to the your childhood stage by spanking you absolutely so get wet thoughts on aoc and illinois twitch stream i don't know if i have any uh i'm just i'm did any of them have have heated gamer moments it seems to me like twitch a lot of people on twitch a lot of young people better to have them seeing that than to see \*\*\*\*\* pewdiepie doing uh like uh playing uh you know a \*\*\*\*\* holocaust simulator i mean i guess that's better than the alternative but it just it 0:51:31 seemed like it it launched it was the game that launched a thousand soy faces i'll say

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that people were just soy facing horde over that uh it's it's it's nice to have fun with with some of the better people who got upset about it it's like come on it's like why why shouldn't you be yelling at nancy pelosi to he's like come on man come on that's just like why is obama golfing so much stuff it's like you're i did appreciate uh elon today retweeting jordan ol saying holy \*\*\*\*\* elon is cracked at this game just because i think it's funny for a congresswoman to retweet somebody saying holy \*\*\*\*\* about their own gaming skills i also like that elon posted her rig specs yeah she is cool she's pogba she's pugged out i maybe it maybe it is a it's taking a live position but it is it is okay to say that some congress people are in fact cool elon is is specifically cool i 0:52:32 think regardless of any question about you know the political project she's just she's pretty cool i mean we met her for god's sake yeah we met her and she was cool very cool and and more importantly she was nice specifically to us that's the biggest thing right there it's amazing how that helps it's like you know what uh this person i met and was nice to me she's pretty great but you know i think honestly being nice to me is a good reflection on other people frankly because i'm a delight people who don't like me in public uh honestly it's usually a problem with them because i'm charming i'm a charming charming gentleman guys did you know that ad busters is still being made are you aware of this you hear about this kevin yeah about this they're still making ad busters man in 2020 i mean this is like if they made a magazine for the 0:53:34 japanese guys who stayed in the mountains in the in in the islands for 20 years after world war ii i'm now just thinking of the the the lost ronin of gen gen x yep uh though those still uh you know maintaining the the poise that chain coffee is gonna destroy this this country like it's it's what it was was it was it was the leftism of the end of history it was like we were we did feel there was no alternative so the only point of rebellion was the wrong aesthetics essentially like this society is commodified and it's just a reset it was a resettling setting of like the one-dimensional man marcus critique of like the commodity of uh of the conformity of the fifties just like through the after synthesized further through the crucible of the sixties cultural revolution but look at this it got 20 1946 it's got a thanksgiving dinner a family around a table enjoying a wholesome meal that is proof of the work and love of people for one another 20 0:54:35 that's right eating damn mcdonald's at the frickin mcdonald's store here's another question i think we should all be asking ourselves will high fashion suddenly look stupid or will our luxury fantasies and hyper individuality grow even more intense damn dude what do you get what do you got i'm gonna go with uh intensification of family to go with intensification yes okay that'll be interesting i'm looking at some of these pictures there's a few hunks i gotta say there's some hunks in here check 0:55:37 out these hugs these are the hun these are the anti-consumer hunks right here the babes of anti-consumerism yeah somehow some some some cheekbones on display

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right here okay see like it looks like a fashion magazine and you're like oh is this the latest fashion uh wrong no it's not because some of the letters are scratched out it's been hacked it's been ad busted i gotta say though guys ad busting makes if we got an hour we're we're almost at an hour i'm waiting to see if there's anything let's wrap it up shortly any more uh uh questions any more good ones ad busters but for balls you've been culture jammed i'm afraid you have been culture jammed here's a thing called the mental liberation front and it's got this thing i didn't sign up for total surveillance [Laughter] this is so this is some detournment is this this shit's detorment as \*\*\*\*\* uh let's maybe uh because we're talking about the debate a little in our plans for let's do a uh maybe just a quick debate preview somebody asked do you think trump will go all out at biden tomorrow since it's his last major appearance like what is that what is the end game uh i got to assume that they've they're keeping him going on steroids so he's going to be zort zooted and he's going to be the blood's going to be pumping um he's going to be on that wanted \*\*\*\*\* you know and like james mcavoy gets the super high he's like the things start vision blurs he's gonna be on that \*\*\*\*\* and he's gonna see bert biden and he's gonna be like i gotta \*\*\*\*\* just stiff this old man and apparently there's going to be a mute button is that what i heard yes it's going to be hugely affected and what's going to be very interesting to see is how trump reacts to that because that's a first that has never happened to him before and i and i don't know how he accommodates that if he's going to be able to stop himself from just charging into the red cape of the uh of the bullfighter well we shall see we shall see didn't they didn't aren't that did they also agree the last minute to make it just a foreign policy debate he demanded that i don't know if they agreed all right because that that felt like a bit of a punt for him he doesn't really want to talk about cohen i'll say that and he does want to talk about ukraine specifically hunter and his crooked beat dealings sorry guys everyone likes hunter and everybody likes uh what's his name but joe everyone likes joe biden too he's just he's the opposite of hillary clinton it's like this really does show we act like these things have some sort of logic to them like even if trump is an incoherent and and uh and frankly pathological uh political uh phenomenon it's understandable uh is a rejection of clintonian uh obama-esque dlc centrism which holds no hope for anybody but now it's four years later and the same \*\*\*\*\* centrism is being brought back out but because it's a genial old man instead of that harpy who frankly a lot of people didn't like some for good reasons some for genuinely sexist reasons it's okay now in fact it's great and we love it the there's the political system is so many \*\*\*\*\* levels of mystification and baffling that we could we really must try to restrain our desire to pull pan too much meaning out of who wins these \*\*\*\*\* elections because people are voting off of the most obscure and mind-bending uh of rationales that

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collectively i don't think add up to any kind of like desire on the part of a collective as much as sort of a collective expression of its sanity well it's also that you know 0:59:43  
as you were just saying it's it's you can much easier say that hillary lost 2016 than trump won it 100 i think that you will be able to say the same about this if it if it goes towards biden that it isn't as much that trump lost it that biden won the election 100 we'll see if that pans out who who knows how the these totals and and splits are going to go maybe there is a huge surge in democratic turnout and he's you know but even that is something to argue that it's all just polarization against trump that peop people are showing up in huge droves not to vote for joe biden but to vote against donald trump there's no way that biden can be the source for any of this one way or the other even if you see a massive title wave of an election it will not be because of biden which is the way they want it they want it to be about trump because that means anything they do is by definition good because it's not trump doing it and hey if you think it's not good enough do you want trump to do it because he's there he's waiting in the wings him and his followers if not him the 1:0:44  
next version there'll always be someone there to discipline you away from criticizing or falling away from the democratic project yeah and the worse it gets the more you can be chastised indeed it touches but it you know i mean i don't want to draw this out too long we should sign up soon but it is just interesting to see how that dynamic plays out of like being like trying to position ourselves as like it's not going to be good but we the democrats are this bulwark against some kind of incipient fascism that will roll over us like a tide from an unleashed dam if you don't vote for us coupled with what you're already seeing and you this this has been uptick just even in the last two weeks so much of the attitude of man i can't wait to go back to not paying attention to you yeah thinking about it even though all the things all the bad things are only getting worse and on a fast accelerated timetable and the need for people to be activated against them in some way and by being activated find a way are instead going to retreat even further into fantasy in fact just another realm 1:1:46  
of fantasy where they get to disconnect from their imagined connection to politics whatsoever because oh my god that whole time they were freaking out about trump they could have logged off they could have stopped caring they didn't because they enjoyed it because they got it got their \*\*\*\*\* rocks off and defending biden against the blood tie that he's about to unleash is not going to get the rocks off so they'll just care about something else which is exactly why i've signed off from from the time being for listening to pod save america but i can't wait to start listening again if after a biden victory because i can't wait to see how they're trying to engage their crowd of people who have they've been corralling this entire time being like we absolutely like you have to stay engaged we absolutely must work is forever you are you are a

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soldier in the army of democracies and that's also their success is b as being that i can't the one thing that i have i think that might come the only positive i see coming out of this is that i think and i hope that that phenomenon will be less prevalent 1:2:47 on the actual left and that the actual left is now will be in fact engaged to like to compel now to engage this new reality of this democratic this feckless democratic hunger chancellorship and that will power them against an opponent that will be demobilized that's the uh that's the hope yeah i mean i don't want it is it gonna happen i don't know but it could it's a lot it's realistic it's not it's not pie in the sky it's just it comes down to a lot of other factors but i could definitely see the failure the immediate failure of the biden campaign to do anything other than whatever your worst nightmares of it were going to be not driving people to move forward because even if they're doing it libidinally they're their libidin libido has already been jazzed by the fight and by the defeat they're already like committed to it so it's like it's just a further you know stab to the groin whereas for the liberal when you've made it your architecture that like democratic uh uh rule is by definition uh you know uh 1:3:50 uh peace and justice and an ideal state the closest thing to a panglossian best of all possible worlds then how can you keep caring yeah so i think that's hope yeah it's not a lot it's a thin read but the only reads we have are pretty thin at this point i'll leave you guys with this i just took this off of my jacket uh these just came in the mail today they're demo mock-ups for some new chapeau uh pins lapel or you know little pins you can put on your shirts or backpacks or something and these will be on sale soon and they look really sick and they're nice and uh uh heavy good metal and everything um so yeah looking forward to that uh anyway uh should we sign off matt yeah let's do it all right i'm going to throw in a song but

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i am the man who will fight for your honor i'll be the hero that you're dreaming of let me forever make me eat leather and do awesome sandwich fighting with you what the \*\*\*\*\* happened did i get cut off again does this sometimes \*\*\*\*\* oh wait a minute there it is like a nice shining armor from a long time ago oh no i thought i had the mute on didn't now i do muted is on are you ready for some debates thursday night 0:1:1 party we got frank and l and steve it's gonna be a big party i am so excited about this debate honestly specifically how trump is going to respond to being coveted ruined and gacked up and also clearly in a death spiral where he is at some level aware of his position even though he denies it which means he might be completely buck wild in this thing and apparently they're going to try to actually mute him very interested to see how that actually plays out and if there's any willingness or or on the part of the moderators to really try to rein him in but maybe they put him on the rhino tracks to preserve the senate they're like oh god we can't let him go out here like this they just \*\*\*\*\* take him down and he like gets to half speed and he's doing like 0:2:2 chopped and screwed trump which is at least you know they could point to and say see he's not quite as erratic and manic and wild and seemingly uh on the verge of tears as he has been in every recent public appearance we'll see i mean after that 60 minutes interview i mean my god the gan the man is just a whiny \*\*\*\*\* it's kind of but of course it doesn't matter it's all just a fun fun uh spectacle i think that race was i'm pogging folks i'm pogging and don't we love to pog that we love pogging but anyway because i think it might be fun and because honestly i didn't feel like our contribution to the first debate really made it any funnier or more interesting because of just how how language broke down and it was just this symphony and 0:3:3 it was like we were talking during a symphony uh i'm going to we're not going to be doing a chapo podcast related stream of the debate i believe alex lowe auction will be uh doing it for fym on here and uh if you want to have like a chill you know friend to watch with alex will be very good but i really just want to enjoy it i just want to sit now that i haven't had my breakthrough moment with the last debate i want to sit with this one and just let it wash over me like forget any attempt to

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to interrogate you know the sentences or words for meaning break them down break them of context turn them into just music and then just let it wave over me which is what i kind of felt like i did during the town hall when they were competing streams i was listening to both of them and i was kind of toggling back and forth and creating my own pixie song so that's gonna be fun but then when it's over i think i and chris 0:4:5  
and i don't know who else whoever wants to will pop on i don't think we're gonna get we never got that son's debate never made up for the lost debate by giving us the sons he does seem to sound bad lately i mean maybe that's people's wishful thinking but it does seem like covet has taken a little bit out of his sails he seems to be kind of delirious when he i'm not sure all who will be in the post-debate stream i know i will 0:5:23  
be and i think chris also i hope chris since he runs the yeah the one way you know that trump is either either thrown in the towel or just has lost his touch is that their big their big psychological move at the last debate which in 2016 was in the face of the planet uh the uh entertainment tonight tapes coming out and the grabbing by the \*\*\*\*\* controversy in the teeth of that mere days later he went out there and put all of a he put a chorus line of bill clinton's most prominent uh sexual assault uh accusers in a row i mean absolute master class this time it's uh some guy named tony baloney some guy that is the equivalent of when the democrats would like epically 0:6:25  
talk about oh my god you know who left parnis knew that's right if you're thinking it's flirtage it's flirtash okay and that's the kind of stuff that nobody outside their screen their area knew and they would scream across the void during the whole the \*\*\*\*\* impeachment \*\*\*\*\* which lol can you imagine think of all the \*\*\*\*\* energy these people put into that even the people like the people who did it and the people who watched and cheered about it and cared about it and got wrapped about it think of that energy do they not in their heart know that it was completely wasted that it meant nothing that it was just jacking off into an ocean they don't get that at some point i think some of them do which is why they have to keep shrieking and creating more and more like insane hypothetical universes where their brand of uh of pragmatic idealism is so this would be like if if this would honestly be like if 0:7:26  
say biden was say covet hadn't happened right uh um and the economy like maybe it's maybe we're seeing it start to cool off a little bit which is what the there were fundamentals that seemed to indicate that we were headed towards recession even before covet so but maybe it's like it's not a huge drop and then it's you know that is honestly even if it started then that might be too early to really affect the election like the reason george w h bush lost in 1992 is largely because the little recession that happened at this end of his second term was in the exact right moment to just ripple out and and be maximally impacting people's uh minds uh the news and uh and their votes which wouldn't necessarily have happened depending on how severe

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it was but anyway say we live in that world and in the election nothing's about covet and it's all about you know uh probably about trump being corrupt and probably 0:8:27  
more russiagate stuff and let's and and impeachment stuff and maybe and and like trump is up by five going into election day at the national level and the democrats are going insane because how do people not get it and their big coup de gras would be to bring out like uh stephen parsnip or one of the people that no one outside of the rachel bubble ma rachel maddow bubble knows and put them in the front row to remind people about the ukraine crimes or something that would be as out of touch and ridiculous as him bringing hunter thompson hunter thompson hunter biden's uh what crime buddy no one gives a \*\*\*\*\* and it just goes to show that you know you live by the sword die by the sword in terms of uh like that trump in 2016 ran a campaign that was effective in part because trump knew what the people wanted because it was what he wanted having watched the white having watched obama 0:9:28  
be president for eight years and having been personally infuriated by obama and by democrats and liberalism in general as a result of his revulsion of obama he is able to articulate with perfect clarity the concerns of you know this this dispossessed lump in bourgeois we have in this country and they and they were he was able to affix to hillary clinton uh all of the the horrors of the last 40 years not just social liberalism but economic and neoliberalism she was the avatar of all of it and he was able to paint her in that way and and her personal corruption was able to be put about her her husband's sexual license was able to neutralize any attacks on trump's personal virtue this time he's not he spent the last four years not outside of the presidency he has literally been dictating the news that he's been watching while everyone else is watching him and trying to identify with him and what that means is that he is now no longer able to pitch himself to a broad spectrum of you know relatively 0:10:29  
uncommitted less than partisanly uh identified voters which has a lot of people in which a lot of like the dedicated partisans who make up the consumers of most political media have a hard time imagining but it's true and those are the people who make the decisions every \*\*\*\*\* four years between one person winning in the other and also who decides to come out and vote who wouldn't have otherwise and none of that is getting none of them care about glorp simpson and flicht doodleberg just like they didn't care about the the stuff with uh with trump and the russians it's the exact same sort of epistemic uh black hole it's the same uh bubble which goes to show that like there really is no difference between these people like even even trump once he got into hollywood i mean sorry once he got into the white house just turned into another disconnected holly uh uh hollywood hollywood slash washington sicko he even as he fought against what he saw as a hostile culture he 0:11:32  
he subconsciously absorbed all of their priors including that people care about stuff

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like who hunter thompson's hunter thompson hunter biden's uh uh co-criminal is as though as though like the hillary clinton thing had anything to do with the content of the case like the emails themselves it was that represented about hillary clinton and he could do that because he was challenging an incumbent and now he is he's the incumbent and it just he never learned how to realize he was in power because he's just been watching the presidency for i'm very interested to see what the turnout ends up being because you're seeing crazy numbers in early turnout in states like texas and georgia now of course that doesn't necessarily mean anything we have no idea how many of these people are banking or how many of these are banked votes 0:12:33 that would otherwise have come on election day we have no way of knowing but when you see how big it is compared to the number of votes that like were the in the last election it's hard not to imagine that you know even if it's just an effect that because fewer people vote on election day it's easier to vote on election day and more people who might be on the fence about voting will do it because it's less of a hassle like even if that's the amount of effect it has it could be a significant in terms of moving something from you know a a a clear elector uh uh popular vote victory but then you know the the the nightmare of litigation and all the swing states uh and a relatively anticlimactic biden victory who knows it's interesting i keep saying hunter thompson i think it's because there's uh he seems like the kind of guy who has read hunter thompson and taken some of and i would say that the numbers of people 0:13:36 voting is the thing that's more at this point interesting and dispositive than um the polls because obviously you can say the polls are wrong because they were wrong last time you know i mean i do think that that biden has a bigger more durable lead than hillary did at the same point i'm pretty sure that's true uh but even if you say they're still \*\*\*\*\* up and the methodology's still wrong and even if you assume it's in the same direction uh i think just the trend of the polling plus the reality of holly's early voting i mean if there it's just if there's a hot there's two models here there's a high turnout model and a low turnout model trump could win a low turnout model in fact a low turnout model probably favors a trump victory over a biden one but trump basically cannot win a high high turnout election because we know from the last 20 years what the gop percentage of the trump did not have any kind of big 0:14:38 surge of support over previous republicans what he did is he had support in some different areas that were crucial for the uh electoral map because they because of our \*\*\*\*\* electoral college but overall it was basically the same percentage the thing is that because of the electoral college and because of voter suppression and and uh and you know the explicit policy of the demo republican party wherever it's in power to to make it more difficult to vote as a as a party policy as a as a matter of like platform uh uh importance and that they've been successful at that means that they

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can win but if there's a lot of people who vote if even with those things people still vote for some reason or another they're motivated to that would swap it like hillary lost because the share of vote that went away from her in terms of people not voting in the right states and a few of them shifting from obama to trump but mostly just not bothering to show up in the crucial states those people likely are not going to come out to vote for trump because those are not really politicized people which means i don't think they're looking at the \*\*\*\*\* coronavirus and saying well you know it's all china's fault and uh fake news because they don't if they accepted his premise they would already be on board you know what i mean now there is a theory that says the q anon style \*\*\*\*\* and like the dissolving nature of reality and the way that we have totally just like stepped through the looking glass in terms of living within a spectacle that maybe all of our understanding of like incentive structure and voting has been annihilated by our collective break a nervous breakdown in the face of this overwhelming sea of information that cannot be traversed with any kind of certainty that we basically have to drive ourselves insane and create fantastic uh uh like rituals to charge sacred objects with power in order to describe meaning out of the darkness and chaos of online and the world around us and so that means that why people are going to vote for who they do is almost uh quantitatively improbable to predict in which case anything could \*\*\*\*\* happen and i am not ruling that out as i have said i'm not going to be surprised by somebody else was papio daniel a precursor to trump i mean he's part of a tradition you can trace trump through a line of american political figures and papi or daniel would certainly be one of them uh papio daniel is of course the name of the uh governor in mrs in a mississippi governor in oh brothertow and he is the guy who has a old-timey radio station that plays ads for his flower that's the real guy papio daniel but he was not governor of mississippi uh it was texas uh and the the thing that i think is and he was a guy who who was a had started off as a like door-to-door flower salesman and then become a flower wholesaler and then sponsored a tv show or a radio station a a radio show a radio program of old-timey of uh folk music and the papio daniel flower hour and he became famous enough in texas that he ran i believe for governor and then for senator and uh he defeated lyndon johnson in lyndon johnson's first run for senate in 1940 uh was in 1942 or 1940. uh i think it's 1940. um and in that race he lost because both o'daniel and johnson had certain rotten burrows like uh counties in texas where the local uh justice of the peace essentially controlled the votes and could determine how many votes uh the respective candidates got and then just delivered them to the highest bidder basically and they both had these these guys these votes collected and over the night as the votes came in the legitimate votes and the illegitimate votes they would let them out sort of as needed and there was always a a staring contest

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about who would like release their votes last because once you once the enemy had had released their last crooked votes you knew then how many you needed and that meant you could go over the top and that's what happened is that johnson released his last counties prematurely because he felt like he had a big enough uh margin 0:19:48 that he could just let him all out there to like flood it but that gave papio daniel's people the number that they had to beat and so they just scrawled it up and posted it and boom they won and so that's the environment that texas politics was like when he ran in 46 when he finally did win the landslide uh the election where he got that nickname for a just absolutely crooked completely stolen uh senatorial primary campaign that's a wild story it's very uh that volume of the cairo he's got there's one uh one of the early carol volumes about lbj is just about that means of ascent basically uh and it's fascinating he's a little too easy on coke stevenson who was an awful just reactionary political figure and would have just been worse in in office than uh johnson but it's a fascinating like minute by minute telling of it and the 0:20:52 funny thing is is what ended up determining the vote after this crooked election that had this hugely disputed outcome and like the \*\*\*\*\* the texas ranger who killed bonnie and clyde had to have a showdown over the contents of a bank vault in in duval county which is the crooked county that uh that johnson had was part of the johnson fiefdom and it ended up being officiated by the net the democratic party because it was a democratic party primary and the democratic party at the end of the day was full of new dealers who wanted to see the new deal wit succeed and coke stevenson was anti-new deal so they picked johnson and the funny thing is that's the right decision that's the correct decision if you're there that's the correct decision and if you don't understand that it's because you believe these institutions serve any reason that other than the pursuit of power and that respecting them is going to save you from capital deciding to change the rules and the thing is you can't 0:22:3 even say oh no you know you're you're defaming the sanctity of the electoral process stevenson stole votes too everyone was stealing votes it was not and there was voter suppression was was systematized i mean you know texas wasn't as bad as you know the deep south and in texas uh a lot of the times what you had instead of outright voter uh uh repression is that you had like urban machines like in houston uh uh like black vote was like a block that could be purchased which in terms of you know actual uh you know franchise isn't much better than not being able to vote because you know the reason you're up you're being bought well like what's buying you is just pure money in the form of like connections through the uh political machine uh not actual benefits to anybody uh who's me who are making the votes not like the old you know tammany draft or at least not as not as a beneficently because you know you can never really vote against the racial apartheid that you but anyway 0:23:4

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that's an interesting story and that's uh yeah it definitely showed uh what johnson was capable of holy \*\*\*\*\* i mean he was like so there's so many points in his life story where it's he absolutely should not have gone on not just that he grew up super poor i mean that's the thing that fired him and it was the engine of his his ambition so he that was necessary that's origin stories yet but throughout his life like his uh he took a bunch of insane risks and like like that that senate seat was insanely a huge long shot to begin with because coke stevenson was \*\*\*\*\* beloved he'd been a former like three-term governor everybody loved him in fact and it was like a cincinnati thing where he had gone back to his ranch and they basically had 0:24:6 to coax him out of retirement to come save the democratic party in uh texas and he was and and johnson was like some uh you know relatively young fresh relatively inexperienced congressman uh in a giant state like texas who had almost none of the name recognition and he had he like used all this money to do insanely innovative stuff he had a helicopter he campaigned under with going around uh texas at a \*\*\*\*\* helicopter bought a ton of uh like uh radio ads and like you know just to get his name out there and then had also to just steal a ton of ballots just make a bunch of fake votes to get to be able to even compete for it and like that was while he was having some sort of horrible like gallbladder problem like he almost died every big point of of real stress in johnson's life and like when he felt like it was slipping away he would go into some sort of like bad uh serious health decline sometimes related to like gall 0:25:9 stones or stomach problems he had a ton of heart attacks like in in moments of real stress he would essentially almost die but then he would will himself back to life and end to victory the craziest one for me is that i mean unless it's unless you think he was in on the kennedy assassination uh in which case it makes perfect sense but if you buy any version of the kennedy assassination that does not involve johnson being aware of it for him it was just blind luck he was on the verge of having a career-ending expose of his corrupt dealings as the majority leader when he'd been in the senate it was going to come out in i think life magazine the day of or after the kennedy assassin kennedy was assassinated and was going to reveal his relationship to this guy bobby baker who is who is like the head of the uh like the interns in the senate uh and was running just a a massive graft and kickback operation that involved him getting kicking back up to johnson and he had they had him dead to rights and then 0:26:10 after kennedy was assassinated they i haven't read jfk and the unspeakable i will be because to me this book seems to be the thing that's got like the most important like rallying point for this new emerging i've talked about consensus where like kennedy actually was killed by the deep state the deep state does operate that way and he was that much of a threat to it after being fallow for a while so i know this is a text i got to engage with but uh uh i'm it's on it's on the list i'll read i have read the devil's 0:27:11

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chess board uh which is a fascinating book and it's great on dulles but i think it's really interesting that for a book that's like pitch is is that it's trying to argue that dulles was personally responsible for the kennedy assassination is that as the book gets closer to the kennedy assassination the figure of dulles recedes from the \*\*\*\*\* story more and more and it becomes much more conjectural which i mean if i'm putting up suspects uh for deep involvement in the kennedy assassination like alan dulles is up there with like lee rv oswald but i'm not sure i'm not convinced is all i am not convinced by any theories of the kennedy assassination i would say that i have read legacy of ashes which is very much you look at it especially now of the stuff that i didn't know when i read league of ashes that i've discovered about the cia sense that 0:28:12 isn't in league of l legacy of ashes it's a jaw-dropping feat of a mission i mean it's it's like the definition of a limited hangout all the stuff in that's like outrageous in legacy of asses is all selectively uh threaded around the premise of greater uh organizational incompetence that makes the case that the cia is essentially only able to waste money and shoot itself in the foot and has never been able to effectively do anything which i think is is not an accurate representation of reality at all and it's a perfect way to like get into the public consciousness real crimes but but always in that notion of well that's that's was the better oh uh the carroll book that's about the ooh if i went 0:29:24 on doughboys what chain restaurant would i pick that's an interesting question i'm going to assume that i'm i'm probably not going to be able to do anything for the first time like they've probably been everywhere at least once so i would have to be bringing them back somewhere the easy answer would just be culver's because that's wisconsin's contribution to you know regional chain excellence i think but honestly i think i could probably have a more uh fruitful conversation a more man i really want 0:30:26 one of those euros i don't think there's an arby's in new york though somebody asked if uh if if they think that gibbon is right because christianity ended the roman empire and it wasn't gays well it wasn't gays obviously but i'm not sure it was christianity either i'm pretty sure it was something more firmly i mean a lot of me i don't know 0:31:28 that much honestly about the fall of rome i think that that uh like climate and uh and uh like agricultural yields have had something to do with it i mean it uh you had that contribution of you know uh of an agricultural of like intensifying and then you have you know just the unwieldiness of uh of an empire of the type that the roman empire's tried to be uh it was like it's it's fitting that a lot of the uh reforms of the like late period involved delegating responsibility away from a single emperor nothing like that can have one cause or even like a handful of causes it's like a rope 0:32:41 it's like a you know you could pick out the strands but yeah anyone who says it's any one thing is wrong and certainly gayness is the worst one i remember francis i think i saw francis schaefer saying that made like the opposite of the gibbon point

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but totally incoherently where he said uh like the guy in later hosted who did those 70s evangelical history and culture videos i think i was propagandized with those in my like uh high school history class when i was going to school in the middle of farm country in wisconsin but he talked about how the the what doomed those societies was a finite world view is how he put it i remember at the time just thinking what do you mean i mean my main issue with that is that the roman empire fell apart as it became christian it wouldn't wouldn't that have like prevented the collapse the emergence of a christian you know uh ideology suffusing the empire baffling so yeah no if anyone's talking about single answers then it's they're just trying to get a rise out of people the question is how the those strands are entwined you know like that's it's all just like documenting connections and figuring out how mechanisms work as opposed to uh you know trying to sell a single patent explanation which is comes out of the sort of entrepreneurial nature of like academia sadly like novelty is rewarded you know so there's always a need to create schools of thought that require certain shibboleths and that lead you farther away from i don't know it's tough i mean i'm wrestling myself with how best to try to create narrative history that acknowledges you know the contingency of of chronolog chronological events while still grounding everything all those events in sort of the inevitable context that made them you know if not inevitable sort of predetermined in some way it's tough but it's worth doing because i think it's the only way to communicate really just like how contingency works in history and therefore like what what what matters now and what needs to yeah we need a diocletian that's for sure and i don't think we got one jesse ventura could have been diocletian jesse diocletian who's the most cucked president i mean not in terms of uh i wouldn't say in terms of politics or like sexuality but just in terms of a guy who got owned sort of pathetically william howard taft has got to be up there so taft never really wanted to be president he wanted to be a supreme court justice and he is essentially badgered into running for president by teddy roosevelt and his wife who really wanted to be first lady and to please both of them he ran for president one almost immediately his wife was very much looking forward to being first lady uh and living in the white house had a \*\*\*\*\* debilitating stroke and he just the wind went out of his sails and he just sort of went through the motions and then while he's being president the guy who helped like drag him into it is yelling at him and saying he's not good enough doing enough job and then challenges him for president and then runs against him and gets more votes and gets more electoral votes and becomes the last time one of the two major parties finished out of one or two in the electoral vote count and the popular vote count for that matter that's cucked but he uncut himself by later finally getting the job that he dreamed of when they made him supreme court justice which is a nice little maybe he got owned so

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bad that they had to give him a consolation prize and lucky for him it's what he wanted there's some sort of parable there that maybe he just should have you know no no there's sound to be any acids this evening no no no who poops himself during the debate very good question i got to think that with the covid trump will trump have his mojo tonight this is the question all signs point to no all signs point to his mojo having to pardon him he seems low energy his instincts are all off he's talking about stuff nobody cares about if he goes up there and talks about hunter bonnie then for an hour but you know the universe has a way of preventing the the shattering of of consensus reality in one motion like that we like to just wear away at the edges of reality and not rend and asunder because i don't know that's i'm just trying to explain how in my gut i have a feeling that it'll be kind of lower energy he will be less uh disruptive he won't look like terrible \*\*\*\*\* and it'll kind of come off as a trump win by being uh like low like less of a circus and that's just like that's where my stomach is it's like doesn't that feel right like having it be a real like trump just wheezing like baron harkonnen and like fleming up and yelling at the \*\*\*\*\* about tony polonie in the front row and spewing like gallagher all over the place i just can't see it happening or biden stroking out as funny as that would be don't see that happening either just some i don't know maybe i've just uh i've run out of things to believe in maybe i feel like i've gotten to the point of hyper normalization where even if that did happen i wouldn't perceive it that way i would perceive it like viscerally as oh just boring because i will have hyper normalized that quickly we'll find out though i'm looking someone asked enver hoja cringe or based i would say that enver i mean the bunkers are \*\*\*\*\* cringe i will not be streaming the debate alex will be streaming the debate i'm going to be watching at home and trying to let it wash over me trying not to feel like i have to have a response to anything that's i think what really trips me up is i find myself feeling like i need to have a grab point to say something instead and that's going to make it harder for me to just wash over me so my hope is to just just a we will do a post game though at least i chris might actually looks like chris might be on the debate as well with alex so there you go i might pop on who knows we'll see how it goes somebody asks uh if i feel like chapel in general is more disenchanting with the system than it was in 2016 and i would say absolutely in the sense that we have had after 2016 i think all of us had a feeling in that aftermath of that race and in the aftermath of trump winning that there was a possibility to take the surprise bounty of the sanders candidacy which arrayed all these forces that were opposed to the clintons for whatever reason good and bad to rally iran and that that could be the baseboard like a counter uh hegemonic like self-consciously class-oriented uh uh political bloc within the democratic party that could seize control of its commanding heights and

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like reorient the party from there uh and whether or not that is theoretically possible as a strategy i think some people would say ah peru i see prove you were wrong i don't know if that's escaped i just know that the illusion that we have had been dissed from is the illusion that american politics in this year and the american electorate in this term and their relationship to voting and their relationship to the media and the relationship to the economy and the electorate the the cultural like relationship of the classes to like the means of production and the means of cultural expression and the means and willingness to participate in electoral processes they're all askew and they do not add up to a force that can't be harnessed to that end at least not now i mean you could say that the campaign made mistakes and i agree completely people have been very upfront about a lot of tactical and strategic errors that the campaign made bad hires for bad hires to bad strategy to a bunch of stuff but when i look at the results to me it seems like there was an unmovable block conviction among somewhere around 55 to 60 percent of the broad democratic primary electorate if you like think of that as a stable grouping and the only way it was going to overcome that was by energizing and engaging non-voters non-participators in the democratic primary system and that failed to happen and you can talk about why but i think fundamentally it's because there are there are missing belts cultural conveyor belts between the political the the symbolic and meaning orientation around politics and enough of the people you'd need to reach to switch to swing the demographics of these so yes i'd say like but the thing is is that that's constructive because it tells you where you are you know it tells you what you what won't work and it tells you what not to do again and the thing is is that the democratic party now that they have now that now that the command of the neoliberal you know consensus has been has been is no longer challenged within it they're going to govern as as monsters it's going to be a a hunger chancellorship and that like any crisis is also an opportunity or it needs to be that's all i can say i don't know if we'll be able to meet it i don't know if we have the institutional flexibility or or capacity to meet the moment uh i'm skeptical but at the same time there's nothing else to do so if enough people have that conviction then you know that's all you actually need but hitting that number is is so hard because you never know what it is until afterwards you'll never know what all right mad or cracked you know this is funny uh i know crack became kind of a a cringy uh radical centrist like lifestyle website but back in the 90s and 80s it was a knock off of mad magazine that i think was made by like former writers and editors for mad who left because mad wasn't paying them enough because william gainses was a \*\*\*\*\* cheapskate and so they created an off-brand mad which that's the one that i could subscribe to i did not subscribe to mad magazine i subscribed to crack and i honestly can't tell you why i guess one time i just picked up cracked and i like

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i read a thing i maybe i saw some john severin art because john severin was a guy who wrote for years who who he wrote he did uh cartoons or he did comics for years for mad and then he left with the crack people to get more money and so he was in cracked and i really liked his drawing style and otherwise it was basically the same material and i just i went to cracked i still respected mad magazine but i only had crack delivered to my home cracked had a print version yes it was a print magazine it was originally an arrival for mad it was like mad tv too mad apparently people didn't know this the children around here don't know this yeah sean baby was very funny sean baby early internet for the old heads in the chat the the guys who invented a certain strain of web comedy and of course that's why you can't really go back and read it without cringing because everyone talks like that now it's you know it's like how joss whedon for a while it was kind of funny and then it became monstrous but it was good at the time fat chicks and party hats is one of the funniest things i ever saw i just thoughts on charles babbage how are you going to ask a \*\*\*\*\* about charles babbage you want to know my opinion on the the guy who \*\*\*\*\* sketched out the difference engine the pr a primitive computer what opinion of tarot's babbage am i going to have i don't understand you just wanted like see if i knew who he was you people you're a very wacky answer somebody asked if chapo is based or cringe and i would say again we are i read somebody asked about neil stephenson i've only read snow crash and uh his way of writing action kind of annoyed me over time so i never someone wants my opinion on the pythagorean theorem i really don't have one i'm not even 100 sure what it is a squared a squared plus b squared equals c am i voting yes absolutely i vote every time i can i've only missed a few times it's fun i like it and i think there is something like in me like at a civil like at a civic level like i think as someone who thinks ritual is important to reinforce behavior so you know obviously voting has way way way way too much psychic significance for people but it should have a little bit and so it should contribute a little bit so i i do vote but like the thing is that's a totally separate question then who to vote for and it is a different rubric and like a lot of the undergirding assumptions behind a lot of these browbeating arguments don't apply in my opinion but like i said i think i'm going to be writing in hillary cause write-in i'm going to go into the polls because that's part of the things i liked i i when i lived briefly in washington state where they do they all mail in and i didn't really like that i like going to the thing and doing the thing i'm really annoyed that i've never uh voted on a machine an old timey machine they used to print the sample ballot in my local newspaper in manitowoc wisconsin it was a mo it was a it was a sketch of the machine and it had the different candidates and where they'd be and i remember thinking it was cool and i wanted to go and do that but i was too young and then by the time i was able to vote i lived in a

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different area where they did scantron bubbles bubble uh sheets and then i moved 0:54:0  
to new york but right right before or right after they got rid of the old machine so  
i've never been able to go on a machine which is a bummer but i still like filling in  
the little bubbles and i like going all right just maybe a couple questions here before  
i go thank you talking about those euros got me hungry there goes my hero horror 0:55:29  
movie suggestions i said return of the living dead the other day so i gotta pick a  
different one uh on the zombie tip it's actually available on you you can just watch  
it on youtube peter jackson's dead alive also known as brain dead that's one of the  
bloodiest films ever made delightful slap splatter core slapstick not very fun not what 0:56:54  
movie spawned what war spawn the best movies all right well we can eliminate a few  
right off the bat revolutionary war what the patriot war of 1812 i believe there's a  
movie about the battle of new orleans with charlton heston as andrew jackson but  
that's basically it maybe there's some terrible movie about the writing of the \*\*\*\*\*  
star spangled banner or something civil war considering how big a part of america's  
like historic memory it is it's kind of stunning how few really great civil war movies  
are i think glory is a really good movie i think it's a great movie i'm sorry i know  
no no white savior is yes i understand there's a lot of issues with what stories get  
told in hollywood but the way that that story was told i thought was good um but  
man it's in it's not it's a thin rank past that i mean what are we talking birth of a 0:57:55  
nation uh which you know you could say is bad politics but it's a good movie at the  
time i honestly do not get i can't watch a silent film and like appreciate it i can't  
do that i don't have the film historian thing of going like wow i can put myself in  
the head of somebody who is impressed you know by seeing the train go by on on a  
screen i'm sorry i'm not that person i'm not that rube i cannot be impressed by this  
but whatever uh gone with the win same deal uh \*\*\*\*\* what else gettysburg which  
is pretty much dog \*\*\*\*\* and then gods and generals which is swear to god one of  
the worst films ever \*\*\*\*\* made uh it's it's stunningly there's like a john houston  
red badge carriage of the 50s i think it's crazy how few uh civil war movies there are  
especially considering how many crazy good stories there are you could do about the  
civil war uh but so that's not on the table for sure uh world war one where you got  
sergeant york and of course uh all quiet on the western front wings paths of glory 0:58:56  
that's pretty good so we're getting a little better there uh than world war ii of course  
you know there's a lot of bad world war ii movies obviously but because of just how  
many world war ii movies there are there are also a lot of good ones there's a lot  
of good world war two movies you know uh \*\*\*\*\* kelly's heroes uh sans of iojima  
uh the longest day the big red one uh \*\*\*\*\* uh oh \*\*\*\*\* flavor saving private ryan  
sorry it's a good movie uh a thin red line uh midway not pearl harbor that's a bad  
movie um the \*\*\*\*\* harp even uh that uh what heartbreak ridge or whatever the

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\*\*\*\*\* hacksaw ridge i mean that movie it was a little sappy but it had some awesome  
action scenes awesome oh some war scenes uh tora toratora yeah guns of navarone 0:59:59  
uh \*\*\*\*\* von ryan express that's a fun movie we're \*\*\*\*\* uh where frank sinatra  
and a bunch of uh allied pows hijack a a cross of iron holy \*\*\*\*\* bridge of the river  
kwai inglorious bastards come and see okay i think we got it because vietnam's good  
too but i don't think i'm getting anywhere near this list patent bridge too far the  
dirty dozen is the good the great escape holy \*\*\*\*\* god i mean it was it was like  
that was the big good thing we did as a civilization even though it was it involved us  
basically just lancing a boil that our own civilization had created in the form of feral  
german national and japanese nationalism unleashed by uh like the late application  
of capitalist uh modes of production to a primitive civilization catch-22 is not bad 1:1:0  
oh man memphis bell i saw that movie a million times as a kid love it uh casablanca  
people like i've never so yeah i gotta go world war two ww2 wwii not enemy at the  
gates that's not a i would like to see some more spanish civil war movies although  
smash of war does not have a lot of uh not a lot of pageantry honestly a lot of uh 1:2:1  
confusion and bungling and and cannibalism i want to see that uh that bread and  
freedom movie i've never duck you sucker is a very good movie about the mexican  
revolution which could use way more movies the mexican revolution come on give  
me kelly's heroes we love it folks kelly kelly and his heroes they're the best we love  
them folks we love them they're the best they're the heroes that we love they've got  
the gold they went and they got the gold and they brought it here before they were  
gonna leave the gold and now we've got the gold the gold's here folks

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uh oh hmm perhaps i don't know i forgot about that until you did it oh \*\*\*\*\* well you gotta stop doing that damn yeah \*\*\*\*\* well whatever oh we'll cut that out before we after we do this that didn't happen apparently twitch has been descended upon by rhea which to me that's that's your uh missing the force for the trees if ever i've heard it like where what what are you doing where what is the the even theoretical point where you're gonna squeeze some more money out of this by doing that like oh darn it i can't listen to somebody on uh what playing zelda listening to uh to the the chain smokers now i don't have to buy that i could just watch that and it replaces that experience for me it's ridiculous but folks what are you gonna do you or 0:1:1 more accurately you can't fight uh mickey mouse who is the avatar for the copyright regime that stands bloodily over our destroyed uh did you tweet about this matt i didn't yet thank you for reminding me you should put it up i will right now i often forget welcome to the early morning when i do it when i do it myself it has a thing that uh prompts me to show it so i often do it that way so i've forgotten i'm having a bit of okay there we go i so congratulations to uh uh andre cunanan o'brien for uh joining the supreme court uh with the other worthies with the other wise men and women who will decide this nation's future i think it's going to be you know what i think it's all going to turn out great uh let me just write this out rgb plus a cb 0:2:4 equals that's right folks what the \*\*\*\*\* what's gonna happen now uh there's a lot of ways that people are hashtag coping with the reality of this new unbreachable 6-3 dem republican essentially super majority on the supreme court uh there's basically no way that they'll ever that the right will ever lose a case again because uh every every avenue of uh of swing voter has been cut off like roberts is certainly a wild card when it comes to things that he thinks are crucial to maintaining the sense of like institutional legitimacy that he thinks the court needs to maintain uh and kavanaugh is kind of a wild card on uh like criminal justice stuff uh you don't have to 0:3:7 worry about anybody throwing off any kind of curveballs because you'll always have at least five to do the dirty so that's cool and of course everyone is very angry about the democrats just letting it happen and of course the wise smart people will tell you

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there was nothing they really could have done and i think that is technically true there is no because the senate rules can be changed by a vote of 51 at any time and there is zero zero chance that mitch mcconnell would have hesitated to do it do that which means that all they really could have done is maybe delayed it until after the election and then hope maybe that changes the calculus maybe because it is pretty close hypothetically but honestly i don't even know if they could have done that uh but the one thing we know is that they wouldn't find out uh they didn't try to do it and that's the real question that people are asking why didn't they even try like even 0:4:10 if they knew it would fail why wouldn't you try to show the seriousness of it because the supreme court has been the thing that democrats have pointed to as a reason to get people to vote for uh democrats and the presidential level for my entire adult life every every answer to the reality of the democrats you know total neoliberal character and and constant drift drifting to the right on all major economic issues is met with yes but the supreme court and now it happened the the red line got breached rbg died uh girl bossing and they replaced her with a younger uh morphekund and uh uh psychotically catholic one rgb so congratulations all around uh but the question has to be if this is the right big red line and they crossed it without an effort being 0:5:11 put up without them even trying then how could it have been that big of a deal and how can you expect the democrats to put up a bigger fight to anything in the future this is what the real baffling thing is and i think the answer to why they wouldn't even put up a fight is they don't want to show how fundamentally powerless they are because they need to maintain this fiction for a majority of their voters that they are crucial that they exist as a crucial stop gap for the worst uh rapine of america's reactionary uh government and and base but uh also they have to fail at every specific juncture that they would count as a red line important one uh without any kind of effort like they they can't uh how are they they don't know how to reconcile that 0:6:13 fact but and so what they do instead is not establish what it would be to fight at all leave every fight to the next fight so that you never have to show your cards basically you never have to actually say oh like this is how much power we actually have because you either see how much they've been holding back or you see that they can't actually stop anything and if they can't stop anything you don't need them and that's the real nightmare scenario if the extent of their full incapacity is ever expressed publicly they lose all reason for being so they essentially have to at every point back off from a final confrontation and convince their voters that it isn't really the final confrontation that there's something else well hey what was the point geez this is a bummer get vote vote go vote even though biden has said i he has no plans to do anything significant to change the court's composition which guarantees 0:7:14 that any major legislation that did come out of the biden administration would end

up being shot down including any attempt to remedy like the wild amount of voter suppression uh and uh and misallocation of representation in this government where you have these this \*\*\*\*\* permanent minority that is able to exercise veto power over all social and economic uh issues uh we're gonna vote vote vote vote you know even though we now have said that this is gonna be the way things are that nothing we do will ever actually go through you still have to vote because that's the next thing that's the next fight and then at every point every fight is on the terms of the democrats meaning they determine how much effort to put in in terms of engaging republican reaction uh so that they can always exist in this quantum state of of being 0:8:17 the only thing stopping you from the horror happening and the horror also occurring right in front of you how they just phase shift away from the point of crisis because this is supposed to be it how many people on the liberal left said if they even try to fill that seat before the election we will burn this \*\*\*\*\* down i mean it wasn't just reza ocelon it was a bunch of people and at that moment when it happened they probably would have agreed with that but then after those hearings after feinstein after the democrats doing nothing except say some \*\*\*\*\* about keeping arrows in their quiver it's just like cutting your veins in a warm bath it's like well it couldn't it can't this i guess isn't the thing to burn things down about i mean obviously it all springs from the fact that they're not serious about doing anything ever so democrats never have to worry about a response they never have to worry that they're gonna get kicked out or punished for failing to do the thing because not doing the thing just 0:9:18 it keeps these liberals in the state they want to be which is always activated about politics and aggravated and worried about it but at a bone deep level not willing to do anything except virtue signal publicly and vote because anything to do otherwise would be to engage in a politics that could undermine their social position which they do not want to have happen so they have this relationship with the democratic party where they're kept in this frothing state of of crisis and the democrats have to be reinforced over and over again to the public as the only thing standing between us and oblivion and then allow the thing that we fill our minds with as the worst case to occur and then do nothing thereby meaning it's not the worst thing meaning there's a new fight the next day that we're going to keep having and we're going to keep withdrawing it's uh it's an amazing mechanism and i have to say you know 0:10:21 if you ask me what i think's going to happen realistically nothing i think there will be no court packing there will be no court impeachments there's not gonna be anything they're not gonna even do term limits they're gonna do what joe biden has promised to do which is to form a commission and that commission can exist as a idea an option that could hypothetically change things that we have like studied and found to be worthwhile but the making of it is the action not the implementing of

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it implementing it is uh is another moment where the the what's possible kicks in because forming a commission is never going to really get any kind of real uh veto from the the republicans they love a good commission i mean they don't do them when they're in power you ever notice that they don't do bipartisan commissions 0:11:22 they just do things only democrats do commissions because it gives the illusion of action without the actual action which means it doesn't engage uh conflict with the republicans that would require them to actually pursue like political uh change that can you know allow them to \*\*\*\*\* compete for power realistically as opposed to play the washington generals for the next hundred years which is what they're on path to do uh so yeah it's uh it's a real bummer but you know i think the good news is just this mechanism is so deeply broken i think that uh that these questions are going to become obsolete as i've said in one or two ways like either the political has been totally foreclosed in which case you can at least kind of relax you know you can stop worrying about politics because politics aren't real anymore uh in any 0:12:23 sense it's it's it's just been foreclosed as an option uh or the terrain changes so fast and so dramatically that \*\*\*\*\* like the composition of the supreme court uh is no longer an impediment to anything because the social uh investment of authority in those institutions has been compromised so thoroughly that they can't be enforced anymore that's going to be it and not saying that will happen or even likely to happen but it's uh not off the table uh and that's what i i hold in my heart when i think about how just from like the chessboard perspective the american political system is so d it really does feel like it's a \*\*\*\*\* 747 where the pilots have been killed and somebody has just chained the uh tiller to one side there's such dive bombing into the ground they're just it seems like the the the the uh the existence of the constitution overlaid on uh like a late capital crisis of uh of uh profit uh and a fully 0:13:25 polarized ideologically sorted uh two-party political system has essentially means it's like pouring uh sugar into concrete it it just it destroys it it destroys any chance of that political uh mechanism working even at the level of just ameliorating the most dire crisis in a culture you know which is subsidiary of course class rule is about maintaining profits and all that but what maintains profits is a viable social base for generating uh surplus and at that at that basic job that bourgeois democracy is supposed to do better than anything that came before it and has a good track record in some cases is essentially zero there's no capacity there's no state capacity at all because the political structure is so deeply broken which means that whatever is 0:14:27 going to kick-start this process is going to come from without if it and is going to uh attack it orthogonally but once again i don't know i don't know i mean last time this happened in the 30s it was a work it was a labor movement it was workers striking and rioting and sitting down in i don't know if the conditions obtained for something

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like that to happen again but there are certainly enough people working in enough dire circumstances close enough to crucial nodes of production and distribution in this country that if they were organized they could \*\*\*\*\* bring this goddamn thing to a goddamn halt it is possible it's just we're very far but the uh i don't know the the way that this political system has been just denuded of all authority beyond just the naked words of it the way that no one really believes that any power is legitimate anymore that there is a public i mean i know that scares people and makes them think there's going to be a civil war but i think it's also a necessary precondition for people to rearrange their understanding of politics like for people who think that it's all voting and it's all elections being disenchanting from that and for people who also think it's all voting in all elections and that voting in elections are stupid no it's actually something that you can contribute to and can make change in inshallah of course we hope but like take for example the prospect of joe biden presiding over this upcoming continuing uh coveted crisis and concomitant economic collapse like we're really going to see depression level economic activity in the next quarter or so and they're going to come into office going to leave the filibuster going to do nothing about the supreme court are going to uh get on to the process of passing you know excruciating compromise \*\*\*\*\* in the obama care mold piece by piece just like like passing kidney stones uh until the failure to do anything about the underlying economic crisis and probably not doing much about covent honestly because come on what's on the table at this point the genie is completely out of the \*\*\*\*\* bottle nobody knows how to put it back together that you get another uh repeat of 2010 and there's a republican reaction that means that well now there's not even a possibility of operating within the system as such because even the possibility of we'll see though because that seems so bad and it seems like it's so likely to happen that you wonder if maybe self-preservation will kick in for some of these democratic leaders maybe they will and maybe just ambition maybe just the fact that they want to stay elected maybe that'll do it but that requires people to be pissed and that requires people to be pressuring these \*\*\*\*\* and that requires people to be not at brunch as they say and for everybody pissed at liberals to talk about brunch it's good they should be a brunch they're \*\*\*\*\* hindering everything they're a huge impediment but the people who who are going to be really pissed and still pissed and not mollified by biden's presidency uh are the ones you want out there in the first place but how are we not going to become further and further estranged from any expectation of redress from government when our decrepitude and our disaster and our catastrophe are presided over by a guy who is going to preside like lloyd benson in hot shots part two chris can we all get the video that was of today aye aye captain jamie can you pull this up i'm getting to rogan it out right now jamie uh yeah can you pull this up here

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we go this is uh biden being uh asked a question and look at this fellows we got we 0:18:34  
got kush with a earphone so we can both listen to the clip at the same time here's  
uh today i \*\*\*\*\* up i \*\*\*\*\* up here we go get back to back to one thing \*\*Music  
playing\*\* he's still going in the background okay so he says he says here's the deal  
the one thing you have to remember is keep in mind that reporting that they're going 0:19:36  
to vote on barra today because he says it again right you got to remember it's really  
important he goes you got to remember it's really important to remember that she's  
getting uh confirmed and it's important to remember that just a circle a doughnut  
hole there's no content to that it's just fillers and they're confirming this guy's going  
to be president and i know they're going to try to hide him as much as possible but  
that's going to be hard you know what i mean he's gonna have to give big speeches  
he's gonna have to give an inaugural address in january in dc you know william henry 0:20:37  
and how is it i mean he's like obama's just his charisma and his persona and what he  
meant culturally and and and racially and socially just blinded everyone to what was  
happening but we're going to have just the skeleton like because barack obama is like  
barack obama is the terminator and when his exoskeleton gets shredded away it's joe  
biden like that's the the exoskeleton of the politician you know that obama is under  
the flesh the surrounded with human tissue that that metal carapace is biden so all  
of that mystification is going to be gone which is good not necessarily helpful but  
i think better than the alternative so you know another thing we can look forward  
to at least it'll be funny even if nothing else imagine i'm really glad that now i get 0:21:42  
to call things up like rogan jamie ah oh yes like a baby cyclo on a diet of straight  
kabango oh dang i realize i forgot to set up you with your monitor for the chat today  
matt you want me to hook you up with that real quick what i forgot to set you up  
with your monitor for this yeah you didn't it's all right you can see anything and  
pull it up real quick did you uh did anyone uh i i don't i don't think so i was a  
monitor in the chat oh was that a talk about borat that's all i'm seeing very nice  
uh uh the answer to that is battlefield earth that's what's a little quote from i saw  
borat too and i think borat 2 is a perfect example exhibit a in any case you wanted 0:22:44  
to make that donald trump killed american comedy i'm not saying that borat is bad  
or terrible there's some good stuff in it uh but you know it's not as funny not just  
because there's less novelty although that is part of it it was not going to be as good  
it would have been a miracle for it to be as good as borat because it just wasn't as  
fresh you know uh and i mean how the hell do you even fight people who don't know  
who borat is in america at this point but so there's good stuff in it he was good  
in it the daughter was very good uh but all the stuff about trump and politics just  
felt so stale and uh and aaron it's like making fun of russia \*\*\*\*\* and then like how  
trump's a horny cheeto and then going and seeing the awful supporters the q people

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and the conservatives and tricking them into being racist it's like i'm sorry but in the intervening 14 years since the first borat those people who he made fun of got self-aware trump showed up he told them that it's okay to have fun with this stuff 0:23:45 they're they're winking they're they wouldn't they it doesn't matter if they even don't know they're being filmed in their head they're owning the libs so what are you even proving they're in on it man they are laughing with you and then the fact that it ends with literally saying vote are you \*\*\*\*\* kidding me vote hey america is a wasteland of uh savage bigots and vapid narcissists uh and people who are willing to just dehumanize each other and and oth and foreigners at the drop of a hat in pursuit of uh of mere looker and and uh it uh it just feels a little it it felt a little felt 0:24:46 a little lib to me and in a very it's like a like a genuine uh like bone-deep way like it was a project of liberal cultural analysis it is an attempt to make sense of the trump years through the ve the lens of like a a liberal of a cultural liberalism so but i gotta say i was uh i kind of felt like giuliani might have been set up a little bit when i saw it in the movie i thought maybe he was tucking something in but like but it's still an absurd amount of intimacy for someone he just met uh it's clearly someone who 0:25:47 is used to being led into a room by beautiful women and then just sort of taken care of be it you know flight attendants or hostesses or you know paid escorting partners cousins uh i want to say one other thing about about bite and trump i realized after i saw this amazing picture from a rally it was a woman in a a shirt that said my son died of corona and i am still voting trump which reminded me of course of charles taylor's slogan when he ran for president of liberia after being a warlord during the 0:26:49 civil war he killed my mom he killed my paw but i will vote for him uh and the funny thing about that is not just like yeah he can kill my kids \*\*\*\*\* that it's that it it it uh it admits that a central premise of trump's defense of himself over covet is not true he has said that he did as well as he could and that none of the corona deaths are his fault because it was china and democrats that made it bad and that he made it as good as possible that shirt essentially says no trump is responsible for all the corona deaths he he chose to slay my sons but that is his prerogative because he is my abrahamic god like christians at this point they worship america which means they worship an avatar of america which is both themselves and some external alienated version of that which has become for many many people trump 0:27:51 he is their god but he is not a christian god in the sense that he is not ecumenical he's not universal he is tribal because they see themselves as under threat that's a fundamental thing that defines them as a sense of persecution which is what will give them licenses within themselves to persecute in turn all the violence that they will sign off on culture police and military borders and everything is premised on the idea that they are in fact under threat and persecution and that anything that

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they do uh in protection of themselves is uh vindicated and warranted uh it's it's a pure projection of what they want to do onto others like when clay higgins to defend a regime of concentration camps on the border went to auschwitz and talked about the jews being rounded up and so that was going to happen to suburban louisiana white people that he represented by ms-13 gonna show up with cattle cars outside of a \*\*\*\*\* uh lake puncher train that's what you have to think in order to justify doing the concentration camp \*\*\*\*\* like they have to uh feel persecuted uh and that's why they love trump so much because trump you know is nothing but this ball of persecution he's constantly being oh my god everyone is against him which um and so trump is their avatar of america he is their avatar of persecution and suffering he is their christ but he is here with a sword he is here to to destroy the unbelievers and the infidels and the faithless uh and and and that is all the people who are outside of the communion of magga outside of the tribe of maga now that's the appeal of trump to the people who really like it i think the reason he's going to lose at the end of the day like i'm ready to say it i'm ready to say \*\*\*\*\* all everyone worrying about everything and yeah we'll talk about the supreme court's decision about \*\*\*\*\* kavanagh holy \*\*\*\*\* uh but i'd say right now it's gonna be too big to steal and the reason is because that pitch of trump as being the abrahamic god of thunder and apocalypse no more water the fire next time cleanser of the earth get on the ark or drown uh there are enough people outside of that who still might vote for trump and maybe did last time who are going to see that and contrast it with biden's pitch well biden is pitching himself as the new testament god of jesus incarnated here to to embrace all in forgiveness and suffer on their behalf because trump because he's always talking about how democrats republicans are good people too they're good americans too uh every all americans need to come together like just like obama did yeah and he was similarly christ-like and and and uh biden's personal sacrifices and tragedies in his life and his obvious pain that he's in now those are all are signs of the suffering that he's enduring on behalf of bringing a wounded nation together to one communion of of common humanity who are all saved essentially by enduring the suffering of covid and austerity together and even though by the end of that but his term i think everyone's going to realize that he was a false messiah i think right now there are more americans who are going to be turned on by that pitch than by the idea that it is uh in fact time for the the flood to come and wash away the unbelievers because i think a lot of them might feel like they're unbelievers at heart too like those crucial swing voters that we talk about and ex and suburban republicans who are maybe college educated and who find the cultural demands of being a republican to be gauche and who don't want to find themselves on the outside of the tent when it's time and i think that as a new testament nation we will we'll

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embrace uh uh jesus biden as our savior for a minute until it's until the the threat of  
uh the final judgment of our abrahamic god i'm looking at the chat hero what's uh  
apparently you can vote at the barclays center did you see that you hear about that  
chris i walked by the park late today people were waiting to vote did you know that  
uh i assume it has to be your precinct to vote there no no i don't think so i think the 0:33:1  
early voting locations are concentrated and that like they just there's a i think you  
get a directory and they send you or something i don't know but it's all in one big  
place i think they're also doing it in manhattan like madison square garden anyway  
i think i might go vote there because i haven't been to the barclays center inside  
i'll maybe want to see what it looks like oh it's nice inside yeah i haven't gone to  
anything yet uh and you know why not and waiting in line is fun not if it's too long  
they'll \*\*\*\*\* that but if it's not too long i'll probably do it and now probably as i've  
said uh write in hillary cause i still think that's the funniest that could change um  
i was just trying to find that clip of trump at one of his recent rallies being like no  
one likes me anymore why am i even here oh god that's so good i wish i want to get  
in that truck i want to drive away i want to drive away i want to go away oh i was so 0:34:2  
happy i was so happy am i over life and now i'm here why'd i do it why why i never  
asked to be bored uh it's hilarious he's emo af right now uh he's in his feelings as  
they say and it's pretty funny uh although when he said i used to have a great life i  
was so happy he's lying that's why he ran for president he was miserable everything  
he has ever drawn has been ashes in his mouth as soon as it has been there as soon as  
it touched his tongue he is a miserable and hedonic toad who has gone from one uh  
uh just destructive hateful isolating uh attempt at uh like conquest and power and  
sadistic pleasure and had every one of them immediately just become used to and  
commonplace and i mean the man has been strapped to the hedonic treadmill his  
entire life he is uh miserable and he ran for president not just despite barack obama 0:35:3  
because it was a different thing and he didn't even think he was going to win and  
then when that became a possibility hey maybe i'm going to be president i'm going  
to be on the news all the i'm going to be the only thing on tv because that's all the  
only way i can like soothe myself for even a second like the way that the \*\*\*\*\* return  
of the living dead zombies have to eat brains to keep away the death the pain of their  
rotting he has to continue to see himself on television and he's like great i'll be on  
tv all the time but what's this oh no there are parts of the media that don't like me  
and say bad things about me and i have to watch that too and that immediately  
destroyed it and it has been misery ever since the first bad review the first the first  
thing the thing about the goddamn size of the \*\*\*\*\* uh inaugural that doomed him  
he he was never gonna have a second of fun as president after that and he hasn't  
except of course for when he put the uh the medal on the dog when he was in the

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big uh truck and of course the handsome quarterback hamburger party but those 0:36:4  
were it and that's why that's why he is coming to terms with losing because he's  
talking himself into how at least it'll be something different which means it might be  
better and then of course he'll be ex-president and it won't be better it'll be terrible  
many many french fries i was thinking he kind of looks happy when he's doing the  
the trick-or-treat appearances i think yeah oh god when he put the \*\*\*\*\* candy on  
the head of the blow up minion for some reason like what did he think that i still  
don't know what he was in his head i think he was trying to be funny or something  
like hey get this i'm gonna put this on your head i'm gonna put it over here all right  
i found this clip let's play it real quick by the way nice trucks you think i could hop  
into one of them and drive it away i'd love to just drive the hell out of here just  
get the hell out of this i had such a good life my life was great and then i said let's 0:37:7  
do this darling this will be a lot of fun i'm so happy with it because nobody has  
ever done so much in the first three and a half years no administration trump trump  
rallies have kind of the patter of watching stand up in a foreign language yeah where  
it's like no matter what he says the audience responds when the laugh line is so he's  
like he's up there being like i hate being here i hate being here i want to drive away  
and the audience like when he gets the end of the sprays just claps and laughs like  
train seals i mean he insulted the city of erie pennsylvania the other day to their  
face he says the thing that would have actually killed the campaign in that state  
anyway the thing they would have talked about years later is the legendary gaff ah  
the eerie kerfuffle he goes he goes i'll tell you right now if it hadn't been for covent  
i wouldn't be here i'll tell you that right now i sure wouldn't be here that's for sure  
like you guys are beneath me but of course as i've said the trump fan is a worshiper 0:38:8  
of hierarchy because they believe themselves to be elevated but in any hierarchy has  
to have someone above you realistically and so like some avatar as i've said and that  
guy who combines christ and like george washington into one figure is uh donald john  
trump and then like his that's why they see him as so authentic even though he lies  
all the time because he is saying what they are they say he he's what does he do  
for her presidency he doesn't actually do anything even though he's responsible for  
everything because he's the abrahamic god he has no direct control over anything  
he's watching us it's like the way god watched uh watch the people of israel like  
lose their way and to get pissed you know and decide to smite some \*\*\*\*\* that that  
was it just watching and getting madder and madder at our failure to live up to  
him but that he's watching on tv which is what they're doing watching television  
which means that there's no way they'll ever not like him no matter what happens in 0:39:10  
the world because they don't attribute that to him they attribute it to us failing to  
live i was just thinking about uh ed muskie and how his presidential campaign was

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basically the canuck letter thank you that's a great pickup that's a great reference i was thinking of ed musky the \*\*\*\*\* canuck letter when he ran in 1972 one of dirt nixon's dirty tricks teams the guys that the ones that included dudes like roger stone sent a a fake letter to i think a newspaper claiming that they had overheard muskie refer to french canadians as canucks and there are a lot of french canadian abstracted families in maine so uh it's like a sizable minority in fact uh in the 20s when the clan was all over the united states there was klan in maine but there were basically no black people or other minorities so they went after french canadians uh the french canadian the most oppressed person of north america yeah so and it became a huge scandal and he had to go and deny having said it but people were mad at him and it ended up helping contribute to his campaign uh being torpedoed because the other thing was that they released some oppo about his wife yes yes yes that was the best that was the end of this right yep he had the canuck letter and then there was the accusation about his wife uh being drunk i think or something like that she was alcoholic or that she had cursed or something i don't know and he went and he gave a speech and he famously some people say it was just snow hitting his cheek but people said he cried and that was the end of him bye bye bye-bye you're a loser i had a tear hit his eye defending his wife's honor out of the campaign trump goes to erie and says you're all you all suck yeah awful pigs why am i here paul lepage is a native french speaker that's hilarious that's perfect that he's that much of a freaking canuck he's that much of a frog that he's one of those like deep deep woods acadians coming out to be like hey i'm going to be goldar i know that's i know that's louisiana but same origin i know the canuck isn't for uh french canadians but that's what he called the kai that or in the he was accused of calling him matt can i read you some highlights of a jacob wall yes let's get some teeth spilled so this is a i you know i was thinking of putting this for the show yeah that we were thinking about doing yesterday before we moved on to doing belly garage right after this we'll record it we're laying that down so that's uh but this is something somebody passed to me of jacob wall and jack burtman their their first hearing in their federal trial about robocall their robocall scheme um which it was basically like a voter suppression version of homer simpson and the happy dude yes auto dialer uh so they're just like mail your vote to 631 evergreen terrace 7 30. three things from this i found really funny blundering right wing activist jack bergman and jacob wall appeared before the u.s district court in the southern district of new york monday morning over a newly filed lawsuit on behalf of the national coalition on black civic participation here's the thing that made me really laugh the suit alleges the two violated the ku klux klan act by sending out over 85 000 robocalls to discourage black communities from voting fellas you do not want to get accused of violating no that's you don't

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want that odd stapled on your resume oh it says here a clan act violator huh yeah well we'll keep you in mind mr wall uh the other funny thing is that uh they ended up representing themselves notably friday afternoon always a smart thing to do the old saying is the man who represents himself has a genius for a client uh notably on 0:43:15  
friday afternoon wall texted the daily dot and informed this reporter uh he would be represented by new york city-based lawyer that lawyer david schwartz did not respond to multiple qual requests for comment from the daily adult dot in court that morning which the daily dot was present for the duo further claimed that schwartz would represent them but at the hearing no council was present okay so i got to say something now i have talked about how much i respect jacob wall as an artist and how in all i am of his commitment to the bit whatever it is but i've always said that there is one possibility in the jacob wall you know mysterium one thing that might explain him and it is that he is just insanely stupid but he is just deeply dumb and i've always discounted that just because of how perfectly he seems to hit these notes it just seems like a hundred thousand monkey tiptuation like yes you know one of the monkeys might write shakespeare but what's the odd that the monkey i'm looking at is the one who wrote it you know uh and so i just always said that doesn't seem i know occam's razor but it just seems too pretty too neat but the 0:44:16  
fact that he did this \*\*\*\*\* that is it looks like going to land him in perhaps federal prison uh that's not i don't think anyone's that committed to a pit i think he might actually just be a complete \*\*\*\*\* even though god like why would he not get mad at me when i'm screaming in his face with laughter tears are running down my eyes and then i see him at the cadillac ranch two hours later and tell him how much fun i had and he's just like \*\*\*\*\* the terminator just like glad you enjoyed it his eyes dead eyes like a doll's eyes maybe he just is that dumb amazing uh the judge asked whether berkman had in his possession a list of all who were contacted by the robocall to which berkman stated i do not in my i do not comma in my possession berkman then admitted to giving the third party california company which sent out the robocalls of green light here's the other funny thing bergman's associate jacob wall then chimed in claiming that the robocall contents were conducted with publicly available registration information and that the robocalls were never never stated to 0:45:18  
quote stay home so he never stayed to stay home navarro the prosecutor completed the hearing dave navarro yeah dave navarro the prosecutor instructed everyone to live moss completed the hearing by shutting down's wool objection she read the transcript back to the court where the last line of the call is quote don't beat don't be finessed into giving your private information to the man see the other thing is that means berkman's as dumb as wool and i wonder the odds there are two guys that dumb who are like able to function and you know clothe themselves of a vastly

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different of like different generations like how do these two even find each other yeah bergman's like 55 or something and jacob wallace what still 20 yeah they remind me of like the the little gangster mice and looney tunes where one was like that's very yeah and one was like big i wonder if this is going to impact his only fans output 0:46:19 well jail is a great place to get even smaller \*\*Music playing\*\* uh i do not believe navarro played on under the bridge matt i'm sorry damn it he was only briefly in the chili pepper right yeah only after they had to let fruciani grow for the first time they brought in navarro for an album or two was that due to heroin yes uh was george washington chad yes george washington was a chat george washington was insanely chad he was huge for the time he was over he's six feet tall six feet tall which meant a lot back then uh he was always described as a physical specimen strapping powerful rebuilt uh physically intimidating uh he athletic very much so a writer and sportsman 0:47:20 accomplished a military man of course but he was always in kind of ill health he was like jack kennedy in that way jack kennedy was always the picture of virility in you know mid-century manhood but the dude was just wracked with \*\*\*\*\* injuries he had the back injury uh he had the \*\*\*\*\* what was that uh the graves disease or the addison's disease uh and his uh uh and just was whacked out on uh painkillers all the time oh yeah but anyway uh he had terrible teeth that's true uh very bad teeth very and he was kind of miserable but he's the he's the most he was the quiet founding father he was not an intellectual unlike all the rest of them he was the stem guy uh washington was the stem lord because he was all about practical application he was all about buying land and making it cultiva cultivatable and all that \*\*\*\*\* uh and then doing military stuff it was all about applying knowledge so he was like the stem lord everybody else is a \*\*\*\*\* humanities nerd he was a stem lord uh and 0:48:23 uh incredibly repressed just like throbbing with suppressed emotion because he had this like weird he was he was a guy who had come from like the middle the whatever like kind of vestige of british english aristocracy was left in america he kind of came from like the middle gentry part of it and he was very acutely aware of like not being fully uh being sort of semi-rusticated compared to like the higher uh levels of uh even american but certainly especially english society and he chafed under the under uh the belief that you know that the colonials were seen as lesser in some ways than uh in terms of refinement and you know breeding than english people than english people and it made him kind of miserable this is always just like a throbbing but i think from outside he was uh he or he might have been sterile he's never had a child 0:49:25 no kids but i would say that he was six foot twenty \*\*\*\*\* killing for fun made of radiation uh i was just chuckling at somebody who just commented and simply his \*\*\*\*\* fell off yeah his \*\*\*\*\* fell off and he uh he got bled to death by his quack doctors not the last president to be killed by incompetent medical intervention uh i

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saw another one that asks uh i think less interestingly who is the most soy president but another one that i think is more interesting who's the most lunch pail guy nine to five no flash president yeah eisenhower he uh he did the work but he did not make a show of it he did not make it about him he was a real caretaker uh he was really 0:50:27 the last president i'd say who like transcended partisanship you know he was the last president because there's a real problem in the american system that we have the head of government and head of state being the same guy that's bad it confuses our politics because we have this understanding of our presidents as exemplars of the nation as a whole and then also as representatives of a faction of political of a political faction within that country and that those there's a conflict that gets to become psychic confusion and we end up fighting over like the symbolic role of the president like right now i would say that trump and biden are almost the enti the argument is almost entirely at the level of like what what is america what is the head of state as opposed to what government is going to do in the face of i don't know catastrophic climate collapse a \*\*\*\*\* rampaging pandemic and a steadily worsening economic uh uh failure how about that nope we're talking about like this like people 0:51:28 want to talk about how who to vote for if you want to get rid of wokeness like like there's a \*\*\*\*\* bill someone's going to pass to end wokeness or make wokeness more like any of this stuff is this all happening organically within that culture as a response to accelerating material collapse and and the the the shredding of like the political uh fabric of meaning and like anybody uh investing in this \*\*\*\*\* and we have these clashing notions of the presidency and eisenhower was the last one where that kind of made sense because he was not really seen as embodying like a republican agenda because at that point the republicans had been so thoroughly cowed by the dominance of the new deal that they were almost a self-consciously they were they were in the position of the democrats are now the republicans of the 50s were like the democrats now basically uh not i mean not as bad because uh uh 0:52:30 they had more money like that they still were you know institutionally powerful and they had a lot of uh they were able to hold on to like huge chunks of the midwest and the northeast uh but they were having to sort of tack towards the center of this like uh this center-left country around the pole of the new deal and the new deal state and eisenhower instead of challenging that just sort of implemented it like from a common sense perspective by virtue of the fact that he was presenting it it turned these you know new deal concepts into concrete and turned it into a consensus and he was the last i think president to really do that uh and i think one of the big reasons for that is because uh the real frictions that are going to come up during the period of economic growth when you know we stopped politics was still you know we still had political control over the economy but it was smoothing in such a you know we 0:53:31

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were getting such return on investment during that period that we ended up talking about culture stuff you know not as a distract not as a distraction from pressing economic concerns but from an emanation of like a growing prosperity it really was happening like the economy was distributing gains evenly across the society which prioritized for younger people social issues and prioritized for uh you know minorities like a commitment a access to this new prosperity and raised within white people for example uh uh willingness to change socially because they were being uh the social order was benefiting them and then this so but but then you had the people for whom that didn't apply and the crisis that emerged around things like uh civil rights uh and then vietnam war um break that and i don't think we've had a president who 0:54:32 really captured that since reagan came kind of close after 84. uh just but that's just speaking to the hegemony of you know dominant republicanism uh but yeah i'd say i but eisenhower did all that without uh without foregrounding himself during the whole during the whole uh course of his presidency the fortist consensus that's it and so who better to represent that period than the the time when you go to work in the factory and then come home to your split level than the guy who went out to the golf course every day and signed off on alan dulles overthrowing another government and uh on them doing mk ultra and \*\*\*\*\* and uh then told america hey you know how we just built this giant military industrial complex you might want to keep an eye on that uh that's a whoops uh i suspect i know the answer to this 0:55:34 question but i saw somebody posted earlier and i i guess i was wondering about it at least what your answer would be um which is lol nothing matters but uh what do you think of uh the rumors that bernie is trying to get in at labor in the biden administration i mean as i have said the we know there was a war in the democratic party and we know the winner the the conditions of their victory have not changed which means the leverage of the left versus them has not changed which means any concession to the left in the form of giving bernie sanders a cabinet position would be on the terms of the party which means it would already be determined how much influence sanders would actually have how much ability to influence policy he would have and it would be judged acceptable like that's has to be assumed now you might argue even in that case that maybe he serves enough purpose to do it or you could 0:56:36 argue that his acceptance his part being part of that administration will do more to camouflage it from criticism than push it in another direction i would argue that that is the case because i see no reason to believe that the biden administration is not going to push austerity uh is not going to be a nightmare for working people in this country and that people coming to terms with that as quickly as possible is going to be the key to organizing resistance to it uh bernie doing fake work in the cabinet is uh only going to make it harder to get people to that point i'm not saying they even

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will get there but because i don't know why any where anyone is getting anything about biden's presidency being anything other than a intensification of obama's uh one of the things that i've been finding concerning about the way that i've been seeing some of the returns in this election going and seeing some of the democratic establishment talk about it you were posting about this in a chat the other day matt uh a breakdown of voting groups by uh income and that trump still maintains a highest support among the richest members of the poorest areas yes right right the local barons but at the other hand yes the beautiful boaters the beautiful boaters but on the other hand the democrats increasingly have the support of the richest people of the richest areas oh yeah the richest zip codes in america i think are all now represented by democrats i didn't know that the congressional ten top wealthiest zip codes in america are yep congressional districts are all represented by democrats yeah if that's your doc if that's your if that's if that's if that is where your votes are now i don't know how the hell you interrupt their progression how you turn them into anything other than another and a party of neoliberalism and the other thing i was i was i um you know i was watching looking at some um breakdown of the early votes and basically seeing some some democrat democratic people talking about the white working class as always throughout this entire time has solidified as a problem to be overcome not something to be reached out to and even more troublingly a small but significant shift of black and latino working-class voters too republican even under trump as being something to be overcome not fought for and it's hard for me not to imagine that one of the outcomes of this uh election is just not a further entrenchment of that the liberal party in this country is something that explicitly exists to act against the interests of the poor for the interests of the well-off yeah uh the people have talked about a realignment party realignment and you know people talked about that in in terms of a some sort of socially conservative or socially liberal or socially conservative fiscally liberal like ethno-nationalist party that would uh you know be take trumpism to the next level things like the people have talked about tucker carlson representing that maybe uh and i've talked about how i think that that's not going to happen because there's no money in the tail there's nowhere for them to actually from a position of being the republican party and being controlled by capital uh to offer anything realistically to make any play uh pilot at persistent you know concession for about okay you win once now what you know uh i think more likely is that you have a d alignment along race which is what we might be seeing now in which case you have change you have pulled apart the two parties and now the divide line dividing line is no longer uh uh uh economic at all it's off there are no real economic issues in the political sphere it's purely cultural and the two parties become the socially conservative the republican party and the socially

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liberal democratic party i mean and that means that the racist the the minorities who disproportionately vote democratic because they ignore the social issues where they disagree with the democrats on in order to vote for uh economic issues that they think they're getting have now decided well what i'm real i might as well get the make they're gonna make the same decision that a generation ago the reagan democrat white people did which is if i'm not gonna get any bread and butter i might as well get some blood and thunder and they're going to do the same calculation and all of a sudden you're getting pulled away like huge chunks of working-class black support to republicans because they're the party against abortion and against homosexuality which they are as well and same thing in the latino and other minority communities where there are is social conservatism but it hasn't been salient to them because they thought there's something else that's salient now race is the problem there you would have to have some sort of de-racialization of like the white chunk uh and that's a big question but uh i feel like the if there's any movement we're seeing in polls now it's in that direction oh man we've gone an hour already yeah we're we're we're gonna have to sign off here yeah we gotta record our battle garage we're gonna go win a bit we're going to talk about what's going on in the states and the government do you have your final picks locked in yeah i mean i haven't thought about it i'm going to go for the hip but anything i say i will believe because i feel like i've internalized all the data and i feel like anything i say extemporaneously will have my full uh soul behind it with no uh no second guessing from the cheap seats well let's sign off and do that folks in the chat look forward to a beltway garage on your pod players and i would guess let's see it's 5 p.m now uh six and a half hours yeah let's make that turn around go it depends how much time i want to spend making that song sound good but we're good wrong

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who is there the great commotion motion motion all the country's here's room ball  
i'm rolling on for tippecanoe and tyler too and with him will be little vain van is a  
used up man and with him will beat the little fan i on again what did was i on and  
then dropped off or so was there like an interruption or did it just not go on until  
now i don't understand how the \*\*\*\*\* works i was never really here \*\*\*\*\* all right 0:1:3  
well here's my voting ball i got today when i went to vote when i went to my early  
voting place which lucky me was the barclay center and i was able to walk up today  
i'd see lines in previous days but today no line strolled in got the deal it works it  
took me five minutes uh and if you want to know who i'm voting for who i voted for  
i'll just say that for a long time i resisted the demand of people that i put you know  
my country first and future generations of this planet and sacrifice my lofty ideals in  
favor of the practical need to defeat uh rising fascism and i i admit that i've resisted  
for a long time but i finally come around to the wisdom of it i'm finally ready for  
her and so today i voted for hillary clinton and i believe that uh that her defeat has 0:2:5  
humbled her and i think now she's ready to come and uh and clean up washington  
i think she needed a loss before she could really uh understand you know what the  
stakes and and uh what she really wanted you know like she took it for she took it  
for granted and now after having lost it she'll never take it for granted again which is  
why i think she'll govern wisely and and so if anyone yeah you can't get mad at me  
uh i actually wrote in everything because i did not have a very interesting contested  
ballot there wasn't even anything at the local level that i could punitively influence  
the results of so i went nuts i think i voted for myself for congress uh real fun was  
in the judges i had to vote for all the supreme court justices most of whom were 0:3:6  
running unopposed so i got to write in some fun people there like judge reinhold  
so as usual i enjoyed the experience i enjoyed getting my ballot i enjoyed filling in  
the little bubbles and most of all i love sliding it into the machine and going a little  
boop and then get my little guy and hey i even got a stress ball here don't know  
why you would give that to somebody when they were already doing it but i guess  
the idea is they bring it out there maybe it gets thrown in a little waste dump and

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someone picks it up and remembers to so the supreme court recently ruled that the that states will be able to suspend uh the the counting of mail-in ballots after the election uh because they will be by according to kavanaugh prima facie uh in uh 0:4:8  
illegitimate because they will flip the results of the of the race in that state that is i think people i mean people pointed this out insane what he is saying there there is no legal or constitutional basis for that states have five weeks to register or to certify their results there's nothing in any law saying anything has to be announced the night of the election that's never been true what he's talking about is tv the fact that we have the media to do projections and take early returns and exit polls and make like journalistic guesses that we because they're pretty you know well hedged and they wait long enough take his gospel and then aren't confirmed later by the actual vote count but if you're a cranky old man watching tv no you don't know who who won on the night and that's not a standard it's insane to expect oh to say that legitimacy of the election matters because grumpy confused old senile fox news 0:5:11  
viewers like the president uh are too angry uh and and confu too confused by the prospect of them not announcing the the winner on the on the night of like there is no way that you can argue that that's the reasonable standard for undermining legitimacy of an election unless you think the entire country or those who count anyway are fox knowing fox news watching demented old people and of course this tells us that if this does come down to a trump versus biden uh style court case that they will figure they will find a way no matter how ludicrous the base is to invalidate the votes necessary in the states necessary for trump to win i don't think anyone will should uh have any illusions about that there will not be some moment when uh all those supreme court justices stand up and say no sir the the honor of our institution will not allow us to go along with this blatant theft they've already laid the groundwork they're gonna they already they did the thing that uh even the guys 0:6:14  
who wrote bush versus gore said don't do which is sight bush wishes gore because it was just an extraordinary moment where their partisan leanings took over they said look we don't even want to bother creating sustainable legal theory around this we just want the result and that'll be it again and the response i think from liberals to this ruling has been very interesting and it's one of those things where you see in the small bore how they might have a point in why they act like this but then you see how their small bore thinking inevitably sabotages them in the long run so the response has been okay now that we know that if anything is if if anything's in the mail on election day it's probably not going to get counted because that's now the precedent according to the supreme court uh which is legitimate um that means it's your responsibility to get those votes in early do it now and i understand the 0:7:15  
argument that well hey nothing's going to change this you want to be able to you

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know adapt to the situation but what you're doing when you're doing that is you're also setting up the situation perfectly after the election is stolen where it's really all of our fault isn't it the same way it became nader voters fault that they stole the 2000 election it'll be people's fault for not voting early enough even though now we knew you were supposed to the same way that the fact that uh presidents have been elected the last president was elected with less with negative three million vote lead well hey you know that's these uh that's the the system and you need to plan for that so hey they're not going to count your late votes so you need to plan for that it means it'll always be our fault it'll always be the fault of the electorate it'll never be a systemic but i mean these guys are freaking out about some sort of judicial coup 0:8:32 we already had one and they blamed the third party vote for it they blamed susan sarandon for it okay well somebody says it's amazing how much faith uh libs put in a system that keeps \*\*\*\*\* them over the thing is for the most articulate media libs and the people they represent demographically it that the system doesn't \*\*\*\*\* them over the system rewards them they do well under the system but doing well under the system offends the liberal sensibilities and bourgeois senses of manners and values that they've absorbed to be part of the people who are doing well by this current regime and so they need a political expression of that discomfort which is democratic politics but it's not designed to do anything to the system itself because it's not hurting them it's in fact the thing that sustains them they merely want an 0:9:36 expression of uh uh disappointment and a way to feel the discomfort uh but well with relieving a personal relationship to that discomfort it's not because i am an extractor or i am in any way uh advantage by the system it is that the the racism or like the constitution or or fox news has led weight around our nation and prevents us from uh from being fully democratic oh well at least i'm aware of it and i'll vote and so when i say that they're setting themselves up for failure down the road not for them continued success and and uh thriving within the system uh but for the people who take cues from them so the masses of regular voters who've internalized the logic of the liberal uh of the democratic party to the point of um psychic you 0:10:38 know fusion bernie should not join the cabinet i'd say that for one thing bernie is not an administrator anyway i mean at least with elizabeth warren you have that pathetic thing about how she's missed plans and miss details and you know maybe that's right put her you know she probably does belong certainly not a politician she should be some sort of uh regulator at best you know it's just a cog in a machine designed to like look over balance sheets and find out when to you know there's too much uh fraternizing going on between corporate entities let her do that but bernie's not a \*\*\*\*\* uh administrator i mean i know he was mayor of uh burlington but 30 years ago but i don't know if that's relevant really also he would then be part of a

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regime that is going to be hostile to the left on day one and so he will only serve as a mechanism to deflect anger towards what is going to be a wildly reactionary regime that is going to declare war on the working people of this \*\*\*\*\* country and he's going to be no matter what no matter how much old yes but look what he's he's stacking you know the the the um you know the nlr what i don't even know what the \*\*\*\*\* labor department could do honestly whatever it is whatever flurry of regulations he imposes is going to be nothing compared to the larger battle over the future legitimacy of the democratic party because he's going to be part of that regime but that's i don't think it's going to end up mattering because i don't think man if chile does uh revive cyber sim that'd be so funny they're not gonna revive uh it'd be funny if they recreated cyber sin and then cyber sin brought ayande back to life that'd be funny no probably not gonna somebody's talking about bucharan don't i'm kind of uh i'm kind of thinking that bakarin might be a little underrated honestly like he probably had the right theoretical position vis-a-vis breast lotus and then collectivization it's often described as like a whip side i mean it was a recognition of the of the of the fundamental weakness of the of the russia as a potential place for socialism to be born because of the fundamental weakness of capitalism which they all recognized as marxists is necessary for the building of socialism and basically just because they were in a position to win in a contest with the state because of the state's collapsing legitimacy and authority uh they basically made a post-hoc rationalization around trotsky's permanent revolution idea to say will kickstart a revolution and that'll do it and that meant that when it got to the point of ending the war but current said we need we're going to need europe for this we're not going to do it so we have to turn this into a revolutionary war because i mean as soon as brussel tufts happened then what was this what did russia do sat and waited with baited breath for germany to have a revolution and they failed to do it what if they german communists have been able to meet up with some sort of you know pressure anyway like that might not have worked and it wouldn't have worked for one reason that lenin recognized the \*\*\*\*\* russian people wanted the war to end that's why they have any legitimacy to the bolsheviks and what bakaran took from that is oh right we're a giant nation of \*\*\*\*\* peasants what are we gonna do we're gonna have to climb down now and if that means implementing capitalism again at least we're doing it and i know it was i mean it was so horrifying that nobody else could even conceive of it even though the alternative what they ended up doing which is the only other thing that could have happened they were either going to climb back down and negotiate a deal with the peasants to to compensate them for their surplus in order to maintain and expand industrialization and sit and urban life were either going to pay him for it which would have revolved bringing back

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capitalism or they were going to take it and the currency to be the only person to recognize that except for of course stalin who didn't care either way he just wanted power and trotsky who essentially went crazy because he couldn't accept it doesn't mean the october revolution was a mistake they needed to to revolt when they did it 0:15:49  
would either have been the bolsheviks or some sort of military rule and probably like an anti-semitic pogrom wave unlike anything we've seen before like an industrialized proto-holocaust uh no they were right to rebel when they did and they needed to win but every question after that is in the context of what happened then what happens with the end of world war one what happens with the war with poland when that happens what happens in germany and at every point decisions have to be made by people then something isn't a mistake one way or the other because it's always contextualized if it's a mistake or not it boils down to like the options before you and in 1918 1917 there was no other option but revolution uh but then options change as the conditions change and i mean you know it can't there has to be something 0:16:50  
wrong at some point right with the soviet union or else it'd still be here and if the answer to that is no it's because you know they were choked by capitalism well i'm sorry that means it never would have won like it had to have been a combination of the decisions and actions of the of the people who were in power in the soviet union and that was in the capitalist world it was an interplay of those two sets of decisions and actions there had to have been mistakes on both on the side of the soviets i did leave lincoln in the bardo it's great i gotta read it again actually i own it i should definitely yeah i should read it again karensky was wildly cringe his entire 0:17:52  
approach to holding the war effort together and the provisional government together in the face of just absolute collapsing authority was just to cry to cry all the time have big emotional weepy speeches and just hope that everybody was to got too embarrassed for him to kick him out of power it was uh yeah wildly very one of the cringier characters in uh he had to keep fighting the war because at that point the war was the raison d'etre of the realm of the provisional government of of the non-communist but when it comes to because people should uh just to get back to 0:19:8  
the thing about uh kavanaugh and that ruling that should tell you all you need to know about what will happen on election on the weeks after election night if there gets to be a jump ball florida type situation they will definitely rule for trump no matter what and it'll work out fine libs will get mad they'll probably be another woman's march but that'll be it because who's going to the streets for joe \*\*\*\*\* bite especially if it winds its way through a court system and a court uh process that as it goes along cools everyone's ardor just the the blade the hissing blade sunk into the uh the water like think what would happen with uh with the barrett nomination and all that \*\*\*\*\* about we will burn dc to the ground if they try to fill rbg spot that

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was a threat but uh it's defused every moment after it's made that the conditions no longer obtain and if there's a process that leads you towards a conclusion and you accept broadly the legitimacy of those of those processes even if you disagree with the outcomes you will by the time the decisive moment occurs be fully disarmed and demoralized so that's what's going to happen if that occurs my thing is i don't think it's going to be that close i have decided that you can only psych yourself up too much psych yourself out too much uh because here's the thing about the polling deal and how polling is doesn't work anymore polls have been basically as good as they ever were before and after 2016 and since in i think that the specific confluence of insanely unlikely events that occurred in the 2016 election which included i think a lot of people probably lying about whether or not they were going to vote for trump because they were embarrassed by it which was a real thing i think in 2016. the thing is i don't think that's the thing anymore because everybody who did that has either gotten on the train now there's part of the trump base who says \*\*\*\*\* you libs and who gets off on upsetting people or they're that cottier of college-educated white suburbanites who all the data seems to indicate in the last two years four years have shifted dramatically to that those people probably are just voting biden now they're not lying anymore if you call them and say they're voting for a democrat so i think it's going to be not close enough for a shenanigans simply because it's going to be so many states that you'd have to uh do it in and the configuration of powers is different in each state the ability of these guys to coordinate is i think totally unestablished and most importantly if you're members of the republican party and you're not directly tied to the trump machine part of you would be very relieved to see him go i think and to be able to deal with biden fund raise off of a democratic president obstruct him at every level uh prevent them from doing anything that you don't want him to do and hey maybe bully them into doing some sort of a big uh bipartisan uh uh bipartisan uh entitlements cut that is that means republicans are no longer the party of austerity because democrats just did it too like both they're both the knife is bloody from both of them and biden will be president when it happens so it'll be totally you know branded as a at least bipartisan and maybe democratic proposal that's great you're you're fine risking anything for him at that point when there's no direct pressure on you that's the important thing here like if it's up to a few uh like uh senators or something the pressure of the trump base over their political future will be enough probably to make them do what they're what they're scared to do what they're scared not to do but when you're talking about dozens and hundreds of judges and state legislators all over the country none of whom individually are going to get blamed if trump loses because the republicans i mean they're they're not going to turn they're going to get mad at the democrats for stealing it which

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because they understand who their enemy is unlike confused liberals like when the the election of 2000 was legitimately stolen as such a thing could be uh and who do liberals blame by and large third-party voters the 2000 the election of 2008 was by all measures of relatively fair free election in this country without any theft at all and republicans not only think that it was uh illegitimate they blamed democrats for stealing it they're gonna they're going to blame democrats they're not going to blame their legislators especially if they legislators are able to pull off the relatively 0:24:14  
easy act of looking outraged at the outcome but not actually revealing what power they would have had hypothetically to intervene on behalf of trump and everybody just it's like he's doing a trust fall and everybody's hands just go away i think that makes sense uh oh uh i need to commemorate this uh before i went on chris told me and i would not have known otherwise that this is my 100th kush vlog i have spit over 100 hours of gibberish into the internet now uh feels like time well spent gotta say more than most of my time on this planet has been one hundo nice round 0:25:17  
number pew pew if you've watched all of them uh wow i hope i hope it has been in some way helpful so we're uh going to do an election night show from our office where i've recorded with chris some of the vlogs here next tuesday it's gonna be uh at a minimum i believe me and felix uh chris and i think uh virgil in the studio 0:26:20  
and uh special guests aplenty i think amber's gonna call in uh and we'll have other people adam friedland might be in the building it's gonna be fun and it's gonna be interesting too because we're not gonna be able to organize it around a climactic moment of truth because we'll likely end without knowing although i do think that florida will be because florida vote uh counts their mail-in ballots ahead of time which means that they will have earlier faster and more complete results than a lot of the other swing states and that is the state where it's sort of a microcosm for the polling in general it's shown a solid consistent uh biting lead but at the same time you look at it and you think it's florida though and then you get some you'll get a few polls where oh what it's like within a point or something oh my god and then 0:27:22  
you got the fact that you know they've got their felony disenfranchisement still in effect and they're going to challenge a ton of uh write-in but so i think if it looks like florida certainly florida is uh is called for biden on election night i think you might be able to just uh lean back if you're if you care about the result uh if you're terrified of providing of a of a trump term and find solace in the idea of a biden presidency i i guess i envy you that a little bit because for me i just i guess i do want biden to win simply from aesthetically i'm sick of talking about trump i feel like there's not really much more going on there his ability to accelerate us towards something i think is pretty much his useful ability to accelerate us towards anything has been uh kind of spent i feel like he is i also i just kind of feel like he isn't the man for the 0:28:23

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moment i feel like to preside over the kind of sustained collapse and then like reorder of this of uh of the economy like away from um small business ownership uh and employment by an employer towards this entirely decentralized a gig economy where everybody is some is is working for some you know a company that fronts them uh capital which nobody will have except for a few of the big corporations in exchange for them to basically turn into digital sharecroppers and that's going to suck and you don't want a guy in there banging the dinner belt screaming all day and trying to edge people towards political conflict you want a guy up there just with a richness of of grief just saying i'm sorry i know i know it's terrible isn't it i know i know oh 0:29:24  
i feel the pain we weep together as a nation that's to me that's what uh the system wants trump will not be prosecuted they're not going to start they're not going to break the understanding the unwritten rule that nobody is responsible for anything they do in power because as soon as that's broken then all of a sudden uh the matrix of decision making of our leadership would be destroyed like impunity is built into being in power it is an assumed condition that undergirds all of the other decisions you make because the question of what if people find out what if this it can go to the level of oh i might get in trouble oh i might lose my job oh yeah but it'll never get to the level of oh i might go to jail for this they don't think that way thinking that way would could specific could actually change the way they govern they don't want to 0:30:25  
do that they don't want to tie their own hands but if they call florida i think i think biden's gonna win the whole shebang in like as in every state where it looks close like if they would if florida's called on election night he might win texas he'll probably i would say if florida goes to him he will definitely win georgia probably uh definitely when arizona rather probably win georgia and is 50 50 for texas uh and that means he definitely wins north carolina and what goes off saying he gets back the entire uh great lakes firewall and i think that he would win iowa in that context i think too in fact i think he might win iowa anyway the one that i think would be kind of funny if he didn't win is ohio which i honestly think c could see happening i could see him when florida georgia texas and arizona and lose ohio just because of the way 0:31:29  
the demographics have changed there in the last but he could i think he'll win iowa either way iowa iowa is a state that has been hit hard by specific trump policies uh in terms of the trade war that has uh hurt the price of corn very badly and then of course the horrible response to the tornado apocalypse that they had he's uh he's taking a actual hit from that but of course if i would say this if florida is too close to call at the end of the night i think you're still looking at a biden victory probably but if it's called for trump now you got to raise some eyebrows and think these things might not might be close enough that a tip ball could situation could emerge in which case referee tim donahue is going to come out and i think we all know what 0:32:31

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the outcome is going to be at that point and i hope you've already placed your bets beforehand apparently biden's looking bad in nevada and it'd be very interesting if he won apparently the the early voting situation in nevada isn't great for democrats they're not getting back the kind of numbers that they were looking like they needed to to match the 2016 results so who knows shift uh latino's shift towards trump seems real which of course that makes people apoplectic because what about the cages what about the babies at the border we're americans the people you're talking about are americans that means that even though they're latino they're still americans which means that their understanding of themselves in a race is very much contingent on a million other ways that they understand themselves and in america there's a huge cultural vortex towards being a guy who doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* about anybody else 0:33:32 because that's the only way that you can \*\*\*\*\* live in this \*\*\*\*\* country without going insane and so it's a very persuasive political valence and trump embodies it for people of all of all religions and races and all this stuff the difference is the way you experience race in this country is going to color how you take trumpet like he's also gaining among apparently black men not as much nearly as with uh latinos but still a shift and why because because the appeal is is a transcendent of race and the way you experience race can be very much put on a scale with a bunch of other identities and found to be by you less persuasive to direct you towards something which is why all the standpoint epistemology that undergirds so much identity politics and uh like theories of um like uh uh both understanding political reality and formulating praxis uh is hollow and insane because there is no totalized racial experience that over 0:34:35 gerds every other part of a person's identity and decision-making matrix and so you cannot use that to determine the rightness or wrongness of someone's because people specifically to talk about like trump's horrible stuff with immigration uh during the last debate trump kept saying about immigration to biden who built the cages and a lot of people were baffled by that because they said you can't say that when you're the one using them and no you can depending on what premise you're operating from the liberal premise is that this is a horrible thing that these are monstrous violations of human rights and that we need to stop them the trump undergirding argument that a lot of people agree with regardless of race is look we got to have immigration 0:35:36 laws that means you're going to have cages because people are going to come and you can't trust them so what are you going to do with them you can't trust them so you have to keep them in jail and how do i know that that's true because even obama mr whiny whiny heart heartbreak makes crying about uh immigrants had them and built them and put people in them because we're going to put people in them and the question is do we accept that it's necessary or do we pretend to be sad about it because we're literally just virtue signaling to each other and that's a

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persuasive argument to people and there's no challenge to it from the liberals there's only a further uh fake orchestra of of of pathos that if you think about it to think you guys built the cages you put kids in cages too makes you realize well this is \*\*\*\*\* he doesn't really care he's not really sad about this you guys don't aren't really you're just using it as a weapon of convenience against republicans because that's all it actually matters and that's and therefore there's no content to any of our political ideology and it's merely a war of of sides and position and the thing is is that's true because they are not they are not on other sides it's a inner uh it's it's an internal conflict within capitalism about like the best way to uh like the the way the degree to which you have to soothe your conscience in the pursuit of the total market domination of the planet and that's i mean that's another expression that's the way that it's perceived up politically but that's an expression of a greater tactical question of how much can we squeeze the peasants before this thing breaks down and we don't have any system at all we get that thing that marx called the common ruin of the contending classes and that's the basic tactical or strategic argument between liberals and conservatives about these kind of things but uh it's expressed politically as a moral question but it's all just imperial management the border regime is a part of that it's not going anywhere neither party is interested in having it go anywhere there's no policies that are going to be pursued they're going to make it go nowhere that means you need things like interdiction and you're going to have to house people especially if things keep getting bad in other parts of the world those parts that are convenient for us closer to the equator more likely to get hot and uninhabitable and flooded than us and they're gonna have to go somewhere they cannot come here under the current regime they're not assimilatable even the liberals understand that because what did obama do he deported a bunch of people and he built the \*\*\*\*\* cages and that's what biden will do and they know that and there's no liberal counter argument to it except to further undermine your moral co moral case which you think is so unimpeachable by highlighting its essential hypocrisy because the greater bet that the conservatives are making is that uh are the ones in power like the ones directing pressing like the accelerator button on here the ones who say no like the mitch mcconnell types brick on the accelerator are doing so because they think there's nothing else to be gained by prolonging the fiction of democracy in the face of falling profits and rising uh ecological and uh instability we there's enough momentum in the system for us to loot it while it's while it is still excellent and be confident that we can uh if we have to uh negotiate exits i think they're really yeah i don't know i got to think about it more i don't i got i think that like any in america anyway where we're like the reserve currency and we're in charge of like the institutions of global finance and we're we're the like the ref we're the referees of

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the global financial system there needs to i think that that one immigration policy would be a recognition that a big part of it is going to have to be helping people stay in the countries that they live in because that's where people want to live and the reason they can't live there is because their countries are largely being destroyed and the thing about that though is that you know you it's a frame that is xenophobic 0:41:19 in a way like this keeps them out of here but in practice it's actually the hardest thing you can do which is get people if it would work is to get people on board with spending money outside of the united states which they hate doing they hate it there's a reason that people think that a foreign aid is like 25 of the federal budget when it's like less than one because they're just always imagining some foreigner with a big sack of rice but on merits that's the thing that has to happen like the world has to be \*\*\*\*\* habitable for people where they l where they live now because there's no situation where the entire world population becoming liquid and just moving across its surface is going to facilitate anything other than a techno regime of like essentially uh mass incarceration beyond anything we could imagine just large-scale 0:42:20 human containment because people in flux like that are not able to resist they don't have anything they don't even have like the confidence of like ma of mastery of like a geographic area they're familiar with or access to community resources they're at the mercy of just the global tide pole of capital and and the the um expressions at that point yeah like the the need for enough the need for those people to actually be like inputs into the economic system is going to be basically not nil they will be uh disposable there will be a beggman's a gambin's and the funny thing is matt iglesias 0:43:43 with his 100 billion with his billion americans book he even says he just coughs his mouth and says uh of course we'll uh they'll have to choose the type of immigrants we accept oh it's like i'm sorry isn't he supposed to be uh advancing this left wing case for open borders and sneak it underneath the the sleeping uh maw of right wing reaction by by camouflaging it with this nice nationalism that they love so much he still concedes a regime where yeah no we're gonna get uh the people who we who we need to like run our \*\*\*\*\* server farms and then you're still going to have to have massive uh uh uh uh a massive system of border enforcement if you're doing that so it's it's not even the thing that his uh pathetic uh uh bad faith defenders claim this brilliant attempt just to to rebrand leftism it's it's just more neoliberal \*\*\*\*\* but but it's it's his fetish for a neoliberal uh uh reimagining of the city like he the 0:44:44 reason i think that he is so enthusiastic about markets is because he genuinely has absorbed the idea that everything good about uh like social life is to be found in the gentrified american urban center therefore we need to facilitate that metastasis of that into like the uh the mean experience of being and the reason he thinks that is because that is the place for the nietzsche's last man to live because it gives you

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the sociality it gives you all of the uh the most uh superficial uh uh benefits of living socially access to different foods and entertainment options and things like that uh 0:45:46  
but with none of the spiritual uh connection and like community formation that comes around different social like uh dense social con relationships and he needs that to be the thing so that because he is trying to imagine what policy will benefit the most people and he has to imagine that people are him because we all imagine in some way that you know everyone is like us in a fundamental way it's just we hope to get deeper at the root of it than him he is only able he's so shallow he can only get to no everybody should have this coffee shops and thai restaurants and stuff this uh this thing where i get a ver of uh as much of a varied experience in the most superficial way to to essentially imitate like a social existence well as i'm basically on 0:46:47  
my phone to him that's valhalla that's utopia and so he wants everyone to live there and he imagines that the free marketization of urban life will will bring that about that it's it's the restrictions on development that make that the case which is very much backwards the the the restrictions are imposed by a governing ideology that is powered by a governing um mode of production and you know political economy and that is what dictates these regimes so sorry buddy you gotta you gotta get down to the studs to make any of this stuff accessible because i think that that kind of dense urban lifestyle is is is i've lived it i think that that has benefits and i think that in a less alienated world it can be the basis for real social unity or social cohesion but uh it's certainly not something that is a panacea for any of the current and also and i 0:47:48  
mean the big thing to say \*\*\*\*\* you about iglesias is that you can see the outlines of a coming st ramping up of war with china as an option uh coming down the pipe like raytheon is putting out like yellow journalism now in order to get people behind this idea that we have to confront china uh we like the the our our our economy and our political order are going to push us towards conflict with china uh i know that you know there's the full full-fledged war would be bad for both of us and so that kind of thing can prevent an escalation but some degree of like rising tensions and 0:48:49  
military spending to go with it and military activity to you know keep the blood flowing through the american hegemony hegemonic circulatory system is gonna have to get expended and anybody who wants to help that along uh can uh stonk my donk \*\*\*\*\* off what you you're gonna \*\*\*\*\* help us uh send the sixth fleet to to carpet bomb the \*\*\*\*\* uh uh south china sea and start a shooting war over uh koyan and matsu uh so that you can get a starbucks on every \*\*\*\*\* corner but politically like trump blames china for the virus and i gotta tell you guys biden's gonna blame china too once he's in power sure there's gonna be trump but it's gonna keep being bad and that's going to work less and china's still going to be there and the incentives are going to be there on both parties to ramp it up as a way to express off the real horror 0:49:50

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of how badly this was \*\*\*\*\* how badly we've been failed by the political leadership they have to put it off on somebody and the other party is not ever going to be enough china is going to be more and more the bipartisan source of the the place like look at the guys who people talk about is the successors to trump they're like guys like holly and cotton they're not doubling down on his fake uh peacenik \*\*\*\*\* from 2016 they're reign they're \*\*\*\*\* uh ramping up against china too as is trump they're like any kind of non-interventionist paleoconservative strain and trumpism is getting squashed out by covet and by the by the the the psychic demand to find a suppository for our anger and it's and it's china china china so i think the fifth 0:50:52 column of neocons colonizing the dn the democrats is a threat i mean that thing about that is stuff like you know guys like bill crystal and from in the lincoln project it's not that they are doing some sort of stealth takeover situation it's that they are being absorbed it's it's it's not an invasion it's it's a merger uh on on the on the fully conscious terms of both parties because the democratic uh plan has been since 2016 to turn the republican party into a party of purely white grievance and pull off every other sector of the ruling class away from other than like this the buddy garrity beautiful boater type small bourgeois everybody with any real connection to the global financial order the people who used to be the rockefeller wing of the party and absorb them into the democrats and make the republicans the white grievance party of the of the downwardly mobile middle uh uh lower uh upper uh like upper 0:51:53 class and that means absorbing all these people and so the project now is is happening it's been accelerated trump winning was actually the best thing that and the reason this is happening more than anything is that so the uh it's not true to say that in the two-party system we have in this country that the two parties aren't actually representing like different agendas they are they aren't they're literally the same in their expression of in the expression of their political philosophy because there is actual conflict there uh at the level of you know political economy and things like tax distribution and regulation you know government structures actual differences that is true uh but those differences uh are expressed through a political class that differs basically in its relationship to global capitalism you have people connected 0:52:55 to finance old money the people who've been rich in america the longest and then the as the country filled in the regional powers that grew up the small producers small manufacturers and small uh like land holders and bourgeois they grew up even though of course their relationship to global capital is very real it is not perceived as such they may perceive in fact global capital as a conflict as uh as a competitor for them because in some ways it is the system as it equalizes it sacrifices some interest for others in order to maintain homeostasis like tariff regimes harm some uh internal companies or internal markets or internal uh internal resources or whatever

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industries that's the word i'm looking for industries like some industries are harmed 0:53:56  
by a tariff regime others benefit their connection to the hells of power and their  
you know the crucialness the influence they have within the political system kind of  
dictates which is which and so there is a real conflict there and that has been for  
most of american history the contours of the actual battle between the two political  
parties the new deal changed that the new deal brought the working class to the  
table as a third point away from small producers in small bourgeois the working  
class as such gained a seat at the table through their mass agitation around the  
great depression they essentially they barged into the top levels of influence within  
the democratic party because they were able to assert their independent uh political  
agenda in the face of the crisis of the great depression that persisted for a while after  
the wagner act the nlrba put gave gave uh and at political level the fusion of the top 0:55:0  
levels of the biggest politic labor unions with the democratic party happen at the  
same time those relationships persisted until the 70s when the crisis of productivity  
the crisis of energy led the political order to at that point sever the last connections  
between eight at that point more bond labor movement that had lost its vitality lost  
its ability to assert itself as a uh as a equal partner in this in the in these political  
negotiations between these centers of political power and crawled off and died under  
the porch and we returned and since the 19 since reagan basically we have returned  
to the political order being a battle between finance capitalism and local uh local  
small bourgeois now the thing about that is that even though this is the conflict it's  
not expressed evenly through the parties there are parts of both that support each 0:56:1  
but the acceleration of the culture war and the way the culture war uh beliefs are  
conditioned more than anything by social class and specifically uh college education  
we're getting to a point where they're the the voters are polarizing around once  
again uh the small bourgeoisie and global capital and because now the issue are  
whether he went to college or not and the the party of global capital is the party  
of like college that becomes the party of uh you know minorities uh and uh or like  
seminars black people more than hispanics because that's a more fluid racial category  
uh and college-educated whites against this lump party of you know red-pilled uh i 0:57:5  
would say red-pilled minority males and then white white uh non-college-educated  
whites uh both above and below like the poverty line or like the hundred and  
this is a part of that process the assimilation of the old uh the the last uh uh vestige  
of the old eastern elite which formed the globalist uh uh part of the republican party  
because the war that started in the 60s between goldwater and rockefeller and which  
was won by reagan in 1980 for the side of the small producers and for the side of  
cultural reaction uh it still has taken decades since then for the last tendrils to break  
away and trump has accelerated that process and now we are reaching a point where

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there will be less and less of a uh or at least if the democrats get what they want 0:58:6  
there will be less and less uh party wing it'll be just pure like robert welch stuff and  
then you know uh pissed off guys and camo hats and stuff and then everybody else  
will be in the democrats that's how they think that they can even without offering  
any alternative to austerity nightmare hell world will be able to hold off hold on to  
power because they will have the demographics in their favor in that younger and  
younger people not only are they more diverse they also hold cultural issues closer to  
their chat hearts because they've grown up with no other issues to talk about who's 0:59:7  
julius creen leave me alone everyone's yelling at me

*The Great Shart Hunt*

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it's a beautiful day in the neighborhood a beautiful day for a neighbor would you be mine would you be mine won't you be my today we are pouring one out for the god himself king and pimp jeremy corbin the only uh run out of his own party by the worst it's tough but i get to when i see this i get to re assess and reassert my own sense of gratitude which is that i don't have to live there or care about what happens on that accursed pedophile island phew but he i mean it it really is a case where corbin was too good for the english like they learned nothing from their humbling of their colonies all they have is this petty resentment that they're no longer the world's hegemonic overlords and they're \*\*\*\*\* pissed about it it's it's sad i mean obviously they're as exploited as anybody else outside of the power corridors of this country but they metabolize that uh their angst and alienation through the lens of this imperial decline and uh they're not very uh they don't give a generous reading to people who challenge the perceptions of what england is which is a disgusting uh money laundering operation and jeremy corbyn shows up and goes hey how about we aren't the island that just provides financial services for the world's pedophiles and also supply the world's uh arms to all the world's worst pedophile regimes and they said uh actually it's anti-semitic to say that it's anti-semitic to not want your country to be governed by absolute jackals because some of those jackals are jewish don't you know the thing about the anti-semitism deal is that it was never the actual reason that gorban got uh ganked it was just the it was an issue that just provided the a a rallying point for the nation's political class and political leadership uh and also media most importantly to rally around like they had to say something was wrong with corbin something made him bad because the problem with corbin was all of the things he wanted to do were popular things and his record as a politician was of pursuing popular uh and more importantly um humane policies for his whole career instead of being a oxford butted dracula like the rest of the leadership class of both political parties in that \*\*\*\*\* country so he had to be uh brought down to earth his his persona had to be punctured his virtue had to be besmirched and uh they decided hey since everyone in uh everyone in england already hates muslims everyone who

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isn't a muslim already kind of hates them in one way or another uh because they're terrified of uh you know their chip shop going halal or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* uh we can just take uh criticism is it israel and decide that that's uh anti-semitism uh because that allows us to just transfer our islamophobia and call it a virtue this is a great deal for us and the thing about it is it was very transparent and phony the reason that it had purchase is i think more than anything and it had less to do with like the fact that a lot of people in the labor party were slow to combat the argument i mean a lot of them were lying and they were doing they were sabotaging corbin on purpose because the corbin's big failure was not purging the party to the extent that he could uh and they sabotaged him but there were some people who were just dumb enough to be earnest about that \*\*\*\*\* and they were saying we have to take this seriously because of the lived experiences of jewish people and all this crap like just absolutely being played like harmonicas by woke capitalism at its most like vulgar and but that wasn't what did it what did it is that the entire is that england is controlled by a elite that has persisted in that island since \*\*\*\*\* uh william the conqueror came out over from normandy and has that entire country in a \*\*\*\*\* stranglehold and controls every expression of mainstream uh political opinion and is able to determine the boundaries of uh of of acceptable discourse at every point and is able to make a conclusion through just uh classic uh uh sorties and and and uh and trial and error that what could get purchased against corbin was this layered anti-islamic uh pro jewish sentiment that of course was completely transparent and fake there are very few jews in england anyway most the people who were horrified were only doing it on behalf of jewish people they never met so they could be they could allow their petty uh pigheaded english scumbaggery their native grasping nastiness to have a patina of virtue around it and as soon as you gave people permission to do that everybody with an interest in obfuscating the stakes of politics in favor of uh capital and its possessors was able to go \*\*\*\*\* and uh you know the real problem even deeper i think than any issue of uh the media response to corbynism was a deeper belief by the people of britain that he was never going to do the stuff that he promised anyway i think that that's what killed him better than anything is that brexit became the pivotal issue and the failure to the failure of the corbyn left to sufficiently deal with the remainers in order to appeal to pro-brexit labor constituencies in in the north uh i think that only ended up mattering because the the that materialist pitch that was supposed to obviate all these other issues was just not taken seriously because we are all living in this capitalist realist uh state where the system is so totalizing that we are incapable of imagining any effort successfully breaking us out of the uh worst cycles we find ourselves in and then anybody who claims they can is selling something and is fundamentally dishonest i think that hurt bernie and i think it hurt

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corbin too and that is a deeper malaise a deeper political pathology than anything any elected official can address because what can they say their position has already been vacated by the fact that they are a politician and what do politicians do not the man was too good for that island and now i really wish he would just walk away just leave you know \*\*\*\*\* serve out a suspension with rap knuckles like a a kid who's at private primary school who got in trouble for telling on uh all of the buggery going headmasters yeah he should come to america and smoke weed in my backyard that is my message to jeremy corbett \*\*\*\*\* the labor party \*\*\*\*\* parliament \*\*\*\*\* england \*\*\*\*\* that entire cursed bird \*\*\*\*\* splattered collection of islands and come party in the usa we can smoke some mad doinks i guarantee you the \*\*\*\*\* that you've been that you smoked back in the 70s got nothing on i mean the real canary in the coal mine for for labor's chances of being uh of of being a a effective labor party again was i mean when i say labor party i mean like a party of labor a party of working class was when they lost scotland like uh to the snp which was essentially uh pitching themselves as like uh you know labor but we're more serious about the non-austerity stuff and also we're gonna we want to be an independent country and scots were like if we're getting nothing from labor anymore then let's be our own country like nationalism is appealing now in the absence of a transcendent national socialist message which labor was no longer interested in offering and then though when and then the hope was after that happened and then corbin became the leader that that scotland could be brought back by reinstating socialism as the guiding principle of the party uh but that didn't happen i think a large part of it is because apparently scottish labor which is you know because it's a \*\*\*\*\* federal system is independent of the inner the larger labor party uh just stayed stacked to the gills with blairite scum uh and made it almost impossible for a good faith scottish person to vote labor anyway considering their hostility to corbin's project but what some combination of the infighting within the party and just the steadily uh receding horizons of the possible in people's minds meant that even with corbin on the ballot essentially people said no i'm going to stick with nationalism we're going to stick with nationalism and then in the next election after labor had to flip-flop on uh on the stupid \*\*\*\*\* brexit issue uh the northern labor area said well if and getting them to believe that no it's not all the same i think that's that's too big of a job for anyone at a national prominent position in politics now because that position has been tainted because none of them have done anything and that's why trump is president because i think his most effective line on hillary was always everything's terrible you're admitting things are bad why did you not do anything about them and he tried that on on biden again because he's got that you know idiot he's got the brain of a child and he has no object permanence and it worked before and it's

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going to work again just even though it's a completely different situation and he was saying to biden why didn't you do anything about it and that doesn't work if you're president doesn't work if you have and that's one of the reasons that i think he's cooked and that as much as we want to sort of prevent ourselves from getting owned by letting our guard down at a certain point if you go into this election really thinking trump is going to win i think you're at some level deluding yourself or you're just too traumatized by 2016 to accept what it would be funny if uh brexit ends up breaking up uh the uk like it successfully prevents the reformation of a like socialist majority in the labor party and the labor party as a viable socialist uh uh party uh contesting for power but at the cost of the actual united kingdom i mean they'd take it no question but it'd be funny if that's the cost do the cornish want independence at all do you ever hear about the cornish getting into it people forget about the corn about cornwall down there little peninsula uh you know they're also a celtic people and they have their own food the pasty the cornish pasty go to greg's and get a pasty i believe that the cornish accent is the closest thing to a pirate accent in the uk and i think that i'm not sure why that is i've heard that it's because that cornwall was a center of piracy uh but also i've heard it's because the guy from who played long john silver in the disney treasure island in the 50s did a cornish accent and then because that was such an iconic role it gave pirates a cornish accent all right you can be a tired our shiver me timbers yes the original english accent was rhodic it's true it's amazing and no one has anyone no one knows how that happened no one knows how they just decided to wild uh somebody asked about a book club for cloud splitter if someone wanted to do the thing that's interesting about linguistics is that you can like structure it very well and you can chart it but you can't really explain it can you like the shifts is are there any actual schools of of theory of thought that are compelling and go beyond speculation as to why accents form the way they do and where they do and how they change like why we have an english accent in a scottish act or why american accents are different why the english accent changed like the specific uh incentives for it i'm not sure is someone says we \*\*\*\*\* know and i'd like to know how like one thing i'm pretty sure of is that the jamaican accent sounds the way it does because uh at the time of jamaica's founding it was peopled by african slaves and uh irish uh indentured servants who were essentially uh enslaved after cromwell uh retook ireland and that like africans coming to jamaica had that as like the model for english so that's why it kind of sounds like an irish accent i've heard that but like more specifically regarding like american accents i don't know i someone says they think my their dad could beat up my dad my dad's dead so yeah you probably could or no that means you couldn't you can't beat up a dead person right so by definition no you could not oh australian politics man if england looks

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hopeless \*\*\*\*\* at least like corbinism had a had some purchase and was able to to  
make a play for legitimacy australia just feels like everyone just wants to grill it's 0:18:52  
an but you know not in a and not in a centered you know transcendent way but are  
they just shut up and let me go to the go to i do love that the australian labor party  
has no u in it because the founder one of the founders of the australian labor party  
was american and he thought that the u was cuckolded and i was like you guys are  
being cuckolded by england and then they \*\*\*\*\* listen to him which is funny because  
australia is insanely cuckolded they allowed the \*\*\*\*\* queen of england to do a coup on  
them on behalf of the cia in the 70s and then after that they voted down a republican  
referendum how is that not the end of the \*\*\*\*\* commonwealth relationship when 0:19:54  
they do that it's like oh like we only accepted this arrangement because you know  
british sovereignty is basically uh technical and and non-uh dispositive no no if we  
want to we will just replace your government for you and they just said sure okay  
keep doing that right on will is doing good will uh is doing well he's he's been very  
heartened by all of the well wishes and the very excellent uh obituaries that have  
been published in the last day his dad was a hell of a dude and uh just reading a little  
bit about him we'll felix does play too much people are mad at felix because felix  
felix is bit he's doing right now on twitter i know it's stupid to talk about twitter but  
this is a thing that i think transcends this is he's doing a thing that transcends the 0:20:55  
discourse so i think it's worth talking about felix has created in his mind a per ability  
to perfectly reproduce the content of a certain type of soy based media uh figure like  
broadly left blue check discourse and in so doing he has created these tweets that are  
both just searing satires of this way of thinking that show its hollowness and that  
fill you with nausea that anyone could find this uh persuasive as a way of thinking  
about the world but also are perfect exemplars of what he's talking about to the  
point where if you are enmeshed in that world you cannot see the \*\*\*\*\* satire you  
process it at the literal level because you are part you're swimming in this sea of  
banality and so he is the perfect uh terminator now he can go behind enemy lines 0:21:57  
he's getting he's getting \*\*\*\*\* uh followed by like anne applebaugh the awful wapo  
columnist who's all about like we can't have uh socialized medicine because of the  
gulags and and he he did some just awesome uh corbin related stuff that's getting  
all these disgusting disingenuous media reactionary hacks on board and it's because  
they can't notice that he's joking so it's like he is both entertaining his his his fans  
the people who recoil from this uh of course they say they're horrified fighter they  
hate it but you know come on it's any reaction is a good reaction on twitter.com  
and um the this other people they're seeing the same tweets but they're seeing it  
through a glass darkly and they're like yes and i honestly feel like the tweets he's  
putting out right now are like a voigt comp test for whether or not you were still

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a human being with blood in your veins or the discourse has turned you into one 0:22:58  
version of a lizard person there's a bunch of different ways to be a lizard there's  
different way different ways where your engagement with the discourse shapes you  
and bends you away from true humanity and through any like perspective outside  
of the absolute howling banality of the discourse itself and if you see those tweets  
and respond to them earnestly you are one of the lizards i'm afraid and if you are  
rightfully horrified by them congratulations you might still have some blood in your  
veins now it doesn't mean you haven't been turned into a lizard by the discourse  
but not in that specific way in this specific sense when you do the the the thing test  
with the hot coil on the petri dish of blood and i see people respond earnestly not  
people who you'd imagine not blue checks whose out to lunchness is sort of taken  
for granted because they're media people but people who you think by every other 0:23:59  
measure should know better and then they they they fall for it and you're like lizard  
you i thought you were a real person but nope did i ever follow cat cat williams farrell  
i still do i don't i really have an opinion about the glenn greenwald thing i've never  
really read this intercept i don't really care about that stuff honestly it's just never  
been a thing that grabbed me uh and like his his baileywick it's just the electronic  
stuff the bleep bleeps i understand it's important but you know like it's all recreation  
a certain perspective and you don't need to know everything about everything uh 0:25:0  
and and so i've just never really paid too much attention and uh but just the idea  
of like the hunter biden story being this thing you're gonna go to war over i kind of  
blows my mind because it's just russiagate it's just russiagate it's like how can you  
make this like salient critique of russiagate and how it's vapid and how it ignores the  
reality of the functions of power and then decide oh no this thing that's an exact  
uh partisan mirror image of russiagate this is actually really important and powerful  
and you need to know about it and you need to know like he's out there flogging  
tony bulgasore he's saying you guys tony bulkasaur he has the documents it's like  
how is this that left harness all over again and that is uh that's what happens when  
you behold the discourse too long you lose perspective i think that's the number one  
thing that makes people decide insane things like that the punter barton story is 0:26:1  
some important crucible for understanding the times or that uh the real class war  
is happening on twitter and it's people with check marks and that they're the new  
ruling class like these are only things that make sense in the absence of the perspective  
of a grounded understanding of the world no i still don't know who tony bulbasaur  
is and i swear that i will not find out any more than i know who \*\*\*\*\* love partners  
someone says i'm wrong about michigan that's a very broad claim like in what sense  
that it sucks no i think i'm right about that that biden's going to win i mean his  
polling pleads have been pretty consistent and they have they're they're they have

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a strong turnout so far in the early voting and they have a democratic governor i mean i don't know oh yeah the people the liberals piling on glenn right now are all absolutely milk-hearted scumbags they're the people i was talking about who would respond to uh felix's twitter account earnestly i realize now that some people might not be familiar with what felix is doing online so i'm going to read you some tweets i know this feels bad but the reason i think this is useful is if you're horrified by what he is saying remember and reflect on the fact that people like this and think how could anyone like this and i'm telling you the answer is they're on here enough that they have lost touch with earth moisturize change your bed sheets more than once in a while don't stress about your body as long as you feel healthy and remember chris pratt's relatable every man act is a way for him to escape accountability just think about that think about how many things like that you've seen think about how someone could think that that is a good thing to say this one actually i felt like he was taking my skin off with a potato peeler when i read this it looks like conservatives in the 1980s were right we did all become goth socialists they were just wrong about how it's actually extremely good there are people who have read this there are a number of people who've read that tweet true i'm reading the tweets that are awesome people want context i'm giving them if you don't understand how these are bad then you are not online enough for it to matter in which case you are a blessed creature you are an ascended being and i and i praise you uh but i just beg your pardon for everyone else for a few more minutes i'm just in awe of this i have friends who voted for bernie friends who supported biden from the get-go and even friends who voted for mccain and romney the fact is no matter what we're all in a dark period and we need each other to get through this jail this one might be the best one honestly i wish mike pence's fly had said something about voter suppression because then at least we it would have and then this is my favorite one no you're wearing sweatpants and having anxiety sweats over inadequacy even though you got a promotion during your just think about it just think about it though that is the affect that is that is i mean it's what uh a certain type of like professional uh uh person who uses twitter as some sort of uh networking mechanism that is the lingua franca that is the way they communicate to one another that is the chemical uh slurry they spit into each other's mouths to identify friend from foe because that is one of the many reasons i've talked about this before why you can't discourse online because all people are doing they are not seeking the truth or falseness of any statement they are seeking from the way you made the statement and the contents of it whether you are on their side or an enemy that's it that's why that exists and that's why all these people are now following felix and going and and and being like oh who's this guy spitting truth it's because he is perfectly mimicking their language

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and that's and that speaks to another failing of it because it leads you are totally at the mercy of people who at the end of the day you only trust because they can mouth pieties we have to go back to message boards felix has been on that tip for a while and i fully agree having everybody on one format having everybody discourse on one site is an absolute disaster and i honestly feel like 99 of the things wrong with uh like all the questions people have like we've dissolved reality like people don't know truth from falseness anymore you know we're all in these clock clicks and there's no more transcendence authorities uh and you know uh conspiracy theory and and crazy thinking run riot and all political movements are ground to a halt by these petty differences that are totally theoretical because everyone is just fighting amongst themselves over clout rather than really trying to move towards making a meaningful practice that all comes from all of us being in one room together trying to basically recreate a social that recreates society in a miniature and then therefore it's gonna have all the problems and require the same degree of uh like overarching alienated institutions as actual society does but it doesn't have those it has so people say what do you do do you nationalize amazon google and facebook do you break them up i think that you you send everyone back to the forums i think felix is right about that if we have to be on here we should be in forums although me and virgil have come up with an idea for a class of posting mentats who take it upon themselves to go to the discourse and then translate it to normal people who then do not engage with it in any way who only get it through one or the other though what we have now how are these people selected to curate the material see that's always the question how do you do it i honestly feel like it would have to be some sort of combination of it would have to be like an early selection process like as children like adeptness and not just adeptness but inclination towards certain ways of analyzing information uh like you know you might say are you just talking about you know people on the spectrum no uh people who would thrive there as opposed to people who struggle there which is i think a lot of us because everyone being online from the time you're a kid i think it it really does disrupt your ability to engage with the world on an emotional level like you can't be present in a way you have to be in order to absorb like meaning from interactions you create a uh a negative feedback loop whereby you find you are less and less present because you are more and more concentrated online so when you where you are and what you're doing is more likely to be shot through with your mind being elsewhere specifically online and that means that you would hear less meaning to the experiences you do have because you're investing less of yourself in them you are less present you are not observing that which is around you you are not adhering emotionally to people and things around you and and actions and uh and skills that you might have but for some people that's because the symbolic

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order makes sense to them more and they're not going to really be profitably uh utilized trying to engage with the real world you got to find who those people are early and then you send them to mentap school but then everybody else people who would more profitably live a life that is present in the world in the in the in the uh firmament you don't go on there at all uh someone's asking about shin fein i don't honestly know that much about them i know in terms of their like political project now i mean i know that they have pivoted to be the anti-austerity party in ireland and are now the opposition party in ireland because there's a unity government between the two center-right parties they have which still they don't even bother they didn't even bother with a fake two-party system just two parties with basically identical center-right politics it's kind of amazing so they're the they're the official uh opposition now for the first time uh but you gotta wonder to what degree their anti-austerity is uh uh opportunistic because when they participated in government in the north they have helped carry out austerity i mean the real thing that's going to matter is what hap with them is how how ireland is going to respond to brexit because it looks like they're really headed towards no deal border going back up ass uh brexit which could legitimately read to reunification which would be hilarious but as i said i don't know too much about the specifics i'm keeping up someone asked specifically about abstaining sinn fein abstentionism given the fact that they are first and foremost dedicated to the removal of british authority over the uh ir the uh irish the ireland the island itself uh i understand why you would not want to uh become entangled with any coalition government uh that might happen because you would your issues would always never be sacrificed to the greater uh national project of whatever uh government you were part of so i get why the percentage wasn't there but the question really is is irish independence that important at this point is it that big of a deal is reunifying ireland really matter in this globalized world where like okay ireland northern ireland breaks off from the uk and rejoins the republic and now you're still now you're part of uh uh eu and your real laws are written in uh in frankfurt anyway in brussels oops what if i mean connolly said that you know if the if you replace the british flag with the irish one but you don't replace capitalism you will just hand over the deed to a different set of landlords and it doesn't look like they're anywhere near uh getting socialist revolution in ireland but at this point i think most of those nationalist movements are are an expression of hopelessness uh our expression of the embrace at some psychic level of capital realism of capitalist realism of the notion that there is no transcending any of our uh contradictions and therefore why not have a different flag why not feel like you have more independence even though the government that you're going to be supporting is going to be driven by the same brutal logic of maximal profit extraction but i'd say the corbin thing

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more than anything just like with felix's tweets it's just a way to like the real way to be uh to to to to find friend from foe is not whether they're mouthing the right words and using the right frames or the right memes it's what their positions are and so much of actual positions and not their positions on internecine \*\*\*\*\* but on important consequential questions like jeremy corbyn anti-semitism is this a thing that you want to accept as a real deal and accept the premises of this this uh assault from capital in the form of a media propaganda campaign and an internal uh coup attempt by a bunch of weasley backstabbers are you on board with that or are you gonna take seriously the fake terms of the debate and if you do what am i gonna why would i ever take the declining rate of profit is a theory in marxism that says that over time the tendency of profit in the capital in a capitalist economic system is to go down and that that leads to a crisis within capitalism that leads to a final confrontation it helps helps accelerate a final confrontation between the working class and capitalist and capitalists uh and it's one of those things that is often pointed at as proof that marx didn't really know what he was talking about or that there's a fundamental flaw in marxism because it has not been observed since he said it capitalism has shifted so much in in the in the years since marx died in towards the creation of a global market a global capitalist system that did not exist in in the 19th century there was still huge huge huge huge huge chunks of the world's uh uh productive capacity that was not at no point uh was integrated into a capitalist a world of uh exchanges now we are reached that point and what we are finding is is that like specifically in america since the 70s since the great uh the great crisis the the the the uh the turning point of uh where the overheated econ the open simultaneously stalled and overheated economy was re uh was reasserted with the power of labor removed and so the labor share of income held stable in order to keep profits flowing that was done in part because profits were dropping significantly in the 70s and what you see since then is a chart that is not a straight arrow downward which a lot of people point to is proof that it's that there is no declining rate of profit but that is in its trend downward which is what you would call a tendency which is what marx called it the tendency of the rate of profit to fall and there are a bunch of people who have reached the belief that we since the 70s have reached a terminal crisis point in profitability within capitalism and that you will see bubbles and you will see bursts but a lot of it is going to be well previously uh non-marketized segments of that system are turned into uh profit centers privatization basically like that gives you some burst uh and but that's literally the body eating itself like that that's the fat store is being absorbed it's it's uh it's the stuff that we have left out of the market in order to keep it stable being destabilized on behalf of maintaining or of a uh temporary profit uh percentage and that if that's the case then any political

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project that says we can return to a social democratic model is inherently doomed 0:44:33  
because the social democratic model depended on the sharing of a large amount of  
profit between capital and labor that was the premise of the post-war labor and it  
has not been repeated because that specific profit situation where america was the  
sole producer of global goods basically after world war ii once that ended and you  
have like a globalized market with countries producing for distribution all over the  
world at different price points uh that we can that we don't have the profits to split  
up if we're going to make life habitable for people it's going to be by removing profit  
from the equation completely and socializing that element of the economy and using 0:45:37  
our uh technological capacity replacing exchange for profit for and i generally agree i  
believe i i am on the i love the school that we are in a crisis i'm of the school that the  
tendency of the rate uh to fall is is asserting itself in a sort of a terminal direction  
line go down as they say and yeah and like it's not there's a lot of lines too you know  
the data i'm not a data guy but i've done enough looking at the reading to know  
that this is not just a a thing that some crackpots are are open to finding the data  
there's a lot of confirming and so places that have social democratic systems are over 0:46:38  
time going to strip them are going to start selling uh the the furniture and the and  
the silverware and stripping out the wiring and the copper piping that's going to  
happen the only thing that will prevent it is a re refoundation of politics a removal  
of the of the parasitic political classes that are just managing this class exploitation  
any tips on writing out the next two weeks uh smoke weed baby just don't pay 0:47:39  
too much attention like find something outside of uh this to care about and engage  
yourself with someone says was bernie too wedded to the social democratic agenda  
see now this is the thing i agree completely that social democracy is dead and can't  
come back but some people took that as a reason to write off the bernie campaign  
uh or say that it was you know uh insufficient to the moment and to my mind that  
just uh ignores the fact that even if we can say with some degree of confidence in  
ourselves that this is a dead model and that we need to go new get something new  
that is certainly not true of anything like a working majority of americans we have  
we only understand like we have a vague understanding of history and then a vague  
understanding of what is happening around us uh concepts that are outside of that  
framework they don't have a buy-in for most people you have to get to that point  
and that requires uh dealing with like the language symbols policy ideas and legacy 0:48:40  
of american politics as it exists and so that means you any any so any attempt to  
like reinvigorate a electoral left in this country was going to have to evoke uh the  
the social democratic uh high point because it's an entry point and i i don't think  
that there's any likelihood that if he had been less adherent to social democratic  
ideas that he would have been more popular i mean at the end of the day he was

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disqualified from office because he didn't engage enough for the people who weren't paying attention oh no the people who were they were operating within the world as they understood it how high will i be on election day probably pretty high i would 0:49:41  
imagine we'll see though maybe tune in on tuesday night to find out i will not be taking a bottle of overproof see people are saying it's gonna last for days but as i said florida is the one to look for i'll end with this if people are worried about uh having to sweat a long election because they care for one reason or another florida counts their votes mail-in votes before on election day they're all counted up so they can start releasing results after the polls close which means you will probably get florida called on election night and if biden wins it you can go to bed now if trump wins now maybe you want to stay up if you're uh uh the other reason that i think i mean 0:50:44  
florida obviously is going to be huge for biden if he wins it because of the electoral weight it has but if trump wins i think all bets are off because florida has shown a significant durable biden lead like biden has not has not lost his lead in florida i think in a month and there's a new poll that with him up by i think 11 that's the most recent florida poll if the if trump ends up pulling that out then then that systemic anti-trump bias in polling people say i would be surprised if trump loses florida there that if you say that then you are accepting that there is this huge anti-trump bias in the data again even though he's the president instead of the uh uh the challenger he's running against biden instead of clinton i honestly wonder if that's based on anything other than just not wanting to i say there's no 11 point i guess it wasn't 11. 0:51:55  
it was big though it was nobody had me i never got asked on calm crowds that's still pretty big biden's lead in aggregate is not as narrow as clinton's was but my main thing is i think that i think that the systemic bias against clinton or against trump in those polls i think it honestly might have been people lying about voting for him and i just don't think people are going to do that this time i think people who are voting for trump why are some universities so into polling i think it's just because 0:52:57  
they got a big chunk of money at the right moment and then they uh put it into like putting a poll together and then at that point boom you're the pole college and then like when i think of monmouth when i think of quinnipiac i just think why would you go there for anything else why would you go there for quinnipiac for anything other than polling polling science why would you go to monmouth for

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### *That's a Yikes.*

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\*Music playing\*\* huh please don't dcca me please i've got in my hand the polar black cherry oh black cherry bang-a-lang oh black cherry bang lang she's from alabama it's good it's in my opinion the best of the seltzers i've had it's got the most flavor 0:1:2 combined with the most carbonation uh it's the closest thing to actual soda you can have in terms of tasting kind of sweet and oh man everyone's talking about that election still huh no one's sick of it really after all that time no one's sick of it you don't think anywhere near the end people just get a little exhausted right beforehand but nope now the the news today is after everyone was basically solidifying around the idea that biden was inevitable uh actually hold on a minute uh not only are a bunch of write-in votes likely to be not counted but what's this oh my god the democrats are neglecting latino and black outreach and turnout just like they did in 2016. is it happening again as the big guy from twin peaks said it could be but 0:2:3 i don't think so i think the shift the white shift in the electorate towards trump is so significant i think it swamps all other considerations coupled with higher turnout than last time to me uh that feels like all of the 2016 ash and esque and reminiscent stuff but we'll say but that's it no more oh see i already said i already said it i'm not talking i don't know what's gonna happen i said i think what might happen but beyond that it's all a ouija board who the hell knows hanging around in the 0:3:5 garage hanging out in my house yeah uh could lincoln have won without johnson in 1864 of course he could have that was one of the worst political calculations made by a political party ever and you got to give lincoln some blame for that although i don't think it was solely his decision but the decision it was a very very very project lincoln move ironically enough it was a gesture towards the uh i guess you'd call them never trump republicans of their day which were the unionists southerners and border state slave owners and uh the republicans are so desperate to appear to be this transcendent party that was not looking to declare war on uh its border states so that they could be kept in the union not spooked them out not only did they try to do uh compensated uh manumission in delaware uh which the delaware slave 0:4:6 owners rejected even as the war was ending which really proves that there was no

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way they were ever going to buy out slaveocracy that was never on the table and anybody who says it is like rand paul's and so they not only did they not run as the republican ticket they ran on the national union ticket they got as the vp instead of one of these scary northern abolitionists uh they get \*\*\*\*\* andrew johnson the only uh elected a federal elected official from a seceded state to have stayed loyal he was a senator from tennessee and so they put him on there as a gesture of of uh olive branch when it came down to it he was he won thanks in large part to the military vote the 0:5:8  
guy the boys in the field voted for lincoln the yard the union army supplied a huge percentage of the votes for lincoln and they i don't think they gave a \*\*\*\*\* about uh some cultish border staters or butternuts but i gotta say even if there'd been a radical republican in the as svp i think anybody other than lincoln in that spot is going to lead make it hard much harder for uh reconstruction to have any chance of of of a greater impact or success you really needed lincoln there we really that's a real keyhole spot in my opinion when you consider the flex the the liquidity of the moment stature of the ban is whatever you want to say about lincoln it's impossible to imagine the south the war happening the same way without him uh and i know 0:6:9  
a lot of that is retrospective but his mastery of the moment was such that you can imagine him in a situation that fluid in the aftermath of a war that he had steered the country through being a a lightning pole for like progressive mobilization and concept and uh and like the awakening notion of like class orientation over race race orientation and he was the only one who could have done it we only had four spots in the fail bracket there were a lot of fails people we missed i mean my god the entire bush family is a bunch of failed people i mean george w bush is somehow a two-term president and fail son at the same time how the hell do you manage that and of course 0:7:10  
you've got jeb who's one of the faillest faillest of all but there's only so much room and i honestly feel like even if you put them in there dj tj wins just because of this i would feel better i would feel worse for don jr if he didn't take out his pathetic insecurities on endangered species and like some of the most majestic creatures on earth any one of whom's life was worth that of and look at him he's trying to build a political 0:8:17  
career around his \*\*\*\*\* uh likes i mean how much more naked can the desperation be the government needs to make people like me more that's what it comes down to that's what that whole strain of conservative grievances it's the government's fault that people and they'll say no no no it's because they're throttling my content and they're shadow banning me and if it wasn't for those things blah blah blah it all boils down to you're not as popular as you think you should be it's just a pure pathology and that is and that is why um \*\*\*\*\* somebody threw me off like people are talking 0:9:22  
about nick land in the comments i'm like what why are we doing the neil reaction i mean we're a little are we are we wearing uh bell bottoms but now the reason that

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uh donald trump will never be president is because the naked need is too great he doesn't even have the ability to give it a patina of uh like policy gloss like trump's trump had built a wall and while i think that there is a core to the republican base that does care more than anything about their facebook likes i don't know maybe we'll get there maybe we'll get there if the if the snowman keeps melting the way that it is the republican party is going to be more housebound and more delusional and more convinced that the only thing that matters is whether or not people like them on the internet and therefore will be more responsive to a we really need baron to become the quinsacada rock it's really our only hope he needs to marry uh one of the obama's daughters and create the god emperor it's it's it has to happen it's the only way america's uh destiny can be salvaged from oblivion because the the the sire of that union would in fact be uh clearly the either antichrist uh or uh messiah either way this story is over and uh we will either get a thousand years of peace it would be really funny if kimberly guilfoyle is the one who was able to have a successful political career and donald trump jr had to be go from being a presidential uh son to like a senatorial husband that would no bear no bristle palin the palin's are second class the palin's are not one of the pure bloodlines are you \*\*\*\*\* kidding me you two two years as governor of alaska than a national punching bag and then a failed campaign and then she what got a \*\*\*\*\* uh reality tv show and instagram tummy tea ads out of it are you \*\*\*\*\* kidding me obama the last two presidents the people who were able to will themselves to power through sheer craven need to be liked the only difference is that obama wanted the like of the specific uh cartier of elite power brokers whereas trump wanted the like of his dead father in the form of the mass of american public i.e everyone who and they both were driven to power one through just a focused ambition and cold-blooded pursuit of power the other threw a focused ambition on being famous and then oh what's this the fecklessness of one of these guys contributed to the degradation of the political process so that it becomes merely a question of entertainment and what's this the guy who's best at being famous is now also president oh so you've got the two strains of uh ambition the two str the two bloodlines of of will of power their the first born of the the the uh the firstborn product of their bloodlines coming together will be the napoleonic figure who embraces embodies and subsumes the contradictions of american and in fact global life within himself so yeah i'm gonna say sasha she's the older one right or malia the older one and uh baron shall mary i guess the younger one all right melea then malia obama and baron trump will produce the god somebody says who directs the donald trump jr biopic that's a very good question somebody were making a biopic or biopic as some weirdo say about donald trump jr who would play it well all the cocaine and twitchy energy makes you immediately think safeties and certainly

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they do good stuff about people who are in over their heads which donald trump jr definitely is but the thing is is that there isn't really an urgency underlining it because donald trump jr is never in physical or financial danger he is always going to be ignored from anything other than just public humiliation so you need somebody with less of an existential edge um i don't think that cohen's now no i don't think so that donald trump jr is such a pat character and such a path a a fair character of pathos that you need a director who is able to provide more of a clear transparent screen between themselves as creators and the character like what i mean is that if they if not if the cohen's did djtj it wouldn't be dj tj it would be some cohen brothers uh like uh riff on it which is it would be interesting but not what i would imagine in the ideal dj tj uh biopic because he feels like a character who could not who uh cannot be parodied it is just like a pure embodiment he's a uh alexander payne maybe he does like that verhoeven verhoeven would be funny but once again i don't think i want people who are going to heighten it too much i want people are going to play it like you guys are all thinking of these fun riffs and it's like okay that's an interesting idea but it's then if that's the question you're not really answering who's making a dj tj movie it's who is making a movie that's going to feature that as like a side character or something like who is making the this person himself as close as we can understand him the subject of a film uh there has to be adam mckay could do good with like this like the absurdity of his character and stuff but i worry that he would uh forget the pathos heidiker is not a bad idea well heidecker is such a great channeler of trump energy in general hey what if it was tim heidegger tim heidegger and eric uh scorsese no they're not catholic nope they're not catholic are you \*\*\*\*\* harmony corinne's not a bad idea kundun is a catholic movie are you kidding me of course condones a catholic movie now i know martin scorsese can make movies about about non-catholics but i just don't think that the specific architecture of the this character's angst is too orthogonal to his his instinctive understanding of danny mcbride and jody hill yeah i guess also seems like one to one actually michael bay in pain and gain mode would do well i think in fact if donald trump jr could write a movie about himself and then have it directed by michael bay i think that has anybody ever said this about twitter before that it's essentially tech support for like the american experiment like people are essentially typing in their complaints about living the way you go to you know amazon or something if your package doesn't show up but there's no one manning it like we're all manning it we're we're just manning it there's no one actually like picking up the the message and responding to it safety brothers hunter Biden on the other hand now we're talking because you can see a death wish in hunter Biden's behavior that kind of you know uh that kind of thing where uh that they excel at where you create this situation where in most movies

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the character the main character is like presumed alive and all and the joy is just following him through the things that pop up like their movies are the opposite is that the characters are doomed and the the tension is just seeing how they're going to uh be annihilated uh and like that's why i don't think dj tj would work because that guy he's a soft boy he's he he doesn't have that he does not have like the ambition of spirit that hunter does to be that tormented by what a loser he is he can get it all through getting coked up and going to cpac and and swapping knock knock jokes about he's never going to be in a situation i was thinking of lars von trier i think von sure could do donald trump jr for sure i think he could do hunter too honestly uh i'm actually going as halloween tomorrow i'm going to an outdoor gathering and it's going to be a little cold so i'm wearing i've got a combination it's it's pretty i think it's pretty brilliant i'm going to wear my red track suit but with my and then so i'll look exactly like teddy kgb basically but then on top of that to get meta i'm going to wear my uh official crew member jacket from the film conair so i'll be going as john malkovich if i can find any other stuff in and around my house that i could relate to another john malkovich role your based on the favorite i'd say yeah yo-yos could pull it off although i'm not a huge fan of his honestly i haven't really been blown yeah i know the tracksuit is rounders he's john malkovich he's dressed up like one character from who he he's wearing his jacket from a different movie that he was in dog tooth's okay i never got what everyone loved about dog tooth didn't really like the the deer movie was colin farrell lobster i actually actively disliked and uh the favorite was just all right for me dawg it was i'm actually excited for if if Biden does win i'm actually excited for the show for chapo afterwards because we're finally going to get to do what we had wanted to do originally when we thought hillary was going to \*\*\*\*\* win which was to provide a like counter-cultural critique of a ruling democratic party from the left that refused to be absorbed into a coalition of government against the republicans because they're you know hey they're doing what they can or whatever \*\*\*\*\* operated under obama and then we didn't get it and so we had to like coexist with these \*\*\*\*\* this like resistance coalition this popular front uh and Biden gets in there especially during this \*\*\*\*\* massive crisis we're gonna actually get to do what we always wanted to do which was to to peril to polarize the relationship between the democratic party and the punitive people who make it up and the fact that like i think there will for a while anyway be like a a reduction in cultural like \*\*\*\*\* just as people take a that's going to be nice too to just not have everything be just this frenzied culture war at all times but of course we don't think we influence national politics i'm saying as an artistic enterprise that has value to me i don't \*\*\*\*\* think it's gonna we're gonna like destroy the democrats just gonna hopefully the people who listen to the show can self-identify in such a way that can they can be a poll

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that other people are pulled towards they are to some extent it's a question of how much but the democrats must be destroyed i mean that was true in 2016. it's way more true now democrats delinda belden program could help with that hopefully i think everyone should i think anybody with a podcast should be cynical about their impact because to do otherwise is to i think lose perspective because i'm trying to pull away every day from the idea that the that the discourse represents a real project that the people engaging in it even though it makes them feel like they're part of a political project are actually part of one and i don't want to in any way indulge it's outside god why is everybody freaking out all the time i know that we're all in uh we're in corona uh apocalypse which who could have predicted but does i mean i don't know is trump right a little bit like he keeps saying that the deaths are down and the thing is deaths are down and it also doesn't seem like anyone seems to really care that we're way over the left like the records for transmissions no one cares like people are saying about another lockdown i'm not even hearing even a glimmer of of a suggestion anywhere like it does seem like we are without anyone being the one who's doing it everyone with our eyes closed like foot on the gas but not holding the holding the steering wheel going we're just gonna normalize this \*\*\*\*\* it's just gonna normalize it's gonna be a thing that you have to factor into public life and existence working and going out you might catch the dang rhona yeah spain's in lockdown but we're not i will not get the rona i've already i've i i have i've i'm fairly i'm fairly certain until i get it and then i will have it is pretty astounding how badly we're europe's doing bad too it's not just the united states there's something else going on than just america's specific and honestly that makes me wonder could like people say that trump is responsible for all these deaths and i'm sure he's responsible for some because they did make a lot of terrible terrible decisions but what if you think that maybe like it not being contained and therefore the waves just kind of echoing off one another instead of ever recessive receding because you can't get it the lid on the thing is tightly enough doesn't that mean that eventually you get to uh like the same level of infection regardless that we would be around this number no because like the europeans are basically like there's they've got a bet they've got they're uh they're the slightly less advanced version of us they're the less neoliberalized less marketized version of us like they still have cultural uh uh you know they still have cultural resistance to full marketization they still have institutions that reflect that but uh and i mean obviously they are happy having that stripped away by the marketization of life but it's in a less advanced process than ours but the overall framework is the same because the results speak for themselves europe is once again completely \*\*\*\*\* even though they don't have trump running around telling people that it honestly makes you think that sweden because they are the country of blank-eyed lutheran

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zombies for whom life is a walking shadow neither good nor bad just from futurama they could look through all the uh baffling obfuscations of cultural uh denial no no no we're a country that can value life and we can have it both ways we can keep the economy and keep people alive and we because we all this frenzy lock down lock up unlock and it goes through you all you got to you just have to get to the end 0:33:59 of the the denial cycle and i'm not saying like that would that's like better than a successful project but clearly nobody had the capacity in the western world to pull off a successful \*\*\*\*\* uh project of containment because china did very well obviously vietnam did very well and is still doing well new zealand does not get to brag there are two tiny ass islands in the middle of nowhere islands honestly don't get to brag too much any island where you can just shut off uh the border to me does not get 0:35:2 to brag during the 30 years war it was often commented that the swedish soldiers were terrifying to the catholic armies that faced them because they marched into battle with completely slack expressions they didn't appear to be alive it was like an army of the dead and people were freaked out by it all those lusty bohemians and bavarians those those uh those beer garden and uh and vineyard i gotta say the fact 0:36:5 that new zealand legalized euthanasia but not weed that one has got me performed because like there are certain social issues that kind of bundle together the kind of people who worry about the sanctity of life being violated by allowing people to opt out of life themselves uh are generally also hostile to the notion of bringing another intoxicant into the realm of the possible so first because they are concerned about social cohesion like that's their conservative principle that is animating that you can talk about how it's all actually racism or whatever and it there's a lot of that too but that's like the the logic of it so they often run in parallel and yet people are like yeah you should get to kill yourself but marijuana it's no good i mean what do they think what do they think we does did they just get reefer madness over there they just watched it if you've already got because honestly like there are arguments to be 0:37:8 made to you know in a functioning society uh have restrictions on certain drugs i think once again not in this social order but in a functioning society to have a social taboo that maybe must be enforced in some way against certain substances just because of the the the way that they could you know be socially uh uh dangerous uh but if you say any argument you make any drug you'd make uh make that argument for if you agree that alcohol is is not one of them then you have no leg to stand on on weed i'm sorry if you've got legal alcohol then there is no standing to ban wheat because alcohol is by far more socially corrosive than marijuana could ever hope to be in any access you choose so while i agree that there are theoretical places where the law should prescribe certain dangerous uh indulgences because of their 0:38:9 socially destabilizing nature if we have metabolized \*\*\*\*\* alcohol at a social level

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and accepted that amount of uh then this is not a society that is actually caring about social cohesion when they ban uh a drug banned so yeah like the alcohol line for me means that basically everything we call on the illegal drug in this country you're telling on yourself as a society about why you actually have these things banned that it has nothing to do with preserving a social order because you allow in this thing and yes they tried to ban it and actually the experience of prohibition helped reform the american relationship to alcohol american alcohol consumption 0:39:11 plunged uh and there's a number of reasons for that of course the the shift from uh you know people working on farms living in cities is one of the big reasons honestly because you couldn't be shit-faced at work all day but part of it was the experience of prohibition like made made like the social relationship with alcohol fraught and made people reassert it because you know one of the big driving forces of prohibition was the woman's suffrage movement and it was considered a uh a feminist issue because women thought that men were beating the hell out of their wives because they were drunk all the time and even if you might say well that's just treating a symptom not the cause but what i'm saying is that coming out of prohibition we had metabolized alcohol as a social ill that means anything less than alcohol we can 0:40:13 metabolize and when you consider how much less than alcohol many of the ones that are still banned are like any hallucinogen certainly kratom i mean my god get me out of here katie bar the door we love our kratom folks don't we love it i could never i could the the the the ephemeral pleasure of ingesting kratom for me would 0:41:14 never outweigh the visceral disgust of consuming it people keep asking me about me maradona why would i i mean he's a left-wing soccer guy from argentina who cheated argentina to a world cup in the 80s however hallucinogens have not been absorbed into capitalism outside of the i mean in that sense everything's absorbed in account every every every commodity is absorbed into capitalism and that is true i mean the the black market like drug money undergirds is the is the liquid engine of global capitalism like one of the things that saved the global economy from a complete uh shutdown in 2008 was the liquidity the system that was injected in the form of massive amounts of laundry drug money that existed in the oh if you mean 0:42:15 like like guys taking acid to like be better capitalists california man the does this that that the the post-60s turn after the cultural shift the after cultural change uh had had exhausted its capacity to change the political structure in the 70s people will look inward and in california a bunch of people came together and said the system is immovable the system is corrosive the system is soul destroying we must transcend it by essentially seceding from the system and creating our own systems not as a class of course but as individuals and the internet became the way that and they are so 0:43:17 tunneled into their notion of like innovation and technological advancement being the

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cynic of human consciousness raising like they basically looked at the failed structures of american life and said the only way we're out getting out of this is a technological solution because the political is uh is foreclosed there is a technological solution to our social ailments our social sickness that we all experience during vietnam and the civil rights movement the sickness we knew was in the heart of the system and we tried to change it and it didn't work we're going to change it technologically and then they are so fully in they're so at base convinced of this fact that they are pursuing this hyper capitalism that is dissolving the world into liquid goo into a \*\*\*\*\* uh you know nanobots of of exchange they're accelerating they're hyper accelerating towards this point because it's the only thing that they think can uh transcend our 0:44:19 dying system our dying social order and so when they take mushrooms when they take acid they do the mind expansion when they like commune with the collective unconscious and the eternal you know moment they're doing it through the lens of technology through the lens of applying the thin wedge of reality to like pry open the actual atoms of existence as opposed to uh you know the broader questions of why you would be doing that in the first place and that means that they're so far from that that and they're so baffled and uh self-deceived by the fact that what they think they're moving towards what they think that they're cooperating off of this road map towards utopia is actually just the algorithm of the value form and of uh uh profit extraction that's it they are some of them know that but many of 0:45:20 them i i don't think no at least or they don't want to know and it allows them to to uh yeah they've they're they're captured and that's why you can never do the thung hey man they should just spike the water or whatever people bring to the experience of hallucinogens their own minds and that can be changed and the fact that you get hit orthogonally to your life can make that productive but it doesn't have to be productive if you hit the wrong thing it clangs and then oh boy like if anyone's seen mandy the guy who leads the the uh the cult that kills mandy and provokes the rage of nicholas cage jeremiah sand who's sort of a a man inspired man a manson-esque figure he's a guy who leads an acid cult and he's a former uh and failed uh musician which is like manson was and there's a part where he has mandy uh kidnapped and he's dosed her with lsd and he's on lsd and he explains to her 0:46:22 how in a moment of uh of uh transcendent you know highness of of of tripping he felt like the universal forgiveness you know for all and that's a real component of any like spiritual experience a knowledge of like how everything that ever happened had to happen the way that it did and therefore there is no blame and therefore you can be forgiven that is always there and he says i had that but then he said and that told me that that means that anything in the world is for me and i can take it and it's and then then i can do anything wrong and it's like no no no no no that

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you you took a right wrong turn there and that's because he was coming at it from the head he had everything is just it's an incredible human human evolution of any kind individual or or species-wide or or anything is dependent on just this random stochastic banging together of elements of of the collision that is mostly usually either empty or harmful and occasionally but the other thing that happens when you get really like in a moment of of uh if you're really tripping and feeling like you're really locked in somewhere you get access to something that is a universal knowledge and you get this realization that oh i actually do kind of know everything because like i literally am everything in a certain way and so wait a minute am i god am i the sole repository of consciousness in the universe if so i have to live forever and i'm going to subordinate the lives of everyone around me and the future of my planet to a fantasy robot yes y'all \*\*\*\*\* do need spinoza speak on him baruch baruch baruch baruch is on fire we don't need no moan ads let the all right i'm going uh i'm gonna be uh signing off in a moment here so i'll see if there's well as much as you want to say jfk since he died when he was 45 uh he probably wasn't him so i got to go lbj he lived about 20 years longer and as he once said i have my i had more women on accident than jack kennedy had on purpose bill clinton might be up there though bill clinton seems to be pretty compulsive about it more so even than

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oh oh am i on here finally is it oh there we go i always feel very very old when i'm trying to start the stream because sometimes it doesn't go and i had to do it three times and i was like oh boy so i just i'm like grandpa trying to get the damn vcr to work let's go no embarrassing but i am old i'm a boomer you can call i'm boomy boomy boom boom i'm big boy boomer i remember i remember when vh1 i remember when mtv showed videos can you believe that yeah i was writing about the world series i said the dodgers and that made sense because like they've been so cursed right in the last few times they've gotten to the playoffs that what better time for them to win than in the most cursed season like that is an asterisk season i gotta say that seems like so i was thinking today about how much how donald trump is a genius i talked about a little bit on the show we just recorded uh and i think it's a good one but there's a lot of talk about like trump's murder dumb and i think when you're talking about like the stuff that you're supposed to be uh that you're supposed to be doing when you're president traditionally like the job is theoretically supposed to contain no he doesn't care about that stuff and so it doesn't matter trump i mean if genius is the ability through application of will and ability shape the world the into some warped version of the world of the way you want to see it like that's i would say the genius is when you are able to grab reality through some application of some ability mental or physical and some skill and some just in a deep bottomless desire drive towards it a combination of those things is genius as we define it that's how i define it anyway donald trump is a genius who applied his genius to the singular task of being famous and if you want to get simplistic about it it's because his dad never loved him and honestly that seems cliché but you know a lot of the times it can be that simple i mean when you see his pathological lifelong need to be recognized by others because of an in of this hugely indulged ego that centers a complete absence and a terror of of uh of being bad of being insufficient of being unloved and madly he seeks through his whole life to have people talking about him reflecting well on him so he can fill that hole and he drove himself towards the goal the singular goal of being famous however it happened was incidental like

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he wasn't a genius business he was a very bad businessman but he didn't have to be good at business in fact his business plan was being famous he got so famous that once his ability to uh actually manage businesses was revealed to be non-existent and he started going bankrupt his name was too valuable to let him actually lose any of that \*\*\*\*\* uh position or or equity because if he didn't own it well then who the hell did and then debts get called in and the whole thing falls apart and so his name became this thing that could also be used as a money laundering front and then he also became it was able to drive himself towards becoming a actual game show host and that's why he's president and then he ran for president because somebody's he was being talked about but in a negative way and it drove him crazy he needed 0:4:10 to drown out that negative thought and he did it by running for president and he wasn't trying and what i'm trying to say is that donald trump is a genius because this man who doesn't know or care about any traditional element of becoming a politician either from the point of view of having a political philosophy caring about anything politically one way or the other having any any coherent political beliefs at all and then trying to apply them to any subject from economics to civics ethics anything nothing uh uh and then also just like the the job of being a politician of of like conforming to sort of the the media uh uh uh ecosystem in such a way that you like maintain homeostasis you don't create too much sparks and tension and and uh and hostility whether you're able to stay under the radar and stay stay viable uh by massaging you know all the instincts that all the stuff that goes into being 0:5:13 a politician or a policy maker of any kind or a human being he puts no effort into singular pursuit of fame meant that he became president by accident he did a thing that some of the brightest minds of american history have sought with their entire body and spirits many of them have been dashed across against the rocks of their own ambition others of them few of them have miraculously made it to the ascent to the top all of them powered by this gnawing need to be uh the president trump just wanted to be the most famous person in the world and that just eventually led him to by definition becoming the president of the united states who is generally the most famous person in the world so he wasn't trying to be president he was trying to be the most famous person in the world and by seeking that so successfully and singularly so trump's not stupid what's stupid is any system that could produce that result any system that would create a political structure that would incentivize and 0:6:14 uh and select for being psychotically good only at getting but we bungled that that ship sailed but i honestly think trump's done for uh and today the real honestly more than any polls i've seen and there have been some really eye-dropping ones or eye-popping ones one that showed that trump is uh trump won people who said they disliked both candidates by almost 20 points in 2016 and right now people

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who say they dislike vocal candidates prefer biden by almost that much like those the breakers and the late breakers last time went incredibly far for trump way out of proportion even to historic trends that's not going to happen this time almost by definition because he's the incumbent and and traditionally incumbents uh uh are not the choice of late-breaking voters like breaking voters tend to break against 0:7:16 incumbents and then you have the fact that trump is uh people look dislike him more than they dislike job unless you're a real psycho trump wrist you don't really hate job and honestly do they even really hate joe biden he's sleepy joe they have to make up the idea that he's a puppet of antifa but most people don't think that because he's sleepy joe so i don't even really hate him enough to like drive it and yeah the covet spike i mean it was predictable people all said brace for a second wave in the fall it's because that's how these things work and yeah here it is i mean we never got it's not it's our third wave because we unlike the rest of other a lot of other countries allowed us they never really ended the first wave and created like a second wave of the summer that's the real trump difference is that and you might honestly though if it turns out that we end up having this thing for years and we end up somewhere near here like actual herd immunity just by incompetence and 0:8:17 inability to do anything else uh it ended up might not be a difference like this you're gonna have the same number dead just like maybe different names but if there is some sort of biden coveted plan that's going to turn us around uh then i'm sure we'll see that but the thing is voters even if they don't believe that's going to happen they're going to pick it they're going to pick not this because they know this isn't working unless you already buy into trump premises this isn't working but anyway uh the real nail in the coffin for me more than any of the polls uh is the court ruling specifically the one today by a federal court just judge who is one of the most nakedly partisan uh just uh judges on the federal bench rejecting a a republican party uh injunction request to have a hundred thousand plus uh harris county votes invalidated because they were collected at a drive-through uh location instead of 0:9:19 a fixed polling place a classic fa absolutely uh uh fraudulent basis like prima facie ridiculous but that doesn't matter and the the judge today the last hope of this thing he shot it down and to me this is confirming what i suspected which is that there is now no question that the uh the apparatus exists within the federal government just specifically within its judiciary and its currently aligned uh state legislatures in key swing states that if there is anything like a close election the republican party has a veto override on the outcome i i think that's true with coney coney 2020 on the bench uh i think it is they have that the only question is when would they press that button for trump and i say the answer is they wouldn't okay i'm back on okay 0:10:23 i'm back i'm back i'm back i've not been redacted but i did lose my train of thought

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what was i saying \*\*\*\* oh uh why they're not gonna go out uh it's essentially a question of how much they'll be willing to stick their neck out how much they're willing to break norms now as i have said all norms will be broken if they have to be but it is like an emergency type situation and will people in power in the republican party specifically in this judiciary and in these state legislatures where there's not as much scrutiny like not no one of them is ever going to lose their job because they fail to stop biden from winning people will just get mad at the deep state and the media and stuff and they'll get and they will not blame the dop for allowing it to happen uh i really don't think so so they have the freedom to to operate off of their self-interest as members of a party clique which is they are what they are which are independent from the interests of trump and trumpism which is entirely based on his personal uh uh uh not even political objectives but personal like mood objectives 0:11:26 and that there's no reason that they would want to have to spend being the party in power during a giant recession and continued covet crisis dealing with this guy's ego as the sole basis for party policy especially since they got what they wanted out of them judiciary locked up the veto in place if there ever comes a point like say bernie was on the ballot this time and it was closer for some reason and there's a few jump states they would press that they'd mash that button you wouldn't even have it wouldn't be a question of people matching it everyone would come spontaneously to the decision the self-interested decision that this is what we're gonna do just like there didn't need to be a big plan before uh before the 2000 election as soon as that ball got in the air and it was tipped they just everyone knew what to do because everyone knew what the stakes were at least the republicans of course the democrats weren't doing that the republicans instantly knew what the stakes were and that's all you need is everyone understanding the stakes and moving towards those ends at the same time then you have a spontaneous judicial coup and that will happen but i don't think it's going to happen in this election one because i don't think it's in it for 0:12:28 in it for the average republican judge or republican legislator for trump to win really especially at the risk of deepening a political crisis that might eventually snap back in their face of course there's no real reason to fear the current democratic party but you can't guarantee what's going to happen in even the median term considering how deeply deep the crisis is i mean some of these people know that but the other one and the other one is that i don't think it's going to be close enough you would need to have like three or f the idea that's all going to come down to pennsylvania i just if that's the case polling is not a thing anymore maybe it isn't but i think you need extraordinary evidence to make a claim so i'm going to hold off and say for now since i'm only predicting and this is why predicting things is stupid like it's an if then situation if polls are broken then trump will win but like well are they i don't know

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no one knows but yeah predicting stuff i talk about how like arguments online are exist just to be had and some in some cases i think people are aware of that at some level and i think i hope people are aware at some level that like people predicting who's going to win that that is purely ornamental speech but i don't know the way people get invested in it and the way that like they're signaling something by which uh thing they're predicting and how that speaks to their like overall credibility and whatever even though you're just talking about a snapshot of a moment and there's so many variables that nobody can have confirmed until we get some actual results it seems like you're uh you're putting your you're demanding too much of this as an emotional uh load star of conversation and and concern about investing ideas about who it is i speak for myself but i see a lot of and i usually i've tried not to do too much of it but it is literally tomorrow so i'm kind of psyching up because i'm gonna have to talk about it a lot and then one way or another i think there's going to be a big it's really interesting so we're not going to get catharsis no matter what happens no catharsis but i also don't think an explosion but i also don't know if we can continue the level of pitchiness without an explosion i think the only way to square that circle is if there's thwarted orgasm ruined orgasm as they say in the internet and just sort of like a refractory period i don't know i just think everyone's still gonna be miserable and tense there's not gonna be any kind of exhalation but i was also like even if trump wins there's not gonna be some apocalyptic confrontation with the state even if trump does a coup there's not going to be that there's going to be hyper normalization but how do we assimilate that at considering the level of uh tension and the fact that people are literally running out of money running out of money so there's a real material wick burning away in the background of all this cultural uh frenzy that the election is provoking and that's the thing that's really driving it like that's the actual engine and it doesn't appear to be that there's any chance that it's going to be extinguished before it hits the \*\*\*\*\* lame dump trunk will be very fun lame dump lane dump trump lame duck trump will be funny very funny uh i honestly think that if it's with if it's around nine or ten points which i think is really reasonable at this point to think of as an interp of a vote gap i think even with states not declaring right away i don't think trump's gonna have anything like the ambiguity in the air to even get the wheels spinning especially when you see these early decisions uh kind of setting the tone um but he and so he's gonna give it a go i think but the thing to remember about trump the most fundamental facet of him is that he is a coward which means that as soon as there's a bit of resistance he will crumble as soon as he makes a half-assed like uh request to like the joint chiefs uh and then they they rebuke him he will ah the famous turtle dick simile yes i've got turtle dicks on the mind because i'm always not far from thinking about mitch mcconnell i

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would be funny if he like literally crumbled into dust as soon as uh the new congress is inaugurated like he just he willed his body to stay together long enough to get the judiciary completely zipped up for a generation and then he just am i not sir at long last totally enough for the turtle club sir i ask you have you no sense of turtlehood at long last i mean people are going to go a little nutty that's going to be interesting but i see the vast majority of these suburban warriors everyone's kind of deciding to freak out about they're not going to do anything they're not gonna do anything there might you might see some uh some of those awesome like protests like where they drive onto the road and just park their cars it's perfect like you could hey go to the drive-in and get a \*\*\*\*\* uh guess get a soda and a burger and then just sit there and honk your horn what are they gonna storm uh state houses they're gonna raid armories no they're not going to do any of that a couple of their more unbalanced kids might do some sort of uh elliot roger \*\*\*\*\* but that's at this point that's just a background radiation and then of course you gotta factor in domestic gladio but i honestly think for at least a little bit i think that the powers that be are gonna try to \*\*\*\*\* down like tamping up was good for a while it was especially good when bernie was going on tamping up was good but now especially especially considering how high it got they're gonna want to tamp down a little bit so i wouldn't be surprised if the gladios got turned down although instead of uh or the gladios get busted more and you get just a bunch of uh fake fbi entrapment stings like the one they did in michigan to justify uh like the state and and like turn the left around on uh on the deep state basically because hey we live in reality and these institutions are the only thing standing us between us and the ravening mob the fascist hordes it'll be very interesting to see how q metabolizes the trump loss uh at this point i'm sure most of them are too far gone to consider that oh no maybe this was a dumb idea i think some of them will because you know not everybody's at the same level of commitment and of an imaginative you know an emotional uh uh identification and transference to it you know like people internalize concepts like cued at a point where it's like an identity and once that's the case nothing can change it because it's too fundamentally existentially terrifying because if you're not that what are you and that's a question that most people don't want to answer so it will have to for some good chunk of these guys it's going to have to be turned into something else and it'll be very interesting to see like trump is occluded is he is he going off to to summon god's angels and commence like a right like wait for the sign of his return i think that stuff might be i mean if it is just a modern-day gloss on the the evangelical christ story then it would make sense that it would it would culminate with like i think a a figure who essentially becomes the messiah like trump is no longer just because you know for for christians right for self-identified christians their leaders

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are their ideas of jesus you know that's one of the big reasons that people said that's so hypocritical for them to love trump so much but they viewed trump as like this embodiment of uh like this embodiment of all the that is worldly and corrupt but who it has like a godly soul which is of course the fate of all christians who know deep down that they lived the botched and fallen lives that they are totally slaves to the flesh slaves to the lives they have that they don't really have a spiritual sense at all uh and that they but they seek to transcend that that shadow knowledge and trump him stepping down for power can become some sort of passion play that you know will presage a redemptive resurrection that will then finally abolish the distinction between the world matter and the kingdom of heaven so i'm looking forward to it if that uh everyone has such opinions about daylight savings i can't i can't seem to care i don't know i like the fall back i like the extra hour i know people don't like that it gets dark early but it's not like abolishing the penny which i am much more passionate about it's just a symbol of how the like the the built the dependency bias of like a large bureaucratic state is genuinely infuriating it's one of those things that you need to have like democratic controls on the mechanisms of state to prevent like when it comes down to it the reason we still have pennies is because there are more people who are more deeply invested in the production of pennies than there are people who are even aware of like pennies as a stupid thing that we shouldn't have like because the it's essentially i think the copper lobby or something wants to maintain demand as a lobby that keeps the bucket that makes sure nobody even comes near the penny and who's going to make the penny their priority and that's what you would need you'd need enough people to have make the penny their priority to make it a litmus test of involvement in government or politics and that's just not going to happen because who is what is the vested capitalist interest in not having the penny and since there isn't one it'll just continue forever and that is a small silly example but it it it's this rolling ball of gunk that fills every piston of governance and you know people say that that's that's like oh that's bureaucracy that's the nature of the state well no in this case in a lot of cases it's the nature of capitalist capture of the state like the specific interest capture that's part of the broader you know assimilation between like ideally i think from the from the liberal model of the state not the way it is but the way they theorize it is that yes you know they will admit maybe if you really corner them all right yes liberal the liberal uh government liberal bourgeois government it really is the executive committee of capitalism but i'm a liberal i think capitalism is good and if we're going to have it which we should we should have it integrated into a system of democratic check that can prevent the colliding and uncoordinated uh short-term interests of specific capitalist concerns from leading to a accumulation of inefficiency and conf waste more than anything

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uh that essentially make the government no longer functional either and and turn eventually government towards the specific uh interests or perceived interests of a smaller section of capital that maybe doesn't know what the \*\*\*\*\* it actually does want maybe it because it cannot see beyond the end of its nose and it brings the whole edifice down and they would say no we don't want that we want we want uh we want a uh seamlessness there between the interests uh and and they and checking 0:25:50 the emergence of like specific uh capital formations taking power over the overall and conservatives point to that and say no look this is bureaucracy this is bureaucracy this is this is the doom of the liberal uh cons uh uh this is the doom of the liberal conception of state and liberals only real response is uh no we gotta just get rid of the corruption but it's like well where how if the whole system is powered by money at every point and it is just a piston response system of industries uh you know engaging with industries and and capitalist individuals in firms and such uh and individually like interacting with the government and producing outcomes that they want for themselves uh eventually wherever there's more concentration of capital there's gonna be more concentration of influence and that means there's no way to have the system that you're imagining you can have unless you eliminate profit and 0:26:52 you eliminate capitalism from the mechanism and you clear that out of the out of the the so that's like a a central right-wing critique of like the liberal project and once again as with all these things the finger points backward it's not crony capitalism it's capitalism capitalism becomes crony inherently no matter what kind of uh equal uh playing field you're starting from and of course you're never starting from one it just accumulates pockets that then uh self-deal so even your even your i uh idealized liberal state will not be able to prevent specific interests from overwhelming any generalized interest because remember the liberal idea is sure yes it's capitalism it's it's the it's the executive board of capitalism but capitalism is just the accumulated choices of people that's the liberal idea it's like the yeah of course the market should 0:27:54 be this the total thing because the market is the expression of choices of people and therefore what they want to do is what should be done and therefore the state should just coordinate it and make sure that it's it can't exist within like a a safe space of like market transaction but even on its own terms it fails because of the unequal distribution of uh capital within industries and within interest segments and demographics that buckle it and turn it even away from your idealized notion of a general will that is expressed through you got to get rid of the profit you gotta get rid of the capitals you have to just you have to socialize the surplus i would love to 0:28:57 be an admiral someone said general will admiral matt what was the other one who is felix going to be colonel colonel yeah he's he's like those ops guys you know they don't want to be on a desk so they're not general generally maybe a captain even i'm

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not really cold it's in the 40s it really is i run hot anyway and i grew up in the frozen wastes so i generally don't get very cold but i gotta say a lot of people are wondering what's going to happen in the coming weeks and months and i've decided and it's going to be a little bit because i've made a few commitments i now realize you know uh in the immediate going on some other shows to talk about what i think is going to happen i'm really hoping though that like after sort of getting it out of my system following this you know this specific pageant that we all get psychically fixated on every two years or four depending on your level of intensity of worship um i'm going to stop trying to predict anything because without the election coming up there's nothing to peg it on it's all vaguely in the future and so there's less of a pressure to specifically opine on things going to happen so i'm going to try as much as i can i'm going to make a conscious effort to reduce my amount of predicting things because it really is uh it's catnip it's it's it's a it's a uh it's an people are saying is chapel gonna be funny undermine i honestly think it's gonna be a whole new i know this is self-serving but if mine wins there's going to be some hijinks because like he's going to be president you know his brain is jelly he is so out to launch in a completely different way than trump is which means we're not going to get you know it's not going to be boring just very funny and then the fact that they're going to have to dress up whatever like uh monstrous neoliberal regime they're going to do out in like uh like inclusive woke language and the army of people who are gonna try to do it on its behalf and the number of people who are gonna go from like prison abolitionists to like talking about working within the system and understanding like what the realm of the possible is oh that's going to be finger looking good seriously they're going to be so many people who couldn't support bernie because he didn't he was like against he wasn't for reparations or some \*\*\*\*\* are gonna be \*\*\*\*\* bending over backwards to defend this old white man imposing this austerity uh authoritarian neoliberalism it'll be it'll be worthy fodder and the way they're gonna like have kamala out there to try to like remind people hey they're a few it's not it's not it's not this old skeleton there's a new pup there's a new bottle i'm gonna we're gonna do a ritual dances like the spirit of the party is gonna infuse me and now it's gonna be all bouncy and inclusive to match our messaging even though the actual policy is the same cheese grater to the soul what man i got to say that that video of uh of of schumer saying i got i heard about this veteran who lost his job to decoved and then got his house taken away and killed himself and how as a result we're going to introduce legislation to require police to require and fund uh local police to do inter i mean this is this is the ratchet effect it's like you make the life on top intolerable and then conditions of intolerability create uh you know pathologies and then you you put all of your energy into fighting these things that are direct outgrowths of the system like look

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at \*\*\*\*\* france like look at macron macron is doing one of the most disgusting and cynical \*\*\*\*\* pieces of politicking i've seen in a long time i honestly say more like self-consciously evil than almost anything trump's done uh so the boy the boy wonder 0:34:11  
macron knows that he is on a knife's edge that he is like the the opinion poster man for this this unbridled neoliberal state that is like coming for the french way of life like they're fighting but they're coming for it and the resistance to that is it's it's it's not polarized the law from right to left culturally like there's a big right-wing chunk of it like like the front national and then you know you got melanchon and stuff and macron knows that you know the french love love picking somebody to fix this intractable crisis uh not do anything and then get really mad at them and throw them out and he doesn't want to be that he doesn't want to be chump bait so what he's doing is he has decided to declare war on like a separatist islam uh in order to polarize that right-wing populism towards him and mobile and and uh and 0:35:12  
undermine the the the risk that uh the national front and marine le pen who le pen was the uh opponent in the last the run-off opponent to the winner in the last two presidential elections and and i think got a significantly larger vote the second time he saw the writing on the wall potential the arc of that and he wanted to interrupt it very much like cameron deciding to do a brexit vote to neutralize ukip cynical manipulation of a cultural problem that is caused by the fact that uh i mean yeah there's like cultural issues with france in uh assimilating anybody but there's this fundamental you know perpetuating uh uh neoliberal austerity and specifically the fact that like that french you know uh way of life was never really extended to um muslims who came to france and and they exist as a economic underclass and these things cannot and will not be addressed instead you hit the beehive with a stick to 0:36:13  
get everyone frenzied to to essentially make any kind of class project impossible and now like \*\*\*\*\* horrible shit's gonna happen like the guy gets killed a teacher gets killed there's attacks and people say well look at this is this proof he was right it's like well he's right that there is a problem that he literally is completely invested in not doing anything about except to profit from the creation of it someone says uh do i think that chapel would have been funnier if hillary had won i know that that's what we thought at the time because we had basically prepared for hillary winning and had a had an idea what to do with it uh i don't know i mean she's very funny 0:37:14  
but she's also kind of she's got um she's got x-pock heat you know what i mean and yes some of it is some of it is gendered i'm not i'm going to admit but it's not entirely like hillary clinton has a transparent hatred that she hides behind this screen of fakeness that is so revolting to me anyway and yes it's probably gendered to a degree but it's it's i feel it like resonating like off of like but my fillings and i don't know if that would have like made it less amazing over time or if that would have

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made it funnier i don't know uh i do think we did pretty good making fun of giving the business to the old uh orange uh the old the old mango mussolini uh the saffron uh the saffron satrap i don't know uh but we're gonna find out if making fun of you 0:38:15  
know the uh the wokification of neoliberalism i do think that the the the hairpin turn that's going to happen with the maximalist rhetoric around around around identity issues that has been whipped up like the notion that we are in this like hell hole of white supremacy that requires immediate revolution and that you can't reform this i think that is gonna pop and watching the fallout from that and seeing the entire media try to act like not only is this decrepit old man uh some sort of uh civil rights 0:39:17  
icon and uh slay queen but uh that he's not mentally incapacitated because you've got to figure he's they're not gonna be able to do i mean trump proves that you don't actually have to do anything to be president i mean he watched tv all day like they could put him in front of a tv it wouldn't even have to be on um but you still have to give speeches you know and you still have to do semi-regular contact just to like shape the narrative because you know you're the one everyone looks to and that's going to be a lot of stress on the brake pads he's going to be smoking and you'll have an attire and the media will be very funny to watch to watch these guys who spent the last four years you know doing the whole resistance insurgents thing you know p uh descent is patriotic uh deciding that the deep state uh that the the police uh the 0:40:21  
police power of the united states is now legitimate john biden was pretty sharp in the debates i said although the first one he was really blown off the blocks by trump and then uh centering his like stream of consciousness i don't know it's like next to trump i guess it's okay but he really does get he can you see in his eyes he doesn't know where he is i guess i would say and that happened multiple times during the debates like you could there there would always there was a there's these moments when you know you're arguing it's like answer the question and uh somebody will like have to be like wait what was the question because you know it was a long clause he would have those moments but you could tell it wasn't about what the question was it was like deeper than that it was where am i what is this like he was having to 0:41:22  
go he was having to like collect himself more than just what question were you asking like there's no there's no adherence to anything other than the very narrow tunnel in front of him he has this way that he like tries to name three things and by the third one he just runs out of gas he was talking about how uh trump is inciting racial uh hatred and he goes praising charlottesville telling them they're very fine people building a wall it's all a mexican's rapist just going out there and doing all kinds of stuff i can't get to a third specific example can't actually engage beyond just the most capaciously nerf like sentences and and uh and phrases that just it's like it's like somebody getting like a diamond ring in a giant box filled with p packing peanuts

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like there's like the actual the actual content of the senses he says even in a debate 0:42:23  
where people said he was good are just these tiny little kernels and it's just the rest  
of it's just uh peanut packing peanuts and i don't i wouldn't be surprised if they try  
to have him step down depending on how like the the whole operation goes i mean  
maybe maybe dr jill biden is the 21st century edith wilson maybe she's able to lock  
that \*\*\*\*\* down her and like her hand-picked chief of staff are able to lock it down  
i don't know maybe the obamas take over maybe rahm emanuel is the man maybe  
the clintons somehow stage a \*\*\*\*\* comeback like uh hillary sneaks in disguised as a  
uh as an intern i do not think that he will run for reelection that's for sure it's funny 0:43:26  
as and i also have to say though like whatever adrenochrome based therapies they  
have for these guys work well because before the primary before the uh convention  
i was half convinced and a few times i was able to fully convince myself that they  
were going to try to switch him out because he was transparently not up for the job i  
think eventually they realized that kovid kind of covered for a lot of it and they were  
able to reserve him they were able to keep him like on the battery saver mode in a  
way they wouldn't have been able to do he didn't really do a basement he was out  
and about but like they were able to curtail it in a way they would have been able to  
do if it was a normal election uh and i didn't maybe i didn't anticipate that how how  
well that would go in terms of not hurting his polling like i kind of my assumption  
was him not being out there was gonna hurt his polling but no turns out he's the  
alternative all these things are set all this stuff's baked in nobody's really considering  
moment-to-moment changes really other than at the margins and those people aren't  
really paying attention to you know how much he talks and what he sounds like in  
his or his record or anything like that he's just the not trump option which i think is 0:44:27  
going to be the more popular option and so they got him through they're going to get  
him through election day i don't know at the rigors of the office like i said it might  
not be rigorous but it's going to be a question of the power dynamic that emerges  
in the white house and that's the thing i can't know so once again i'm see i'm still  
i'm still predicting things i'm still \*\*\*\*\* predicting things i said after the election  
though so the election still happened it hasn't happened yet i'm getting it out of my  
system i'm trying to use this week to squeeze all the \*\*\*\*\* toothpaste out of my  
tube and leave me you know i thought i think jim carrey's uh joe biden impression  
is actually a decent impression of joe biden like he kind of has the same croaky voice  
like some of the same intonations as him the difference is is that he is much more 0:45:29  
coherent than joe biden which is why it's not a funny impression and the reason it's  
it's it's not good as like an impression for something like snl is because impressions  
are supposed to exaggerate things to make them funny instead what jim carrey has  
done is he has taken all the absurd things about joe biden and sanded them down

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into a less terrifying least uh uh incoherent uh like like a friendly grandfather like they literally had him do uh uh the fred robinson uh did fred robinson uh the the mr rogers \*\*\*\*\* with the \*\*\*\*\* like they're they're they're not trying to say wow isn't that they're trying to like enforce that that's manufacturing consent because the snl writers are and cast are in an unprecedented fashion uh just clearly doing propaganda on behalf of the biden campaign because they literally brought a guy in who's known for doing big wacky exaggerated uh stuff to do a version where joe biden is boringly coherent and maybe he'll just maybe he maybe he wanders off a little bit 0:46:30 grandpa but you know at the end of the day he's still he's still sharp as attack he's spry i mean that's a that's a that's serving a campaign function of course maybe it's just the fact that like they already don't really exaggerate anything about trump uh baldwin that's because you can't exaggerate trump i think you can exaggerate biden or you could at least not do the opposite of humor with the character like this they're trying to be funny with trump they're deliberately not being funny with the biden impression they're putting their \*\*\*\*\* thumb on the scale and the thing is it's like if you're a conservative i can see why that's alienating it allows you to feel like you're oppressed and if you're not oppressed but i can understand why seeing like all of the tv stations of which we only have a finite number all the things that have like 0:47:31 a cachet of mainstream culture and are accessible across like a broad demographic are all in alignment against you i mean that's why they give yeah like uh that's why the good impressions of trump uh not mine because i do try to exaggerate it but i'm trying to just like do a soul i'm just trying to do a soul impression people are trying to like make it sound like him you can't make it sound like him more and make him funnier you can just sound like him and then it's what you talk about and it's just doing a it's it's having his words come out of the mouth of someone else folks you can't do it you're so good scooby-doo i have kept up with a good lord bird 0:48:39 still have not warmed to it i guess i see what he's trying to do it's not terrible i just haven't really found it terribly engaging like forgetting any ideological or historical issues with it i have found a lot of uh just the stuff isn't very interesting i mean it just doesn't it doesn't interest me as a uh gloss on the material which you know i'm familiar with like i'm not really learning a lot here so it's an interpretation and i'm not really grabbing it's nothing that grabs me the come lord bird come on that's chat come on i think we're better than that very very crude fargo uh ooh terrible sprinkles not jimmy's i'm not a i don't know there's like nothing i like about like 0:49:47 the fargo season i don't like the heavy-handed way that it plays its uh its themes i don't like a lot of the performances that like that the italian brother is like he's in a silent movie and chris rock is not a good actor never has been he's a stand-up comedian and the characters aren't interesting i um if trump wins revolution no to 0:51:6

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put it lightly no the one thing i know is that if trump wins it will be by stealing it but that no matter how if he successfully steals it it will be uh not metabolized as a coup it will have a patina a fig leaf of legitimacy enough so that as outraged as people get they will for the most part talk themselves off of the precipice of doing anything about it because at the end of the day they are relatively comfortable only in the sense that they would perceive their precarity more than anything they could win out of some sort of apocalyptic but i think that anything that would like actually look like a coup to the point where it could not be metabolized you know just canceled election guns in the streets that kind of thing they wouldn't do that like i said the forces that would do that are not invested in trump enough to do it on his behalf ah waukesha wisconsin uh fascinating place so crucial waukesha county as it's called is one of the gop strongholds in wisconsin it is the county directly west of milwaukee and it is the white flight uh headquarters uh it is where everybody went in the 60s the blockbusting within city neighborhoods was uh successful and they are uh very concerned about public transit out there they really don't like the extension of bus lanes they really don't like the idea of any metropolitan rail system we had a we had a mayor of milwaukee who was like kind of a mini uh daily there he was got he was mayor for like 16 years his his machine ran the city his name was norquist and his single policy objective of his \*\*\*\*\* 16 years in office was to extend some sort of light rail system connecting the suburbs to the city and it was the providing political project of the generation of politicians that scott walker emerged out of actually the guys around mike mark belling and like the talk radio and uh and like waukesha county republican uh uh political uh leader you know uh formation uh and and they vote a lot they vote their votes come in suspiciously late sometimes uh and they off they often form the uh the margin in a lot of like off-year races and stuff like uh especially supreme court which is lamentably elected in wisconsin which means for a long time uh right wing uh would just buy it by spending more on ads than their democrats could raise but yeah it's very racialized as you could imagine milwaukee being one of the most violently segregated big cities in america i think number one by many metrics i i went to college there but of course like it's been uh diversifying a little bit recently the irony of irony is there uh for me is that so waukesha was originally a resort town it had a it had a system of hot springs so people would come and take the waters and albert parsons actually one of the haymarket martyrs after the haymarket bombing fled chicago and he was hiding out in waukesha before he turned himself in but there was a uh like a water war with uh chicago over the waters from the hot springs from waukesha and it saw like armed confrontations over people digging pipelines and now 100 years later not only are the springs all gone or if they i sure as hell don't know if there's anywhere you can go and

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take them if you can but the water table is contaminated with radon and they want access to milwaukee's water the place that they fled the county right next to the lake that has access and privilege to whitewater thanks to the great lakes compact which is to prevent any areas outside the immediate contact area of the great lakes 0:56:18 from accessing it in the coming and now they want hey you know we like fled and took all of our uh tax money with us and you know created a hyper-segregated social corridor sanitary that we heavily policed could we get some of your water please well the water war is between places that currently have access to great lakes places that want it like for example \*\*\*\*\* arizona arizona wants and the great lakes compact is a regional agreement to prevent that from happening but i don't think that's going 0:57:20 to stop it from getting all right guys i hope everybody's excited for tomorrow i hope everybody's ready to take a \*\*\*\*\* uh potato peeler to their frontal lobe one way or the other metaphorically uh by observing and absorbing and having wash over you the results of our magnificent democratic pageant uh we will probably i kind of think 0:58:22 we will not we will not have a call there will be no check mark there will be no call to on election night because i think the the media is so neurotically fixated on not accidentally helping trump \*\*\*\*\* do a coup that they're not gonna do that uh but i think that you will probably know before you go to bed who won if it's biden that would be my prediction and i would say that since i think like

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uh okay i think by now we've established everything is inherently worthless and there's nothing in the universe with any kind of objective professor to scream for a hundred years split the sky with a thousand curses to tell the evil that men do honey you wouldn't even scratch the surface too many implications not enough time to make them explicit too many generalizations not enough time to make them specific hi folks so uh some was there a vote last what happened was there a sports ball uh 0:1:2 oh boy uh i've not really looked at anything i looked at the the the uh i streamed through stuff a little bit to find out just the general stake it looks like we're get it's going to be the bush gore again it's going to be bush gore again they're trying to stop count votes from being counted there's legal challenges it's bush b gore uh it's a coin flip though i mean it's i'd still my gut says trump pulls it out but you know biden could still win at this point i realized the full stupidity and futility of protecting anything in politics how it is totally futile i'll explain more about that as we go on but uh but that's as much as i'm going to talk about i'm not actually interested that uh much like the debate the first debate with the biden between bind and trump where just the experience of it helped me like sear me into a deep level a deeper level that i've ever been able to like uh um lock down my knowledge that there's no reason to listen to these guys talk because nothing they say means anything something you know deeply but it's not accessible when you're dealing with 0:2:3 it and you end up getting caught up because you can't detach and then that debate helped me detached this election another one of those moments where you are able finally only in the in the uh aftermath of it to look back and see what the hell you were even in the middle of the owl of minerva alights at dusk as hegel said you can only know the \*\*\*\* what was going on until afterwards which is why the entire concept of predicting elections in the first place the entire nate silver world is an absurd and insane uh uh pursuit it's a pure it's a pure entertainment product that's the thing they pretend it's it's suppose polls are supposed to be a science but they're an entertainment product and it's like you have a choice do you accept the reality of that and then decide i'm gonna um you know what i'm gonna have some fun with

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this uh i know it's an entertainment product let's do the horse race or you're gonna be like no this isn't an entertainment product this is actually real science like nate silver and then you drive yourself insane because if nate silver was smart he would have realized that what he was selling in 2012 when he became popular was not 0:3:4  
um expertise or science specific scientific knowledge or anything he did a thing that any \*\*\*\*\* uh first year statistics student would have done could have done which is just \*\*\*\*\* aggregate polls instead of looking at one specific one that's easy uh he just specifically did it in a year where by happenstance you had a situation where liberals still traumatized by uh the last election that didn't go their way in 2004 were absolutely nauseous at the thought of obama losing to mitt romney and they did what liberals always do before an election they pull their hair out and freak out about oh my god we're blowing it because they know in their heart they're \*\*\*\*\* blowing it and the thing is is that they're always blowing it but you know it takes time for blowing it to really sink in so you might still win a few elections here there and hey maybe um uh and they're like oh my god obama's gonna lose and then 0:4:7  
specifically when he lost the first debate mr obama mr smooth mr entertainer ate \*\*\*\*\* in the first debate in 2012. o'romney was seen in by basically everybody as the winner and that almost never happens to a republican in a \*\*\*\*\* presidential debate and his numbers dipped a little bit and liberals were tearing their hair out and nate silver was the one place they could go on the website the internet to feel a dope a soothing cooling feeling instead of anxiety and freaking out and oh my god because they had nate silver there oh and he poured over them like a holy gravy and to feel centered again and then when he won when obama won and it wasn't even really that close he uh and the one person who had told them and calmed them and petted them and kept them kept their bot kept them on the couch and and sated and sued like mommy's finger before that election was nate silver and so they just decided to worship him and dumbass nate silver instead of looking at that be like oh \*\*\*\*\* i got lucky i better cash in and then just like figuring out a new grift decides no i'm gonna i actually know something and i'm gonna find out things and so what happens 0:5:9  
oh no those conditions don't obtain anymore that was just happenstance that you provided that service for those liberals that entertainment service for those liberals now in the midterm when no people don't really care as much how do you make that interesting because they don't need to be sued and then 2016 it was the other way around everybody assumed hillary was gonna win and so what did they need nate silver for he was he was discarded like yesterday's uh toy and he was freaking out about it and trying to like figure out no there's still a value add for me and so what he could do is just say unlike everyone else who says it's 95 hillary i say it's 75 hillary and then of course he felt vindicated after the election and everyone else was

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like you're an idiot but once again he was correct in a narrow sense it's like yes there was a huge statistical voting error that was making everybody's predictions off and he was able to recognize it more than almost any of the other aggregators were able to that's still a value-add but it's not what they wanted they wanted the oohs they wanted and now we're in the first election where nobody trusts polls at all which means nate silver has nothing to contribute they don't even remember why they liked him and he's frantically trying to like find a way out of this maze to find a way where he can give himself a a a like a a status as a scientific scientist somehow or an authority when he is doing a thing that is fundamentally irrational and meaningless when you say 75 it's it what is it right now uh it's if trump's up four in michigan no he's not that's not a thing all of this is just what is the general vibe like if an election happened today and that means it's it means things in like you know a lot of big numbers way but it has it has essentially no there is no uh the amount of like objective scientific like attachment to the material reality is very very tenuous to begin with and then there's the fact that the end result is a binary outcome where your percentages mean nothing because it's going to be one or the other so giving me a percentage is not an answer it's not a scientific response to the thing because it's not a thing that's worth doing it is not a science because there's no reason to do that other than to provide entertainment for people i mean yes polls are used to like guide coverage and stuff but for the people who consume news polls exist to provide entertainment either or yay boo a little more for the for the uh for the pop and hiss of the political theater that we're living the mug's game of predicting these things and i and i felt leading up to the election i felt like every time i was prodded to talk about what i thought was going to happen with the election anything from who's going to win to was there going to be a coup or was there going to be some sort of all these questions uh were ones that are essentially like asking somebody what's what's the poll say it's like i'm just looking at the polls but i don't know if polls are real we're not going to know if polls are real until the election happens and now we know polls are not real anymore and it's because i think i don't know this but i suspect it's at this point the only people who answer a poll are a person are on one side of a coming divide i'm going to talk about with an american uh politics that's now emerging between people went to college and people who didn't i.e broadly speaking people who see politics as a field of meaning or people who see it as one uh option among a bunch of other options in an entertainment menu that they choose not to really engage with and that means that those people are the people are the demographic slice that everybody talks about and the democratic party is most fixated on and is the majority of voters in that they're the ones who show up every two years but then there's this other group of people who show up every four

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years what is their thought and i say those people do not \*\*\*\*\* pick up the phone 0:9:15  
that's what i say i have no way of proving that but it doesn't matter it's just it's  
i'm just speculating on a hypothesis it doesn't matter what matters is is that there's  
a systemic and now undeniable break that means you don't you can't you cannot  
think you know unless you want to just be like assume it's just like add a number or  
something you know at that point you're just and i'm very glad and polling breaking  
breaks another thing in me and that is uh and that is just to look at this to look  
at the voting outcome look what we're seeing with these returns and seeing how it  
uh blows up a lot of our perceptions and understandings of how american politics  
operates uh and honestly i feel like in the last four years like i feel like we breached  
out of a like a reality out of like earth a when trump won we're like thrown into  
a quantum state where whoa that was a big that was a weird bump that was like 0:10:16  
that was like one of those things that was in the arc of history one of those moments  
that's one of those few moments that is both contingent and consequential because  
you know all events all events obviously are you know enmeshed with both of those  
historically most historical events are a concept if they're consequential they're not  
contingent but there are a few some assassinations battle and war uh outcomes uh  
uh big social like pivot points where you actually do have both uh contingency and  
uh um consequence and that put us in this quantum state of like what did we run  
into and then our response to it was going to be how we figured it out and among  
people who were on the left the response was oh \*\*\*\*\* battle stations what do we  
do now of course the republic the democratic party decided and didn't decide and  
i'll get to that later but did what it was essentially programmed and required to  
do by its own internal algorithm which was attack right tacked to the center attack 0:11:18  
towards disaffected republicans who were grossed out by trump that was inevitable  
and could not have been stopped nobody made a decision to do that any more than  
anybody wakes up at \*\*\*\*\* goldman sachs and gets on the phone and says hey  
uh make more money today no one does that it's just it's it's it's the underlying  
logic that you never even get to in a day-to-day conversation of motives and stuff  
the deep deep structure of ideology um but the contingent thing was the emergence  
of the bernie sanders concept the social democratic alternative to uh to the new  
coke of dlc uh democratic politics and the four years where people drop manning  
battle stations and trying to like okay we're in new space but what does it mean  
all right uh well hillary did terribly because they didn't talk about material issues  
and the democrats had gone away from labor and we need to recommit to material  
uh politics right and you get a big quorum of people on the left saying yep that  
was it and they said all right well let's do it and from certain assumptions they 0:12:20  
operated and one of the big ones was we have to change the electorate this electorate

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is trapped in this partisan box where these people are just biting each other's faces off because they're just bored suburbanites who are watching television you have to have skin in the game in terms of feeling like changing society is something that needs to happen and and that your perception of your own self-interest is merged with a class of people like oh this is going to help and so that's what bernie did that's what bernie tried to do tried to operate off that big uh huge bump in his popularity and and people's awareness of him and then he hit the streets for four years we all operated off the assumption and we operated the assumption that if you change the electorate you enlarge the electorate and if you enlarge the electorate by definition you will break through a lot of the structures that the constitution and now later on gerrymandering and self-dealing by the gop at the state level have erected against 0:13:22 like popular participation in government which would mean popular participation by working class people because there's more of them than there are owners uh and that was that was those were the assumptions and i held all of them i held all of them and i think basically everybody did until yesterday and if they're not if they're not dropping them now this is the point where you're like you're \*\*\*\*\* up i don't blame anybody for accepting that that was the reality i think everybody was operating off of that base assumption and we weren't going to know until the election and bernie's primary defeat really signaled that oh maybe this isn't how this works because bernie was able to get a good chunk of those democratic voters the young engaged ones uh and and brought you know and he did get some working-class people who were aware enough of politics cared enough about it and knew who he was to believe who he was because he was so genuine like he read authentically in a way that only guys 0:14:23 like trump do and which you need to actually break through like the the kayfabe of politics to get at people who are not already invested in it uh he was the guy he was the potential like he would if anyone was gonna do it it was gonna be bernie sanders but the thing is if he was gonna do it he would have been able to do it in a country where in the smaller hot house of the of the uh primary campaign where you have individual states where you have turnout that is much lower than it is in a general election that you can micro target through outreach which you can you do because you have a big army of motivated volunteers and a ton of money from people willing to \*\*\*\*\* put it in for it and they did it they \*\*\*\*\* did it i saw it folks i saw it and it got results but what it didn't do was get decisive results and we know that because whatever you want to say about the dnc rigging it for biden at the end of the day if bernie had been able to expand beyond the base of democratic uh primary voters it wouldn't have mattered that they coalestronpide because he would have been able to have a chunk that could have still overwhelmed them he was left 0:15:25 with this fragment it was never it had the lowest he had the lowest floor but he also

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had the highest ceiling which is what we found out because it wasn't going anywhere because no one was coming in from outside of it because the door had closed and now we get these results where we see that uh yes the dnc strategy of appealing to uh suburban republicans worked they moved there the white people moved white people with college degrees or associate social status moved to by that happened and it might have been enough for him to still win but at the same time not only do you see a continued drop away in working-class white working-class white democratic vote but what's this you're seeing a racial dealing among latinos here and even a 0:16:27 little bit among blacks where now though that that's that that bifurcation is now extending beyond the dreaded white working class maybe it's just the dread white working class were like the canary in the coal mine and because they were privileged they didn't really get uh get a fair hearing when they started getting pissed off that everything was going to \*\*\*\*\* around them because hey they didn't have it as bad as the minorities but now these people who are supposed to by the fact that they have it worse than white people as a group are supposed to inherently band together and against whiteness what's this turns out that the culture \*\*\*\*\* works on them the same way it works as everybody when all you're doing is clicking channels and this is what you're saying you're not getting this structural \*\*\*\*\* about like what these things mean what these cultural uh arrangements are you're literally just creating two political parties uh where the message is from one don't be a \*\*\*\*\* and the other is don't be an \*\*\*\*\* and you gotta pick one and that is a question that is asked on a devil that transcends things like race it gets to like \*\*\*\*\* like deep uh like primal 0:17:29 associations with you know like concepts like aggression versus cooperation like and all that stuff that's supposed to matter shatters and so we're seeing no coattails and so even though this might be enough to get biden across the finish line what it did not do and no one can deny this is that it has denied him the ability to govern right we all get that everyone understands that right like no matter what happens here governing is over you're gonna have a \*\*\*\*\* uh uh a tied senate maybe uh with biden uh and a reduced house majority with han nancy pelosi at the realm nothing will don't will happen uh and that is all because the the coattails don't exist in that concept and of course the model of the change people the bernie people that i was 0:18:30 was well if he got bernie in there c he would have changed that because he would have got those working-class people to vote for their material interests because he would have been engaging it and i think that would have been true to an extent and i think bernie would have won much more decisively than this but on the question of coattails and creating like a governing ability in this country uh it's it's grim it's grim because what happened in this election is what the left broadly has been wanting to happen for a generation which is for people to show up to people to start paying

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attention because the assumption is the mass of americans because they have like broad liberal left-wing conceptions of you know the working class and the and the ruling class that they ascribe that they believe even if they might not agree on who those constitute they believe that that is the central tension in paul they understand vaguely that that's the case because that's why they think of themselves as uh on the left is so that if you can get participation you can breach the walls around democracy and flood the zone with people just voting their own interests but this election we got that break 100 uh uh the biggest turnout in the century uh shattered records everywhere because kovid made it easier for people to vote so a lot of people who vote casually which means they don't put a lot of emotional investment in voting which means they have not ascribed to a lot of the cultural values around citizenship that lead you to wanting to be a member of the don't be an \*\*\*\*\* party uh they got out there and they're like and i think that if bernie had been out there he might have got the same deal because at the end of the day i honestly think this and jeremy corbyn is why i believe this people don't think that they can change anything with politics anything structural if it's structural it is by definition not political that is what we believe because that's what we believe and why do we believe it because it's what we live we it is the just our lived experience ironically enough our collective lived experience is capitalist realism it is that because we stopped having a uh a like a class adversarial relationship at the top level of government in the 70s and that the democratic project has basically been dead since then uh and that as a result of that the two parties don't argue about things like how how long should people work whether that should be the conditions of their work what should be remuneration what should be the standard of living for america those questions are not political to people even if we talk about them sometimes high-mindedly and what that means is that at this point i feel like if you get in front of a bunch of people casuals who are going to just come into the polls because it's so easy now they're going to hear you say i want to get rid of get medicare for all and i want to make everybody have free college just like corbin did because corbin got to run a general election where he got to make his message spread in a country where they have a \*\*\*\*\* parliamentary system where if he got in power he could actually have done some stuff because they don't have our stupid \*\*\*\*\* constitution it's a majority rule and yet uh in the in the red in the red uh the red red out there the red wall they went uh with they went for brexit because brexit was more real to them than the stuff corbin was promising because they didn't think he was telling them the truth and even though some people are going to be disarmed by the genuineness of a guy like corbin and bernie and that's going to get you some people it's not going to get you enough people and a lot of people are gonna see it and they're gonna be like yeah and then they're gonna go

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back to the big questions which are cultural uh and i think one of the big reasons that there's a disconnect here and that like the political class and by that i mean literally people who pay attention to politics at all uh and give investment into their vote uh they believe that um when they think of a political party they think of it as a historical entity and they think of it as having a history of things that it's done and as having a coherent platform that involves things like distribution of resources but the thing is that's only if you learn that \*\*\*\*\* and keep it in your head when you think about the democratic party for these casual voters who will come in if there's a breeze they will be blown into the voting booth they uh they only see the party in front of them and the democratic party is the party that is just says don't be an \*\*\*\*\* in a wheeling voice say come on guys do we have to be so mean because as trump says trump's big joiner to the kids in cages is who's built the cages and the thing is we're gonna have cages and the question becomes culturally are we gonna be an \*\*\*\*\* about having the cages or are we gonna be a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* about having the cages and that's the difference liberals say i don't wanna don't be we gotta have cages but don't be an \*\*\*\*\* about cages liberals democrat republicans say look we gotta have cages don't be a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* about cages that's it those are the two parties as people understand them as cultural uh uh signals like those things in older generations the people that make up the leadership of these political parties and are largely like disproportionately hurt in its culture such that it is this is political culture self-conscious political culture they all remember a time lived in their lives when there was some sort of uh ideological coherence and meaning to the democratic party that involved material relationship but people living now certainly ones who just decided to vote in 2020 do not have that they see the don't be an \*\*\*\*\* party they don't be a \*\*\*\*\* party and whether you want to be an \*\*\*\*\* or \*\*\*\*\* in america comes down to did you go college thank you that's it educational attainment did you go to the etiquette school a thing that used to get you entry into a real middle class right because you get a professional degree and it would give you an access to a professional lifestyle those are gone but the attendant social uh uh prestige is still there and so people still go to college and consider themselves part of this thing even though it doesn't get them anything but the same gig economy job everybody else has but it changes the way they vote but not on material basis because that's not part of our politics and then you have the people uh who and in college you learn you know hey we're moving papers around in here we're we're muffling all the horrible \*\*\*\*\* that our system creates all the blood that we create when we create a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* language that we talk to each other nicely good good phrases and we raise our pinkies up we learn this from the british when we talk about how many \*\*\*\*\* slave barges we've just moved through the port of \*\*\*\*\* equatorial guinea uh we have

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acculturated ourselves to the brutality of extraction of being at the top of a pyramid 0:25:40  
of human misery and so we've learned how to uh kind of ext let off the steam of the  
anxiety of living that every day the horror of it in the form of liberal politics like it  
used to be manners it used to be religion then it became manners after god died and  
that manners used to be you know in the old reactionary era pinkie extended stiff  
upper lip \*\*\*\*\* manners now need uh post-60s uh mommy we all we all love each  
other hug box uh snowflake stuff if you want to call it uh and so you go through  
that fire and you get the message don't be a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* now the thing is a lot of  
guys are going to hear even going through that system just because you think i'm  
actually going to make money out of this like the ones who go into college thinking  
hey i'm going to really get a career out of it the suckers in other words they're going  
to come out reactionary because \*\*\*\*\* this you know what i want to be an \*\*\*\*\*  
because the don't be an \*\*\*\*\* thing it's so awfully con ascending and sadistic and 0:26:43  
contentless it has no meaning related to anyone's actual lives it says keep your voice  
down we're trying to study and what if you don't \*\*\*\*\* want to study what if you  
don't \*\*\*\*\* want to study \*\*\*\*\* what am i studying for you used to be able to say  
i'm studying to get a job but now that's not it i'm studying so i can sit around with  
another bunch of people and pretend that i'm part of a \*\*\*\*\* cognitive elite but one  
of the things about that was once you're out of that there's the sucking sunk cost  
and it's like \*\*\*\*\* i'm not backing i'm not going bad i'm not gonna be like my dad  
no no i'm a good leftist i'm a lib and it's going to affect you regardless of what your  
uh what your gender demo is or race or whatever if those if those manners and the  
anxiety the social anxiety related to being aware of things like privilege didn't like  
seep into you and like become constitutive of your ability to enjoy yourself which 0:27:44  
you can only get in those experiences of collegiate uh brainwashing then what do  
you know you don't \*\*\*\*\* give a \*\*\*\*\* and that means when someone tells you to  
keep your voice down and tells you don't be an \*\*\*\*\* you're not thinking you know  
what you're right you're thinking you're lying you're just saying that to get me to  
be quiet because you're a \*\*\*\*\* selfish \*\*\*\*\* like we all are and you're saying some  
\*\*\*\*\* about oh we're gonna do we're gonna all get good grades on the thing it's just  
it's disingenuous it's a lie oh oh the caged babies you built the cages and it's it's  
true because the conditions of american politics assume that there will be like there  
will be climate catastrophe there will be pandemic that will never be stopped there  
will be continued economic bottoming out there will be people killing themselves in  
greater and greater number indirectly and directly there will be just social collapse  
like it and the replacement with just the mere like attenuated like nerve endings of  
pure stimulus response the people who can bury themselves in the internet to find  
some like reason to keep moving forward imagine frontier they can walk through into 0:28:45

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the digital and we are seeing this with the vote we cl race is being uh we're seeing the poll now the biggest weight the most dramatic one you can see is latinos and of course people say ah those latino men it's the machismo it's like well that's kind of true in like a vague sense in the sense that the don't be an \*\*\*\*\* party uh is feminine culturally marked and the uh don't be a \*\*\*\*\* party is masculine and so if that's just down to boys versus girls if politics is just boys versus girls and you're you think you're a guy why wouldn't you pick guys unless you wanted the girls to like you and you only learn that when you're sitting with the other kids so if it's the dude's rock party and the uh and the hens party or whatever i don't know the a woman should name the the equivalent of the dude's rocket because obviously this is not dude's rock it's awful it's toxic masculinity it literally it is it's awful it's bad it's political expression is noxious awful the policies it proposes are terrible but they're the same policies and the same outcomes that the democrats do and so because latinos do not experience race in america the way that black people do because no one in america experiences race the way black people do and the idea that like because we race like we invented racism you know through capitalism but like branding black labor for to keep it you know uh trackable in absence of greater technological ability like if we had if they had chips in people's uh wrist that could like blow up if you weren't working enough they wouldn't need a color system it was that i'm taking people to the new world i don't want to first run away and start a farm with the indians which is a hell of a lot harder to do if you have a completely uh alien uh culture and \*\*\*\*\* a notifiable color difference that marks you as as as as out of place if not uh uh accounted for and so but then we took all like the people outside of this mostly liberal whites basically created these theories where like they listened to minorities they listened to lived experiences of being a minority but then they took them and applied them to the only rubric they knew which is white and black and latinos do not experience race the way that what black people do and the evidence for it is this \*\*\*\*\* election like look it up think of the way that like uh i think of the way that uh that trump guarantees that the like he will never get no republican will get more than ten percent of the black vote right it doesn't happen it's not going to happen he might have done a little better with some black men but that's the ceiling for and that's and if you think about it when you think of the way every other demographic breaks down in this country that's an insane statistic especially the user how many black people are in this country that's a crazy amount of real estate that they are seeding and cannot even hope to get off the block meanwhile latinos are flat fluid and even though he went hard anti-hispanic he went hard anti-immigrant hardcore anti-immigrant and that said oh god what are they gonna do he actually didn't do that bad he did a little better than romney i believe with latinos and then what's

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this he's done even better again because all that stuff about kids in cages it's not experienced as like that level at the visceral thing like the blm stuff like every police killing i think it reverberates to the black community in like a shock wave but like kids in cages if you're an american latino there are so many different what things that could mean from being a \*\*\*\*\* gusano in south uh south florida to like a like a fourth generation mexican american in in texas or something you're an american and those kids in cages aren't they're not your \*\*\*\*\* kids they're \*\*\*\*\* they're not 0:32:50 it's not they're like i'm not they're \*\*\*\*\* el salvador i don't know those \*\*\*\*\* people they're not my kin the way that like george floyd's death is felt as like a collective uh attack by black people and so that means they're not gonna respond to race the way black people did which means they're not gonna be the malleable mass that the uh college educated elite that make up the democratic party can mold to their liking oh no what's this it's packing away oh no our stuff's only working on the college-educated ones oh \*\*\*\*\* what about the rest of them oh no oh what's this the society is breaking down along glass lines oh look it's they're going away and what is that they went to the dude's rock party they \*\*\*\*\* exiled themselves to the dude's rock party because that's what they care about they care about dude's rocking they don't care about some \*\*\*\*\* some mexicans in mexico hates central american immigrants what the \*\*\*\*\* do you think american mexicans people who are american remember none of these people are going to get an ice raid by definition they're voting in american election and so they see this is like look i'm in america i have a barbecue 0:33:52 i don't want some \*\*\*\*\* uh guy who speaks like what some central american indian language coming up to me and taking my \*\*\*\*\* uh grill or like asking me to wash my windows \*\*\*\*\* that we gotta have a barrier how do we have a berry we have a \*\*\*\*\* wall we're gonna have well we're gonna have cages there's gonna be kids and of course like the black thing is going to be a little different though you're not going to see that happen because part of that dude's rock lifestyle we're talking about involves explicitly in a way it doesn't with any other racial group in this country not being black not like a specifically like blood quanta stuff like liberals do like the 23andme psycho so it's like well look at my \*\*\*\*\* thing i'm 1 16 something and that means that i should be the chair of african american \*\*\*\*\* studies or whatever um they uh they're like no it's an americanism it's an american nationalism and that 0:34:54 means that like latinos yeah look like but black people no thank you and that means that you're gonna see college educated uh blacks get even more dedicated to being democrats and not allegedly blacks not voting gop just not showing the \*\*\*\*\* up and why the hell would you why would you care about this fight between these two things when you have no investment in the in the \*\*\*\*\* outcome because you are not invested in the state project to the degree that they are because they're not aware of

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their collective uh uh exploitation and their collective alienation which they which is class-based that is based not on income but is on class and is disproportionately felt by african-americans but is uniquely among african-americans felt collectively whether you like it or not and some of them don't like it and become republicans but that's a minority most of them are going to see this \*\*\*\*\* and check the \*\*\*\*\* out and what that means is is that the only reason that democrats ever had for thinking that they were going to be able to like take over politics and time to stop this country 0:35:56 from just burning to death in the \*\*\*\*\* lava field uh is that well the demographics look we're getting younger and we're getting browner brownie of america but the thing is that brownie of america is not a blackening of america either the population the us the u.s black population i believe is decreasing or if it isn't it's steady it's latinos it's asians and if that if they can be melded into the dude's rock uh uh keep the noise down party structure you're going to see the emergence of two political parties that are going to fight what appears on paper to be a class war between rich people and poor people and it's gonna be fought on those terms and the republican party will to some people look like it is now the party of the working class but uh oh what's this working class just means culture \*\*\*\*\* oh no it's completely it doesn't like because we've assumed everything else because remember while all this is going out the gears are turning the system is pumping out the only outcome it can do which is profit extraction through stripping and destruction and undermining of the american \*\*\*\*\* uh uh economy from the inside out to get the last bits of \*\*\*\*\* profit 0:36:57 out of this thing and because we've created a situation where our ruling class is this like lumpin uh billionaire class of non-self like class unconscious rich people which is not supposed to be a thing like we there we have literally a lump in ruling class in this country and and when i say this country i mean the whole atlantic sphere like the nato sphere uh that it's a \*\*\*\*\* um it's it's just a bunch of it's the way it's it's this thing that it's the thing that government structures exist to prevent from happening which is the direct competition of capitalism reducing and destroying all profit and surplus instead of allowing it to be uh hoarded by some that's what government's supposed to correct but we've created a system now where because uh politics died in the 70s it's been dissolving and so now there's no way that it can respond to 0:37:59 changing conditions because changing conditions were the only thing it was the only temperature gauge we had things got worse uh pressure built up you had \*\*\*\*\* uh steam rising and you had to address it but that \*\*\*\*\* the monitor is broken now and it just steams off into culture war and so that means that if we do get this slick big realignment where it's like a working-class republican party which i think honestly is inevitable probably it will be totally divided of any meaningful connection to a working-class project that has any meaning any any hope and why i say meaning any

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hope of creating the conditions to transcend the uh the um contradictions of capital and move to another \*\*\*\*\* stage of human development because that's the only question anybody should be asking about politics is like do these conditions allow us so the real issue here is that uh this system cannot be defeated from outside of itself 0:39:2 it's completely self-contained uh and i want us and for anybody who's saying actually no you know i think that there is something to this working-class trump thing and i think yeah cuckoo carlson is going to be like he's going to synthesize trump into his trumpism into a working political economy and then that's going to he's going to use the revenge you know uh reactionary heart the cultural like you know uh the cultural gag reflex of like you know traditional culture to wheel fend off the worst excesses of capitalism which is essentially the duganes thesis alexander dugan is like the mastermind behind putin but it's mostly full of \*\*\*\*\* it's it's the it's it's all like fourth period it's it's it's steve bannon \*\*\*\*\* that's the dream that's the fantasy that's how you convince yourself to sleep at night after your coke binge that no this is for the good of humanity uh the real the real the real smart people the real dead eye 0:40:3 geniuses they know that that's emotional they know that's all \*\*\*\*\* and the proof of it is look at trump's campaign if trump won this election because remember the thing that matters is the votes and the votes came out and the vote said people walk people walked into the voting booth during a unprecedented pandemic that had seen 200 000 americans die no end in sight and in fact the highest rate of infection we've had since the thing \*\*\*\*\* started an economy that is bottoming out millions millions threatened with eviction by the end of the genuine signs of like a deep penetrating and long lasting recession and \*\*\*\*\* that it could we're talking depression people just don't want to say it because that's one of those words that triggers things and we don't want to trigger anything do we shh they walked past that \*\*\*\*\* tire fire and because they were just pushed in by the breeze remember these are the casual voters who filled the rolls because it's easier to vote now they saw the two choices 0:41:4 and uh they voted trump and you can say no they voted because he says he's going to bring the jobs back you could have argued that in 2016 and that's the thing we had a quantum space we were floating in space for those four years we were in a quantum superposition between that happened because uh well we know why it happened happened because the democratic project is doomed dlc project is doomed we're going to press this button and see if it connects to anything and then there's two states that we were in the \*\*\*\*\* schroeder's box for four years the cat was both alive and dead the american working class as a concept was the cat and we took the \*\*\*\*\* lid off and the and it died is what happened uh the cat is dead and now it's a question and the thing is i my prediction that i'm now owned by oh was premised on my guess that the cat was alive and i only thought the cow's alive because i'm

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bubbled in a cocoon of of media like self-satisfaction where i really only talk to other 0:42:6  
people on the don't be a pus \*\*\*\*\* divide if they don't be a \*\*\*\*\* don't be how  
many don't be a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* people or how many people how many don't be a \*\*\*\*\*  
people do you like interact with online to not make fun of in a day no come on so you  
think yeah these polls are right but it turns out polls are literally you even the ones  
who are even the conservatives even the conservatives even the republicans these  
are the never trump republicans in that screen that's where they are that's that's  
suburban shift but that's just this it's not connected to any other uh data and so  
then we get the moment the actual tally we see what people poded we see when they  
saw the tire fire they saw a situation where it was this current situation hell world  
exploding everything corona disaster guy who's keep doing it someone else in every  
previous like crisis moment in american history like magnate 32 when you had the  
great depression a deep deep spiral and nobody doing anything to stop it you add 0:43:9  
on the ballot the current state of things or something else and it was a no-brainer it  
was a no-brainer because you had this emergent working class movement that was  
connecting to the democratic party in a way it never had from an ideological valence  
and not just patronage which it had been like the working-class relationship the  
relationship between the working class and the democratic party goes back to the  
1820s when the democratic party was founded by my boy martin van buren but it  
did not become uh actually left-wing in any sense and still the depression or until uh  
and then when the new deal happened and when when roosevelt got it that's what  
actually gave uh uh like working class interests a stake in democratic politics because  
before that the relation to the working class was patriotic networks and it's not like  
patriotic \*\*\*\*\* went away after the depression in fact the two things became merged  
but before that it was just patronage at the 30th boom seat at the table why because  
people just regular americans pursuing their lives not ideologically committed most  
of them not having gone to college at that point barely anybody in fact very few 0:44:10  
people with manners many people with problematic takes that we would all cancel  
them for now i think we can say that pretty clearly they saw the burning tire fire and  
they said no let's give me something else please because everything was on the table  
because politics everyone understood to be the distribution of resources splitting stuff  
up whether kids go hungry or not that's politics and so when an election happens  
and something like that's happening hot damn i can help make this thing stop well  
we've had the biggest one of those since that election and the results are in person  
who is just casually engaged in politics tries to better their life they will watch the  
two options and what was trump's closing pitch his last video was him dancing to  
ymca and a bunch of hooting \*\*\*\*\* shuds he's talking about luciano pavarotti and  
how big his \*\*\*\*\* dumpster and they can't go down the toilet give me one element

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of his of his post-covered pitch to this country that was changed in any way with 0:45:13  
any genuine policy-based appeal to material conditions especially considering as i  
said while he's campaigning he's allowing a non-existent response to covet to be the  
the only response which is of course just destroying the working class saying you  
guys we're not going to pay you to stay at home and prevent you from getting sick  
and making your family sick no you have to work you have to work you have to get  
your family sick and when you get sick you don't get to you you're going to have  
to pay for it because we got to keep this thing going that's on the that's not that's  
on the menu this is prefix \*\*\*\*\* that's not optional and so you get there you don't  
you're not picking between this horror and something else the horror is baked into  
the choice it's how are you gonna experience it are you gonna live in hell like an  
\*\*\*\*\* or a \*\*\*\*\* are you gonna get your kicks whining about it or are you gonna  
have some we're gonna have war in afghanistan until we all die don't be a \*\*\*\*\* 0:46:14  
about it we're gonna have a war in afghanistan until we all die don't be an \*\*\*\*\*  
about it we're gonna \*\*\*\*\* get coveted until everyone's dead uh well okay but let's  
pretend huh let's like let's make our masks and let's be distant from one another and  
hey everybody you know let's let's try to be responsible uh yeah everyone's gonna get  
it everyone's gonna \*\*\*\*\* get it dude what are you doing you're just getting you're  
putting your \*\*\*\*\* pinky extended give me some \*\*\*\*\* hot fla hot wings let me go  
to \*\*\*\*\* tgi fridays what difference does it make and the fact that trump got covet  
and then didn't die that sealed it for him i mean i'm not even talking about him  
winning or whatever i'm talking about just him him wildly over performing for any  
other president previous to this time in american conditions and his entire campaign 0:47:15  
was anti-fun thugs being very unfair to wear statues that we love him getting banned  
off facebook people being very nasty to it luciano pavarotti you know lady gaga and  
it all boiled down to lighten the \*\*\*\*\* up yeah everyone's gonna get covered your  
grandma might die you might have lung scarring forever you also might walk outside  
get hit by a car why is there a \*\*\*\*\* car why is there a giant vehicle that could just  
crush you at any given moment well we got a road there what do you want we got  
to get the stuff to the stuff lung scarring and dead family members is just baked in  
now are you gonna accept it and just \*\*\*\*\* have some \*\*\*\*\* fun while you can or  
are you gonna whine about it are you so corona response doesn't didn't hurt him  
because people just people who hadn't really thought hey what can the president do  
about this thought about it for a minute and said oh nothing but i really like the  
way dance is he's pretty funny he's sure he sure seems more high energy than joe 0:48:17  
biden who seems like he's asleep all the time and what does he look like and what  
are his policies actually like why do i even care like god damn this trump guy he's  
he's pops look at him pop on screen because he's good at being on tv he's good at

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being famous even in those in those when he was like zooted out at the end going to those rallies to talk about pavarotti in front of these like absolutely bemused uh hicks and \*\*\*\*\* t-shirt like \*\*\*\*\* car hearts and like \*\*\*\*\* your feelings t-shirts and he's like yes sir luciano pavarotti one of the three tenors i believe it was his performance it says you wanna you want more of this on the tv or you want sleepy joe and it's like if that's the only question then it's not a moral one and that's where liberals get \*\*\*\*\* up they think no no people aren't going to be they're going to see the \*\*\*\*\* around them and they're going to be morally obligated to stop it that would be if they thought they could by voting you think you can by voting because you've deluded yourself you've gone to college and gone brave scambly brains you've been brainwashed you've been microwaved sorry you can think your way away from it but 0:49:19 like that's going to shape your ability to understand the world around you all that stuff that you think are moral horrors that trump is responsible for i think a lot of people don't see them that way they see them as the weather and are you going to complain about it or are you just going to like enjoy it you're going to go bro you're going to hear those big rattling thunderclaps that are going to cry under the \*\*\*\*\* table like a dog about it and that's the question people are asking and that's what they're going to keep asking because as i said this cannot be engaged with from below no mass movement of the left or right will ever affect it because it won't be a mass movement it'll be a mirage of look like one that is only ever a part of the group of the party they could either be apostate republicans and then you have a situation where like i honestly think if this tucker carlson thing goes anywhere it's going to be the absolute mirror image of what like stupid paul uh people's talk about like the aoc wing of the democratic party it will be a sheep dip operation all those people all those 0:50:21 like true true-hearted americans like those those uh those guys who love america but did go to college that's who they are really there's the guys who did go to college and \*\*\*\*\* hated all the sanctimonious liberals and now they really want more than anything to go back to the state of grace that they used to be in when they were in the land of innocence before they even knew it was bad to be and like tucker whoever else is going to be a a a dog whistle to get them all to think that their petty identity politics which is all it's going to boil down to uh is going to mean anything against the vast machinery of the republican party which is just part of the greater vast machinery of world capitalism that's not going any \*\*\*\*\* where and you're going to pull people who might otherwise have had some like dim notion of like a civic duty to one another like a dim remnant vestige of an idea which is now just something 0:51:22 you learn in college not something anyone's have a lived experience of who's under like 60 of like a social obligation to undergird society that's going to just pull you towards these twin polls these fake parties that are gonna fight this endless culture

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war until the world drowns and they will be mirror images of each other yelling across the divide that the other one is either being a sucker or is a and i feel like people say well what do we do about it obviously that's the answer it's like well if this is the case \*\*\*\*\* what do we do we have the data now all right you can say i told you so to the libs but that doesn't mean anything it doesn't matter because the notion undergirding a lot of the criticism of the democrats here that i think is misguided and is going to be that they made a choice to run the campaign they ran they did not make a choice the logic of the party the fundamental operating system of the democratic party was rewired in the 1970s during the crisis that i like to talk about 0:52:24

the crisis of profitability in the in the world capitalist system where we had been the central like productive heart of for our generation and piled up this unseen amount of wealth that we were able to just dis uh distribute to in a obviously racially unbalanced but uh but downward uh redistribution the whole system froze up the \*\*\*\*\* engine melted and the political order had to put a new engine in and just like in the 30s this crisis was happening but in the 30s the crisis was experienced as the crisis that it was but because of all those years of of you know relative security well where where these questions that had been live become deadened even if it's towards like a new deal uh social democratic like uh uh status quo that status quo still becomes dead over time because it's not being engaged with from below it was created by a huge 0:53:25

downward explosion of energy from those working-class movements from the strikes and the wildcats and the \*\*\*\*\* sit-downs of the 30s that pushed uh the working class on into the into the room where these big questions were being asked by the 70s they were out of the room the only people in the room were uh people who had no class identification with working people either like as an experience as a felt ex felt lived life experience uh or uh materially had no connection to the working class at any time had only an emotional and uh psychological uh uh conception of the working class and the thing is is that any cause if there been any real \*\*\*\*\* democrats in the room just like if there had been any real union leaders in the room in the 70s when all these things happened not just in the us in france where there was the great turnaround for meteron and of course in the uk uh and um all throughout the \*\*\*\*\* 0:54:26

nato sphere that crisis came and the people in those rooms they had the titles of those other guys and girls prime minister secretary a treasury secretary of union or whatever comp you know but the people in that spot had been changed by time to now be embedded not in the working class but in this and so that means when the working class is on the table they're not it's a corpse and because if you were really in that room and you saw the stakes and you understood the stakes you would leave and you'd say i can't be involved in this and if enough of the people at the top and throughout the system were still engaged enough in politics at that point to get to

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that point then you have a confrontation with capitalism which must happen and it did happen it just happened behind the scenes it happened behind our \*\*\*\*\* back and they slit the \*\*\*\*\* throat of of of democracy in america and it is done and it was just all right we have to re-center the economy's profit engine inward we're not going to be exporting anymore we're buying now that means people are going to have to \*\*\*\*\* spend and not make any money that's the only way it works so how do we carve up this \*\*\*\*\* turkey and they said well the black people uh when we de-industrialized well you know they haven't really built up a lot of working of a you know middle-class uh experience because you know we so unevenly distributed all that lucra after the war because of the racism they we really can't buy them off so uh uh they're gonna have to be just shuffled off into prisons in a mass uh just a war on crime that annihilates the urban centers and prevents them from becoming hotbeds of civil unrest uh and then in the suburbs we're just gonna give them bubbles bubbles bubbles credit credit credit uh and their money they're not going to realize it that they've actually gained nothing they're passing nothing more on to their except for oh what oh yeah that house that house grandpa bought after world war ii you still got that everything else and they were only able to make those decisions because they did not in a critical sense have skin in the game and that meant the party was different and it became constitutionally different like the watergate babies were all uh they were all college-educated professionals in suburbs they became known as the atari democrats and gary hart became kind of like their kingpin in the 80s and then they essentially took over the \*\*\*\*\* party completely dlc was like a attempt to basically put uh the atari democrats into a uh like blue dog southern and like midwestern democratic uh basically a way to like get uh rural get some rural votes out of uh and urban votes out of you know that coalition just to extend it a little bit it had nothing to do with changing the undermined dynamic and the thing is is that that dynamic was set as soon as the working class was dead you are now just the ghost of a democratic party but you have to pretend that you're still living to fool everyone else no you don't know you're doing this but that's what everyone is doing they're making they're making trade-offs that you wouldn't make if you knew the stakes and you don't know the stakes not because you're not smart enough to know because it doesn't behoove you to know because your position is better if you don't know there's no way you can upton sinclair said there's no way to convince somebody something that they're paid to not understand and what that happened what that meant is that like the project that i was a part of the bernie project it was dead then but no one \*\*\*\*\* knew how could you know you have reagan rearranging the landscape and then clinton shows up you're being buffeted by the tides of history there's no \*\*\*\*\* sailing and obama shows up looking like this absolute mirage until

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you find out oh no he literally was just the the embodiment he was the anti-christical like hobzy and leviathan composed of this new group of people who were supposed to be the future because look at their demographics they're so young and diverse but it's like oh no then the con the economy never got never recovered because it can't recover because it's just uh it's secularly stagnant and we're all doomed and to just strip life of every meaning and replace it with a \*\*\*\*\* transaction that leaves us bereft and that drive is going to make us matter and madder and it's going to make us less more and more alienated from the political system we're going to be more mad at things and we're going to really want to things to change but our political system is not going to be able to accommodate that and the parties whose job it will be essentially to absorb that anger is the working-class party of the democrats and they do that by finding the anger points that can be profitably integrated into the greater agenda of capitalism unrestrained by human intervention and that is identity and the thing is that's not the democrats making a decision if any and also they're doing it after the republicans did it the republicans did that \*\*\*\*\* with um the southern strategy that was just white identity politics and then that was the response it's like well they got the they got the \*\*\*\*\* the whites uh they they got him in the divorce uh what about um how about we get some um what do you call them uh how about we get some of those uh this is blacks let's do it good idea let's do it and that's what they did that meant that everything then just built around uh it every emergent crisis and misery of capitalism was recast as a cultural issue like there's actual issues and policies at play but the embedded ones that generate the problems cannot change only the epiphenomenal ones like i'm sorry police brutality police brutality and police violence is epic phenomenal to this it is not the wellspring it is it is the epiphenomenon it is the system it's so it's it's the white blood cells of the system of american capitalism attacking this this tumor of like the undigestable uh prolonged uh you know uh deprivation of like a racially classed let there be light so the whole thing was dead then but people fought the good fight in these systems because they're the only ones we have and only conditions can clarify our situation and for me and other people got here before me and i give them credit but also hey you know if you want to do an end zone dan fan fine but and don't end zone dance fine but the whole point is to get people to a place to an understanding so that means that if they do it don't get mad at them for doing it and don't say that you're better than them because you did it first congratulations and there are people who haven't done it yet but i know for myself that clarifying moment has happened with this election and what this means is that the democratic and republican parties will break away will realign along this axis and become a pure culture war spectator party while the actual business of american capitalism is con concluded behind this uh the

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scenes which will be the deterritorialization of the anglo-sphere broadly into cantons of techno-feudal uh overlordship that's what's that's where it's going if that's unless can unless something intervenes and it might but it'll come from the bottom as scary as that is for anybody who's not because you don't know what they're doing down there you're not really one of them you're only guessing what they like what they think what their instincts are are they really maybe they're all maybe they are all savages oh god they scare me maybe maybe i do like this police state now maybe i do like the idea of government actually you know what all that drone striking and uh prison population stuff that we're doing you know what i've decided is actually good uh the fact that now we have like a much higher uh white incarceration rate and therefore there's less racial discrimination in our prison system i feel like that's progress now because you could gotta fight off those bad guys the gremlin demons but i'm sorry that's where that's where the power has to come from because this system is the uh the the ships are in collision course the the the um the wheels are 1:2:43  
lashed to the fat masts and they're going to smash and what's going to be left the remnant of that is just going to be whatever capitally accumulated system of private power has been accumulated and the thing is uh that's because i really think um wait was community communicated \*\*\*\*\* i just uh yeah so there's no there can be no interference with this there can be no transcending of this within itself like i said within itself like that in this and this is for me this is a continuation of a realization i had about twitter i was like oh this isn't politics this is a mere shade of politics real politics must be engaged with in the real world but now i realize that oh no 1:3:44  
that extends to the electoral and not just electoral because people who like don't vote as a principal i'm sorry they're voters at heart there don't be \*\*\*\*\* people at heart because they have imbibed that uh that civic ethos most people are just um so and that's when i realized oh \*\*\*\*\* like i was wrong about basically everything i mean i feel like i was right in that i understood a lot of like i feel like i'm kind of recapitulating a lot of stuff i've been saying for a while now like but it's all a growing creeping dread and the reason it's only a creeping dread is because you can't know there's so much other data there's so many other possibilities what are they building in there it isn't until you have something like an election as in 150 million people saying what they want at once basically do you actually get to snap out of it be like oh that quantum superposition the \*\*\*\*\* uh the cat thing it's over and the reason 1:4:45  
this is happening it's nobody's \*\*\*\*\* it's not the \*\*\*\*\* cultural marxists uh it's not it's not the \*\*\*\*\* uh it's not the frankfurt school or or anybody it's not and it's not uh it's not the it's not the just the racial hate at the heart of america i'm sorry it's not that either uh it is the fact the bare fact that we have collectively been stripped of political subjectivity as we used to understand it as people as as a \*\*\*\*\* species

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political the the the like uh the 19th century emerging understanding of oneself as a liberal subject among equals uh participating in a political process to chart the destiny of broadly understood a a group you might think some people thought of this as internationalists like this communist a lot of people found themselves as nationalists but they still thought there was something there that they were working on behalf of and what what our free real estate what what the fat of the land strategy 1:5:47  
what the shut up and eat strategy of american rule that just developed out of the sheer fact that we had all this land that we could just distribute and then all this resources by the by the fact of the world war two to distribute then that we could just put off all this stuff and and then like so all this class anxiety that should have been building up like even like even with plenty there should be there should be class antagonism and alienation building up it is the thing is it's all being steamed off into culture uh because uh we're able to buy people off but now we can't buy anybody you off anymore can't buy anybody off everyone's going to be miserable everyone's lives going to be worse the kids guys are going to be worse than theirs are all you can do is blame someone for it political theater is involves finding someone for your someone that you have imagined as an other that the techno state can punish on your behalf techno state's not going anywhere they're going to be throwing people in jail they're going to be shooting people in the streets someone's blood's running the good guys are the bad guys schmidty in reasoning which is and that's what happens not out 1:6:49  
of like some sort of you know white supremacy or some uh woke plot by capitalism to to exploit identity politics is because people don't experience uh life through a lens of class at all they have they have class experiences but they are experienced not on class terms but on gender race demographic terms that is how they feel then that is how it absorbs into them and that is how they express their politics which means we move to this carbon copy world without us even understanding it so that when the time of crisis came in the 70s oh \*\*\*\*\* have we been building ourselves to a conflict with capitalism because we've come to a crisis point no we spent the crisis point fighting over this big pie that we all had not knowing that the pie and so now 1:7:50  
it's all about blaming somebody because we're not part of a class we are 100 we're 350 million individual american consumers with individual um mediated capitalized identities pringles in a tube the raw peasantry of the world and it is the peasantry like america is a country of peasants like if you were enmeshed in a in a bourgeois like uh life matrix for the most part in most like early formation of america you stayed \*\*\*\*\* put it was the goddamn excess \*\*\*\*\* mouths in the countryside who came to america no matter where central europe \*\*\*\*\* uh ireland and uh um italy uh throughout uh and we got turned not into workers we got turned into consumers because while we were building this post new post new deal political power the engine 1:8:51

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of our of our mobilization uh motivation which was class felt antagonism class felt alienation is steaming away from life and being replaced because you got a house now you got a backyard you got a knife hey this is pretty nice why do you have to work your concerns are no longer material because you're taking it for granted and so we had a ghost of a political movement already even before the \*\*\*\*\* thing hit and it wasn't until that happened when those guys in those rooms made those decisions volcker shock putting the \*\*\*\*\* uh we're putting a bullet through the heart of the working class and we're going to use bubbles and credit to keep us going and people are gonna have to learn to live with less like carter said but then rager came figured out yeah they're gonna have to learn with less but hey you \*\*\*\*\* yokel you don't have to tell them that you \*\*\*\*\* stupid hick you tell them we're just gonna cut your taxes you \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* because carter was a better man than reagan because parker was a good enough man to see what was in front of and how horrible it was in a way that a lot of those other lizards weren't but he wasn't uh connected to the working class as a concept enough to realize the stakes he moralized him his way into thinking well if i just tell everybody to wear a sweater and be nice to each other it'll be okay it's like good intentions but it didn't matter because you didn't have anything but that's not anybody's project that is the de materialization of american politics and so what this means is that the democrats cannot act any other way than they do with no political subjectivity there's no way that the mystery and disenchantment of living in this world will be funneled into a coherent challenge to the existing structure of the democratic party it will just bleed out into cultural uh resentment that some of it will go towards political targets but a lot of it will just go to people's like people they don't like in their lives like somebody who stole their headphones or you know somebody who doesn't know how to raise their kids or somebody in the next town over of the wrong race or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* whatever like thing that just can satisfy that urge to make somebody pay for why everything's so miserable and that's the only thing anybody's gonna vote for and you're gonna either get the abstract expression of like actually punishing somebody for for something or the uh the the more uh the more civilized voter type form of boop going yes please we'll have a we'll have one murder i'll have some uh all some murders please can i have some murders i mean i would like uh the fbi to raid a uh proud boys meeting and shoot 50 people could could i have that please yeah yeah what you got can i get some like 15 blm guys get run over by a \*\*\*\*\* killdozer and then trump uh uh gives a \*\*\*\*\* medal to the guy in the white house loan it's like death machine either way and the thing is the funny thing is is you're not even really picking who's gonna get it you're picking is who you are going to feel good about it happening to that's it you're just putting a cone of like perception around some people that you can feel

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bad for it or feel good about \*\*\*\*\* up depending on if which party you're from and 1:11:55  
the democrat republicans can't do it different either there's no class base to this  
there's no class base to this move to the this working-class move for the republicans  
none at all and if you can look at any of this stuff from from trump's actual term in  
terms of things happening like policy happening helping working-class people which  
up there is zero uh and then the actual it's all you're picking that \*\*\*\*\* out of pepper  
you're you're pulling the turd out of the back of the \*\*\*\*\* shrimp and saying this  
is the thing because you're sitting there with the other politically obsessed \*\*\*\*\*  
entertaining yourself with politics like it's a sport because that's the kind of thing  
you think when you go and so any like i said any any any pop national populist  
movement is just going to be the same \*\*\*\*\* sheep dipping grift as the left wing  
version of it would be that people are freaking out about it and the thing is that  
was happening that was coalescing during bernie like oh \*\*\*\*\* there is this new like 1:12:56  
wave of alienation oh no we better make sure it's not directed towards class that was  
a project for sure and it worked to an extent but it didn't matter because the people  
you needed to hear the story the people who needed to hear the whole fight you were  
having in one way or another or even if they heard it to assign value to it didn't  
because bernie was selling a line of \*\*\*\*\* if they knew who he was he was selling a  
line of \*\*\*\*\* because if you say something like i'm gonna give you free healthcare  
they say well you're lying okay what are you really gonna do just like with corbin  
corbin put social democracy back on the ballot and they said i want brexit because  
brexit was real to them even though brexit is \*\*\*\*\* not a thing i mean none of the  
things that it's not a thing in the sense that when you press the button for brexit  
basically nobody who is doing that is doing it with any expectation that brexit will  
accomplish that fact it will only punish the people they again you can make it you  
can make a left case for brexit and of course the \*\*\*\*\* eu is terrible but leaving  
the eu because it's part of the system is part of this collapsing contraption that's  
heaving towards defeat and destruction and this bleeding robot corpse uh can only 1:13:57  
\*\*\*\*\* hurt it's not gonna be a good left there's and i think that this election once  
and for all settles the question of like is fascism here and i think that once again we  
got turned around spinning in the \*\*\*\*\* quantum wave waiting to be brought into  
superposition at by the election we were like yelling at each other about well trump's  
fascist i don't know what's your definition of fashion are we talking about uh why  
is it just racism you mean or that's not that's not fascism well actually i think the  
country has always been fascist america is always what that fascism is already here  
that was all waving at \*\*\*\*\* ghosts because you were talking about 30s fascism i  
mean even if you can say no no it's an american vegetable no if you're using the word  
fascism if it's going to mean anything it's going to mean the thing and what that

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thing was what the 30s was was yes it was capitalism and crisis yes it was capitalism bringing the \*\*\*\*\* colony back to the \*\*\*\*\* uh metropole to to you know enforce 1:14:59  
uh authoritarian extraction economy and to to replace profit laws uh yes but it is it but what is its political expression its political expression is the aestheticization of politics where you take the politics which is in the 30s for people hey sharing shaping human society that's what people thought politics was in the 30s in europe and italy shaping human society because they were fresh with it this was like the first liberated work class conscious group of people in human history basically and uh fascism was a way to square the circle by taking that enthusiasm for change the idea that you can change things and directing it towards these notions of like national national identity uh of course an internal other who must be defeated because you can't have the one without the other uh as as a antidote to communism and it worked to an extent in that it was mostly effective among the lower \*\*\*\*\* class the the lump in essentially the lump in bourgeois and that's who we got that's all we are no matter what your job is you're in your life experience the \*\*\*\*\* lump in bourgeois but the thing is is 1:16:0  
that you are no longer a political subject you have the political you have the class cut characteristic but you do not experience politics the same way and so applying a table like fascism to it doesn't make sense because as i kept banging the drum reading up to this we don't have fascism in this country because fascism is about incentivization of politics taking the project of of politics and turning it into life making politics like life like strength through joy projects national greatness because we have no political subjects in this country what we have instead is post-fascism which is um where aesthetics is politics andrew breitbart was on the right track when he said politics is downstream of culture i was like that's not true because like i'm a marxist but i didn't understand it's like it shouldn't be true but we have created this unique freak show situation where it is \*\*\*\*\* true and now it's even more true politics is no longer downstream from culture politics is culture and that is post-fascism and you might say well where's all the where's all the uh the scary stuff that you know is it the 1:17:1  
proud boys is it the police it's like is it trump it is literally everything man and it has been for a while it essentially has been since the 70s when the public space collapsed something was going to fill the \*\*\*\*\* gap and what it was in the public sphere is our \*\*\*\*\* wavy ass uh wavy gravy \*\*\*\*\* uh diaphanous culture politics and behind this scenes what it was was the total militarization of society and the technological intensification of our methods of surveillance and enforcement as well as good things like fentanyl and massively available you know mind-soothing drugs and potence and entertainment options beyond belief all of which get huge amounts of money create whole new revenue streams to make up for the old dried up at revenue streams and keep things specific you don't need people you don't need brown shirts the brown

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shirts is everything the brown shirts is just the air you breathe but that's not fascism it just post it as a concept and the reason that's important is because that's the only way you can think about it that reminds you oh yeah this can't be street battles then this can't be fighting along these political terms these can't be this larping campaign between these joint members of the college party one of whom are pissed one group of whom are pissed that they're in there and they want to be in the other one and then they fight each other over who's the right person and who deserves the misery that's being inflicted on all their heads and that's the key about this that's the real fascism as it's going to intensify the post-fascism as it's going to intensify into just you know like i said techno feudalism like like amazon warehouse encampments where you like live work uh and get your nutrient face like that all sounds like a cliché but it is in everything and it's not it's not even a joke anymore you're not you're not even gonna get any like satirical buzz by saying that it's so s evidently true and what that means is if we're going to try to like fill in the void of people who are essentially just entertaining themselves with politics even though they think they're really doing politics if we're going to fill it with enough energy to keep them invested it's going to have to mean that all politics will become essentially sadistic and all politics will be about voting to punish either the \*\*\*\*\* or the \*\*\*\*\* and you can say well that real people you're talking about real issues and real body people in cages and you know real climate stuff and it's like yeah it all is it's all true and the body count is going to shift depending on who's in charge for sure specific bodies are going to fall differently one way or the other but the \*\*\*\*\* main mass of human misery and the drift towards oblivion is uncheckable within the system so voting from now on i think like i said it has been since the 70s but it takes a while to \*\*\*\*\* come to these conclusions some people came earlier bravo i have not is it voting at this point and has been for a while is it's like voting like voting for heidrick or himmler to like replace hitler in 1965 to like who's gonna sign a better treaty with the japanese you know it's like oh \*\*\*\*\* we were like should we really be fighting over uh you know the remnants of mongolia like uh can we just take a chill it's like \*\*\*\*\* no it's like and then now oh you know there's the moderate nazis which is literally the end of the hilarious thing is that that's how the first season of man in the high castle ended where hitler is the like the reasonable moderate he's like the never trump nazi against the crazy man hydra who wants to start world war three that's basically in like a less of a scene and of course like we do have real differences but in broad strokes that is what politics is just in the sense that it cannot be the engine of a change like the system no longer has the political participation and that's why amber said something on the stream last night that really hit me like the thing that makes sense now 2024 who's running for president donald trump jr versus ivanka trump because trump no matter if he

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wins or loses this \*\*\*\*\* election is now we live in his america in the sense that he has changed politics in that he has heightened the stakes of it as an entertainment he's broke both brought poor people in just because he's entertaining to look at but he has heightened tensions due to his his unconscious just maestro-like ability to pluck 1:21:5  
people's sensitive spots related to things like identity the things that cleave them to politics and so if it's trump no matter what then the trump family should really duke it out between the college people and the non-college people now of course at the top they all went to college guys like josh holly what the hell went to college turner crosstalk obviously there's tons of college educated guys in the non-college park there's they're they're they're the ones directing the show but they have an affect they have views all of which are cultural even if some of them they pretend are material dj tj mr carhart hillbilly i like uh triggered uh epic griper \*\*\*\*\* rich kid fancy land ivanka impeccable uh graceful mannered lives in new york wants to be still be friends with all of our upper west side \*\*\*\*\* uh uh par uh cocktail girly friends the divides right there and eventually we will all be ruled by the \*\*\*\*\* inbred 1:22:6  
midsummer descendant and the \*\*\*\*\* laws will be and so the question then is like all right well where does change come from i think i have to uh charge this phone i think that might have helped it i hope it doesn't run out of battery um so where does change come from well if we are in that situation where it's like it's we're at the same state like we're at the same stage essentially in our development that if we want to put a crude like uh comparison to the nazi germany uh is like after uh after the enabling acts basically were passed if like if if if the volker shock is like the enabling acts of post of like spectaclized post uh uh uh spectaclized entertainment 1:23:9  
based uh techno uh post fascism uh then how well how do you defeat it you can't defeat it from within nazi germany held pretty i mean there was very little internal resistance to to its uh project it was from without it was from a force that was able to marshal enough but human material to defeat it and of course like we helped but at the end of the day we were just a different version of them who had just gotten there earlier like the anglosphere war with germany was essentially over the third world it was basically we got there first from england in the united states and france to germany and italy and japan who came late because they developed their economies later in the 19th century but realized the same point oh this line only points down \*\*\*\*\* we have to um we better \*\*\*\*\* think of something let's start invading people we can't invade anybody the brits and the americans already have all the \*\*\*\*\* land what do we need to do they gotta crack open somewhere and so laban's realm and the \*\*\*\*\* greater uh east asia co-prosperity spear but the real horror of it from the 1:24:11  
point of view of the anglosphere was that they were trying to horn in on turf that had already been taken so that was essentially a sibling rivalry the real enemy was

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the soviet union and the thing is is that soviet union was not like i'm talking about how like this world this this system we have is not a project that can in its current condition get us to cap communism the soviet union was not either and like that one is definitive like we can't say that about now really because there's still contingency that could emerge we can say it very definitively about the soviet union why because it's gone because it's a \*\*\*\*\* it's a it's a kleptocratic uh uh it's an absolutely cr it's a kleptocratic uh nightmare gangster state it's like devolved capitalism it's our future it is the techno feudalism just less techno more so but they were able to defeat 1:25:14  
defeat nazism which was good even if they themselves were you know an attempt to like stick create this like zombie communism out of like this this just resource extraction machine that just turned them into a state capitalist enterprise um but it was it did very necessary and progressive work it also while it was around helped shape a lot of the post-war world in towards a democrat social democratic way it pushed it helped give people like leeway in the third world away from imperialism it helped push the center of gravity left in europe and the united states and latin america that was all good it did the job but then once it stopped doing the job once once it was gone which was the real bye-bye and that was the inevitable uh end of the 70s because as soon as like this is so uni was cut off completely from any hope of a working-class collaboration outside of the uh so we're we are in a world now 1:26:16  
where confronting us is this system where we are ruled over in this this atlantic uh you know global economic order this the dollar empire that is completely ruled by what is now a fully atomized and lumpin ruling class because when i'm talking about the de-atomization and declassifying stuff that's happened it didn't just happen to the working class it happened to everybody it happened to the ruling class too and now they have so compromised the political structure of this country to pursue their naked aggrandizement to to strip the wiring and get the copper piping out cut taxes keep profit keep labor costs low that they're destroying the thing they're destroying the engine that allowed the thing to go they're killing the golden goose because they don't have anything else they can do because anything else reduces profits and there's only one button on the \*\*\*\*\* machine and it's more profits that's that's 1:27:18  
the logic of capitalism that's the algorithm it's a teleology extract all profit until our problem is gone there's nothing else you can say there's other stuff but it all gets squished against that reality so that's what we have we have this like lumpin this terminally decadent lump in brutal capitalism and what is what is opposing it and i gotta say i look around the world i don't know a lot of stuff i know a little \*\*\*\*\* about a \*\*\*\*\* but i don't know everything uh it's china we're \*\*\*\*\* we are all to to paraphrase nixon we are all dengusts now because i do not think that china is a communist country or even or a socialist country remotely it's not

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social democracy either which i hilariously saw somebody call it it's an authoritarian state capitalist enterprise because uh the communist revolution was not like a real communist revolution it was essentially a peasant it was a cyclical peasant uprising that was like a feature of chinese uh uh chinese history for two thousand \*\*\*\*\* years 1:28:20  
it was essentially the culmination of a process that began with the taiping rebellion in the 1860s when the korean regime should have \*\*\*\*\* toppled but the western powers kind of pushed the coke back over to render coke machine from falling over and then it wobbled around for a while and then it smashed and all the \*\*\*\*\* goodies went everywhere and when the communists took over there essentially was not a mode of production we as we understand it there which means they couldn't build communism but communism is you take the mode of production of capitalism the development of it and then you tr you you further transcend its contradictions they didn't have any contradictions a thing they had \*\*\*\*\* they had ancestral patterns of \*\*\*\*\* uh of resource distribution and and exchange and commerce and they've persisted since then cultural revolution great work forward none of it \*\*\*\*\* moved any of that but there got to be a point where you had people in charge who understood that they felt communism to them was chinese in a way that communism wasn't for soviets like soviets it was not russian like there was there was soviet there was always russian uh chauvinism of course in the soviet union but communism was not russian to 1:29:22  
soviets the way that communism was chinese to the chinese because like most of the places where there was a post uh world war ii communist insurgency or revolution uh nationalism was engraved with it because they had not gotten to a point where they were able to create like a fully realized bourgeois democracy to create contradictions within itself so they were still stuck at the nationalist level that europe was in in the 19th century and that's not their fault they didn't do anything wrong it's inevitable uh but that's what happens and so we don't it was not it's it's not but what it is is it's essentially capitalism with chinese characteristics and the 21st century will be capitalism with chinese characteristics and a capitalism with atlantic characteristics and what that boils down to is uh the algorithm of capitalism working its logic of extraction and stripping resources and human degradation until we are it's one guy in a \*\*\*\*\* amazon fulfillment center with a gun to his a robot gun to his head like delivering himself a package um and then like one guy on a \*\*\*\*\* moon base with 1:30:24  
all the remaining money like \*\*\*\*\* a sex bot in his 50 000 uh uh clone body uh that's that's it now once again not saying that's inevitable it has to happen because there's the stuff from below and that's happening in china and it's happening in here and we can't know what it's gonna do it's a black box because we're not in the box we're here we're here in the the the discourse zone and we can't get out of it we can only guess so i'm not saying black pill \*\*\*\*\* nothing matters i'm saying it's going

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to come from the roots and that's all you can say you can't operate from lonely premises and try to make it happen you can't be uninvolved with its capitalism with kindness chinese characteristics and capitalism with atlanta characteristics and so it's like all right if that's our option don't give me this \*\*\*\*\* about who has better human rights or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* because check me off about that for a number of reasons one of which is like the matt stoller terror vision of the chinese taking over like they imagine they imagine that the chinese took over they would imply the impo they would import the amount of social coercion they use in china on here they absolutely would not do that why would they do that what would be in it for them they wouldn't need to do it we are all conditioned already we have our toys we're fine just give us a \*\*\*\*\* rattle and a \*\*\*\*\* red bull and let us watch \*\*\*\*\* blues clues we're good so it's not nothing having to do with that it's if the future isn't building socialism in the near term it's um essentially dealing with the uh not unstoppable number of uh exacerbating and and echoing and resonating crises that are going to make up the 21st century climate related \*\*\*\*\* covid is number one it's like we're already doing all these disasters are happening but they're happening beyond the perception of like us as happening to us it's just kind of a thing covent is is is the first real event like global warming it's all discrete stuff that is not this is materialized this is a crisis like this is like model u.n \*\*\*\*\* like crisis how do you deal with it and you give the you give you got the model you and hey chinese team you got a corona outbreak and wuhan american team european team because it's not just us it's the entire anglosphere european team you got this all right what's your project what do you got china yeah we contained it locked it down it's gone you can go to wuhan the place where the \*\*\*\*\* thing came from and have a pangolin and a \*\*\*\*\* uh rave jacuzzi wave pool with 500 other people um how about you atlanta says oh we've all just uh realized we're all gonna die of it or not uh or maybe get a vaccine uh but we're just kind of like working out how we're gonna you know deal with the fact that we're \*\*\*\*\* all gonna get this to me this is uh this is not a difficult choice because they don't have a lump in bourgeois or a lump in uh ruling class running their \*\*\*\*\* they have the chinese communist party which for now anyway seems to have maintained a degree of like self-consciousness to some degree understanding of china as a project understanding of themselves as having a part in a project that is chinese as in like the well-being of the people abstractly understood figure into things and you might say yeah but not really no of course not people are sacrificed every day it's a \*\*\*\*\* thresher we're all going in the thresher but they at least save some people from the \*\*\*\*\* thresher there's just fresh there's just thresh so people say this is dark this is depressing but for me this was liberating because i realized okay we're all dengueists we have to in the coming conflict between uh the dragon

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and the eagle we must back the dragon uh and i think that's true uh but the thing is 1:34:30  
there is literally nothing i can do about this at all zero percent zero percent i think  
can do can't do a thing a thing about this uh i'm not gonna move to china what  
am i gonna do join the \*\*\*\*\* young communist league i \*\*\*\*\* can't speak chinese  
they don't \*\*\*\*\* need me they have a billion \*\*\*\*\* people they're good they have  
no use for me all right i stay here i go somewhere else what am i gonna do am i  
gonna go on twitter and like argue about how many swimming pools they have at  
the uyghur concentration camps and how that means they're actually woke what  
difference does that make it's all just in the \*\*\*\*\* theatrical enjoyment sphere it's  
all in the \*\*\*\*\* holodome of political amusement am i getting anything out of this if  
i'm not contributing to the chinese victory no the most you could ask of me is that  
like i will live my normal life and i'll be like those early english romantic poets who  
would sit around and do opium and read each other's sonnets about how much they  
wish so this whole thing has just been the circle i'm back to exactly where i was i 1:35:32  
still have this political system i still have this job i still have this brain i still got to  
do what i got to do but i have just shed myself of an expectation of politics providing  
a meaning being a vessel for pursuit that i thought it had and what that means is is  
that if i go forward talking about american politics the way i have the last four years  
i will be a grifter which many people of course have called me over the years and i  
always never i never got that i'm like i give people a show they want to show what do  
these people mean i'm not i'm not lying to them they get a show i'm not like wrist  
delay but not saying you know pay for my wedding or you know pay for my kidney  
replacement than buying a \*\*\*\*\* vacation it's the undergirding grip is that and this  
is the reason everybody calls each other grifters is because in the political media  
which is where the term grifter emerges and what people use to describe it not just  
consumers and distributors which is a lot of the same people it is a understanding  
that we that there is no political there's no political meaning to any of this that all 1:36:34  
these arguments will flow towards no good end they are being had for amusement  
and so that means that if you talk about politics for entertainment and you invest  
it with meaning you are grifting them and the thing is i think now that that's true  
but only if you know that it's empty and i swear that god hand to heaven i didn't  
know and nobody on the \*\*\*\*\* chapeau knew either i had \*\*\*\*\* known these people  
and talked to them passionately over the last four years i \*\*\*\*\* know they didn't  
know we didn't know i thought i was in the \*\*\*\*\* quantum zone i can't like this all  
makes sense now this is all obvious now but we didn't have the data yet we had polls  
which who the \*\*\*\*\* knows and like what the falcons like we finally have the data  
we have the \*\*\*\*\* information the box came the top came off the \*\*\*\*\* box the cat  
is dead pretending the cat's alive now would be grifting and so i'm not gonna stop

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talking about american politics obviously sorry i am going to promise right here to do it only in that entertainment mode and to not give the false impression to people listening that their consumption of the product of my show or stream or anything i might put out is constitutive of political action i mean i always used to say that but god i didn't know how much i meant it i was afraid to know how much i meant it because then what do i do with my life and the answer to that is i can still do what i do but if i feel like i want to make life better for the people around me i have to look around myself and what is that if i'm looking around myself if i'm really paying attention to the world around me where i might notice oh my god what's that oh my god what the \*\*\*\*\* i was on my phone the whole time why was this happening what i'm in here now oh my god is that gonna happen i don't know i do know that if i try to convince myself that that's not the case no i'm gonna get out of this rat maze i will end up like nate \*\*\*\*\* silver i will end up like anybody who uh has fallen into the discourse hole in the side of the like real world ruling class is uh like globo homo or whatever this idiocy is you have all been trapped by the \*\*\*\*\* maze and i'm still going to be in the maze this election just has given me a experiential load star that i can grip whenever i feel like i'm spitting off into anything other than a cold-eyed understanding of where the \*\*\*\*\* i am in this thing where all of us are in this thing and you can listen to all that and say he's full of \*\*\*\*\* he's got a \*\*\*\*\* grip he wants to keep it going this guy this sort of thing is the perfect way to keep it that's true too i of course i don't want a real job my god who would they're horrible i've had real jobs they suck i would rather do this i think i'm good at it i'm pretty i think i'm pretty good at it people seem to like it i want to keep doing it if i can but i i can't pretend it's politics anymore at all which i used to be able to certainly during bernie i really thought oh my god i've squared the circle i can just have fun and not do real politics and actually be doing politics is to look at this but anyone i was wrong because i didn't understand how the mechanism worked i guessed it i wrote an article for jacob about the uh the iowa state fair and how i saw bernie and i thought it was really cool but i just noticed how few people actually stop and listen to the presidential candidates at that fair considering how many people go to it how many people are just going to get the \*\*\*\*\* corn dogs how many people are just walking by at the end of the article saying it's going to come down to how many of those people are going to stop and turn around and we didn't know and now we know i think definitively what we have so it's up to you to decide to see full of \*\*\*\*\* is he is a \*\*\*\*\* running around uh and then you pay me put me on the pain on my list which i understand or does any of this make sense and if it does is it entertaining to you does it help you maybe re-center politics for yourself so you don't spend the next four years whether it's biden grinding through some fight with a republican congress

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giving way to uh \*\*\*\*\* uh john taffer winning in 2024 or um or dealing with trump ratcheting up and then like trying to cope with it by uh deciding actually no i'm going to convince myself that the aoc if i'd uh neoliberal uh like synthesized post-bernie left thing that's going to create a real working-class movement in america or against that saying you \*\*\*\*\* fucks it's tucker carlson an american greatness conservatism that's going to save the working-class project in america you were both unable to get out of the maze and find real meaning in anything other than convincing yourself that this little \*\*\*\*\* rat maze means anything you will be rate silver and look how nate silver his age the man is just falling apart because he lost the ability to recognize where he was in the maze of of perception and being able to understand the vast difference between his position in the world and his ability to affect change on it the only promise i can make anybody is that my god if there is a \*\*\*\*\* chance to stop this if there is a chance to stop this and i'm not saying there's not a god damn it in my heart i know there is i know there is cause we're still \*\*\*\*\* here it works somewhere somewhere it worked we're \*\*\*\*\* here against all \*\*\*\*\* odds we're \*\*\*\*\* here it's gonna be because enough people have broken out of the this rat race of and just grievance mongering where you're driven towards a politics that is just is polarized grievance aggregators it'll and because they've seen the conditions surrounding them and with people around them who they trust who they build trust with through cooperation move forward together and break through a lot of uh political like superstructure that is very rickety and could be once again orthogonally attacked from an unexpected direction just like it was in the 30s but it's not going to come it's not going to be reasoned out that means not only not being on reasoned out through talking about elections it's not going to be reason out through elections now maybe at the local level you can get enough people together behind a candidate with a position like a position a specific fulcrum of power within a system to actually help things create a thin uh thin edge of a wedge that you can gather momentum behind go for it but the only way you're gonna know about that is if it's right in front of you you're not gonna \*\*\*\*\* go through \*\*\*\*\* twitter and figure out who is the real deal and who is the pseudo uh leftist from the discourse around them on twitter it's gonna have to be personal \*\*\*\*\* experience and that sucks because we don't have the time or energy for that \*\*\*\*\* that's why it's very difficult to imagine it working but detaching from this matrix is the only way and that just as logging off it means logging off from caring about politics as we have conventionally understood it entirely and it is sports for ugly people that is it and anybody who said that before me you were right but if anybody who says it isn't saying it after me i'm sorry you're wrong and you might say well you were wrong before and it's like yes i was wrong before and i'm still wrong about other stuff but

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i'm not wrong about that and you can just look back we have an actual record now it's a fossil \*\*\*\*\* record of this trajectory you don't have to guess anymore we were caught in the \*\*\*\*\* limbo we're out of the jaunt it was a long jaunt indeed and 1:43:42 we're the gibbering madman at the end of that story and now it's what what are we going to do are we going to just go to the mental hospital and tear our eyes out or are we gonna get the \*\*\*\*\* work uh figuring out our connection to reality again re-territorializing our surroundings so that is our task we'll see how we do with it

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the \*\*\*\*\* why is it why is it hosting burning ah there we go they were hosting burning bob is that a is that a gamer of some sort someone who engages in the deadly mental onanism of gaming not approved by me no thank you although i shouldn't be one to talk uh i am essentially a gamer i mean fundamentally i am a gamer uh like if you if you if you like trace my you know uh career trajectory it is essentially that i gamed so hard that i became a professional gamer and the game of course being posting 0:1:1 because that's a game it's got a score it's got a it's got an object it's got players it's got ranks it has emotional stakes but no real material stakes that's gaming it is a sink for one's uh pent-up and so i guess this is my admission that i am in fact not only a gamer i am an so the election's still going on it's actually the exact nightmare scenario that people were worried about right this was the liberal and left wing for in many cases worry about this election because of the nature of the ballot collection process you've got these states where trump is but coat's going to take a long time 0:2:2 he's going to declare victory and he's going to call on his supporters to go out and and committed and carry out a coup on his behalf and stop voting that his judicial goons will back and what is actually happening trump is doing everything that everyone said he would do he's not taking the high road he is he is saying the stuff that before the election people said i want people to go back and run and maybe i even said this because like i said i didn't realize until i realized you know i hope i didn't i always i think back i thinking back to this stupid issue i feel like i was pretty consistent that i thought this was all \*\*\*\*\* horseshit but maybe i like was i even i feel like at this point if i give it any credit i feel like i oversold the case but honestly i felt like i had to give some credit or people just wouldn't listen to you they're like well this is so absurdly ridiculous to think this isn't a real threat that we don't live in this country with the fascist police state and the proud boys and the nazis in the street you can't 0:3:3 tell me that there's a realtor and so i felt like i had to \*\*\*\*\* like extend just a a bone to even like be able to get a conversation going or get people to like listen but now it's like okay the barn door is closed because this is the scenario think of someone before on election night who said what if this happens they would say he will do a

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coup that's what they would mean or there'd be some sort of fighting in the streets and blood in the streets would be the number one thing they would say they would say violence how it would come out they might not essay but they would say violence what have we actually seen where are the proud boys that were told to stand back and stand by where are the militias the three percenters and the oath keepers and the promise keepers and the the patriot prayer boys where are they with their guns the biggest crowds i've seen are a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* chuckle-headed uh parrot \*\*\*\*\* jimmy buffett concert going \*\*\*\*\* doing the \*\*\*\*\* ymca in a parking lot some guys 0:4:5 in \*\*\*\*\* pennsylvania just they went through the protest and they and what does this lay on to it lays onto a situation where all these issues that we've wrapped so much importance around like this is titanic titanic battles about the future of the of the race are identified as sports fandoms these people get together they basically and you see videos of some dorks chanting and they're like this is voter suppression this and it's like yeah sure the intention is bad these are people who don't respect you and don't think that you deserve rights and yeah all that stuff is true but what is their power to enact their world what is their power to enact that world their power to enact that world is is their vote and then what else though what else what else really besides posting maybe if they go on facebook besides amplifying things and getting other people to vote maybe what are they doing being obnoxious to people 0:5:6 in viral videos are they actually applying any base on their consumer consumer uh interactions in society to to make the world more racist i mean some of them are doing like hate crimes and some of them are doing shootings and once again that's terrible and awful but you have to \*\*\*\*\* put those things in perspective or else why aren't you a psychotically tough on crime conservative because if like one life lost to violence is like evidence we have to drop everything then you're dick cheney things have to be put in perspective that was how terrorism worked people in the \*\*\*\*\* bush years were saying my god terrorism what's the at the end of the day what's the big deal people would say my god you're saying you would allow a terrorist attack in america so it's like well it wouldn't be ideal but like if the cost of not having that is this awful \*\*\*\*\* war like i'm sorry maybe we take some they would say you would that makes sense but in this case in this specific instance no any violence carried out in the name of politics we have to orient our entire politics around stopping and i'm saying that was a big part of whatever the \*\*\*\*\* kind of campaign we just 0:6:8 saw in the last four years and what did it accomplish and what was the real enemy because the moment is this don't be \*\*\*\*\* telling me oh yeah well you know uh they they're waiting for their moment this is the moment this is literally the scenario that everyone was talking about this is dip to the t everything has gone as they have said and what has happened uh guys like rupert murdoch said oh yeah arizona's uh for

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biden and \*\*\*\*\* you we're not gonna reverse the call what did uh mitch mcconnell say he said you know there is actually a difference between um uh you know counting votes after a vote and uh recounting or getting new votes like it's just keep counting them they're they're all regular votes what about the \*\*\*\*\* federal judiciary that he stacked with his \*\*\*\*\* loyalists one after another these judges are saying this is a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* case and the cases don't even have like a beer they're too incompetently put together jared kushner literally was like googling how to uh steal election on election night that's how much planning had gone into this \*\*\*\*\* trying to say hey is there a guy like james baker can we find like a incredibly uh powerful and influential 0:7:9 political fixer who's been uh you know right in the top levels of american politics for 30 \*\*\*\*\* years oh \*\*\*\*\* now all those guys are tired and their \*\*\*\*\* kids are running because yes there are millions of crazy trump supporters but their craziness is the way that they're crazy about being a \*\*\*\*\* football fan they'll certainly go out and do things in public to \*\*\*\*\* register that \*\*\*\*\* uh the belief because that's how you reinforce the emotional connection you have to the idea of yourself as a fan of something but are you going to risk your \*\*\*\*\* life at the end of the day because how many i mean in europe it's one thing with the soccer where it's actually very political like you know in in cultures where polit political life actually had some like teeth to it as recently as world war ii and afterwards um even if it's dissolving now there as well as it is here but what like we have riots sometimes when a team wins but some guys turn over a car that's it there's no huge apocalyptic confrontation with the cops there aren't \*\*\*\*\* deaths there isn't any real confrontation with the state there 0:8:11 isn't any kind of ethnic pogrom it's just a spontaneous expression of people's over pent emotional connection to a pseudo event that they're participating in virtually and that's what they are doing they're doing what you would do if your team won or lost or i guess waited for a really really long instant replay call and you really cared that's what we're dealing with and what that means the good news people said i was really blackpill yesterday i don't think that's the case i think blackpill is some \*\*\*\*\* online cop \*\*\*\*\* like everything else it's part of the culture of like having an identity and a take that like takes the place of asking yourself what you're gonna do about politics because like i have said you have to make politics part of your life as a citizen and as a family member and as a friend and as somebody who lives in a \*\*\*\*\* community in a country because you are a human being but with the but the but the actual content of that is determined by your experiences not 0:9:14 a black pill oh i took the black pail now i get the game all day if you're gaming all day you're deadening the thing in your in your soul that says you should try to make things better black pill is it's a pill it's a \*\*\*\*\* it's a zolof you're gonna have to answer those questions people say it's blackmail because it tells them you can't

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find it here and that is a blackfield that's the truest black pill because you're saying this thing that i have pseudo that i have identified with as like a zone of of political participation and engagement and like building my character and ethic as a human being and building real real uh like actions around my reputed mental values that i hold the things that give them texture and reality uh that cannot provide me with a political meaning well then political meaning doesn't exist by definition because that's the only place you can get it and that's one of the reasons we're in this mess is because people feel that in their guts but it's not \*\*\*\*\* true because even if it's not electoral and it might be there will still be something you can do that can turn into politics if enough people do it and i know that that's not great but i know that sounds like maybe some anarchist \*\*\*\*\* it really isn't it's just an acknowledgment that this thing is not the society i mean i know that's cliché it's literally the matrix but it is it's like it is the matrix there's a reason that people love talking about the matrix because it is just a perfect \*\*\*\*\* metaphor for the experience of this again we have all accepted it's up like yeah i know it's the matrix but i know it's the matrix but and i would say that for the last four years i don't blame anyone for thinking i know but it's a matrix but because we didn't know what was working we didn't know what was happening we only knew that everything was up in the air we were trying to figure it out the only way we knew how which was to consult the only forum the only public engagement that most of us have which is the online space and we went looking for answers and that was the only place we were even we were only going to be able to find them there so it was totally made sense to do it and i think things were learned by doing that things were built that had material consequences but now is the time to recognize okay there is no but the good news though is that there is another place and that means you have to build institutions and you have to find institutions that connect to the people you know and who you have trust with and who you could build out with like say labor unions and things like that not spontaneous street demonstrations that's what they're doing right now that's what everything has been for the past four years spontaneous personal expressions of an overflowing sense of political a need to politically define oneself driven by the trauma and horror of the living in the moment and feeling like you're a political subject but ara's conception of ourselves political subjects is illusory and so when we go out and we perform political uh uh identity through demonstrations riots uh karaoke protests it is inherently limited by our uh limited ability to recognize um to coordinate action because without coordination the action does not reverberate out upward and reinforce it like anything driven kinetically will re hit friction and momentum will be slowed and eventually the \*\*\*\*\* the water pours out of the cup and it just and that's like and and those particu eruptions can be very powerful and

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have short term be like traumatic and involve death and violence and these horrible narratives and real trauma and horror but they will not they are not the building blocks that people think they are they are not the steps in an ascension that people think they are they are random they explode the ripples go out and then the \*\*\*\*\* 0:13:20  
waters still until another eruption comes out because none of these are building anything beyond the sedimentary layer that over time might reach a tipping point but i think definitively i'm sorry it and i think this uh i think the way this is going the way this recount is or whatever the hell count is going the way that there's just none of the stuff anyone was worried about has come to pass and the way that we are just sort of suspended in like in a eternal uh election night i think that we are in for like a weird it's weird i don't know how to put it like we're not gonna get an exhalation we're not gonna get an exhalation but we're not gonna get a any catharsis it's gonna be a ruined orgasm just an internal edging like a a election day that never ends but 0:14:23  
i think because that level of tension can't be sustained i think the tension will turn into something else like the emotion can't go away but it will it will uh mutate and i think like all that the the anxiety is turning into something else because i don't know how the hell we see this totally muted response this non-apocalypse carry come out happen in front of us and not respond by lightening up somehow which is i think permanent election day baby just suspended because like this was supposed to be the apocalyptic confrontation we were going to banish evil or evil was going to roar its head at us one way or the other like if you're a conservative or or a liberal that's what you thought blm uh uh antifa will be at your uh preschool uh feeding your child 0:15:25  
he'll all meet or uh you know the proud boys will be uh bursting into your uh your local health food store and making and calling everyone soy based you'll be able to do nothing about it uh but that's not gonna happen and there's not gonna be a uh you know you're not gonna get your chance because like i said both both urges are inherently sadistic it's like yes you're scared of being punished but you're also excited about inflicting punishment so that's that's the the lure of it that's like the emotional edge of it that makes it enjoyable the reason people do it because obviously we're gonna have to find a new sort of i guess we're gonna have to change the channel and 0:16:27  
switch genres you know election day is gonna go on and now it's no longer the uh like the big budget um apocalypse movie it's no longer the roland emmerich end of the world movie that we were all in until election night it's like uh i don't know some sort of uh i don't know we'll find out it'll be funny though it's just going to be this thing the thing i'm looking forward to is just is hopefully the uh the the need to like assert culture i hope that goes away but honestly i'm a little worried that because a lot of people are gonna take the election i mean wow there's more racists out there than we think and so many more minority racists than i thought existed especially

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since i didn't think minorities could be racist oh boy i might have to go you know what we need to do we need to get rid of all this uh uh anti-white or anti-minority sentiment all this racism we need more strided cultural hectoring for people to not be racist we're going to have to hit the hit the accelerator but honestly i feel like without trump to goose people towards that like as you know a market incentive it's gonna wane and we're gonna see uh some more fun programming as we said i said we will said on the show we just recorded they're bringing back entourage the man show we're gonna have all the fun like bush era knuckleheaded hijinks there's gonna be no more anxiety cartoons everyone's gonna just sort of get uh get 70s about it like if that was like a like a 60 it's not supposed to be like a 68 you know national anesthetic horribly illus anise horribilis then biden's going to be like that 70s come down that 70s come down where everybody just turned into hedonists and that means more fun and more fun more more entertaining entertainment stuff that doesn't have to that that does not stuff that is not marbled with politics like cut with politics to make up for the lack of entertainment value like i think that's what that's the best way to think of political content in uh modern uh art the stuff that you know that the gamergate people hate wokeness and culture specifically television programs and stuff like that uh as i have said you know as capitalism is as totally uh marketized entertainment as a concept it has made entertainment materially worse it's made it it's it's by removing the artistic element of it it is no it is not it is less and less every year art because artistic intent is leavened out with money more and more uh and that means that it's it's it's pretty i mean you'll have good stuff but like the trend line like the \*\*\*\*\* rate of profit there's a reason for that those things correlate uh is going down and that means like if you think of it as uh like you're a butcher and you have these like it's it's the it's the it's the it's the um it's like the golden age of cinema and you've got just this beautiful flank steak and you're making these like porterhouses for people they're just like oh my god and there's all this rich deliciousness over the years though your stock your business gets bad you can afford worse uh less and less impressive funds of meat by the end of it you've got this very disgusting uh like ground beef how are you gonna \*\*\*\*\* serve this to people it's rancid well you cut it with stuff that there are a number of american cuisines that are basically that like scrapple and uh and ghetto they're they're uh ways to stretch meat to make people uh get uh more of it to be able to uh get more out of less meat more food out of less meat and what they cut it with is something that isn't art but looks like art and politics is that politics is experienced as an art because it's experienced as an aesthetic experience and not as a lived experience as art is but it does not have the individual you know like human expression of art it's it's directed to a very material and cynical end which means that it cannot speak to like a human a real real

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authentic human expression which is what art is it's an authentic human expression and so it cannot be art but it's experienced like art it's like it's like high fructose corn syrup to real cane sugar you know uh and you throw that in there and you and the thing is for all the gamergate people who are trying to be like yeah exactly if 0:21:35 you get get rid of it if you got if you pulled out the politics it's not like you get a better \*\*\*\*\* burger the shitty meat is still there there's few there's less of it there's nothing to cut it they've got to cut it with something and because of demographic trends uh and because of the way that uh the consumer economy is directed towards college-educated people because college-educated people tend to have more money and therefore are the subject of advertising attention has to reflect the politics of those people who you are directing your uh your advertisement stores which is how you have a \*\*\*\*\* uh entertainment product in the first place in the case of television but like it expresses itself similarly all across you know people with college degrees are more likely to be able to send their kids into the arts and so that means you get more people actually in the business of that doing having these opinions and that's 0:22:38 not there's not there's no conservative conspiracy there there's no cultural marxists in the in the wings there isn't a \*\*\*\*\* zombie theodore adorno cackling in a graveyard in a prague uh there is just the market forces churning through this thing called art squeezing all of the possible \*\*\*\*\* profit out of it and leaving a charred so i haven't looked at the chat in a while content versus art exactly content is it can have artistic 0:23:39 elements to it but the fact that it's content means that it's our artistic uh content has been inherently adulterated in a way that not all art is all artists to a degree because everything is commercialized but uh but that experience of expressing art is commercialized to different degrees and over time it becomes more commercialized that means it turns into content the needle goes it's like if it's if it's art up until here then it's content over time stuff tends and now we're at a point where not everything is but a lot is and more i didn't say it was a dichotomy i said it was a \*\*\*\*\* spectrum 0:24:41 it's not a thing it isn't a collaboration of things with certain tendencies emerging from them you've got two different things that break into you've got a trajectory of things over time that break one way or another and then you have a periodization where before they were this and after that there's something else that's like the way that the means of production uh change over time and then the relevant uh social structures that emerge from them you can't get me with the false that's not gonna work that's the beauty degrees oh boy trump is speaking at 6 30. i might have to 0:25:46 log off a little early tonight i think that's okay i went ahead 45 minutes last time so i think it's okay if i go 45 this time but i think i might have to log on for that i haven't watched him speak in a while he hasn't sounded good lately they have to have him suited up i actually kind of suspect that he's going to be down beat but

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that'll be funny too i will say shout out to trump because it looks like he's going to get the result he wanted which was he gets to stop being president without having been branded in his own mind anyway as a guy who lost the presidential election especially to joe biden because he has convinced himself that it's stolen from him and more importantly he has convinced the vast majority of people who voted for him that he is right he can maintain his position as a guy who gets all the attention of being president and all the imagined positive attention of being president without having to do all the so once again this guy the irony of ironies donald trump is 0:26:47 the luckiest man on earth in the sense that he has pursued single-mindedly a single desire in his entire life and achieved every uh possible stepping stone that you could conceive of accomplish with that goal in mind and he has been miserable the entire time that is what i have before referred to on this program as the hedonic treadmill and it's a \*\*\*\*\* and one of the worst things that can happen to someone is to always get what they want because at some point you have to reflect inward on the fact that getting what you want doesn't work but if you are s focused enough and narcissistic enough you could just you can thread that kneel and never have that moment and never not be able to drown that moment out with the blaring television piping the 0:27:48 \*\*\*\*\* empire carpet jingle in your head while you're \*\*\*\*\* ordering the assassination of a i gotta say though him just like going we we claim the like and that's the other part of this that is hilarious because you had yes this army of the darkness that was going to emerge from the suburbs and just claim the government and i know people say well the cops were the real ones i'm sorry these guys all \*\*\*\*\* have pensions they have to have they are as atomized as we are they are reactionary and they have power to club people and they get to like carry out higher levels of violence against the population the guys who have the same opinions and would want to do that but they have the same \*\*\*\*\* selfish desires as everyone else they have the same non-existent political imaginary as they just want to crack heads didn't \*\*\*\*\* complain about \*\*\*\*\* uh uh minorities in their in their rumpus room you really think they 0:28:49 have visions of but the other part of it the other flip side is trump had to actually do the thing and his idea of doing the thing is exactly what everyone's joke version of it would be he literally just tweeted it and expected that to do the job because that's what his entire presidency has been because the actual wheels of power have been grinding behind him the just inexorable pull towards an eye annihilation you know the background hum of of neoliberal just austerity uh strip mining the human the the planet and our species being and he's just the whole time and that has been because that's what people talk about and all he cares about is what people are talking about because he's he gets to uh solve every problem through tweeting about it and here is a problem that must be solved it must be solved or tweeting about it

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and that means what that means that his dumbest acolytes like \*\*\*\*\* rudy and his and kushner decide we're gonna rally the troops and \*\*\*\*\* blue dobbs does exactly 0:29:51 what those pants sweaters before the election were terrified was gonna happen he goes on national television and tells the treason followers to go to the cities but what about the actual people who would have to do something like state legislatures or federal judges or anything like that who's doing what a guy like mitch mcconnell what are they doing they have institutional prerogatives institutional uh ambitions that transcend the trump administration they are part of the deep state that's the funniest part is that for most of these \*\*\*\*\* mega people and almost all honestly of like the post lefties who think like oh trump the \*\*\*\*\* deep state hates trump so that means that he's a real threat to them it's like yeah they don't like him they would rather have a guy whose motives they can anticipate because they're broadly theirs which is of like a ruling class self-directing his is a personal ego completely 0:30:53 unbound by adherence to any norm or project beyond his own validation and that's not ideal now you need him you need him you can't win without him and now the people who make up a big bulk of the of of the voters and a lot of the people in power have an ideological connection to him and they they root for him and they take his framing on a lot of issues but you still would much rather especially at this point after you've got what you wanted four years federal judiciary completely stacked six three supreme court majority for the next decade and now my god this election think they might keep the senate and more important than anything they kept those state legislatures those ones that they won in the 2012 freedom caucus uh tea party wave the ones that were supposed to go back to the democrats in the big wave we were going to get for joe biden with this huge spike in voter turnout to repudiate the disastrous trump administration they kept them which means bad 0:31:54 maps are going to get worse and it means that the the electoral path for even the neoliberal democratic party to wield power let alone any fraction of left-wing voters within it why would they want to put any of that in jeopardy for him personally and his network of \*\*\*\*\* buffoons and cronies all of whom are just like you can't even invite him to your office to talk about doing illegal \*\*\*\*\* because they're gonna like steal the \*\*\*\*\* uh paperweight off your desk and hock it for five dollars you're gonna go and have a sp secret meeting with them about you know adrenochrome harvesting or something and they're gonna try to sell you a time share you don't need them and you've got the fact that you've got this rolling crisis that there's nothing in the leo liberal playbook to fix why wouldn't you want to let the democrats do what you did in 2010 22008 which was taken on the chin for the failure to reconstruct 0:32:55 anything out of the economic collapse and best of all there is no direct incentive to you personally as a member of this class of people to help him because well like the

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impeachment was a no-brainer no republican or at least no republican who didn't live in utah was going to vote to impeach trump because they would have lost their job and they all liked their jobs no one in the important crevices of republican power over like the electoral legislative judicial system has that threat none of them are going to personally be blamed for long this happened my god they're \*\*\*\*\* blaming fox news you're off the hook all of them by the way have essentially accepted that he's going to lose by i mean that's the other thing that's another reason that the civil war idea was never going to happen because neither side was going to be able to keep up the head of steam about an election being lost because you know when 0:33:57 i think about it as i pick up my ar to go out and like maybe eat lead some \*\*\*\*\* kid with a spiked uh some kid with like purple hair like putting a machete through my eye because like you might say oh they're not gonna do that but like the one that's kind of \*\*\*\*\* has to happen and two they all think that kind of stuff could happen what for an election like i remember when obama was president like i would get mad at him he was on the tv but like i still had a tv and i like watching it and i still do it's just gonna it would just eak it away now if he wins and trump could still win it will be not because they stop the count and a bunch of ballots are just invalidated it'll be because the actual count requires a recount or there's a narrow enough discrepancy that they can do actual bush be gore \*\*\*\*\* again and if that happens then that's par for the course the same way you can't complain that you lost the electoral college because that was baked in that level of voter theft of election 0:34:59 fat theft is by definition uh baked in because it already happened and you have no excuse but you sure \*\*\*\*\* can't \*\*\*\*\* say that that's a coup or that we've ended democracy and nobody will believe you if you say it and so you'll say it with less and less force as nobody takes that principle seriously and then you're back into the slog so really i think we're gonna see this sort of like ease tension like just sort of prolonged brezhnevia shrugged towards whatever that it's not terminal it's not like i'm saying everything's going to collapse this could go on for god oh god you have no idea how long you've gone what becomes of q that's a very good question i think 0:36:7 there is going to be if he loses there's going to be some serious disillusionment but i think the real hardcore and this is always what happens when prophecy fails not everybody sticks everybody who's committed enough sticks like i was talking about all these things are in degrees not every q person is a rabid cue person a lot of them and they will say this when you talk to them in these interviews everyone gives them they'll say look it's like an astrology basically like you get up in the morning and you know you read your \*\*\*\*\* horoscope nobody really thinks that shit's true but it's interesting and you think about it over the course of the day and it like makes you reflect on yourself and it provides you with like some texture to your social

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experience cube here is the same thing you can read them in the morning and it's like a \*\*\*\*\* horoscope like be on the lookout for the letter l and uh the number 88 and then you do during the course of the day and it's a little entertainment and when that happens like eventually you're just gonna move on to sudoku for the real heads though it's gonna become a religious thing and like trump will be a \*\*\*\*\* occluded body for them or something or like like the holy he's gonna like go to the he's like trump left washington on a \*\*\*\*\* submarine and left behind a clone so that he could find the holy grail under antarctica in a submarine like okay fine but i think that it will be stripped of specifics and like that ambient q stuff is going to find another poll if trump loses but it will tend to to go towards like a reactionary like anti uh like a reactionary like socially uh hostile direction that's for sure but i think that the specific contours are gonna it's gonna depend on what's i will be interested to see how the cue congresswoman does like is she gonna just start calling everybody up for and be like ask them under oath if they eat children that would be very funny my guess is now that she's in congress she's gonna settle down just like the tea party people did and the funny thing is is people like to say that's proof that like oh yeah the tea party was a failure like no it wasn't it absolutely reoriented the demo the republican party broadly to the right which is all it was ever viable to do that's how these things work like it's a pressure group exerts like an influence that like over time ratchet affects a a party in a direction ideologically and creates new new barriers for like for litmus tests for candidates which ideologically then cohere onto the actual people who run for office it's a \*\*\*\*\* success q will do the same thing like these people will change the ideological con the ideological content of the mind of the average uh congressman and that will have its effect that's certainly true i would say yes someone says glenn beck's chalkboard was proto cue correct problem with that was that it was not collaborative it was watching someone play a video game which isn't as fun as playing the game yourself and that was the quantum leap forward that was like the thing that boosted q and made it so enduring because oh this is a game you can play yourself you have to have to watch some guy do the controllers which is what is fun like you get to do your own blackboard do the home game the bet the glenn beck home game and now he's a \*\*\*\*\* loser huh totally the guy i mean it was bad enough when he bet when he \*\*\*\*\* up on trump absolutely how i mean how do you not recognize how do you not recognize your audience enough to know that that was going to be a bad play unless he figured and i think correctly that his shtick it's not like he could like he could not have been pro-trump because trump was a direct replacement for him like his figure in politics was it's like a \*\*\*\*\* sun going supernova like he's this little planet over here during the obama years he was consumed and he would have been consumed there was nowhere for him to go but

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his attempt to go anti-trump was a hilarious bit of cope is to try to like pivot away 0:40:15  
and it failed and then he \*\*\*\*\* came crawling back and then that that made him the  
most somebody else keeps asking me about what i think about custer which is an  
odd question i'll leave it at that because i'm gonna go and uh and watch this trump  
uh talk because i want to see the li the live stuff like we're like the entertainment  
value of trump is going to wane pretty quickly once he's no longer president and i  
want to get the last good uh drops of juice i mean custer was a very glorious buffoon  
and that uh just a a a parody of a human being which is what uh mark twain said 0:41:16  
about uh francis fuston but it it uh attracts for him what i think is interesting about  
custer is that in his role uh with fighting the sioux both with washida creek and then  
finally little blue corn he was essentially acting as a \*\*\*\*\* uh mercenary on behalf of  
railroad interests like he was not ordered to do any of that stuff they went out there  
as part of a a collaboration to to engage the sioux in a war that would see them  
thrown out of that territory this is a provocation i think he's not a \*\*\*\*\* general all  
right guys i'm going to go in i'm very excited about this very excited about this talk  
see on the flip

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\*\*\*\* 16 times and what do you get another day older and deeper and dead save peter don't you call me cause i can't go i owe my soul to the company's store now now some people say a man is made out of poor man's made out of muscle and blood muscle and blood and bone and steel and the right one won't get you then the left \*\*Music playing\*\* all right folks how you doing so i know that a lot of people have said after my post-election stream when i laid out the case for the uh the incurable deadlock between two purely culturally effective political parties that cannot be resolved by any appeal to material conditions because that's black pill and that that's doom scrolling or whatever that means and especially since i just kind of ended with if something comes it'll come from below and i can't say what it is it's like god damn that's a \*\*\*\* uh kick the groonies what and while i still can't say how it'll happen or who will be participating in it because that's gonna have to occur in the moment i do think now having thought about it a little bit that i have an idea a sense of what the general's general shape of such a thing would be so i could lay it out and given a description of how i think something might emerge that people could keep an eye out for uh and involve themselves with uh if it comes into their view personally not something that imposed about from me or something that exists now that's for sure but like just structurally just to give people a something to think about while they're trying to tend their own garden without getting too so let's go to the election let's start there looks like biden has won looks like the threat of the com trump coup literally did just turn out to him be him asking someone else to do it and everyone being like nah things are fine uh we'd rather we wouldn't rather we would not like to risk either our lives in the form of like his supposed shock troops who were going to come and flood the zone and initiate the day of the rope or that are careers uh in the form of the people at the top of the uh political and judicial structure and you might say uh well you silly person like they have no consequences i don't think that's true considering how it wasn't close enough for that to be the case these it's like it's not a florida uh gore voice situation there was no room for a a real grab that would have been normalizable maybe like some not something that the snake could digest and

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so it all pivoted away so we're getting biden and i know a lot of people are breathing a sigh of relief and some people are pointing to everybody who is breathing a sigh of leaf and saying aha you cuck you said all you could you could say all you want about how you didn't like biden and you weren't voting for him but you are rooting for them and that's the same thing you're secretly just through your discussion the way you frame them you're brainwashing your audience to vote for biden you \*\*\*\*\* cuck i knew it and as to that i say fair play because if the democrats are the don't be an \*\*\*\*\* party and the republicans here that don't be a \*\*\*\*\* party i will admit at those culture at that cultural level i am a member of the don't be an \*\*\*\*\* party or otherwise known as a \*\*\*\*\* i fit the demographic i went to \*\*\*\*\* college a middle-class white kid went to college at the right time had the right combination of life experiences to connect to the college experience in a way that conditioned me towards having certain social views about cosmopolitanism and things like that and i know 0:4:7 that those are uh you know um uh i know that those are real issues with real policies related to them you know police funding and you're talking about racial justice or something like that and you know immigration but those all connect to real things with real consequences but for me they are felt effectively they are felt emotionally they're not really part of my like material interests because i'm a white male but i know it's not it's an \*\*\*\*\* to just let people get exploited and racist and done racism on um and fair enough uh i cop to that i have those views because that part of the conditioning i keep i've kept because it's it's not people like the new theory is like those set of affects are uh uh like neoliberalism it's no they are the cultural uh uh 0:5:8 like architecture of the broad cosmopolitan uh point of view which is contrasted with the parochial point of view that is uh manifested in the don't be a \*\*\*\*\* republican party those are the people who didn't go to college and absorb those things or went to college and rejected those things and i'm not one of them so i am \*\*\*\*\* rooting for biden i'm sorry i was cop to it although i have to say though i have absolutely no faith that this is gonna be a better outcome than trump having won reelection in fact i think there's a very good chance it's a worse outcome i mean nothing to be done about it there was never anything to be done about it by any of us be realistic but i i when i look at the next four years the way this vote happened i really do 0:6:9 see no reason to have any um the uh divided government means that nothing of any consequence is passed beyond like the beer the the the very nearest like minimal amount of uh of uh recovery money and and and such and that we will allow ourselves to go through a second cleveland term response to a crisis where we just sort of allow it to continue without any kind of significant government intervention the only big if we get any big legislation it will be something like entitlement reform uh the the grand bargain that mcconnell is waiting and salivating at the prospect of passing in

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which with a democratic house led by nancy pelosi instead of a \*\*\*\*\* crazy group full of tea party psychos uh under uh boehner who wouldn't take a deal when it was given to them by obama they might actually be able to get it uh culturally all the wars that we think are over are only going to get more intense and more annoying i mean i think that the the uh particular keening were of them will go down because trump's not there to like keep the uh keep the liberals psychotically activated but just the general drift is gonna ratchet towards more conflict and there's gonna be more police violence there's gonna be more demonstrations about police violence that there's going to be more political violence in general that people are going to spectaclize and assimilate into their political view and it's going to harden things and that means that those newly introduced republicans who showed up uh the ones who aren't just going to stop paying attention are going to become more convinced of their republicanness but more importantly all of the people who came up to stop biden are in the midterm going to stop paying attention you'll see another red wave like in 2010 and then a failure to recover at all from the uh collapse unlike the fake recovery we got under obama that was then covered with obama's personal charisma and like narrative power to shape shape our you know relationship to the government uh just joe biden's rickety skeleton uh presiding overall like a \*\*\*\*\* dance macabre uh we he gets destroyed by whatever comes after trump donald trump jr john taffer my pillow guy maybe tom cotton or josh hawley i mean it's gonna be a battle royale but whoever it is it's that and then you get locked in like a full suite of anti-democratic things that legitimately limit franchise and that uh allow for the full like securitization of life the full privatization of life for the uh coming break up you know into the techno cantons and the and the dissolution of central authority which is the engage game of that faction of capitalism and the democratic party will be unable at every point to stop this because as i have said their drift cannot be reversed they can only double down on what they have been doing like you see it oh uh trump won because america is more racist than we thought well we're just gonna have to scream more about racism then okay that guarantees that all those people who started who voted for trump in 2020 because they think that's a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* talk are going to double down on it uh and meanwhile new all those working-class people you're hoping to bring into the gov into politics they're going to see you screeching and howling and they're going to mostly tell you to shut the \*\*\*\*\* up because they didn't go to finishing school meanwhile the democratic party will just be the party of college-educated professionals and the problem with them is that they don't stay in big parts of the country that are demographically rewarded with congressional representation and political influence places where that make up 270 electoral votes and that are where people are uh where senators where

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two senators can be elected by a couple hundred thousand people they leave those spots they go concentrate in already dense urban areas and contribute to already lopsided political victories that mean that their influence over legislation is basically non-existent those people in the middle those are the people who are left over those are the older folks those are the ones who didn't go to college or came back from college and said it was a bunch of dumb \*\*\*\*\* and didn't go off to seek their fortune in the big city and they will just be republicans and that means you will not even be able to get to 270 you know it doesn't matter how many votes you win by in the popular vote you'll never get another \*\*\*\*\* uh electoral quote victory and you'll never be able to change uh get rid of the electoral college either and the response 0:10:16 will only be to double down on identity because that's all that exists and it'll all exist for republicans too it's a mirror image thing like they will be doubling down on identity like all during the trump administration people have been complaining about how the democrats and leftists in general are talking about identity too much so was trump to a different and the issue is is that for the non-college educated uh when you talk about those issues it redounds to the benefit of the don't be a \*\*\*\*\* party because don't be a \*\*\*\*\* is a more visceral and understandable reaction to this kind of stuff because you have not learned the undergirding ideas and in fact a lot of these people say you should never have to tell anybody those because it's not their job to educate you meaning that you're guaranteed to hear the \*\*\*\*\* have it bounce off of you and say so i mean that is that's a bad that's a bad case and it undermines hilariously the only case you could have made for biden which was harm mitigation right you can't make an ideological case for voting for biden 0:11:17 that he's going to make anything better uh and you can't uh and in his case you couldn't even have made a harm reduction argument in my opinion but of course the harm reduction argument was in the process it was in the assumption of well we're going to take all these voters in this crisis election and they're all going to vote for democrats and we're going to get a blue wave that gives us the senate and yeah we have the filibuster but hey we'll be able to get rid of the filibuster and i know we don't think it's going to happen but it could and just the prospect of that fills them with this idea that there's possibility and they convince themselves that that's what they're voting for when they vote for biden what they get is the result of this party presiding over these conditions which is uh college-educated people basically being guilting by the tv and and like their fellow college educated people into getting rid of the the bad orange rude man many of them if they're wealthy enough sticking to voting republican down ticket because they're still class conscious along those lines and they know that their interests are in low taxes since that's basically what the 0:12:18 government does but lower high taxes what else does it do that's kind of it because

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everything else has been pushed off the \*\*\*\*\* table as a possibility as an intervention that that the and they're either going to be doubling down on that cultural shift or say well trump's trump's gone now i've normalized trump so nothing's gonna shock me anymore and i'll just wrote republican again you'll have those uh you know younger ideologically committed democrats who are either you know class traders liberal class traders who think they're on the side of the of the downtrodden even though the democratic party is a capitalist party as integral to the maintenance of capitalism and its exploitative system as the republicans are but they don't think of it that way they think they're the party of the downtrodden because they're the party of minority views and i uh and uh you know uh uh uh the the uh yeah minority rights against the oppressive majority like that's that what left means it doesn't have anything to do with distribution because once again distribution is not on the menu but those people will be concentrated in these \*\*\*\*\* cities and that means they'll never be able to exercise power over the federal government which means as as capitalism gets more savage and extractive and and social cohesion and social uh obedience are undermined the techno surveillance uh machinery of of uh of control will be instituted by the republican party essentially the which means it probably be will be have like explicit racial character to it now say the democrats win though like this is the real grim \*\*\*\*\* is that say you break out of that somehow without under i don't think you could but if you could break out of that somehow without changing the undermining under girding reality that the democrats are not a working party they are a workers party they're a capitalist party uh if you could somehow get them to uh uh winning get them to power in in an event of a crisis all you're gonna do is is is uh is the cliché joke about uh you know rainbow uh painted nose cone predator drones it will be the the violence will be maybe more just less distributed by explicit racial categories but it will be as oppressive and stratified along class so like there's not even really a harm reduction case for trump because that's they're all it all ends badly because say they somehow parlay a bad trump response in the second term to covet to like people just kind of shrugging their shoulders be like things are so bad and these are the only options i guess we'll give them a shot and then they will just be presiding over catastrophe from the point of view of stabilizing capitalism at the expense of us like chuck schumer saying people are killing themselves because we're evicting them let's give cops the power to detain them if they show evidence that they want to self-harm that will be the democratic response to crisis instead of you know build a wall and and lock up these these uh these immigrant children it'll be a like a little drone buzzing over your head that'll blow your brains out if you uh if you frown too many times but it will be the same essential machine for the same essential uh purpose pulling the last \*\*\*\*\* marrow out of the bones of the system

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before it collapses now once again this is long long time frames but if we're talking about a political party and like the the relationship between political power parties over time in presidential elections we're talking long time scales and we all know that the time scales geologically and ecologically are getting narrower so i'm not saying in anyone's lifetime even i was listening to this but in in in generations this will be the trajectory either way and as i said that cannot be changed from within itself because of how it's structured because there is no class politics that is going to be able to inject itself into the overall dynamic between democrats and republicans because as i have said uh the we have now reached a point where the the end result of the democrats no longer being the party of material advancement for the working class or the downtrodden or whatever for for 40 years the democrats ran this country basically uninterrupted even with eisenhower and nixon in charge the democrats ran this country because they went every two years out and said we're the party of a bigger paycheck after the 70s they could never do that again not in real sense not with any kind of conviction behind it either in policies or in people's memory of their ability to to to deliver on those promises so they've had to find something else to stand in for the party of the downtrodden and because their new constituency was college-educated people who have absorbed ideas about the character of alienation and oppression in this country that have nothing to do with class and everything to do with discrimination along identity axis that narrative is now the accepted idea of what it means to be a a party of the of the little guy it's to defend them against unjust uh uh uh unjust uh an unjust oppression that prevents one from fully participating in the market like that's the real crime of racism and sexism and all other of the patriarchal boogeyman is not any kind of violence against human dignity so much as violence against the ability of a human to inter gage in market relationships the way like everyone else does for one's for one's own personal pleasure seeking as the homo economic as libertarian automaton and the reason the democrats i think are doomed in this dynamic no matter what is that over time as politics gets louder and louder to deal with the fact that things are going to get worse and worse there's not going to be a big influx of these college educated people into the electorate they're already there they're baked in what's going to happen is you're going to have like what happened in 2020 which is a investment by de-politicized socially reactionary working people because they have not absorbed the manner system that they got in college and they're going to see the options we have and they're going to become republicans and that means that you will have this situation where the demographic advantage of the democrats along all accesses except racial in the case of black people but even a long income is going to go away a big chunk of the people are just still not going to be voting at all they will be deeper into despair but those who do vote

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are going to vote with more anger and it's going to be directed against the people who want them to keep their voice down even though everything is terrible i think 0:19:29  
a good example of the dynamic going forward is uh does anyone know the name uh what's their name this woman who is elected in an up in a lan in an upset uh in the congress this name lauren bobert the one who owns shooter's grill the q anon lady in rifle colorado uh her her story is interesting because uh she has the story of someone who historically would be a democrat she was born in florida when she was 12 she moved to denver she said that she had democratic parents and she they lived in poverty her mom was on welfare uh she went to mc worked at mcdonald's and she was 15. she got a ged she's like a \*\*\*\*\* uh uh she got uh pregnant in high school and dropped out she she got her ged this year like a real american like striver uh 0:20:32  
and that background according to everything we've absorbed is supposed to make you some you know a democrat but the reason it isn't is because she's white and so it's like well yeah but she's racist so therefore of course she's a republican but the problem is uh nobody is just racist for no reason that's i know that's what we've been told that 16 19 projects and ten tiny houses coats have told us that racism is this intrinsic thing to american life it's a stain and i would say like race distinction is but racism as an operating principle that guides your behavior is not i'm sorry and i know you're going to say yes but at the sub-atomic level it's there every moment it's like yes it is but i also think that when it's at that level its manifestation isn't really noticeable isn't worth freaking out about isn't the thing that you should be tearing your fleshover out about i'm sorry she's racist for some reasons but look at her life you know we're supposed to use mitigating circumstances when considering people who do bad things like she had a shitty life she blames people for it why is she blaming black people instead of uh if she's racist i mean who maybe she isn't racist 0:21:33  
i don't even know one way maybe she does just blame elites for why things are bad but why does she think that it's democrats why does she think republicans aren't elites it's because the only thing she's ever known about this party is that it's about this set of uh of ostentatious displays of concern for other people and that you're supposed to not want anything for yourself which is of course what upper middle class polite liberals see politics as but somebody whose life has been like bad somebody who's struggled somebody's been in poverty they're not necessarily worried about how empathic they look to other people because they're trying to \*\*\*\*\* survive and liberals and democrats don't seem to care about them so i know that sounds like oh he's justifying racism oh my god once again i wouldn't vote for her she shouldn't be in charge but if we're talking about people in general these things carry out over time and if you take this bobert woman and you look at her background and you compare her to someone like aoc and it's like oh she's like aoc aoc also struggled c also worked 0:22:34

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she was a bartender it's like yeah but she was also a congressional aide and she went to \*\*\*\*\* boston college majored in political science this is a person who has received the etiquette lessons that you're supposed to and it's like look this bronx latina look she's a good socialist yeah because she went to \*\*\*\*\* college and if the question is is the future going to be sorting the party into the part into the party sorting people as they come into politics while things are getting worse and worse into the democrats or republicans to fight over it and it's aoc versus this bobert woman considering how shitty everything is there's a lot more people in this country who are going to be in robert's position than in aocs that are gonna have the chance to go to college you get a four-year \*\*\*\*\* degree in some in political science so some people are like why does he keep talking about college like this that the there's plenty of non-college educated people in the democratic party and there's tons of uh college-educated republicans of course there is the reason i'm talking about college is because when we're talking about the electorate in general we're divided into these demographic groups and then try to analyze their voting behavior and we put those on top of one another and it gives us a sense of like what people are the politically engaged people in this country anyway what they are politically what they view how they view things and and and and how like uh the experience of being an american is is is absorbed and those are all things that people do feel about are those all are ways that people absorb things like college education things like race age uh gender those things uh income all do but the problem is in america because we've got thanks to our ability to spread broadly or more broadly than historically has been the case um our lucr after world war ii we created this thing that was kind of non-existent before called the middle class this lumpin look small bourgeois in america or at least it became lumping as we got suburbanized and atomized thanks to media and geographic yeah so our lump in middle class the one uh they are the ones who vote generally so like this is the electorate that's one of the things that always made fascism like the question about fascism sort of interesting because like fascism emerged in the 20s and 30s as a way to counter working-class political mobilization and they did it by essentially mobilizing the lumpen bourgeois the lump and lower classes in germany and italy the thing is in america there is no left-wing movement among the working class the working class is politically inert so it's all an intra-middle-class movement like people say oh all these young men are turning into proud boys like well yeah but it's they're not they're not emerging in to conflict with a working class classified conflict it's just another it's a show off with other college kids it's other middle class strategies and the reason i think college is so important as the one demographic descriptor not only because we're seeing things pulled towards college very dramatically over the last couple of elections but because of all those markers were talking about college attainment uh

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gender race uh the only one of these that really gets even even income even income  
i would say the only one that's the only one the one of these that gets closest to  
actually pegging someone towards class as it's lived in america is a college because  
the thing about class america is that even though our lives are totally determined  
by our class class is not a lived experience because we are not conscious of ourselves  
for the most part some people are but the vast majority are not we do not walk 0:26:41  
around conscious of ourselves as members of a class we are much more conscious of  
ourselves as those other things men haven't gone having gone to college marks you  
as having gone through a essentially an ideological car wash and most importantly  
that because basically a ton of working-class people's kids went to college after world  
war ii and came out uh with professional jobs and moved from the working class to  
this uh to this middle class this lumpin lower bourgeois uh that means that a lot of  
people grew up in middle class homes means they went their parents went to college  
which means they absorbed college from their parents and then they went to college  
and then they came out having gone through the ideological car wash and uh and 0:27:44  
that means that they are somewhere in this middle class like there are some who  
are going to jump way up and like the rich of course send their kids to college but  
also they're well you know some people jump up in the income from before they  
before what they grew up from some people do rise from the working class to go  
to college they are the minority but they do and then some of them go off to be  
very wealthy uh some have significant uh collapse in fact the whole generation of  
these millennials is all kind of nose-dived but they have nosedived back to sort of  
being in like a income or even working uh class relationship that is similar to people  
who didn't go to college but having gone to college and the reason that's important  
is because the experience of going to college creates your conception of yourself as 0:28:45  
a political subject either because you went yourself your parents did instill those  
things in you and then you didn't go because you didn't like them or your uh or  
if you didn't go to college you absorb culture because everything that is made to  
be consumed uh in the media is made by and for people to go who went to college  
because they are professional because uh professional credentials are required for  
professional endeavors or were at least traditionally in in our system now and that  
though and that so artists are overwhelmingly uh going to be people went to college  
and from the point of view of commerce people who went to college since they make  
up this middle class these are the this is the group of people who are most numerous  
and have the most money because the poor there's a lot of them but they don't have  
any money and also how do you even talk to them since there's very few poor people  
who make art that is seen by the masses and the rich who yes they can be owning 0:29:46  
all these things and they can have their kids like you know become actors because

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they're bored but you know bill gates can only see aquaman how many so many times by himself even if it doesn't cost him a lot of his fortune to go see the movie you need a lot of people watching movies you need a lot of people exposing themselves to advertising you need a lot of people watching the shows so it's all pitched to the middle class so they're absorbing all these moires too uh but the experience of so everyone had who is politically active is what i'm saying is is that way because of their exposure to the psychological regimen to the value system that is created by college this is what moldbug calls the cathedral and it's real it's real uh but the thing is is that it's assumed that this thing exists to make people democrats and well it is true that that is the intention i would think of the majority of the people who make up the collegiate structure uh that is not the full purpose it crea it creates political subjects it creates people who see themselves politically and now the people within 0:30:47 it want to create democrats but because the experience of college is not you know it's not a factory it's a bunch of individuals going into it all of them with individual life experiences individual backgrounds individual personal uh lived uh standpoints whatever the \*\*\*\*\* however you want to put it and it means that they're gonna respond to these things in unpredictable ways so that while college in this cathedral makes democrats on purpose it also by accident because they go to college where they have absorbed college in their media have go grow to detest those values and then decide to hold the other values because what you learn in college is the don't be a \*\*\*\*\* worldview which is cosmopolitan which is uh worldly which assumes in equality of all individuals uh the equality of rights of all people uh and and the 0:31:49 necessity to create some sort of social justice like that is um and a lot of people absorb those views and think yes that's good a lot of people uh and and i think that broadly those are correct in abstract the problem is is that they are not uh as they are encountered in college and in the culture produced by college they are turned into this brittle list of uh personal virtues that are expressed through concern not through actual policies that are going to help anybody like that's the key part about this is that this this this soul washer that we built to send people through and have them come out uh valuing you know diversity and all these things uh is in a system where you're literally telling them at the same time that you're telling them that uh there's oppressed people in the world uh and that uh you know it's the duty to make things better for everybody you're telling them that communism cannot work that uh the competition and uh is irrat and uh is competition is like the the essence 0:32:52 of human experience that uh that the economy is a system produced to create like maximal value through uh people seeking their self-interest in the marketplace and on top of that uh but and so but in that system in this system that is immutable because remember we're not teaching you any marxism like that's the big joke about

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right wingers is that there's a bunch of marxists in the academy marx has been purged from the academy for decades marx is not taught as a serious option marx is taught as a historical curio and a dead end that didn't take into consideration such intersecting issues is patriarchy and racism and blah blah and that means that when you absorb this stuff you're not just absorbing equality you're absorbing that the only problem that is caused by inequality is personal manners is people being mean to one another it's not systemic uh re-inscription of the social uh exploitation 0:33:54 because that's not the thing remember society is not a system for exploiting the side of the society is not the haves sucking the \*\*\*\*\* life force uh and species being out of the the half knots exploiting those with only their labor to sell uh to by vampire like sucking their surplus no no no it's equal exchange of of of desires across the the equal marketplace uh and if there's if black people are or immigrants are disadvantaged or women it's because people are mean and we're and that's not a viable answer and people you either ignore that fact because you're caught up in like the drama of either having experienced those oppressions and wanting to see them corrected or being if you haven't feeling guilty that they're being done on your behalf and one either way you have an emotional investment if you don't have an emotional investment like say you're a white male you're more likely to go uh yeah maybe the they're they're just less maybe they're just not as good like if this is all uh if this is 0:34:57 an open contest and they're behind maybe it's because they're shitty like if this is a race it's like oh they're they're being held back it's like i'm not holding them back i'm seeing them advance like they're all over the place and yet they're not cutting the mustard there's no answer for that other than uh no it's because you're racist that's why they're doing it it's circular it cannot it cannot get towards actual justice uh and so this machine creates these numbers of these well-intentioned liberals who think they're being nice people even though they're really doing is taking a bunch of excuses to be mean to other people and to hate other people to displace their anxiety about being at the top of an economic rung or whatever they want to punish them and so they inscribe their hatred upon you know knuckle jagger the neanderthals men being trash and then they they decide to to you know hate them uh and then or you join the team of \*\*\*\*\* and be like it's these whiny \*\*\*\*\* and these \*\*\*\*\* uh 0:35:58 so the way this works basically is that america has this weird middle class that's not distinct in its relationship to the means of production it contains per it's people who coined the term professional managerial class i prefer lumpin petit bourgeois because it's a very specific american flavor of this where it has never gathered together into any self-conscious thing because class was being abolished when it was being created as a concept that was lived by suburbanization and mass culture and so no one has ever thought of themselves as a class the way that like the small bourgeois maybe

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did in germany and so uh they have to be turned into aware of of their uh place because the thing about these people in the middle class is that the broad middle class the reason that it's such a weird category and it's such a liminal space is that they're not as the working class are purely exploited by the system and they're not as the ruling class are pure beneficiaries of the of the extractive system they are both largely victims and perpetrators they might uh have employees uh people that they hire on like a freelance basis or even as direct employees they might uh they're members of professionals they're managers of other employees that's a big part of it is management like you have people who you could fire but someone could fire you it is a liminal it's a spot between and this has always existed in every society but in america we've been able because of the post-war boom and everything we created this huge explo explosion of these things and it created the need to create things like the \*\*\*\*\* jobs david graber talks about because people had to have something to do my god we've got too much free time here we've got too far free time and we can't just have people sitting around they're going to get ideas so everybody has to get busy becoming managers and and consultants and all this horse \*\*\*\*\* and then their kids live these lives where their parents and them are the experience of plenty boom and bust you know the lean years and fat years uh and and you know the good and the bad side of being in this middle spot in the capitalist pecking order uh but they're nonetheless they are the pr they are being exploited and therefore they suffer alienation as the working class do and uh that working that alienation at some point turns into or can turn into depending on how you experience it can turn into something called class consciousness where you're like oh these are not discrete symptoms of displeasure in my life these are all epiphenomenal to a single daily moment by moment attack on my spirit and soul which is that i have been denuded of my \*\*\*\*\* species being at like a basic level control over my time on earth by and by my un uh requested my necessary my uh my my curse like my i'm like i am as a surf was and for many people that never occurs and in the 19th century like the the working class as mark saw coming together and then was ratified to see come together later uh the the collective experience of coming to a city living in a in a district of workers and doing the same job with other people just the the mere social exchange within that relationship produces a resonance of experience between people a checking of notes that finds one answer and then that is class consciousness there is no mechanism to create that american now it was broken by the prosperity really of the post neutral era so the but the so the people who are now we're being born to the boomers and to the exeters they emerge into a world that has been denatured of any kind of real class consciousness and they find themselves in this for the most part these middle class people in this liminal spot between the two uh

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and so they might never put this in a class context or more specifically in a political context they might not ever think oh these things can be addressed by a political project that's what now if you grow up around middle class people that's basically impossible like as a kid you learn these are political concerns this is a political world your parents have political views so you know the things that are good now this is probably all a bunch of uh cultural epiphenomenal \*\*\*\*\* like you know uh abortion or uh if you're like the anti-abortion movement you know like all these people in the 70s they're terrified of the fact that people that the the working that the uh that the nuclear family was being pulled apart when it was being pulled apart by the fact that you couldn't have a \*\*\*\*\* nuclear family anymore you couldn't afford it but we're going to put it on the blame of women wanting to be able to control their reproduction because they now have to engage in the wage relationship forget that it's going to be abortion so like even though abortion is a real issue that has real consequences the reason people are mad about it the reason it's a political football is because they have a false conception of what it means what they're really mad about is something driven by the economic system that undergirds it but they can't see that because they do not have a fully formed political consciousness college is where people take those generalized feelings of anxiety about society they might have as a young and idealistic person especially if they are going to college they think we're going to learn something about the world and it's where they're given a form because in college is when most people encounter for the first time concepts like communism socialism the wage relationship you know economics that kind of stuff and that is where they are then able to emerge and go oh oh \*\*\*\*\* damn there's this whole thing about the economy and how that structure stuff wow now of course college then informs you as soon as it reforms you that yeah you know these things are real and also you know the country you came from it had a lot of violence in it and it's had a lot of exploitation in its history and you know there's been a lot of pain and blood bloodshed and you feel very shocked about that and if you're white you might start feeling guilty about it but then with the next breath you any any idea that there's like a new frontier for uh uh like uh changing that at a fundamental level is foreclosed and you are left having to deal with those epiphenomenon if you want to feel like a good person uh because there's two ways you can learn about something like your class and what it means to be in a class relationship through experience and through uh uh instruction and middle class in america until recently now the ones who are out of college are the first to not experience that since the post-war era uh those middle class people aren't experiencing it because while they are exploited it's masked their exploitation is masked by the fact that they're relatively well off so that it's almost impossible for middle-class people to get a lived experience without

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the intervention of instruction on what it means to be in a class poor people have but the thing is is that well they have the lived experience of class exploitation they don't in this world that we live in now have the ability to compare notes the way that working class people used to be able to and so that whole gets filled with you know whatever is in the culture around them which ends up being stuff like you know alex jones a lot of the time or or other you know entertainment products that sort of fill in the void of that instruction that is not there if you did not participate in college so the people in college get this first experience of class consciousness and they process it in two ways depending on not their income or their family's income or anything not if they came from the working class not if they're in the middle class not if they're coming down from the mountaintop of wealth and privilege to get an education for some reason which a lot of them do because what else are you going to do with your time uh they can all have different reactions it's not determined the individual response is going to be determined by your individual life experience like i for example i think the fact that my spinal column just exploded when i was in high school i i nearly died and i was in a wheelchair it basically made it impossible for any reactionary social argument to hold sway with me because no argument that anyone has anything bad coming to them because of like where they were born like what skin they were born into or what social position they were born into will ever hold sway for me because i am more intimately aware than most people in my position of the fundamental and terrifying contingency of life on this \*\*\*\*\* planet the fact that nothing is earned that everything is is is a uh random uh uh uh thunderbolt that we have to deal with and that our ability to thrive in life is largely our ability to just avoid through happenstance the calamities that surround us other people have different experiences maybe you had really annoying hippie parents and you're and they're like really mean but also sanctimonious and it like turned you off on the entire thing or you had like evangelical psychos and you've decided that conservatism is inherently bad but you get to college and you learn all these cosmopolitan things hey in case you didn't know all the other people in the world they're all equal they all deserve life on this planet but many of them are struggling and that's now if you didn't go to college there's two ways you process that if you have had likely and like i said didn't go to college doesn't necessarily mean poor but it disproportionately means poor uh and specifically it means your parents probably didn't go to college which means they probably make less money than the parents if your parents didn't go to college and you worked your way to college like you took out loans or whatever you very well could see all this stuff and be like i made it \*\*\*\*\* you and if you get out of college and are successful and you're like driven and that's how you got there and that's how you made it you might have contempt for the people you know in

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those conditions who didn't get out like jd vance for example or you know uh um uh like uh uh lit uh you know a pull up your pants guy you know like i made it they didn't you know like poverty doesn't ennoble the character like poor people being poor sucks and it picks people have a hard time empathizing with others sometimes and it makes it harder for it makes people mean sometimes not everybody but it makes them mean people and if you're poor and you're around mean poor people sometimes you decide \*\*\*\*\* them or and then maybe you decide you see all this stuff the democratic rapping and you're like \*\*\*\*\* this i'm a republican or you say yeah i i feel a kinship with the with the suffering of these other people once again this comes down to the personal experiences you had that made you think that way i'm broadly speaking a democrat i might consider myself a left-winger but i'm a democrat and 0:47:21 this is what i have to say that these are binary categories everybody uh who went to college uh or votes votes consistently along a a political access or doesn't vote but because they're making a point about it is one of these or the other because they're very broad uh they reflect the broad uh binary dynamic of american politics they're democrats and republicans a lot of people say oh chapel you're democrats that's like i don't like the democrats i didn't fight for joe biden i never told anybody to vote for joe biden but broadly speak i'm a democrat but here's the \*\*\*\*\* shock twit plot twist \*\*\*\*\* you are also a democrat everyone listening to this everyone watching this i would wager is a democrat even if you didn't go to college you have absorbed left ideology to the point where you're on that side of the cultural divide you have the same sort of visceral responses to these cultural signifiers even if you know they are 0:48:22 cultural signifiers now if you go to now wealthier people if for one reason or another they don't feel guilty about the fact that they're exploiting other people and that they're the that they just suck and a lot of people do they harden their hearts one way or the other or for one reason or another uh they say no \*\*\*\*\* them they should be that way and they're republicans uh but people who are wealthy and don't who do have like a human connection haven't like forsworn that human connection haven't decided to justify themselves they become democrats but of course they become liberal democrats because they're never going to want to get rid of class hierarchy because it benefits them they are much more likely to decide you know what class is always going to be there but racial discrimination and all these uh inequalities we could do something about those just so happens they don't really do anything about me except me except what i might have to pay higher taxes at the end of the day rich 0:49:24 people can always afford to pay more \*\*\*\*\* taxes and then you've got the middle class where they experience life and their parents experience life both exploiting and exploiting or not or their exploitation is not felt as class exploitation and they might come aware of the very idea that their class exploited in college and be like whoa how

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do they respond that boils down to whether they decide to feel a kinship with the working class even if they aren't technically part of it and even and or they are or they decide to disdain the working class and adhere their heart to capital for specific personal individual reasons but the thing is you get these like these might be random these might be a happenstance within an individual but over large groups of people they sort into broad categories and broad broad world views that people hold and so you you shift these working class these these these college educated middle-class people into sort of in their hearts working-class people whether they are or aren't who believe they're part of a project with other working class people to to get rid of all the racism and the bad stuff or maybe if they're more radical you know get rid of uh capitalism either through the democratic party or defeating it but maybe voting for it strategically sometimes and then you've got the uh the ones who decide yeah no my bad my dad uh you know he worked his ass off to become an insurance salesman and yeah his boss rid him but you know he uh he wanted to get good work out of him and he got and then he took over the boss ship and i could be the boss someday and these things are pulling these two groups to identify and a lot of it is about gender because gender is felt much more closely to one's lived experience than uh than classes and it's still in it and it's actually structured by our relationship to that college education we got and like the language we learn in college is the education is the is the manners of the professional sector which is in like engagement terms in in social terms it is a feminized space it is a face that rewards uh politeness that rewards an ability to be socially observant uh cooperation over conflict and in fact that's one of the things you really learn in school is to act like that that is and so women are more likely to find that uh agreeable because they have been conditioned to be like that because of gender expectations men are going to be less comfortable with it so that helps split this atom this is more this means that men are more like of all races are more likely to go through that process and come out as republicans women are more likely to come out as democrats and then you've got the men who identify as uh you know with that working class with those oppressed people they're more likely they're going to be male feminists they're going to be they're still being different and then women who are like feminism is stupid are going to follow the men to the republican side but the leading gender like split is in that direction so in all cases like it's going to have people of every group but i'm talking the the polls where the where the things demographically aggregate into parties that are going to then vote and determine the outcome of the \*\*\*\*\* and so what this means is is that over time uh these working-class people who have not gone through that process of coming into like full awareness of the of the virtue of this specific uh cultural uh etiquette are going to be brought into politics by the trauma of the moment offered

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a choice between you know vigorous uh uh resistance of uh of formalized nicety uh and a series of elaborate social uh demands uh kabuki uh uh abnegations that have no goal that have no uh benefit because that is the key point to all of this this is the thing that's going to drive the democratic party into oblivion uh is that all of this stuff while self-evident the virtue of which is self-evident to people who went to college and adhered to the democratic worldview the people who said yes to all those things about inclusivity and yes all those things about privilege and yes to all those things about the need for diversity and voices being heard and all that uh it 0:54:31 all makes sense to them and the way that it relates to human uh flourishing makes sense but if you have not encountered it at all let alone rejected it you hadn't even had the chance or which is a lot this is a lot of traces you would reject it through viewing it through the culture and the media and saying it's sanctimonious \*\*\*\*\* because you have not been absorbed into it when you see it all you see is a demand to be quiet all you've seen is a demand to me nice all you see is a demand on you to behave a certain way for no benefit to you the benefit of someone else and why you're supposed to care about them you could get there and you could even get to a point where hey helping them helps me if you go through like a whole political awakening but americans aren't doing that if they're being asked to \*\*\*\*\* fill in a form every four years they're gonna see the thing in front of them and they're going to be respect respond to something that if they went to college and said \*\*\*\*\* this uh or they didn't they saw the culture and said \*\*\*\*\* this so the upshot of this to me 0:55:41 is that any question about how to politically engage with this perpetual doomsday machine that we've created between the two parties this dance of death this tumble off reichenbach falls between the two political parties be done through the democratic party cannot be done through the through the device of the democratic party because the democratic party is in my opinion fully and completely the party of \*\*\*\*\* it is the party of manners and politeness to anyone outside of the the educational matrix responding just to its cultural uh uh expressions and its political expressions it is just the party of keeping your voice down and that means that anyone within it trying to reach people outside of that bubble will be received the same way even if they're socialist even if they're they're saying medicare for all in full throat because they're 0:56:42 not all that is going to be heard is that through the \*\*\*\*\* filter of all the other \*\*\*\*\* that the democratic party actually in a day-to-day basis represents to these people which is unpleasant interactions with unpleasant liberals both online in the real world and on television and if there will be a democratic expression of working class challenge to the coming neo liberal austerity hell it will come in the form of a new party not a break away from the democratic party but a party that emerges from labor action the actual coordination of people in their place of work where those

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people doing that work come to organization the same way they did in the \*\*\*\*\* 20s and 30s the same way they did in the \*\*\*\*\* 1870s when pinkertons were shooting them and in so doing that they will because uh state lesson uh people even if you have not absorbed the values of going and voting because that's the important thing here is that uh is that you say like well what about uh uh what about all these dem to trump what about all these trump to damn uh white people aren't they republicans didn't they say \*\*\*\*\* the \*\*\*\*\* it's like yes they did but the thing you're getting from college isn't just the content of the cosmopolitan worldview it's the container which is objective reality which is norms and institutions which is the constitution means something and the presidency has meaning and voting has a worth that's why you do it and that means that when trump shows up and does his clown show for four years even if you are not really that uh attached to the \*\*\*\*\* uh democratic party even if you are as a you know republican adhered towards a policy of keeping your taxes low at all costs you very well might decide okay this is too far especially when the other option is joe biden that's why people are mad at the but the the democrats were doing what they did and hitting them pitching themselves to suburban republicans i'm sorry but it was their only play because the democratic party unless bernie had been the nominee and even then i wonder would have been able to break through that and so the only voters they could realistically get were them now what they didn't anticipate is that a bunch of these working-class people would now come into the electoral process and say \*\*\*\*\* you \*\*\*\*\* that's what that's why they're owned but their general strategy was the only one they could have pursued because this is not something that is chosen this is something that is predicated by the algorithm of the party and by it's now it's it's it's it's demographics so those those uh trump to uh biden voters you know they they never bought into all the \*\*\*\*\* stuff about uh lived experience and and uh reparations and \*\*\*\*\* like that i mean that's why they voted down ticket republican but they do think that trump is a bad president and an erratic president and therefore should probably get out of there and get a nice quiet guy who's not time so anything in the democratic pile would pile anything coming out of the democratic branding is going to be buying for those people and they don't know it that's the thing the people who are even doing this like the people on the left of the democratic party who are imagining some aoc led insurgency they are not even aware that their project is stillborn because they think no we'll reach out we'll reach out to these people that's like yeah you will but they're just going to see some \*\*\*\*\* they're going to see aoc they're going to hear when you say medicare for all free college they're going to hear \*\*\*\*\* charlie brown's mom but then when you say intersectionality and uh and kids in cages they're going to roll their eyes because this is not being done in the democratic party the people in the democratic party the

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people who vote in the democratic party they're not operating on be for uh they're not operating as an expression of working class interest they're working on what they perceive to be behalf of working-class interests they are they are stooping to they are condescending inherently because even if they are you know they are struggling themselves they're struggling in a context where they assume they're part of a of a middle class by virtue of their education and they're not connected culturally to those people they just aren't and that means that nothing within the democratic party is i think realistically going to blow out and grow out and increase the share of those uh working-class voters it's going to get some of them but i think the the it will not change the uh drift because this is all about big numbers and about drift over time it's not going what might happen is that working people might realize that they can \*\*\*\*\* organize their workplaces the ones who still have workplaces and then because they live in america and they know that this is a political country and they've realized oh \*\*\*\*\* voting yeah that's the next step because they're not going to go to revolution i'm sorry nobody's going to skip this if you're like hey maybe i can do politics and there's an option of voting and maybe doing things without having to get your head cracked open most people are going to take it so just yelling at them that it's not going to work and that you're being sheep dipped into electoralism isn't going to work because everyone's going to take the ballot over having to \*\*\*\*\* shoot somebody or get shot because they don't have any assumption it's going to work they have not been conditioned as the people who believe in that those vanguard partyists they have not been conditioned to believe that they have not come around to the realization that electoralism is useless they have to come to that realization so they're going to try sorry and that means they're going to build a party and it's going to have people who are like went to college in it but not coming down from above as organizers maybe the media figures might inspire not me for christ's sake not nearly famous enough but maybe somewhere down the line somebody like will uh run some sort of third-party insurgent campaign that galvanizes people uh and and like a party will emerge semi-spontaneously from the working class it will not be a spontaneous like anarchist organization it will be structured as a leninist party should be i think and it would come from the intersection between a working class and like an emergent party uh activist base organically now i'm not saying that will happen and i would in fact still say it is highly unlikely that it even gets off the ground let alone has any chance of successfully challenging for power i do think though that if there is going to be something that emerges from those grassroots i talked about the other day that's the form it will take it will have to be a new party an explicit working-class party that does not emerge from some split with the democrats and is not constituted at the top level politicians so is that still i guess is that black pill

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is that brown pill i've at least expressed you know a possibility um but you know a lot of people who hear third party their assistance their sphincter wraps up and mine did too like that's one of the big reasons i kind of rolled my eyes at people who got mad at bernie for not running third party it's like this system is designed for two cis parties it's it cannot be broken the constitution itself it necessitates it uh 1:4:56 and so i said forget about it but there is a historical precedent that might give some hope that things might be a little different and that would be hilariously enough the republican party now the republican party emerged not from the breakup of the whigs and that's one thing that we're not going to have on our favor i don't think the democrats are going to break up but the whigs broke up because the whigs like the democrats for years were a party that was brought that was uh broadly uh national although there were far fewer wigs in the south than there were in the north but there were wigs in the south uh whereas the democrats were more numerous in both places because while they made up the the gentry and the uh labor and the white uh peasantry of the south they made up the urban working class of the 1:5:57 north as well uh whereas like the smallholders were generally the small holding uh like craftsmen uh in were split between the parties uh and and the uh wigs were largely the part product party of work the emergent middle class the emergent classes in the cities the people who worked in the uh the new like proto-capitalism uh and uh you know staffing things the the rude mechanics and or not mechanics were uh were actual laborers but uh mud sills i guess i would call them like clerks the kind of people that the southern aristocrats despised that that was the whig party the wings and democrats both had a policy for years of just ignoring the sexual question of slavery because they didn't want it to lead to a \*\*\*\*\* civil war uh and that was okay because it wasn't a salient issue to people and the democratic party 1:6:59 in the north was largely bereft of anti-slavery sentiment for a long time because for northern workers um and northern farmers slavery was a material issue it was they didn't really care one way or the other because it wasn't happening there or to them uh and since that was the case they really just wanted abolitionists to shut up about it so that it didn't \*\*\*\*\* lead to a war they didn't want to fight um in the middle class there was opposition to slavery uh which made the whigs like a less pro-slavery party than the democrats were because it had this uh middle-class base that was that objected to slavery on ideological grounds slavery was bad because it was the enslavement of people and that drove the conflict for a long time but then with first annexation of texas and then bleeding kansas and uh uh the question of slavery and 1:8:0 its expansion became material to the workers of the north because everyone sort of understood at a basic level as lincoln said the highest divided against itself could not stand and that if the sectional tiebreak was ever broken in the favor of slavery it

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meant it would mean that slavery would become uh uh a car it would uh be across the entire country it would be brought into the north just as the south was certain that if the uh deadlock in the government broke the other way which it did in 1860 and caused the secession that that slavery would be done away with they were both certain of this and so once the uh the balance got threatened by the question of kansas the issue of slavery became material to the working class of the north and they said \*\*\*\*\* i don't want to compete with with unfree labor and so that led to uh pressure within the parties and the first to crack was the wigs because the wigs were because they were more middle class more ideologically opposed to slavery which means their ire on the question got hot hotter faster and meant that the uh ability of the whig leadership to hold together the sections became uh attenuated and so in the early 18 uh 1850s it uh it broke up and the republicans emerged as a essentially the whig party's platform but explicitly anti-slavery and it was originally staffed mostly with former wigs and it competed in the 1856 election for the first time uh and because it was a new party uh it went for star power with its nominee they nominated john c fremont the pathfinder who was a very famous explorer and free booter who had done uh like uh i think he explored i think like colorado uh so he was essentially a celebrity and third parties love celebrities because they need to get their foot in the door with people and they actually ran in that race against james buchanan and against millard fillmore representing the no-nothings who represented a different breakaway from the from the whigs uh of people who were pissed off about slavery but even more than that were pissed off about the very existence of the democratic party and decided that instead of going the slave power that ran the democrats they would go against the northern expression of democratic power which was catholic immigrants and within four years though they were gone and the republican party was the party in the north uh because the issue of slavery had become completely salient to everybody both workers and uh uh middle-class people and eve and the democrats broke up in 1860 and a big chunk of uh democrats in the north still voted for uh the northern democratic choice stephen douglas there was a good uh democrat switch the democrats or i mean switch from republicans to democrats but uh lincoln mostly won with the ex-wig strongholds and then was able to take advantage of you know douglas's uh not being able to get any southern uh so that you know that could happen and what happened during the war is that you have this fusion of the whig the republican uh like middle class opposition to slavery which was ideological and then the working class whose opposition to slavery had been this felt material threat the idea of having to compete with slave labor uh the the very process of fighting the war and defeating slavery brought them to sort of a synthesis and by the end of the war there was a broad understanding even

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among you know the largely racist working class of the north that slavery was an evil it wasn't just a threat to free labor it was an inherent evil of itself and that it needed to be stamped out tragedy of reconstruction the reason it failed is because rather than the because these republicans who at the leadership position were the democrats of their day in that they were middle-class people or wealthier who had absorbed middle-class values not through college necessarily although a lot of them had but just through the drawing room propriety of life in these you know well-heeled urban areas and their opposition to slavery was always that of the um of the aesthete and that means that they did not connect it to a deeper issue the way that like a working-class person could connect to the deeper issue and connect slavery to the concept of wage slavery of connect like compelled labor to his his life of exploited labor uh and so when the war ended capitalism in the south did not end this the plan plantations went back uh uh the cotton got extracted again the slate the the former slaves were were rehired uh and and the poor southerners were forced to pick up the pieces while the planter class was re-established because these uh these former wigs didn't really have any interest in transforming the means of production and and heightening you know the the conflict with capitalism the way that like the german idealists like my boy agus village and joseph wedemeyer hoped it would and that possibility that that moment we had after the civil war of like a a a coalition of uh of this militant working class these people who fought the war to end slavery the former slaves themselves and maybe even the \*\*\*\*\* former uh you know white uh smallholders the \*\*\*\*\* dirt farmers of the south who'd had nothing their entire lives could have been brought together in a project of uh of of liberation i'm not saying that would have happened it's still it's very unlikely but in any world where it could have happened abraham lincoln doesn't get assassinated i'll say that but even if he doesn't get assassinated the overall issue of the fact that the whig party which drove the the caboose of the dem republican party that became hegemonic in the post-war world was not fundamentally working class and therefore did not have any interest in furthering the conflict with capitalism and in fact reinscribed capitalism and just instituted the whig program which was hamiltonian developmentalism uh but in the context of the massively accumulated capital that had emerged from uh from the civil war itself which created an industrial behemoth that destroyed uh that became this oppressive force and that is why you don't want to see the democrats doing any of this because if they're riding the thing it'll be another middle-class uh exercise in aesthetic morality uh but there are examples of things like that emerging and i'd say the populist party is probably the closest we've ever seen to something uh becoming becoming just sort of sweeping out uh through uh like mutual uh mutual cooperation in the face of exploitation and uh hardship but eventually they were absorbed into

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the the platform uh of the democratic party which is kind of inevitable the democrats could collapse like a house of cards i mean not it's not in like some of these suburbs but i think that uh that their failure is going to be pretty dramatic and a lot of people who are very keyed up right now are going to be very very mad and i don't know where it goes like i said it probably doesn't go anywhere but it might go it might go to somewhere and if it does it'll be an emergent party i'd say because that's how people are going to express themselves in america because that's what that's what politics will mean to people who are being brought into it not by book learning but by lived experience and cooperation and if we could do that we might finally have a party that the post-war republican party could have been and that a lot of people like marx and certainly willach hoped it would be which is a party of uh labor that would have in my you know best case scenario for a more successful reconstruction have gotten rid of the us constitution and refund and created a new refounded american political structure that would abolish federalism entirely i think that that any hope we had to not be on this trajectory would have required that and i really do think that like i said although there's no guarantee it would have worked it probably wouldn't have i think that the assassination of lincoln is one of those rare contingent and consequential moments in american history but if we ever got a party it would be a party that will take up the banner that the republicans should have held which was to take the war against slavery and continue it against wage slavery the way that bukharin wanted to take the red army after uh the after world war one uh and turn it into a people's army against uh western imperial capitalism the difference uh but it didn't happen and honestly one of the big reasons was that after five years of war people were \*\*\*\*\* tired the way this is going to happen like i said i don't know what to look like in terms of real structure or specifics but if it occurs it'll be because people have enough people will have found a way to motivate themselves towards a collective good through a not through reason not by logic not in order to uh performatively demonstrate virtue to other people and alleviate themselves of their own anxiety about their class position and the amount of exploitation that they uh that they uh benefit from in this world but because they truly believe that their lot is tied with others to such an extent that that they can abnegate their own uh narrow interests uh and it's to that point i would like to read something that uh one of my favorite people in american history eugene debs wrote in his the socialist newspaper appeal to reason in 1907. about john brown and the need for the spirit of john brown to return i want to say before that i read this that when i say if we need like john brown as an example as i've talked about i do not mean any of the violence that carried out which is what people like let's be real people like john brown because he cut the heads off of slavers and they think of john brown and they imagine themselves

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like beheading a proud boy and they feel like their via this violent fantasy that they have is virtuous that's that's what it is and i'm not talking about that like i think anybody who's observed america knows that like any kind of exemplary violence is not going to motivate any sort of titanic conflict it's only going to be absorbed as entertainment and his content the way that everything else is so not talking about violence i'm talking about a spirit of commitment john brown's violence was in the context of a strategy of ending civil war of slavery which was broadly correct in 1:20:21 that he saw that there was a standoff between sides in which uh no one on the north cared about slavery enough to uh commit enough to create a genuine point of conflict with the south the south was pretty confident up until bleeding kansas that they would just eventually take over the government uh they they were on because there was an asymmetric asymmetry of interests in the south you had an entire working moving working a an entire ruling class devoted to slavery at a fundamental level culture wealth everything was about slavery and a white society that was all built around slavery in the lowlands anyway in the in surprisingly in the hills where there weren't plantations there was a lot less slavery and weirdly a lot less support for the confederacy during the war for some reason i don't know where that is um but in the north like i said it was largely i just don't want slaves competing with me for labor you had some abolitionists those wigs i was talking about and people who 1:21:23 were too hardcore for the wigs like the liberty party people and the free soilers who said no \*\*\*\*\* you uh let's end this thing but they were always considered annoying like northern democrats hated abolitionists because they thought they were \*\*\*\*\* they were going to create a war that they didn't want to fight because they didn't care about slavery but as the sec as the question of expansion became more central and the the investment of the south in expanding slavery and therefore expanding their control over government became more powerful that changed the math in the north but not enough to make anyone cross the \*\*\*\*\* boundary because at the end of the day it was abstract to people it was not abstract to john brown or the people who rode with him it obviously wasn't abstract to black people either but they had very limited power to influence white people's decision-making john brown could go to kansas and do violence that that broke away from the stalemate that that uh that galvanized the free soil factions in kansas who at that point had basically been backing down to the ruffians at every point and made them fight and the fight made 1:22:24 everyone realize that what they were willing to do and brought about the conflict there's nothing like that in the current moment there's no violence you could commit that would have that result all violence would be absorbed \*\*\*\*\* stephen paddock shot 70 \*\*\*\*\* people uh to death from the top of a building and it was the fifth biggest story of the month there's no amount of violence you can do uh that will

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have any effect not even it'll be negative effect i'm not even gonna say don't do it i mean yeah if you kill people that's bad probably i mean they probably didn't have it coming especially if it's just because they have the wrong opinions about something but my god which is what it would really be you're not going to go and fight real power you're going to find somebody who said something you don't like on twitter shoot them or something like that because that's what really matters to people that's what they really care about what i mean is that spirit of non-abstract commitment as a life and like i have said i am not that person i mean i see i would like to be and maybe someday i will find a situation where i am like able to believe enough that the thing i could do in front of me would mean something meaning uh that would like that would justify any any sacrifice but i think that that spirit is necessary and i think that it's to be i mean i don't think it's not going to happen i don't think it doesn't occur i don't think it's not out there everywhere in the hearts of millions of people it's a question of whether it'll spark in the right places and among the right people where where the rolling ball of humanity can like gather and and like i said when i talk about how atomized we are and how we are all consumers and how we can't even think politically like that was a huge huge huge problem like brown brown activated in an era where politicization of life was much more uh uh taken was much more uh material it was it was the spectacle of politics was much much less a component of people's understanding of their politics but if we're going to do anything that's going to be we're going to do anything except like volunteer to be a fifth column when the \*\*\*\*\* chinese army shows up uh that's what we have to keep our eyes out for as i've said just keep away so we'll close here with this from the appeal to reason november 23rd 1907. the most picturesque character the bravest man and most self-sacrificing soul in american history was hanged at charleston virginia december 2nd 1859 on that day thoreau said some 1800 years ago christ was crucified this morning per chance captain brown was hung these are the two ends of a chain which is not without its links he is not old brown any longer he is an angel of light i foresee the time when the painter will paint that scene no longer going to roam for a subject the poet will sing it the historian record it and with the landing of the pilgrims and the declaration of independence it will be the ornament of some future national gallery when at least the present form of slavery shall be no more here we shall then be at liberty to weep for captain brown few people dared that on that fateful day to breathe a sympathetic word for the grizzled old agitator for years he had carried on his warfare against shadow slavery he had only a handful of fanatical followers to support him but to his mind his duty was clear and that was enough he would fight it out to the end old john brown said an example of moral courage and of single-hearted devotion to an ideal for all men and for all ages

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with every drop of his honest blood he hated slavery and in his early manhood he resolved to lay his life on freedom's altar in wiping out that insufferable affliction he never faltered so god like was his unconquerable soul that he dared to face the world alone how perfectly sublime he did not reckon that overwhelming numbers against him nor the paltry few that were on his side this grosser aspect of the issue found no lodgement in his mind or heart he was right and jehovah's was with him his was not to reckon consequences but to strike the immortal blow and to step from the gallows to the throne of god not for earthly glory to john brown wages holy warfare 1:26:31 not for any recognition or reward the people had it in their power to bestow his great heart was set upon a higher goal animated by a lofty ambition his grand soul was illuminated by a sublimer ideal a race of human beings lowly and despised were in chains and this festering crime was eating out the heart of civilization in the presence of this awful plague logic was silent reason dumb pity dead the wrath of retributive justice long asleep awakened at last and hurled its lurid bolt old john brown struck the blow and the storm broke the that hour channel slavery was dead in the first frightful convulsion the slave power seized the grand old liberator by the throat put him in irons and threw him into a dungeon to await execution alas it was too late his work was done all virginia could do was to furnish the crown for his martyrdom victor hugo explained in a burst of reverential passion john brown is grander than george washington history may be searched in vain for an example of noble heroism and sublime self-sacrifice equal to that of old john brown from the beginning of his career to its close he had but one ideal and one ideal and that was to destroy shadow slavery and in that cause he sealed his devotion with his noble blood realizing that his work was done he passed serenely almost with joy from the scenes of man his calmness upon the gallows was awe-inspiring his exhalation supreme old john brown is not dead his soul still marches on and each passing year weaves new garlands for his brow and adds fresh luster to his deathless glory who shall be the john brown of wage slavery i would just like to note also john brown was not uh he was not a uh middle-class wig he was a broke uh stockman and farm farm farmer he did not learn the wrongness of slavery in the parlors of good society he learned it in his heart and that's where everything has to come from if it comes from a desire to be perceived as good as if it comes from a desire to justify one's social position and and and purge oneself of the guilt associated with the exploitation inherent in their position 1:27:33 1:28:34

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foreign is everybody doing it's uh unnervingly beautiful day in new york hey i was walking here hello sweatness my old friend i've come to speak with you again it was uh it was so the last couple of uh streams i've been sort of trying to sketch out a 0:1:2 working theory for the political moment and i think i'm getting there but i think i thought i'd just take a break from that for a bit let that stuff simmer a little bit let me think about it i think i might end up space than this i feel like it's sort of i've gotten as far as i'm gonna get talking about it on here so keep stay tuned for something else where i kind of flesh that out but just last thing i say on the subject though before i kind of move on uh is i know a lot of people seem to be upset by what i'm saying about the idea of college-educated people composing some sort of cultural elite now like a class with with its own characteristics and i get why because that's a claim of a lot of dumbasses who want an excuse to become republicans i mean that's the end of the day that's what that is and maybe it's my fault for not stressing 0:2:3 enough that when i say it's a class i don't mean an actual class in any marks a sense i mean a pseudo class we're talking about pseudo classes in that they have something that is like class consciousness and that it informs their political actions i either vote which is all we do in america mostly but their political actions are symbolic and their class their class awareness is totally illusory and it has nothing to do with their relationship to production it has nothing to do with like whether they're bad or good people because of their relationship to the mechanisms of exploitation like most americans they are both exploited and exploiters it's all about how you see yourself and then what premises you operate from that opera that determine your political uh uh agency and traditionally classes are supposed to emerge out of relationships to production and because that's how you create actual class that can act in itself which is how uh uh marx defines class this is something that uh or at least a a a stage 0:3:5 of class consciousness class coming into being we don't have that here these are not classes and that marks a sense so no matter what mechanism they're operating on for their policy either republican or democrat and everybody is like i've said who's in this matrix is a republican or a democrat no matter who they vote for in any given

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election it's about just a set of responses to this governing uh cultural hegemony either pro or against and that leads you to symbolically represent that position in your vote which has nothing to do with any of the actual questions of distribution of resources and uh you know the role of cap of this citizen to interfere with the \*\*\*\*\* market as it liquefies everyone's bones those questions are not up for debate but both sides are fully invested in this cultural uh uh fantasy which means that 0:4:8 nothing within their political activity in that political world will ever challenge that which means neither the democrats or the republicans are going to turn into a party of the working class in any way i'm not just talking about uh you know whether or not tucker carlson can make a hair involved democracy with white medicare for all i am saying that no one's going to have to pitch what about this election is making anyone think that the people who are going to come after trump are going to double down on the economic populism that's not the stuff that hit that's not the stuff that sparked that's not the stuff that defined the presidency and did not define the race and did not get people to vote for him which means they're gonna go on the easy stuff the culture stuff because it doesn't go against the interests of their actual uh funders and the actual structural incentives of the party same thing as so i think people get mad because they think i'm passing judgment on these people i'm saying you are pmc therefore you're evil and you're why everything's bad and you're this you're the obstacle to socialism no you're people trapped in a relationship just as 0:5:10 much as of false consciousness just as much as working-class republicans are and and that has to be uh broken and it can only be broken from outside the so i hope that i just want that to be clarified because i don't want people to think that i'm really saying that they're a class they're a pseudo class all classes in america when we're talking about what is defined by the political structure of voting in elections because come on that's what we're meaning when we're talking about this they are not a real class they think they're operating off of like a shared uh value system but it is not based on their relationship to production it's based on a position on a cultural question and that cuts both ways and across everyone it's false consciousness all the way down because it's consciousness that thinks that this political structure this political contest is meaningful that is unaware that all the real decisions that make 0:6:11 their lives terrible and worse every year are being made at a bipartisan basis beyond the level of but the thing is i understand why people get taxi about this because they've been fighting people online who are saying the other thing who are wrong and i'm telling you those people are wrong because all they really want to do is excuse themselves is is is carry is basically make sure that their clout is transferable when they would become republicans like they want to be able to turn in all those clout chips that they've accumulated while they were uh you know on the left until

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and the thing is i don't think a lot of this is bad faith i think that the terms of online debate will drive you in this direction you will be driven to become the caricature of an id poll a care lord or a nazbal strasserite you will be forced to by the fact that within this debate structure and within these within this locked two-party system you can only can ever outbid yourself in order to maintain a position in the stream 0:7:13 of ideas and takes there's always someone who can outbid you and since it's all a contest for social clout that can be transferred into real sustenance from gofundmes for medical care to a career in the parasocial media relationship all right so that was just i wanted to get that cleared up so that i feel like there are fewer people who are going to be in good faith arguing yelling at me and instead i can kind of feel like oh no if you don't get what i'm saying at this point you don't want to because you're invested in this uh question and you don't want to move past it because it fighting it gets you off somehow just like the \*\*\*\*\* libs who are getting off on the prospect of trump doing a coup because they're just because he predictably is not accepting that he lost which everyone knew he would and now everyone's freaking out because oh 0:8:14 my god pompeo said this and they're not they're not uh starting the transition in the executive branch this is another case of people uh jazzing themselves up on a fight that they want to keep having because they didn't get the the orgasm they thought they were going to get out of biden winning they just got this kind of sad seeping uh ejaculation and they want another one their refractory period is already up they want another one the people who are most likely within the government structure that would have to carry out something like a coup the people who are closest to trump personally has been closest to his orbit like personally appointed by him or are highly sp uh our high uh high-profile public surrogates for him that uh that are in the uh legislative ramps like senators and congress people those people he could fire them at a drop moment's notice he could ruin their career the gop potentially admit 0:9:16 say that he's lost before he does they can't do that and in the in congress the voters love him and if they see you cracking they will hate you forever so of course you have to you have to say that he's still in the running the thing is though is that those groups of people the ones everyone's freaking out about because they keep kind of going along with trump instead of admitting the reality they have the least influence over the actual statutory chain of events that will be like the the certification process that leads to a \*\*\*\*\* president being uh certified like the the court cases uh and the count and uh the the uh legislative sessions and like the electoral college meeting those people are almost completely insulated on an individual level from trump in any way which means they are free to operate from the best interests of the party 0:10:19 the only way this real cause like there's not the only way this realistically evolves into some trump stealing its situation is if there's a is this through matt through

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just i guess the spontaneous the spontaneous moment a bunch of like career uh republican lifetime appointed federal judges decide we're gonna do this and they and they accept some of the one of these legislation the thing is there would have to be a whole bunch of them because this isn't florida they would have to bundle all and they have different mechanisms and different arguments they would have to bundle them all into one to hog's breakfast of a totally conflicting incoherent case and get it in front of i don't think that would happen because those individual judges can make at any point and end any one of them and make the bringing them together in the correct combination that could make it into one argument not even possible and if it got to the court john roberts would do not and they wouldn't say he was wrong 0:11:20 they would deny uh they would deny um what do they call it when it's they would deny standing to the case they'd say there's no standing for this charge or for this thing and they wouldn't even adjudicate it and the reason i know that is because that's why john roberts exists in the system john roberts is the figure and this is the reason republicans either hate him or if they're stupid or pretend to hate him if they're smart is that he exists to legitimize the structures that are built are over time becoming more and more key to gop maintaining its minoritarian rule now of course if we see the continued realignment along uh educational attainment that's started here happen they might not even have to worry about uh you know gerrymandering they might just win that's a terrible thing to think about but it's a real possibility but for now and the thing about a supreme court ruling that eval that validated that 0:12:23 like monstrosity of a transparently uh uh illegitimate uh argument is that it would have to be enforced by some sort of suspension of normal democracy which would obviate the need for a supreme court you don't need the supreme court anymore if you don't have to worry about democrats getting in office or if it's like just acceded to naturally and everyone's like i guess that was a ruling you heighten the likelihood that the democrats do take power again they will neutralize the supreme court which means there's no incentive for you to do it because you have a 6-3 majority you have a 6-3 majority what are you afraid of you are not some yokel hooting around in a \*\*\*\*\* parking lot thinking that if soon as biden gets in there's going to be some \*\*\*\*\* woke gestapo showing up in his doorstep some antifa super soldiers are going to take him to get gender reassignment surgery in a fema camp don john roberts does not knows that's not going to happen and with a 6-3 majority that they can 0:13:24 essentially make sure that the experience of being governed by democrats is wouldn't you know it almost identical to the experience of being governed by republicans which is extraction at maximum uh velocity profits being stripped out of the \*\*\*\*\* uh remaining centers of human activity still yet unexploited prop 22 rewriting the the nature of uh of the \*\*\*\*\* uh employment contract as we understood it post lochner

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there's no incentive to do it now so that means i don't care what any of these yokels say they're going to keep saying it because he's right there and they can because there's nothing for them to do all they can do is write angry letters now the only reason this matters or should be concerning you is if you think one of two things one that they're going to somehow turn this into a military coup which sorry nope the guy who just the guy who just said on election night uh i claim these electoral 0:14:25 votes nope who thought that they were going to give \*\*\*\*\* uh vaccines to santa clauses and the malls to get people to take them unless that was all some elaborate screen and this world is not as it seems that's not going to happen the other one is that well these guys saying this is going to get all those trump voters all riled up they're not going to do anything i think we know that by now but now people are still freaking out because well you know what they're doing they're undermining the faith in this election these people aren't going to accept uh biden as the legitimate president they were never going to accept biden as the legitimate president no matter what the outcome had been they didn't accept obama as the legitimate president the \*\*\*\*\* didn't it's just the way they think about it it's like the way they respond to the president's changing hands it's the way they deal with the cognitive dissonance of living in america america is a great country the president should be great and 0:15:27 when the president is someone they like hey what's this the president's is legitimate the president's somebody they don't like what's this the president is illegitimate it's the way to deal with it without becoming a cue psycho and that's way most people process this stuff and it's the way they all are this is just the specific narrative they're going to tell themselves well they just sit around bitching and posting on facebook which is all they've done and all they're going to do except of course for some crazy early cook colonels who are going to pop off and do some mass violence but this is america honey so when you see people talking about this stuff it is because one the media is juicing it because they have to keep juicing it even if they don't want to even if they're horrified by the what they're doing and they really are i think they really are horrified by a lot of stuff because they believe in norms they can't not do it it's it's it's tidal gravity they're being pulled into the black hole of this so they can't stop but at the people at the consumption level i think people are they didn't get 0:16:28 off on election night and they want to get off and so this time they have to tease out the struggle so that they can get another big unclench they can get another big zing moment of triumph but it won't be that good they'll never be that good because it's just ruined orgasms from here on out someone's birthday hi grace grace happy birthday i am chill dude calmer than you are common you are dude i'm literally being chill i'm telling you people to chill out i'm telling you people that this is this is theater and that it serves also it serves a purpose i don't think this is conscious but

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it just serves a purpose because everything serves its purpose and it's \*\*\*\*\* in this machinery of mis consent and manipulation and manufacture is that it tears it wires it \*\*\*\*\* wipes you out over time the seesaw for both sides trump's winning now he's 0:17:29 losing no chair he's going to take it back now he's going to lose it both ways it's it's just it's drawing your soul out of you it's it's turning you into just a joyless puppet of uh asphyxiation calmer than you all are i mean i know are you really scared of trump doing a coup isn't that what we all really want we want this thing to end right we want this charade to be over climate change is going to kill everybody in 10 years right that's everyone everyone whenever people try to like you know create a narrative about the urgency of politics it's climate change is going to kill us in 10 years no human being on earth can look at the possibility of joe biden being president with \*\*\*\*\* mitch mcconnell being or chuck schumer being majority leader with a 50 50 senate and nancy pelosi in the house doing anything about not only climate change but thing at least trump shattering the illusion of democracy will will 0:18:30 throw us into a new relationship to each other in the world oh my god and finally we can we can we could take begin the task of like living no longer carrying out a script of our behavior but able to be uh be uh negotiating alive and new frontier of course that's what people want but they're too chicken \*\*\*\*\* to make it happen all the way on every end of the \*\*\*\*\* spectrum because they all have too much to lose because they don't really believe it they don't really believe enough in what they really believe in is their own pleasure and all these structures of politics that are are built on top of that so when the moment of precipice comes what do they do do they 0:19:32 \*\*\*\*\* rush the gate do they risk getting mowed down by secret service agents and state police they break out the karaoke machine in the barbecue grill because it's not about a felt sense of a shared material interest and the and so no one's gonna die for this which is what we would need to be able to break out of this this cocoon this this this political zombification that is having us that has us in an unalterable current trajectory towards annihilation and the the the optimism i have is just that the the fundamental uh insufficiency is becoming so transparently true and i think even the pleasures themselves that we are offered in exchange for our quiescence are 0:20:35 losing their luster i think people are going to start looking around themselves i really think they are problem is it's it's what the scary thing is is to admit the lack of your lack of ability to to direct that you can participate in it and we're all going to have to when the time comes but we cannot anticipate it and we cannot incept it at least not consciously consciously we can only interact with oh speaking of the republicans another incentive for all the senate people like mcconnell independent of trump to keep the \*\*\*\*\* rubes whipped up it means they're more likely to win the \*\*\*\*\* and it means that trump is gonna have more eyeballs on his new tv show this is all

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about keeping the grip going because it's all \*\*\*\*\* it's all a pyramid scheme like the multi-level marketing scheme is the defining uh is the defining uh post 70s american business model everything since the volker shock has been a series of interlocking and and the reason that's viable is because when one bursts another one picks up after it because the money keeps flowing in because we are the consumers of last resort and we are the we are the police we are the enforcers of the global uh uh rulebook and then we are the ones who gobble up all of the overflowing production at the end of the global process so there's no production happening there's only consumption so we just have to swap things back and forth as the as the margin dwindles over time and so the exchange is this is to spark uh these opportunities to provide a rent pure rent seeking the \*\*\*\*\* the democrats fundraising for these senate races that had never had a chance in because they have a bunch of uh cucked poles that they either know are cucked help make sure or cucked or are just happy to find that what's this the world we've created is one in which you can no longer actually accurately judge anything because you've created such an insulated cultural cocoon that only cocked people within it will respond to the goddamn phone and you literally have a distorted view of the world around you there's no incentive to change that because looks this we can arbitrage that we can \*\*\*\*\* arbitrage this distortion in the reality uh perception apparatus of our political class and politically active people we can take this this nat this built-in deformity now that's becoming gonna get more worse over time and use it to get these chumps to cough money up to us that we will just spend giving to each other as fees for services as campaign consultants and media creators and then to our friends in the media our \*\*\*\*\* uh our symbiotic uh sucker fish in the media get to buy get to get it in the form of money for advertisements and production costs to make ads and everyone who's watching has already determined their \*\*\*\*\* preferences because they're that's how they that's how you do it you have an identity already the people who look at this stuff are just getting a weird background radiation that they got culturally and these ads themselves have no in but nothing can intervene as long as nothing intervenes with it they're gonna as long as the money keeps flowing in it's gonna keep spinning even though it's broken same thing with the entire tech sector and same thing with this \*\*\*\*\* uh uh this coup keep the \*\*\*\*\* keep a reason for people to pump money in they're \*\*\*\*\* keep you president and then when you're not president anywhere they're going to get you to be back in there now i don't think trump's going to run again but i do think that he is going to try to maintain the spotlight and i don't know maybe anoint but don jr although he doesn't like him enough i think he might anoint somebody else it depends on how self how how bitter he gets specifically about it depends on who he blames for losing and the thing is there's no way to really know that right

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now it looks like he's blaming fox news for losing and if that's the case then i don't think he's gonna run for president again i think he's gonna buy onan and try to out murdoch murdoch i don't think he's i don't buy that he's an anointed either because he doesn't understand things in terms of a legacy because he can't imagine himself ever dying because his consciousness is so psychotically narcissistic he is so fully flattened the world into his own perception that he cannot imagine dying and the project isn't about a political aim it's about his personal uh glory and when he's dead there can't be any more of that so another reason he wouldn't care no object permanence so that's another reason i don't know i think he'll just be a media guy he might be dead i mean he really could die before 2024. i mean i know it's like lol he's alive but he did get \*\*\*\*\* coveted and he is in his mid 70s and he is fat as \*\*\*\*\* i mean \*\*\*\*\* scalia died at 80 remember nobody thought scalia would ever die that fat turd and then obama got him with the heart attack on on what should the lumpen bourgeois focus their attention on the li on what's in front of them on their working conditions on the lives of their friends and family operate first from love operate from love not a political motive operate from love people that you love and and if that conception of love is expansive enough to include people beyond your immediate family well then the ones closest to you are the ones you're going to be most likely to be able to figure out how to help because they're actually in front of you you can you still listen to podcasts and look at twitter fights and be involved in politics and vote and stuff yes but you should shave down its psychic value to you and and recognize that it is not fulfilling what the whole sensory apparatus is designed to fool you into thinking it's doing which is involved changing in some small way the headwinds of politics like you're not even having a butterfly flapping effect and so like if you have things in your life issues like a union maybe there is a union drive at your place of work where people are started talking about how pissed they are maybe you can reach into the ether of politics to pull something to maybe bring up secondary order not from not bringing it down saying hey guys this stuff let's do this stuff because it's all it's all in a language that is not meant to be intelligible it is meant in fact to mystify things because they teach you this \*\*\*\*\* because it mystifies you it makes it so that you that stuff that you see in front of you that is clearly evil and wrong maybe isn't i mean my god have you seen these people who are talking about how talking about food deserts and like the fact that it's impossible to eat healthily if you're poor in this country is anti-fat it's fattest to do that you're taking the outcome of the monstrous pathologies of capitalism and you're saying that it actually is a an identity category that needs to be protected how the hell are you supposed to ever address real meaningful pain in people's lives if you have that kind of thought process which is inculcated by the the the college-based approach to uh

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to politics the college-based heuristic to politics like there's that classic uh tweet you know i i'm a fiscal conservative but socially liberal the problems are very bad but the causes are no the causes are very bad but the problem no the problems are very bad but the causes the causes are good right that's a classic tweet uh for these people for this like new liberal like identitarianism that is around things like ableism and 0:29:55 like stuff that a lot of it is the outcome of capitalist alienation they think they say yes the problems are the causes are bad the causes are bad capitalism is bad but the problems are actually good the problems are the good things the problems need to be protected somehow how can you go through this rats maze to get to anything like a consensus politics that could be based around material ends you can't and so you can't bring this \*\*\*\*\* down but when questions of like all right how do we how do we like do this how do we actually do this we don't know there are people who do know and then oh here's useful information you can pull out of the ether useful information not this whole framework that is going to make it impossible for you to address the question but a directly useful collaboratively produced intellectual structure or idea or meme or whatever that can be \*\*\*\*\* applied to a specific circumstance that's 0:30:56 more than anything what i'm saying to people is that their relationship their the way they imagine the arrows flowing in the media lived experience dynamic have to change know spend all your time whipping yourself into being a political con consciousness and then trying to apply that to the world around you you start you stay there you stay there and like it's like spiritually and personally you stay there as opposed to vent off onto the internet that much which you can only do because you're filling in the part of your soul that demands change and and loves and wants to see that see the people he loves which could be everyone happier and this is our 0:32:4 buddhism honestly takumi comes in because you have to be able to accept your own uh limitations and that means ex uh sitting with the anxiety that comes from not being able to feel like going online or voting is going to really help your destiny and the destiny of people you love that's the real cause of all this online argumentation i think is people are letting off the angst they feel the the underlying panic they really do feel about the fact that we all know how bad this is and yet we can't make it any better that's horrifying and it's because people have a false understanding of their own ability to control this because of the false because of the amount of information about it they're able to consume they're able to get a such information about things that they have no ability to control that they get this delusional they have to they try to even that out by imagining agency over it because to not do that is to 0:33:8 just drive yourself kind of cracked if you have all this knowledge of all this horrible stuff that's gonna happen and you can't do anything of it i mean there's a \*\*\*\*\* figure in ancient rome who had that issue cassandra she was pretty \*\*\*\*\* uh she was

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a little loose in her shoes that cassandra because she kept she knew exactly what was gonna happen and that's the position of being online and so people make up for that by deluding themselves into thinking that they have agency on this plane and if they sit with their inability to change things and therefore they're not the fact that the fact they don't need to know this \*\*\*\*\* they can reframe themselves around the life that's in front of them and not feel the need to flee to online to relieve the tension and relieve the stress you can sit with it and let it kind of steam off and then move forward i mean maybe it's not buddhism it could be christianity it could be 0:34:10 anything but it has to be some spiritual sense and it can come from and it comes it's a reinforcing dynamic between engaging the world around you and then seeing the rewards of that which are the more you pay attention the more you're able to pick up and it helps your ability to move forward it helps your ability to navigate what seems otherwise and what sucks is that there's no guarantees and it's all very scary but i do think that there's no good to come from scaring yourself even more than you need to be i think there is a reason for everyone to be concerned about the moment i mean real people's lives are really at stake it's not a game you know 0:35:12 i don't think we're going to see some sort of collapse in our lifetime maybe in our lifetime but right now everyone's life is hanging like closer to a thread because of how how dysfunctional this system is and how how critically the crisis within it is but the version of that reality that you get every day online is this five alarm fire of like immediate extinguishment and it's like you got to imagine that if you have like a terminal cancer diagnosis you have there's a higher likelihood that you can come to a point of like dying with less with without fear than if you're on an airplane in the wind the wings fall off you know what i mean like you can you can uh come to terms and of course it's like are you saying come to terms with death i'm just saying like well that is what all you know life is so on a personal level yeah that is coming to nerves with death because because being afraid of death is what drives 0:36:16 you to literal distraction and what drives you to feel like you can make things change on here and drive you into thinking that what is you know is a bad situation is a is a crisis is somehow the terminal crisis which leads you to not like take terminal action but to rather to just flee into panicked paralysis because remember at base of this is just the pursuit of pleasure you don't want to feel bad so you try to feel good and online is the only place you can feel good and you go there to feel good by making yourself feel bad it's some sick \*\*\*\*\* and we're all stuck in it and i am my god not an exception and i see people saying like you know oh these religious traditions have all been used by power to maintain itself no \*\*\*\*\* they emer they 0:37:20 emerge from and are sustained by human uh \*\*\*\*\* material relationships of there's nothing untainted there's no pure categories that can be critically uncritically at like

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a symbolic level they have to be lived anyway these are supposed to be low-fi beats to to whack off i mean to uh to relax to relax to stuff more uh new religions are more political than the old ones inherently because when they emerge there's more politics in people's self uh identity like politics grows within a per like a person has a greater degree of like a political self-conception the greater degree that they live as a liberal subject so like religiosity is literally drained out of your like personal uh practice of life by your removal from a social context and it's and so there's a political assumption baked into it and yes i think that is one of the big reasons that islam is the most inherently political of the big abrahamic religions is because it emerges latest it emerges at the latest like level of of social atomization because there is like sort of a city like pull away from communal bonds that like subs you don't need to be rational you don't need political reasoning to sustain religion when it is carried out at the at the level of like a fully bonded social order because what's going to interfere with it it's only when people are broken out of those networks that uh that the symbolic order like the the granularity of the symbols becomes uh uh less like the pixels get bigger basically and it has to be filled in with uh like a secular morality basically and like uh the uh so yeah like i think that if we do get some sort of global uh working-class movement that somehow like cuts off the head of this this slowly uh you know communing asian and american and atlantic capital formations let me somehow cut that head off it's going to be it will be religious it will have to have a religious character to it because only religion of some kind not not as a structure but as a feeling can sustain you through the un uh glamorous not pleasurable work of politics both both even if that's true if we're talking revolutionary confrontation with the state or the slow grinding of hard boards through electoral reform either way you need an engine of uh of religious something and it doesn't have to even be it doesn't have to be supernatural it could like it could be completely stripped of that it could just be like an objective uh a a moment-to-moment communal identification between yourself and humanity broadly construed like you could be a \*\*\*\*\* hegelian and none of this will impact your material analysis because the material analysis will not be driven by an underlying uh supernatural uh delusion it'll be driven by a desire to help everybody a desire to help us overcome these contradictions within our society and provide a general welfare for the solidarity is a religious concept yes even if it is completely secular it is still religious in that it involves a feeling not any kind of um consequentialist ethic or uh like utilitarian uh and i'm thinking and the reason that this movement would be ecumenical is because because people would be coming to it not from a position of installing and dogma but from helping each other's material conditions when people across religious lines get together they're not going to be asking about religious uh litmus tests because they're not worried

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about that they're worried about putting food on the table they're worried about making a \*\*\*\*\* life for their \*\*\*\*\* families and that the only situation that will allow them to continue perpetrating any religious uh practice and so they will over 0:42:29  
time and in the aggregate if not in the individual case religion religion will maintain its centrality to a personal personal life while allowing them to participate fully in in a non-sectarian political practice and if that's not possible then there is no future for humanity if that sounds insane to you then show me on the board where anything else happens other than the common ruin qnon is not secular at this point q anon is a religious movement i mean i've realized now that the question of that a lot of people asked of what do they do when they realize it doesn't happen was always kind of silly now i must say here that a lot of people are going to just stop paying attention apparently huge uh like \*\*\*\*\* on the actual q websites is dropping like 0:43:30  
traffic i get it a lot of people for a lot of people like i said this is a this is like uh the horoscope or like a a sports team that they follow and now with trump gone and like the the psychological uh math different uh you stop paying attention but for people who are really invested in it these people are not like standing at the precipice of like this great disappointment from the original idea of q which was the deep state pedos are going to all go to jail in a week which was the original pitch between then and now they have had so many moments of disappointment where they have had to convince themselves to continue believing that they have done religious practice over four years to have convinced themselves to take a leap of faith over almost any specific instance they have they have created religious a religious logic to this thing now over the spending four years being disappointed and 0:44:31  
then reapplying reasserting oneself by creating a new bound of faith getting to the precipice and stepping through it that is creating a religious practice and a religious and a spirituality or in a lot of these people's cases transferring or act like activating a spirituality because remember these guys are all christian but we have talked about how secular christianity is now it is american christianity is just the pursuit of heaven on earth as as a as a material squalid pursuit of pleasure accumulated in the now it has no there's no engine of anything but self-interest and pleasure what they're doing with q is turning that uh original self-seeking understanding of the world into a religious one by creating a a real spiritual communion with not everybody in the world but with the people who aren't demonic with the saved and that's because they've spent four years convincing themselves over and over again to take another 0:45:33  
step so they have reinvigorated christianity they have awakened christianity from its materialist slumber so it is a in my opinion or will become but what that means is of course up to debate a lot of people think that means oh there'll be a political movement with power i don't know if that's true they might uh it might just stay in

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the culture because remember this is all culture and the political element is to give the culture more juice to give you more pleasure out of consuming it and if you have religion you don't really need culture so much so who knows they might they might just turn it into like a a a uh they could go violent but and i think some of them will but a lot of them the ones who are relatively uh materially well-off the ones who aren't really on the ranger's edge of sustenance and aren't really feeling precarity i think they might a quietest faith like a pre-pre-political christianity like until like crit like uh 0:46:36  
the way evangelicals were in america until the 70s where you weren't really supposed to get that could happen too don't know don't i'm not trying not to do predictions beyond broad broad sweep stuff because i feel pretty confident about the broad stuff because that's the level that i'm consuming and sort of formulating it's it but like the thing you can never account for is is contingency and contingency only matters in the moment so you can only give full shape to something after the contingencies have ah so yeah that's as far as i'll go in uh predicting cube but i do think that that's the that's the line we're on with those guys and i think that a similar thing will hopefully happen on the left because you know q didn't start really within the political process 0:47:37  
maybe some sort of materially reflected version could happen and then be brought into like the into the media superstructure and then and then uh sort of reflected and uh organized like within the media but sort of also orthogonal to it because it's not constitutive it's not depending on the same structures that like recoup all of the all and like enforce uh like hidden uh uh ideological demands on all speech within the bubble because it will not depend on those networks those patriots networks though those media uh income streams uh those those clout networks those like i uh those groups of people who have like a a series of uh every every faction online is made up of people who are simply passing code words back and forth to determine who's good and who's bad and that's why they'll never be able to coalesce into a meaningful 0:48:38  
political project something will have to emerge from below engage burst into the political consciousness but without any commitment to those group shibboleths so that when they start throwing their slings and arrows they just bounce off you have no power here be gone because the argumentation uh and the the the incentives within this structure are that either republican or democrat it's the same republican or democrat remember this you're rewarded to the degree that you can threaten to credibly kick someone out of the tent that's all you're doing you're not making a argument with a good faith uh uh incentive towards um resolution of an issue to make something happen remember this is all entertainment your your incentive is is to just keep the gut fight going so your only power within the fight is to be have enough of you who are scared enough to follow your line to punish people who don't 0:49:40  
follow your line but you have to care about your role within the ecosystem your clout

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position or your media signature for that to work which means if something comes in outside of it and the people within it have a self-generating interaction like they have their own clout network they have their own funding network they have their own infrastructure that when those arguments are from both sides turn to it they will bounce off and then the people who are captured by these narratives will maybe be able to look at something freshly and not have them have something immediately like uh uh uh rejected because it's not ideologically like co uh presented in a way that like they recognize as good because that's all they're doing is trying to recognize good bad it just it'll be like oh look at this good \*\*\*\*\* that's been underneath all of this super structural mystifying \*\*\*\*\* that we've been arguing about over the past \*\*\*\*\* five ah it would be funny if trump did a mishima just got up on the on the 0:50:45 balcony of the rose garden and just started eating cheeseburgers the scariest gladio group is no question that people who've carried out the brabont killings holy \*\*\*\*\* that is some grander theft auto \*\*\*\*\* i've talked about it before on the stream uh in the late 80s right around the end of the cold war there was this insane six month i believe crime spree in in belgium where these this group of three guys in a \*\*\*\*\* panel van were carrying out incredibly spectacularly violent robberies of of gas stations and grocery stores often in broad daylight in which they would just open fire on crowds of people inside these places for very little money for like cash register 0:51:49 \*\*\*\*\* and it was never solved which is insane when you think about it it was the entire country was in a proximal of terror like am i going to get murked on my way to and people uh connected to uh the glad like the established gladio networks like the right-wing paramilitary groups that were made up of many nato's troops uh who were found in possession with nato weaponry uh and and even classified documents uh were connected to weapons caches of uh that were found of the vermont killers might have been connected to mark dutrow and his uh uh his child kidnapping ring ooh that's the that is the group that's the like the real satanic heart of the whole thing like the \*\*\*\*\* the italian \*\*\*\*\* is almost cute compared to that stuff like oh 0:52:52 yeah it's like they're doing the strategy of tension and like they're doing a bunch of terror attacks and blaming them on the left so that political repression will ranch up and the the communists will look bad and oh yeah although moro might make a compromise and bring the communists in the government well we'll just frame the left for kidnapping him and then kill him that'll it's all just feels like a good old-fashioned realpolitik but the \*\*\*\*\* belgian \*\*\*\*\* it's like what what's going on man what are they doing because i have not found any of the theories around what the point of the verb killing is very persuasive i mean strategy of tension in belgium it's like okay but they weren't even like political they didn't even like use a false flag political justification it was just make everyone jumpy it's like i guess but did

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belgium really need that at that point in time i'm not i don't know enough about  
belgian history maybe that was a crucial like hinge point like maybe there was some  
government that was going to come in or something maybe it was a cover for an 0:53:54  
assassination although they've never been able to find any connection between any  
of the victims very baffling and then when you can and when he connected with  
dutrow incredibly sinister the darkest the dark the atlantic beasts that we must all  
uh which we must all root for the defeat of we must all pray for the eventual uh  
conquest the defeat of the demonic atlantic beast the seven-headed nato monster by  
the uh there's so many pedophiles in the catholic church for the same reason there  
are so many pedophiles among leaders of uh cloistered religious communities all over  
the world because if you have a situation where a position of that sort of intimate 0:54:57  
power exists people who seek it out will put it towards the ends that it that's why  
power collects the worst of us because you have to be bad to want to do these things  
it's going to go through these things and with the catholic church specifically i mean  
john paul ii spent his entire reign looking the other way on child molesters because  
they were anti-communists because he was war all right guys i want an answer from 0:56:7  
you guys say that i'm totally wrong and that they're doing a coup like it comes on  
the radio uh uh count has been suspended trump has been sworn in like they just  
swear him in what do you what are you specifically the person listening to this what  
are you going to do i'm not challenging you i'm asking you like you hear it you hear  
the news what do you do right away i'm just curious i'm not challenging like you  
hear it what do you what is your instinct to do i don't even know what i would  
i'm just asking okay so if we assume that if not what we would do but what we  
collectively would do would be insufficient to stop this from happening how would  
our relationship to politics change how in our relationship to the way we consume 0:57:9  
media change would we keep listening to pod save america and chapo because they  
wouldn't ban them would we keep going to work we keep if you think there's any  
question there if you think here's the deal if you think it might happen if you think  
we might actually coordinate a resistance to this that has a chance of doing anything  
other than being then they will not try to do it because why risk losing when they  
don't have to when they've got this thing by the balls and they really just have to  
deal with this guy's ego and you know his dumb followers he's riled up like that's 0:58:10  
really all they have to deal with if on the other hand there's no chance either way you  
can free yourself from this \*\*\*\*\* and i know you're like well how would they know  
for sure i'm sorry they've got \*\*\*\*\* pentagon uh uh if we think we know what's  
going on i guarantee you that like there are pentagon planners who uh have run  
the numbers on like the our civil our civil capacity for resistance in the face of just  
the overnight abnegation of the democratic process and there would be a percentage 0:59:11

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base that they would have on how high the like the attrition of that would be how low the stock market would go for example and i don't think it would be in any one nobody's actuarial chart is going to have them decide to do that unless they're like oh yeah we could roll over them well then why bother why bother with any headache at all they're not a danger they're not a threat they're happy with their bottle put biden in there let everyone get mad at him because there's going to be no pressure from the bottom forcing this that is what i must stress there's no just like you would do nothing like i said if there was some if if biden somehow like did a did a coup on him i don't even know how it would work now that he won but like when he's declared victory and they all feel like it was a coup because think of it this way when biden is finally like sworn in it will feel as much like a coup to them as the supreme court like nullifying a bunch of votes and giving it to trump would feel like a coup to you and what would they do and the answer is the exact same 1:0:13 one that you would you have given so there's no pressure from below to make this happen it would have to be a cold calculated move from people whose investment in the system goes beyond donald trump's personal \*\*\*\*\* ego and the thing is about this that i'm so happy about is that if i'm wrong if i'm wrong then it doesn't matter because i'm sorry if you're trying to own people online about how they were wrong about the coup if you're trying to uh score some points and get some clout off the fact that the coup actually did happen and you didn't none of us stopped it then i'm sorry you are the loser you are forever and eternally the loser and even though i was wrong i still win because i don't have to \*\*\*\*\* have another say you're the one compelled to like try to get some \*\*\*\*\* minutes on a cricket phone in a refugee camp to post on like whatever's left of twitter in code about how you were right i 1:1:14 still spent my time before that happened less anxious for no good reason less with a little not my stomach that i was tending like a little \*\*\*\*\* tamagotchi of anxiety i got to \*\*\*\*\* drill a little bit and have fun and laugh at this \*\*\*\*\* instead of feel like no it's my civic duty to feel upset right now it's my civic duty to feel bad about what's happening that there's going to be a coup do you see why this is nerd \*\*\*\*\* do you see how this is a kind of world view that this is based on the the idea that there is someday going to be a \*\*\*\*\* test and that you're going to get a grade on how you did as like a citizen you think that you secretly think there's a and there's 1:2:15 nobody grading you there's no teacher anyway calmer than you are dude

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*The hand that mocked them, and the ham that burgled*

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**11.13.20**

by the way i saw someone uh in the chat i was on a roll so i forgot to mention at the time but it just occurred to me uh i saw somebody was saying that like the quality of these streams is very poor audio visually and that that's uh chris's fault uh i would like to say definitively and for all of time that chris has nothing to do with this \*\*\*\*\* production this is a one-man show when i'm out here and i hope you will notice that the audio and video presentation are much much better when we're in the office with them this is my show wade this is my deal here so that means if it's if it looks like \*\*\*\*\* that's part of my ramshackle approach to everything i'm doing here i mean if i was serious about like trying to communicate an idea to people uh sorry i just got text to distract me i'm but yeah i i if i was being serious about communicating ideas to people i would write them down or something i'd give them some thought instead of just say them off the top of my head and i would also if i was going to you know talk to you i'd like prepare it ahead of time and get a studio or something where it looks nice and it's presentable and like some degree of uh you know thought has been put into it i think like this whole deal with the bad audio and me talking to my phone i think it it is part of like honesty honestly it is a part of me presenting like an entire picture of what i'm doing out here so that you don't get the wrong idea you know although i do hope to write in the future i have plans to do so in the early stages of doing planning for writing something down something a little more uh fully fleshed out so and that will be something that i'll be very nervous to put out there because one of the benefits of doing this is that you you risk that you don't risk that like that fear of dissection that comes when you have something written down i know that that has in the past made me hesitant about writing but i feel now like i'm much more confident in what i'm saying than i ever have been so as a result i feel i can put it down and people will get mad hopefully people will be disagreeing but people say i'm an idiot and wrong hopefully if they don't then i \*\*\*\*\* up but i will be confident that i at least man did anybody see trump today you just went on tv for five minutes

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to say we're gonna get a vaccine folks it's coming the next scene's coming we're gonna get it and we wantedly love it we love the vaccine it's the best it's the greatest everyone's going to be cured and our elderly we love the elderly we love our emily they're going to get it first because we care about them and we want to give them the best of the golden years the years the gold they love them so yeah whatever i don't know april he's maybe we'll see i mean nothing about the process until now has inspired any confidence in any element of the entire uh response and not just trump specifically but the entire western world the entire atlantic sphere comprehensive 0:4:7  
\*\*\*\*\* around everybody regardless of what institutions they had what like remnant shreds of social democracy they had almost all of them ate \*\*\*\*\* everything that everything that was actually that was built by us in the aftermath of world war ii our like score is \*\*\*\*\* the \*\*\*\*\* bed so i don't know why the hell i should expect anything different from the \*\*\*\*\* uh single-minded profit-seeking idiots yeah how are we going to distribute the vaccine what you honestly they should give it to \*\*\*\*\* mcdonald's like put it in the mcplant burgers i tweeted that the other day but it's not a joke like there's a \*\*\*\*\* mcdonald's within a 20-minute drive of every american in this \*\*\*\*\* country have them give us the \*\*\*\*\* vaccine they have an ability to distribute all that \*\*\*\*\* merchandise and happy meals and smiling hamburglar toys 0:5:8  
and \*\*\*\*\* uh rigged uh monopoly game pieces they could \*\*\*\*\* send a goddamn vaccine out the speedy method as the mcdonald by the way uh that reminds me the master with michael keaton is a low-key really good movie uh and uh his performance is really fun in it but what really is interesting and a reason to watch it is the way that it very clearly shows the the way that capitalism accelerates outside of any other considerations like that nothing that like i've seen very few movies that are better at exemplifying the marxist uh the marx quote from the manifesto that describes capitalism's destabilizing uh uh relationship to settle to social orders everything that is solid melts into air and you watch that movie and that's what you get because the 0:6:9  
mcdonald brothers did this they had this like innovation that was a quantum leap in uh efficiency in terms of food service this is gonna like you know that's that changes the the uh entire equation of the profit uh but they did that in their small town new england way you know like a couple of flinty yankee republicans coming up with an idea but they were doing that at a time when uh capitalism was accelerating uh the post-war era where where uh we're where all that capital was looking for investment that we were we were building out a new infrastructure of uh their their commitment to things like we're not we're only gonna use real ice cream and you know well we're gonna uh you know we're gonna keep up a uh quality control over certain elements 0:7:13  
of this thing we're going to maintain certain like non-market based values and they did well with their little thing but as soon as ray kroc showed up a guy who because

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he was a failure basically because he'd been chasing success his entire life had been ground into this like purely miserable instrument of regret and resentment he came along and he just wanted to fill that hole as fast as he could because he was an old guy when it happens he he'd been like he was a and he had never been a success even though he tried his goddamn ass off to be one and so he wanted to fill that hole the only way he could you know of course this is just the uh this is a dramatic you know personalized version of like the greater material you know necessity that's gonna make that happen one way or another like mcdonald's gets bought and gets 0:8:15 turned into mcdonald's no matter what but the fact that it was ray kroc who did it comes down to you know who ray kroc was but someone was gonna do it and then his wife gave that that money to npr perfect he was a funny dude though in other ways uh one thing they don't have in the movie because it stops like after he rests the name away from the mcdonald brothers spoiler alert uh is that he owned the san diego padres in the 70s and 80s and at one time he was watching a game in the owner's box and they were get getting their asses kicked so bad that he went on the pa system in the stadium and apologized to the he would also go to mcdonald's 0:9:16 like just on inspection tours and start sweeping up and yell at people for not doing enough but uh someone got mad at us today chapo's for for again for not taking the coup seriously i'm sorry but if you saw if you saw trump today i don't think you can seriously say anything about that anymore he looked gassed and he didn't say anything about this election that he had that he thinks was stolen from him and that he says he's fighting and you know i was very unfair with what cuomo said sad it's a covent cuckoo folks and we love it he said the next administration oh right i 0:10:18 forgot he's cooked he's done he's finished you know like the the he only really had four years in him honestly i think one way or the other because he didn't like any moment of it and he and what he had to do to enjoy any of it was so strenuous and and required such a escalation of tension that you know his heart couldn't take that biden impression ah come on man ah you know yeah felix is the guy who does bite look look look look fat look god what a man what a king he did that \*\*\*\*\* and then 0:11:21 he said that he said go vote for trump to somebody he said go vote to uh you guys go suck an egg to basically anybody who asked him to have any position that was uh you know more that didn't have the like the 1996 dlc stamp of approval on it and he would say \*\*\*\*\* off suck my dog threatened to punch some guy who uh talked to him about just didn't matter just didn't matter and what that tells me more than anything is that you know there's this spectacle of politics happening and then there's the actual thing of people voting and i think that i mean i've been saying there's not i don't think that there's anything like a one-to-one like this is not in any way a reflection this is a distortion so severe that it is genuinely uh maddening in the

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sense that it takes your mind away from a consensus reality between people in a lived environment as opposed to within the individual frictionless silo of your cyber life 0:12:23  
which is what allows you to imagine that because you never come into contact with any real thing you can just argue all day and that's why you're there anyway you can never have like a presumption defeated by the internet you can never have your your automatic response to something that is counterproductive so this thing is just completely off the rails and so i'm not sure that any of the stuff that we ever thought mattered really did i think we're talking about like tectonic relationships between like big demographic slabs of people and the reason i say that the future of the republican party if this continues like you know in its trajectory like trump boosted this was happening since 2000 but it really got accelerated by trump being that showing up and being the nominee and winning and shaping the culture in response to obama like obama was like the thesis basically of like what the party system 0:13:24  
would be in the 21st century now that we were reforming society's economy again because if we talk about the 1970s as the moment when the relationship between the working class and the democratic party suffered the uh the crash was the severance of \*\*\*\*\* the democratic party from humanity like the full and complete abnegation of responsibility to citizenry and i know that that's all you know flummery and culture but it's like stuff that the people in these positions actually believe exists it was the 70s it started in the 60s but the the weak correction of the economy the breaking of the back of inflation didn't happen until the 70s what are you talking about that's that's just incorrect i mean don't try to \*\*\*\*\* correct me with incorrect information i'm already out here far enough on a \*\*\*\*\* limb people throwing bones under my 0:14:26  
feet good lord uh it was carter man carter did it like it was all obviously it was a crescendo and it involved actions by every administration leading up to it but the one who had the decision to make was carter and the one who had the decision to make in a similar environment was obama and because there was no working class to be at the table to just speak for the people at all they did a further re bipartisan re uh affirmation of the economy and a further removing from the political of any economic question again just like they did in the 70s the \*\*\*\*\* bailout the bipartisan bailout which republicans pretended to be against which helped create the shadow tea party this like fake opposition to the bailouts which had no extension into any real depths of the party leadership or honestly it's voters if they understood the questions beyond just and then they got turned into culture war like the tea party war cry was rick 0:15:28  
santelli on cnbc saying that they didn't want to pay for losers to get bailed out of their \*\*\*\*\* uh in uh um bailed out losers from their \*\*\*\*\* uh mortgages now there's a world where that happens no matter what right like where as a response to this like action by the government of letting people stay in their homes and voiding their

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debt and like making making the haircut come from finance rather than the \*\*\*\*\* citizen right uh then you would have had like this fake fake uh populist response to it this like jeffersonian jacksonian cloaked uh horseshit like that there's a reason they talked they called themselves the tea party like this this is a violation of american liberty and the thing is yeah it is because american liberty exists to prevent this kind of thing from happening it's like an ideological and political structure meant to harness like the citizenry and any understanding of the concept and prevent them from getting rid of the thing around their \*\*\*\*\* neck and there are enough people who have like bought into the you know last 200 years of like phony populism that's at the heart of that jeffersonian project and so they would buy into it and there you would have had a real meaningful conflict and i guarantee you that this election if that had happened would not be about antifa or any of that \*\*\*\*\* we'd be talking about industrial policy maybe but of course like i said this is a world where obama doesn't do that but that was not the world we lived in because the working class wasn't at the table obama was never going to do that couldn't have happened he was evil for doing it but someone was going to do it because the forces arrayed could have no other outcome but i'm saying if we lived in a world where that had a different outcome for some reason otherwise we have the same and i know this is why these are you know tedious because you have to do so many what ifs that you eventually the comparison doesn't hold i'm just saying that uh that what we ended up getting instead was this fake populist uprising against the the death of american liberty but then they didn't actually bail out anybody from their \*\*\*\*\* mortgages the thing that got the tea party going bailing out losers it got turned it got evidenced immediately into a culture war the thing that romney talked about the makers and the takers because taxes became the only thing that what about the keynesian stimulus i mean it was the bare minimum necessary to to put a floor on the american economy which had to happen like a demand floor had to be opposed for the good of the market and that was what they did but on the stingiest possible terms and that was because obama bid low on purpose because they thought well \*\*\*\*\* olympia snowden has this aversion to anything over a trillion dollars there's no reason a rationality behind that that is pure just pig-headed political idiocy they could have been at four and then what's she gonna say nothing over two like it's just arbitrary relative to the bid and the bid was low on purpose and it was almost all found in the form of tax cuts and rebates now i don't think it's that this response the well the thing is with the senate the way it is it's honestly hard to say we really could end up with something as bad because that was because i think the the scale of the problem is in this case uh deeper but and and but also the answer is easier like you really could solve a lot of this just by helicopter dumping money on people like it could have a hugely positive

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effect and we know that money is free at this point like everybody knows it and of course the republicans are going to talk about the deficit more now than they did under trump which was not never at all because that's their ideological like you know puppet to distract from the fact that what they really want to do at any moment is prevent spending from so like i said i'm not predicting anything anymore but it's not going to be great because the working there's nobody at that table but lizards man absolute demons people who have shed every human skin they've ever had and replaced it with a diamond hard uh i haven't stared at the chat for a while i don't think i got new glasses i'm just i don't know they stay i'm still not used to the look so i kind of like see myself and i think whoa what but the thing is like you cannot overestimate how demonic this is going to be a friend of mine has been asked by the state of pennsylvania to give them back uh 12 000 dollars in unemployment that they say he fraudulently claimed uh when in fact he had literally like mis filled out a form because apparently there's a company that like 40 states paid millions of dollars to to carry out their emergency uh uh unemployment system because of course the state the state mechanisms are intentionally uh deprived of funds so that they are rickety and impossible of abra springing into action so that gaining relief is difficult you want to make as many hoops as possible for people to jump through so that you make them have to have skin in the game oh that's disgusting like skin like skinner mindset that pervades among the liberal and now the state because there's no there has been no step in stimulus there has not been a big federal relief of state budgets because states can't borrow the way that the federal government can so you're going to see massive massive budget funds because basically the complete skeletonization of the whole state apparatus at a time of national pandemic emergency so they're trying to claw money back and apparently they're doing it just me they're sending checks to millions of people and a lot of it is on false false uh false claims in the first place and the horror of it is is that i honestly think they don't even care if they have specious reasoning or not they think a lot of people are going to get that freak out and then just give them back some money and if they get any x number of them to do that well that's that's that much more money you can put on the ledger and then they probably end up charging them more money than they're getting back to do the \*\*\*\*\* and it must be stated this is a government with that's a state with a democratic governor this is this is just the way it is now like pain for everybody and then you get to choose whose pain you get to feel good about when you get in the voting booth and then watch politics is the sport that it is you get to root for a team of people to inflict pain on another team of people the pain is taken for granted and the real horror is even the uh people getting it are going to get it either way everyone's getting it it's really just a matter of who you in the observation of their

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pain get to feel superior to get to feel luckier than that's it that's politics that's the  
politics at the end of uh history and that's why i think the parties are going to end up  
being college and no college not going there but embracing the set of values because  
the whole thing is it's symmetrical sadisms like there is a sadism at the heart of like 0:24:44  
the the liberal project i'm sorry there is a sadism at the heart even if you can say  
it's for better reasons and it's more justified uh uh for for like the the punitiveness  
of liberalism as it's understood by the people who vote for political parties and so  
the future of politics is choosing who you want to cease punished who you want to  
feel good about and the ski and that like uh it's quite it's quite sobering to think  
about because there's very little leeway for uh for humanity there like everyone's  
worst instincts are the only ones being fed because the parties will basically become  
incapable of addressing class issues and for anybody who is actually making this 0:25:46  
idiot track towards the republican party just so that they can feel good about an  
election like the people who are like going well the democrats are too woke working-  
class people are voting republican now that's where working-class aspirations can be  
found no what's happening is you are totally invested in the spectacle of politics it is  
sports for you the pain of your enemy is your supper but now thanks to your your in  
your mind defeat in the civil war within the democratic side you now have to find a  
new place where you can feel good about somebody else's pain and so you can go root  
for the republicans and that means if they win and the democrats lose you get to feel  
better whereas if you're on the democrat side and you've been beaten for like internal  
you know for your sense of identification like you can't even identify as a democrat  
anymore because or as a liberal or a leftist whatever \*\*\*\*\* word you're using to  
cover this identity you can't imagine you can't call yourself that anymore because 0:26:47  
the people that other people who do have ruined it so then you can't just watch the  
spectacle and not have an investment because then it would be robbed of  
a center of its ability to keep you enthralled and you'd have to \*\*\*\*\* do something  
else and you don't want to do anything else so what do you do you switch teams  
they switch teams can't beat them join them and then you get to feel good again you  
get to watch the democrats get owned and feel good about it like you used to do it  
for republicans or internally what like for a while you can do it with democrats but  
after let's essentially you spend four years watching the trump people have too much  
fun if none of it matters and that's true then you might as well have some fun and i  
would say well okay but even better to not get fun there at all because it's sick place  
to get fun what are you doing literally do anything else with your time so if anybody 0:27:48  
is yeah so for me the answer to all these seemingly intractable questions will always  
boil down to if not log off decenter because it's a lot easier to see the force for the  
trees how many people who uh are uh loves screenshotting naive leftists who stan aoc

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and go look at you idiots look at you idiots falling for this how many of them smugly retweeted marco rubio saying the republican party is going to be the working-class party you have to basically just drill a hole in your head and forget everything you learned about your process of being disillusioned by the democratic party so that you can go on to get disillusioned by the republican party it's like the end of \*\*\*\*\* dark tower he gets at the end of the thing and he opens the door and he's back to where he started so you go through this process of coming into identification with the democratic project or the left project the liberal project wherever you are on this spectrum and then being driven over time through this process of disillusionment with it as a vessel for your ambitions which are material but also identity based and then you get kicked out of the process and instead of recognizing oh this was this was what happens when you do that to a political party in the united states of america you go this was the problem with this specific party within the united states of america at which point you're back at the beginning chasing the man in black and you can't blame someone for this necessarily you can only blame them in a broad sense you know just more in pity than anything that they can't recognize the cycle they're in and break out of it so that's sad but you can't blame them because within that within their inability to break out of it they have not yet been disillusioned by the republican party it could be a place where they could get fun and enjoyment and a sense of political identity and own the libs again so let's uh somebody asked about the ideological like motivation or structure of like the whole college thing like the whole suite of ideas you get it's very not it's not really about like specific like culture critical theory critical race theory or white privilege any specific strain of academic jargon that's just like its expression uh you know within like a social matrix like people talking about like these ideas float around the important ones float around and then they get expressed in like sub concepts which by the way mostly start in and around college uh issues but it's more about a broad suite of of values like liberal western values in the broad sense but then like there's an intensity of it depending on like where you are within it you know like you've got the broad idea like western democracy broadly understood shared by everybody in all departments and every class you're going to take you're going to get but then you've got over time you know because of the cultural turn and everything you've got now all these other uh places where people talk about other things and they have more specific takes and they take the logic of the liberalism that's broadly accrued throughout college experience and and lived and then they sh bring it further down into a a point of more specific uh reference to uh to like a theory an issue like they're doing academia you wouldn't call it science but it's science-esque and they're doing it at everything and some places within that like the humanities you're going to develop

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like a more consistent sub genre of the greater liberal uh ideology and then people will gravitate towards or against that but they encounter it one way broadly or or specifically depending on their specific academic career who they encounter and then they get come out the other end and they accept some percentage of that the very base one being even if you don't believe any of this \*\*\*\*\* about a liberal social order you're better if you want to make a \*\*\*\*\* buck in your entire life they know that 0:32:55 much and that is shared by basically everyone who goes because they wouldn't have gone especially at this point in time really for any other reason at base that doing this stuff listening believing these things will get you a job and not just any job a job that is in some way personally rewarding that is not drudgery that is not mere alienation that's that's the base thing everyone comes up with but built on that is depends on your experience both before you went into college which is going to choose where you get your first classes and which ones you start with and then what experiences you have in college and your personality and all those things and that shoots you out the other end and you end up a political subject you either vote or you don't vote to prove that you don't that you think they're phony and if you vote you're probably going to vote for one of the two parties more often than anything else you're going to vote for one of the two parties and it's going to come down to 0:33:56 what percentage of that suite of stuff you accepted or rejected the degree to which as is always the case people make fun of me for saying that all the time but it's the only way to really talk about these kind of concepts because understanding them as binaries makes it almost impossible to conceive in your head of what this how the structures work because it's almost as though we are shaped by our material conditions and that because people who make culture tend to be people who went through the college process and specifically went through the humanities version of the college process from that point of view and because there's enough uh like there's 0:34:57 enough generational wealth left at the end of like the rainbow with you know the the last the last bit of equity from the boomers and and some of gen gen x but not that much certainly no millennials were able to cling to if not like an actual working class an actual like um like job job the idea in their head that they could get one yes i'm doing this but i'm really this yes i'm doing this but maybe this yes this is my day job like this i have a greater aspiration and that greater aspiration is inculcated by this deal that college offers you and that you accept and that you have to pursue because you can't just say sunk cost because the sunk cost is six figures in \*\*\*\*\* debt it's literally impossible to change direction at this point so that 0:35:58 provides like the social uh motivation to maintain like these these values these public procession of professional values and like to participate in this culture but this is the last generation is going to have that experience that broad middle class experience

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of college it's because of the combination of it becoming prohibitively expensive and that at some point people are going to stop going it might already be started now with \*\*\*\*\* corona because the rewards are less and less uh tangible they're less and less even conceivable and even if it doesn't the experience of being disillusioned by college is going to become a hell of a lot more completely disillusioned by college is going to become a hell of a lot more prevalent than the one of this like let down by the college experience and it's in its offer of stable employment in a non uh totally alienating labor but the prospect of said from some grind hustle some personal commitment to you know a professional career path or the arts and media or social media and that means that the electoral future of the democratic party is very grim when you combine the majority and built-in structure of the republican system that we have the constitutional order which already rewards people who are going to be uh more likely either to just be rich enough to vote their \*\*\*\*\* economic interests which are not the people i'm talking about they have an entirely different context the ones who make it are a whole different scheme of this all like this is a process that happens at every level based on your relationship to actual means of production so if you made it like making having made it out of college and not was the difference between warren and bernie in so if you made it your calculus is that college suite of uh of like social cues moires uh media propaganda you want to call it whatever you want to call it like whatever the ball of culture that kind of keeps people uh having faith in any even symbolic worth in the act of voting for a democrat and its influence on the levels of now the how fast that's going to happen is up to a lot of things one big one is how they actually do respond to this \*\*\*\*\* pandemic which i don't know they could surprise me i highly doubt it but they could actually do a competent job or at least better of notice will be better than the republicans could happen not holding breath so that changes the whole \*\*\*\*\* thing that could like re that could just by ass backwards like they accidentally like add up add a comma to the stimulus bill like it literally just was a typo and nobody noticed it and then boom they're able to you know like uh juice the the consumer sector and like take the boot of debt off of a bunch of people's neck and allow them to participate in the market again and not be like fully extracted miserable little uh gig monkeys and biden's the new fdr by accident that would be the perfect end to his career and then he dies with a full diaper but no not gonna probably happen the other is who comes after trump the big thing is like trump's specific non-college pitch is built into his celebrity not into any of his ideology none of his ideology anybody who's and that's why the talk about holly and cotton and making it coherent making it policy-based giving ribs and and armature to to trumpism is putting the ass it's it's the kind of mistake you make when you're in the bubble and you turn the \*\*\*\*\* thing the wrong direction

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you're looking through the but who is in a position to replace that who can who can  
sparkle the way trump did i don't \*\*\*\*\* know man uh slogan no i would not trust 0:41:11  
any movement led by joe rogan i do i don't think he's a nazi or any of that \*\*\*\*\*  
but just the mind's a little too open i think you need a little more structure there  
you need a few more first principles that you can depend on when you're dealing  
with something that would be you know as fragile as a celebrity-led movement oh i  
guess i'm talking about from the point of view the republicans i don't think he would  
do that because i don't think he's committed enough to the project i don't i think  
that politics to him caring about politics risks getting owned like i think a lot of the  
the apolitical like rogan type specifically one of the reasons that they in their mind  
or say \*\*\*\*\* politics is because why would you risk getting owned over something  
that doesn't matter and it doesn't have the visceral appeal to you something like  
a sporting fandom and so you're gonna always stay a little bit away from it and 0:42:12  
you might endorse somebody in a primary or something but you're not gonna \*\*\*\*\*  
pick a team color because what if you lose and the thing about tucker carlson is  
he's got the celebrity he's got the zim he's got the zazzle i think he could get the  
college educated portion of the republican party those people who went through the  
machine and decided to oppose it and they're always there too remember we're just  
talking about them being brought about being having been having them added to  
by more uh working uh non-college people but they're always there they've always  
been there and uh they would love love that but would it wouldn't have the same  
appeal to those people who although they're moving towards the republicans it's not  
like it's fixed in stone a lot of it depends on who they're running against and what  
the what you know the happenstance of you know who's in charge when the bad  
thing happened brands the democrats like it's still it's still there like we don't know 0:43:14  
how i just don't know if cuckoo has the zazzle outside of that bubble to appeal in a  
general the way that trump did don't know donut still not convinced that he could  
run a economically populist enough uh campaign for it to really matter at all and  
if that's the case well then you're just talking a rerun of trump but with this \*\*\*\*\*  
bowtie \*\*\*\*\* instead of the greatest famous guy who's ever famous i just i think  
charisma is going to be a much bigger factor there in like creating some coherent  
trump uh descendant some evolved trump form because like trump is obviously he  
accelerated a process but you know we don't know yet if he was prefigurative or if 0:44:15  
he was then if the next step was going to have to come like up because none of these  
lines including the line that goes down goes straight down they're all punctuated by  
changes because they're interrupted all these processes are running against the the  
uh they're running on the corduroy road of uh of randomness right of the random  
distribution of evidence of of the butterfly effect and so it's it's it's never a smooth

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ride you know and the big thing that makes me say that is just who is who else is like trump in the culture i say john tafford but john tafford's not that famous basic cable that's not a network show that was in the top 10 in the last generation of network television which is now gone by the way like that kind of the people being on tv the way trump was on tv that doesn't exist anymore trump was on tv and then he got the fact that he was a businessman so he could fake a sort of pseudo experience of politics it's like i mean people say the rock but he is the soy boy at heart i mean we know which which side of the cultural divide he is on he is the soybean he might have all the appearance of like a a republican type guy and say he's a republican but his he's got a soft core he is humanities no matter how much he wants to say his football team stem he's he's a theater kid he's a theater kid you seen him on saturday live \*\*\*\*\* is a theater kid so he is now the real what if is if because there you have like pure charisma and star power minus like trump's specific cynical uh invocation of like crabbish uh um bigotry because you know trump at the end of the day is just a disgusting fat little \*\*\*\*\* uh with seven billion dollars in debt to the russian mafia and there he has to fill that hole somehow and you know that's how he got people build the wall i mean schwarzenegger my god and he did he did arnold did kill the apprentice but that was after trump left is the thing that was too late when i say maybe 12. once trump shows up and he gets that uh he picks up the stick the george wallace stick wraps it around his own like fame fame and glamorous public image ooh that was a powerful force that was like king arthur pulling the sword out of the stone but it's all obviously academic because schwarzenegger could never run for president thanks once again to it would be funny though if he just ran and won and got sworn in and they couldn't do anything about it because that is where they got that's what the constitution is now which i'm glad but at the same time the fact that people still other than republicans who should at all times be invoking the constitution because it is the the document that most closely codifies their conception of you know political economy and and uh and the social order like it is all there it's all there which is why it should have been destroyed in the civil war it should have been it was like the \*\*\*\*\* you know what it was is the goddamn ring like for america to become uh a coherent national identity the constitution was necessary because the 13 colonies were none of them were in a position to impose force on the other so they all felt but it beca but as but could potentially be subdued by them combined against them it was a mexican standoff or an american standoff i guess and the constitution is structured the way it is for the base democratic overtaking of uh governmental structures and then on top of that uh any like faction within the greater united states can coming together to overthrow uh uh the ruling class the the boston merchants and the southern landowners who made up the revolutionary generation of

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our founding fathers and the civil war proved that the pressure of you know northern 0:49:30  
uh northern wage relationship upon this like quasi-feudal remnant was of course still  
uh capitalist it was a key component of the global capitalist network but there was  
a fundamental tension politically at its heart between wage relationships and that  
could not be contained within the structure of the constitution because those type of  
people weren't supposed to be involved they weren't even supposed to be here you  
know they weren't really like here you know they weren't really supposed to be here  
like you know they aren't real at all like that's but the thing is is that the united the  
north was only able to defeat the south because of the power that had been accrued  
over the last 80 years to the executive branch to the federal government uh that 0:50:31  
was only allowed by the constitutional compromise with the states it was only while  
everybody's guns were down that they were able to accrue without even knowing  
they were doing it the capacity to defend uh the state itself against a fraction within  
it and then they put it down and then it's like okay good it's done we don't need this  
thing anymore federalism is dead we just killed it we just burned it we've burned  
with landed to the ground federalism is dead we've inve we brought a state into  
the union well uh the representatives of a huge fraction of our country were not  
there ratified constitutional amendments opened half the \*\*\*\*\* land in the louisiana  
purchase to settlement the civil war should have been the end of the us constitution 0:51:33  
it had served its political purpose it had defeated mordor it had defeated sauron  
rather it had defeated the sauron of slavery now it was time to cast it into mount  
doom and then you get on the precipice and who's that who's that on the precipice  
gollum himself uh john wilkes booth andrew johnson now that's of course glib as  
i've said a million times i don't think that there's any reason to believe that lincoln  
could have by himself having lived changed things enough to redirect the flow of like  
racial solidarity and uh you know the direct the the the recapital reformation of the  
south like away from uh plantation agriculture to the yeoman model that persisted  
in the north even though lincoln lincoln's entire political ideology was premised on  
the idea of turning america into a yeoman republic as the whigs but we'll never know  
is the thing we'll never know one way or another the \*\*\*\*\* ring did not get into the 0:52:35  
\*\*\*\*\* uh volcano and now it's sitting around just corroding everything and turning  
us and so that's a like i want to talk another thing about american exceptionalism  
another big like obviously the number one element is free real estate but built on  
top of that first caused by the same material really reality shaping its politics our  
constitutional system which had sort of a natural historical purpose really as as a as a  
like a progressive instrument in the furthering of you know the consolidation of wage  
relationships into conflict with one another then keeping it around just it's like you  
blew a \*\*\*\*\* tire on the highway so i think any political movement worth this we're 0:53:38

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going to have as an assumed assumed assumed basic premise the constitution gots  
to go now of course that's not a thing you impose for outside i just think it's a thing  
that an organic marxist not through ideology but through lived practice recognizing  
class is real less recognizing class conflict is the only meaningful uh uh the only  
meaningful pursuit of justice but the problem is one of the just as an ideological  
question how do you fight a civil war on behalf of a document that you then destroy  
and tear up you know i mean obviously the evolution the war changed the war aims 0:54:41  
of the union army and the the america the northern public generally but it wasn't  
you know supernatural it was it was it was a it was a process and it was unevenly  
but that that uh that drive to preserve the union you know america as an idea that  
was a real motivating factor for people to join the army obviously at a certain point  
you join because there's a hundred dollars in it for you or there's a draft but those  
early regiments that you know spilled blood bull run and whatnot there had to have  
been more pressure placed on the constitution for it to uh for it to come under the  
and it never happened probably couldn't have but man it's past time to recognize 0:55:44  
the the enemy uh esperanto esperanto is one of those really adorable 19th century  
grasps towards the notion of you know true universal human consciousness but it  
rests adorably on an idealist pedestal of like pure liberalism because i think like the  
idea of creating a language for everybody in the world to speak is beautiful in a way  
but the idea that it by its nature of its existence would naturally find itself over time  
to become a lingua franca that is that's what happens when you don't recognize  
material conditions as the but one day there probably will be only one language  
on this planet before there are no humans the last of them will probably speak um 0:56:46  
apparently i'm on the first page i'm gonna look it up right now i'm on the first you  
uh google image page for soy face let me check if that's still true i did the icky i did 0:57:51  
it i did the iggy i'm a soul man i'm a sore man \*\*Music playing\*\* i did not invent  
the soy face of course um who of course are the other side of the coin these are the  
people who went through the college washing machine and came out opposed to it  
now once again not necessarily went to college but experienced college in the form of 0:58:52  
culture generated you're pepes you're griupers they are their relationship to politics  
is as sterile and doomed as the relationship of the democrats broadly speaking they  
will continue to be disillusioned by the party failing to do what it really wants them  
to do because they have some cockeyed idea that they're representing some actual  
ideology and some actual like notion of the good which is what they got from college  
even so they're constantly having to do the same pathetic uh uh bargaining game  
with their party some of them are moving in the other direction there are a number of  
alt-right people who have become like uh kind of bernie crats right in the past uh in  
the past couple years if i'm not mistaken that's the same process moving in the other 0:59:53

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direction and then the question becomes when they hit the zero barrier and preach do they recognize that they are in a sterile loop that their relationship with politics is illusory and fantastical and that they need to re-foundate give it a new foundation or do they just keep moving on and now they're going to be like the the most gripery uh uh leftist and then move their way through somehow you will continue to cycle through internally if you can't give up your libidinal commitment to one party or another one spectacle or another one feast of domination yeah the proud boys are 1:0:54 the dsa of the right it's the same college graduated losers with a different cultural uh sadism box and a different cultural grievance collection uh trying to uh concept of their political identity that is so powerful that it is spilled out into the real world they have to affirm it uh in real life but of course only in the most spectacular way possible and if they're more violent than dsa and you say that's not that's not a good comparison because the dsa is not violent they don't do things they're antifas and violent it's like they are on the right so of course they're more concentrated in their violence as politics because that's what right-wing it's the step remember the fascism you talk about aestheticization of politics instead of doing violence on behalf of a class project doing violence for its own sake violent now of course the dsa is actually 1:1:56 doesn't really have a right wing comparison because of how demobilized they are plowboys aren't a good really comparison because but they're the closest thing there is which just shows you how unorganized it is on the right and how atomized it is because they don't even have the fake solidarity of you know the grasping towards uh uh uh you know a public good that once again is no one's fault and we're all including myself operating from it it is the confusion of our libidinal self-interest with our understanding of a general self a general interest we're only grasping at it we're only guessing because we're not coordinating action through experience and through class consciousness whatever you want to call it and that's all of us there's no blaming people it's not saying anyone is bad for doing it like i said there's and 1:2:59 no one is worse than me or better than me because i am 100 implicated in every and i think people in uh dsa there's nothing that says they can't do great work within it and outside of it but because it's going to be doing the work in the real world that they're going to find what works both inside and outside the organization and doing anything to stay in the real world is worth doing no matter how cringe it may be and no matter how politically sterile it might seem because if it feels to you in the moment like it's worth your contribution if you see things in the world that you and the people within that organization feel like you can do that by god keep doing it if it feels good as they say do it but when i mean good i mean actually satisfying of a you know d a a a materialized political will to power a materialized 1:4:1 material will devour as opposed to a fantasized one and that could that's in dsa it's

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outside of dsa it's wherever you are but it's you have to drop the charade that you're  
finding anything other than uh pleasure from this pantomime and the spectacle of  
like political combat as you understand it all right i gotta go guys talk to you

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### *Moloch n' Me*

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there i am next week gonna find you i'm gonna get you the dogs are barking are barking for us they're calling for me hound of the bed steivilles the hound of the bed 0:1:2  
stifles paul come on \*\*\*\*\* you that was pretty good that was some good stuff yeah  
perfect timing this dog just started as soon as i did i think he is honestly responding  
to my voice maybe he's telling me to pipe down maybe he's telling me to shut my trap  
yeah i'm just feeling a little shaky not feeling as centered as i have recently trying to  
i'll find my way back i'm not thought i would do a nice chill stream this time a real  
one answer some questions just maybe have a this would have been a good day to go  
to the office maybe but man i don't know i think we might be shutting back down  
again here very shortly i wouldn't be surprised if within a week there's another some 0:2:4  
attempt at a lockdown it's a bummer man it's a real bummer low audio ah hell i put  
up the volume i could speak louder also ah okay so how's that sound that doesn't  
sound good i can get the microphone because i have the mic so how's this always  
off to a good start with audio issues my favorite thing i love being on the ones and  
twos while trying to figure out what the hell i'm talking about it's my favorite thing  
in the world i love having in a bit yeah no it's my own fault though you know uh i 0:3:5  
would if i really cared i so i'm sorry that i haven't done better honestly it still sounds  
muffled i'm sorry \*\*\*\*\* you know what you guys got to hold me accountable i agree  
you guys have to hold me accountable i need to be held accountable i think that i  
need to understand that i need to do better and that if i don't then i need to be held  
accountable i understand this i could use a gamer chair not going to lie oh i mean no  
i absolutely could not use a gamer chair it would be a send have a gamer chair but i  
certainly imagine rocking back and forth in custom contoured comfort but yeah no  
that would be the devil that would be the devil getting me that like the devil would  
give me a gamer chair and have me survey you know uh survey the online and go here  
this could be yours no no satan ah muffled mike ah christ ah all right i might have to 0:4:7  
go get the uh is apparently uh it doesn't record as high for the youtube so that's why  
i try to use this chord this has got to be the single worst content you can find on the  
internet is me trying to \*\*\*\*\* fix this like a goddamn boomer like trying to get talked

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through tech it really does tell you like how tightly people are wound by whether 0:5:12  
they say it's good or not because obviously something is wrong and obviously it's  
not so bad that it's unlistenable it comes down to how much it bothers you so if you  
say it's fine it means you're not noticing it if you say it isn't fine then it means that  
you're noticing it so some balance between you know wanting to hear my words and  
not wanting to hear them in a way that like challenges you to hear it or something  
i don't know or challenges like some aesthetic assumption about how you think and  
that really just seems like an issue that you just it's like i'm sorry and tonight today  
i guess i'm not worth listening to and yeah it probably also depends on how good  
your computer is and how good your headphones are and all that yes it's fine that 0:6:18  
it's not fine i have to remember my rhyme i have to remind myself that the universe  
will unfold as it should all right you know what i i'm gonna still oh i want to get the  
i works all right i don't know if i'm going to be able to get over this we'll see this  
to like accept the things i cannot change because realistically i'm not going to yes  
maybe i should be uncomfortable tonight maybe maybe i have to have a thorn in my  
saddle for some reason maybe i need to be agitated i don't know right now it just 0:7:19  
feels agitated it doesn't really feel uh productive but that's why we play the oh now  
they're mad at me for not getting the mic i just i didn't want to step away from it  
it seems like it's kind of bad you know all right you know what i'm doing i'm hmm  
so all right young greats let me \*\*\*\*\* try this god damn it who signed up for for the 0:8:24  
love of cry many tell me that oh thank god all right fine i guess i can't use the chord  
anymore apologies for the youtube people hopefully it'll be loud enough i'm trying i  
swear to god i'm trying i'll ask chris i want the people to be able to access the content  
i understand that the content must flow above all that it is our very enema that it 0:9:25  
is our spice melange i understand that and i will never not facilitate the flow i will  
never allow the flow to be in any way i did not see alex jones speech i'm assuming  
he said some \*\*\*\*\* about overthrowing the government or whatever ah entering the  
rat zone squiddly squiddily lennon was a great orator trotsky was the best though  
trotsky was the greatest orator of the he got him spellbound he first did it in 1905 0:10:26  
when he was a kid got brought in and ended up heading the petrograd soviet purely  
on his oracle or or or radical skills however you want to whatever oratorical that's  
it god oratorical skills and then he was the most spellbinding speaker at and he got  
everybody uh and he ended up drawing the blueprint really for the whole damn thing  
tactically and strategically really is more it was more his idea than it was but lenin  
was the one who you know directed it and the one who gave it the actual uh like 0:11:30  
operating system the lennon was pretty he was on the stump he was pretty big him  
showing back up him showing back up uh in in at the at the finland station was was  
a historical thunderbolt because the bolsheviks until that point really were terrified

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of the prospect of taking power because they kind of knew they didn't have the the authority to do that in that like yeah they they they represented a like absolute huge majority of you know bullsh of saint petersburg workers but what did that mean in the whole you know the terms of the entire russian empire it was a terrifying prospect and they kind of wanted to lean back that was their instinct anyway and lennon was the one who stepped into the breach and said no no this is not a stable equilibrium this will collapse one way or the other and we have to choose which way it's going to go by which which which direction we push our shoulders to uh because and i think that was true i really do think like i don't think there's any world where the uh the provisional government survives into some sort of bourgeois democracy it would have collapsed most likely and given those options you cannot blame anybody in fact i think you'd have to say that the only moral action is to try to seek power in that context that abdicating power is abdicating responsibility and in fact making yourself responsible for horrors to come that you could have stopped but you know it creates new situations that federalism should have been ended in 1865. the federalist system was tried and found wanting or rather it was destroyed by by might i mean it was it was extinguished as a uh as a real basis for sovereignty because when it when it when they break into pieces the greater half will absorb the other half we know that now so there is no real source of power there other than to just create a temporary disequilibrium and waste resources and waste time and more than anything gum up the progress of you know creating a a a a political structure that can actually and that probably would have you know it's hard to say we ever would have gotten rid of it but should means nothing we kept it because it was useful and it has always been useful but i think it should it'll have to go it'll have to go can't imagine it not going any any realistic even medium term uh play for power in america would not be constitutional i think and or rather could be constitutionally pursued but in power would negate the constitution as white claw lime is the worst flavor it's the only one i had left though sadly these are the these are the struggles of those of us in the coveted plague years stuck with the worst of the of the of lime is a great flavor in many contexts but for some reason in the alcoholic seltzer business and honestly even the non-alcoholic seltzer business it seems to be an inferior flavor to many others say somebody said that if trotsky were alive now he would be on sub stack that is 100 correct because if you think about it when you look at the origin of you know like the modern the modern like policy intelligentsia the modern like political wonk class you know the people who write for the public intellectuals people who write for you know uh name brand uh institutional think organizations not necessarily famous people but people who are known within among people who are inside you know the bubble the people like the they'll they are they were largely

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trotskyites they were largely people who came out of the 30s split as trotskyites and 0:16:40  
then in the post-60s disillusionment era turned into neoconservatives like every uh  
every op-ed columnist is a and so everybody who ends up eventually quitting their  
org because they you know want to be oppressed to justify why they're not being  
listened to more or why they're not more popular than finds themselves with only  
the market to blame as they i'm back on i'm back on the content must flow like i 0:17:42  
said nothing will stop it neither sleep nor snow nor dark of night shall keep me i shall  
always be here i shall always be here mining the content taking the content from the  
mines panning it molding it flattening it stacking it into bricks transporting it across  
mountain passes exchanging it for various uh eastern silks and spices i lost a bunch  
of viewers there that was bad that was bad work sorry i had a i had a thing hopefully 0:18:43  
they'll come back but if they don't that's fine this already feels kind of like a cursed  
chat with all that uh damn i've actually thought somebody's asked about the 30  
years war i've actually thought about doing a project like a podcast project because  
it's 30 years more because it's wildly interesting and i don't really think that there  
is a very you know there's a single sort of agreed upon uh coverage of it like patrick  
wyman was going to get to the 30 years war but he basically he did so much early  
modern that he kind of got sick of it which i understand you know you get sick of  
the habsburgs after you're just describing how their jaws just got farther and farther  
and farther but it's got a lot of early very interesting stuff the way that you know 0:19:45  
religion operated in that early reformation period and the spread of uh early spread  
of media how that contributed to the whole thing definitely like to talk a little bit  
more about the swedes the swedes are fascinating to me that they were a continent  
bestriding military colossus adolphus then you've got things like the emergence of  
modern realpolitique when cardinal riesler had the french bourbon throne support the 0:20:47  
protestant league against catholic habsburg because they were the greater uh that's  
was the ultimate don't play the sorry guys you're not going to get away with me that  
easily i'm back uh this is yes on the third stream he rose again so this will be the last  
one i think one way or the other when this one stops i will be done thy will be done  
on earth as it is somebody asked if one of the reasons that uh the united states did 0:22:4  
not become socialist is because it was too secular i think there's actually something  
to that because if you take secular to mean that you have replaced that so the degree  
that a society is secular is the degree spiritual non-marketized emotional connections  
between people like in some places where capitalism is being imposed upon a well-  
structured social network or if it emerges like in uh it emerges out of class struggle  
like in europe you get this effusion of from the root uh a a in a spiritualized sense  
of the social obligation that can then interact with capitalism whereas in america  
because we came in as as scattered shredded you know refuse of europe uh the 0:23:8

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having been stripped of our social bonds completely having new religious orders that resacralized you know our relationship to the land and our relationship to each other by essentially removing the social dimension altogether from life and replacing it with and that's what we have tried to build a social conception on top of while we've been rapidly capitalizing and it's tough it's very difficult it's like you're trying to build a it's like you're trying to build a airplane while it's in the air i'm not saying that those pre-capitalist modes were socialist they weren't they had to evolve into capitalism they but they couldn't skip directly to socialism because they were peasant social relationships which are not the social relationships of a uh of a uh 0:24:9 like socialized subject who has gone through the process of like the contradictions someone keeps asking why was john brown insane which was a weird way of putting it instead of just saying was he uh and i guess it's a good way to put it because he was if you accept the definition of insanity to be demanding like to the point of violence to insist on the world being a way that no one else recognizes it to be without like taking the hint of his social relationships to understand that what he 0:25:10 thinks is real is not you know what he thinks is his connection to all humanity and his moral obligation to it is not real and if that's the case and you know in the in the modern secularized way that is the only thing that insanity can be like there is no underlying truth or falseness that's not that doesn't come in it so he was insane in that sense but he was also right and that tells you that there is a more complicated relationship between sanity and conceptions of sanity and the social order than it is presented to be i'm not really liking the good lord bird at all somebody said it was hamilton what they say like hamilton but violent and that seems to be basically it that's i mean i still haven't seen hamilton but it feels like that's correct hamilton 0:26:12 with violence and that that's not very interesting to me i'm not mad at it anymore but it's just like it's not even interesting it's not even like doing enough to get a similarly asking if the mujahideen or gladio unit there is a a thing that's like not officially part of the gladiator operation but it's sort of a conjecturized operation 0:27:13 called gladio b that basically says that the uh invasion of not even the invasion of afghanistan the buildup to the rising of tensions within afghanistan that led to the invasion was an operation that was essentially along the same lines where the like afghan versions of the you know lump and mafia figures that they used in europe uh were similarly plied with drugs and money and given guns and let loose on a communist opponent uh and they're it's their parallels are striking i mean we were we had money and guns into the the resistance in afghanistan before there even was a soviet uh invasion when it was just we were explicitly trying to give them their own vietnam and we were it worked i mean like like zbigniew brzezinski was very proud of it and he famously said you know i don't think you can compare the liberation of uh 0:28:15

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all of eastern europe to some riled up jihadis in the middle east because for him that was like what they got to do they got to pay him back for vietnam and then also they fell they then collapsed shortly after that really vindicated them and they felt like that's what matters you know a few 911s or whatever and you know regimes and like fundamentalism taking over and more and more places and ratcheting up violence that's all good for them that's not blowback even that's that's interest that's yeah 0:29:52  
so south africa was a country that as a country was just a one giant gladio operation they weren't even like the the because like boss was if p2 like boss was if he too was a foreign hey what's going to happen with the damn brexit what's going on are they 0:30:54  
really just going to crash out i thought this thing had already been like done three times already i really don't understand i don't really care which is nice because if i did it'd be very frustrating i'm just kind of curious what is the deal what's the tumuppence what's the what's the bobs what's the what's what's uh give me your butchers how do they keep having to keep this deal how many times have they like how many times have they said they had a deal and then what happened why did it not go forward so when does it happen is there actually a day is there actually a day where this \*\*\*\*\* happens as opposed to what has happened it's like the election it's just drawn out forever it's been brexit for five years it's a drawn out it's like an orgasm it just can't it's a ruined orgasm it's like our system it feels like brexit can't ever come it's like zeno's paradox so you're really guys telling me these guys are swearing like hard brexit they put up the \*\*\*\*\* border back in northern ireland the troubles kick back off that all happens on january 31st or is it going to be like 0:31:57  
five to 500 other deadlines i heard about that pass with nothing changing so tell me what's it gonna be what's it cursed island who cares is the correct answer cursed island who cares who care putting it on the neverline list especially since nobody can give me a straight answer about whether anything's ever going to happen over there that's going to be interesting enough to pay attention to because for now it's all been snoozeville although if \*\*\*\*\* boris johnson gets coveted again that will be 0:32:58  
funny not gonna lie if he pulls a bolsonaro and gets \*\*\*\*\* covered twice that will hello i'm kia starmer in there i'm keep leading the star mate i'm bleeding kei starmer hello i'm sir keith starmer i'm a knight i'm a knight at the bleeding round table and i hello i'm keith starmer the naught of the bleeding uh richard spencer haircut hello topansa bend oh cheerio what's this i mean what how did that happen i don't care it 0:33:59  
is a pedo island we all know that it's ruled by pretty explicit pedophiles jimmy savile we all remember that lord mountbatten whose assassination was just commemorated on the crown famously long-time pedophile who apparently treated northern irish orphanages as his personal borders a disgusting depraved sick piece of \*\*\*\*\* and one of the hot what a high counselor and \*\*\*\*\* direct relative what uncle of the

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queen vile i mean forgetting what he did to the \*\*\*\*\* partition to basically ensure it became swine and then of course there's uh all the revelations about thatcher's cabinet and inner circle everywhere so anyway i i wish good luck to the good people 0:35:0  
the ones that exist which is basically jeremy corbyn uh in the uk but everyone's gonna have to tend to the road garden now man let's see what we can come up with let's dig dirt let's get in the dirt let's get some worms favorite irish historical figure that's an interesting question who do i like who do i like uh i like um uh wolf tone is like hardcore uh daniel collins or daniel mcconnell i love the monster monster mash 0:36:2  
monster allies but yeah james connolly obviously for richard caseant was a g not a big fan of uh eamonn devalera i and uh and uh patrick pierce was kind of a fine of a looney tune honestly not in like an endearing uh i don't know if that's really in a john creepy and of course the greatest irishman of michael rappaport the greatest irishman uh chris wade is definitely on the go on the irish good books he's a fine 0:37:25  
irish lad nick mullen of course also i think we'll i think will is actually scotch irish and they did not count i'm sorry scotch irish don't count \*\*\*\*\* off \*\*\*\*\* out of here hon get out of here you but uh i would say that like i don't think that's even true in 0:38:44  
ireland like i don't think there needs to be some program against protestants it's so pointless it's stupid it's a remnant but i do think that in america demographically they're a distinct group like their culture was distinct and they settled in distinct areas like our you know our potato eating patties our good catholic boys and girls settled in america's like east coast cities and you know settled into roles is like is the is essentially like the the uh the early uh like state bureaucracy of the emerging market economies of the american cities you know the very first bureaucratic the bare bones of the bureaucratic state which is its police and its politicians and so they got this patronage relationship within the capitalist system to facilitate you know the exploitation of the greater number of these you know lumping uh uh former peasants now the scotch irish they settled entirely different pattern they settled it they went out into the woods to make their fortune or more likely in misfortune scrub 0:39:45  
scraggling life out of the the rocks of creating a completely different social structure with a different uh religious with an entirely different like religious and spiritual uh like world view that shaped their relationship to each other and the project called america those are yes somebody asked if spiritualism was an upper class theology and yes it absolutely was i mean these people these were the heirs of you know states in the united states and they because of their exposure to the most refined 0:40:47  
elements of you know enlightened urban existence had over time lost their ability to invest traditional religious concepts with meaning and had to invent them out of the whole cloth of like post-modern like uh or modern like positivist uh empirical uh rationality and science and what emerged out of that was a way to reverse engineer

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spirituality again in the form of of uh spiritualism and ectoplasm and people pulling  
\*\*\*\*\* ugh oh that's an interesting question i've thought about some i love counter 0:42:6  
factuals somebody asked what if nixon had won in 1960 instead of kennedy and that  
is a contingency that was skin of the teeth and it did involve theft like that was  
not made up and with any of those cases it hangs in the balance you want to talk  
about a contingent consequential event and i thought about that and one thing i so  
the bay of pigs happened the way it did because kennedy got in there with uh the  
plan already existing uh in what he inherited jfk inherited the bay of pigs plan from 0:43:24  
the eisenhower administration and he never got the full brief and the top planners  
like bissell and weisman weisner knew the thing wouldn't work without air support  
but they were afraid of asking of telling uh kennedy that because they're afraid then  
he would say well i'm not going to do it then they were going to hope that in the  
moment he would he would not recognize sunk costs when he saw it and he would  
decide to overcommit that was what they were banking on and he said no now not  
only was the bay of pigs planned under the eisenhower administration it was under  
the aegis of the vice president's office nixon was eisenhower's point man four in the 0:44:25  
executive branch for the uh bay pig's invasion so if he got in there presumably he  
would have been more committed to it as policy whereas kennedy never saw it as  
his baby was basically willing to let them try it thinking hey this is a low low cost  
low commitment thing if it doesn't work we can walk away from it and then finding  
oh no you can't do that because these guys over committed you nixon might very  
well have put the bombers in and maybe the uh the foothold is positioned now i'm  
not saying they would have won but you could very easily see a situation where a  
somewhat successful bay pigs incursion leads to nixon committing american troops  
to support it and instead of having you know america's uh cold war experience grow  
hot in southeast asia in the mid-60s it happens in cuba in the early 60s uh don't know  
if that's true i just i always thought that was an interesting what if and basically 0:45:27  
you know the result of that would be that the 60s social fermented conflict would  
sort of have sparked early and become more intense and coupled with the fact that  
you would not have seen the so i don't think you would have seen the sort of civil  
rights uh advancement under nixon just because i think that the southern strategy  
would have uh revealed itself its logic within the greater context of this heightened  
cold war standoff you know like the lines would have been more firmly established  
between the democrats and republicans on this question the the the coalitions the  
political coalitions would be clear i'm sorry that took a while there's that's why i've 0:46:29  
been off and on it's i thought i i misjudged the time so i've been kind of riding the  
lightning here i'm not moving yet it's all in the air we'll see we'll see but i might yes  
we're gonna miss the yard uh yes i'm going to move to the bunker i'm going to be

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moving to a secure facility now i have no idea pittsburgh is a great town i have to 0:47:47  
say the paris of appalachia i do ever enjoy it i would go there i'd get like a disused  
firehouse and again i'm getting on i've been off the beam on meditation and i think  
that's contributed to my weird feelings i got to get back into it tomorrow i will get  
back on the beam i think i'm glad someone watched the ninth configuration i'm glad 0:49:3  
it's a good movie i gotta actually get into a practice of it like i think i need a group  
context but man not happening now i mean it's getting bad there's gonna be no  
public anything soon you're getting to a point where like a tipping point where if it's  
not a full lockdown where you're not like cutting off almost all contact with other  
people you're basically gonna get it it'd be funny if we we reached hurt immunity  
the moment the \*\*\*\*\* vaccine came out like oh yeah we just hit we hit 300 million  
infections and then within the \*\*\*\*\* viruses and then the \*\*\*\*\* uh the vaccine shows  
up that'd be perfect we could just all like just have a virus fight with them have a  
fun little virus fight with the vaccines boned i am not blackpilled why do people keep 0:50:10  
saying i am black belt black pill the only black pill in my opinion is if you ex if you  
take the conclusion that you know the spectacle is self-contained and unbreakable  
that participating in it is the surrendering of your soul to a sterile uh phantom tango  
that just drains your life essence and leaves you incapable of fulfilling your human  
destiny as a \*\*\*\*\* self-directed agent of your own interests and the interests of those  
you love and you go yeah that's all there is since this is that what the since that  
what this is well then i'm just gonna spend all my time here thinking i'm the damn 0:51:12  
joker instead of thinking oh i can disengage from this nothing is actually making  
me be here and maybe the things that seem hopeless when i'm stuck my head into  
this hornet's nest are not if not fixable something i can do about it there's actually  
something i could \*\*\*\*\* do about it and at least something that can make me feel  
like i'm standing up for myself and for my fellow human \*\*\*\*\* beings and that  
cannot be black pill that is hope pill that's love pill red blood pill the real red pill  
the blood of the red of the communist got hot blood run under my veins and if you  
have hot blood then this will never be enough for you so the black pill is saying yes i  
will steady myself spiritually i will try to just continue to seek ever ever intensifying 0:52:15  
and a need to ever be intensifying uh emotional engagement from this disgusting  
pantomime this this performance this spectacle this this engagement is that's that's  
black man that's saying yeah i've given up hope and like that is blackville and i  
say you can only do that if you have forsaken the world outside well the apocalypse  
has already happened someone says i think that in a real sense like being human is  
coming to terms with mortality individually but then also socially and civilizationally  
and existentially and you know even though we don't know how the human race will  
end it will you know and every formation that humans take is going to at some point 0:53:18

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end including all the ones that we think of as eternal and part of living is accepting like the realities of the trajectory of of life and instead of fighting them coming to terms in a way that allows you to live within them like a good example of that for me is we live in a situation where our politics are dead and frozen in this cult sterile culture war because the underlying presumption of politics which we have all been operating on since the \*\*\*\*\* cold war uh about what the government does about what uh we can we what our relationship with government is in terms of its you know uh it uh is it doesn't actually pertain like the government is not going to provide us with the justice that we assume it will and so our participating in the system oh man oh sam yep that's sterile well i forgot to say god damn it exploded yeah civilizations are cyclical until they like power up basically like the cycles continue but things change as the cycles move the accumulation of those changes eventually create a phase shift now i remember what i was going to say if we accepted that the new deal consensus is dead that the idea that the government can just distribute us all the profits from this huge capitalist system that is bestriding the world and which no longer persists that way and that we are just like eating our civilizational like heart out in order to provide profits for a system that cannot provide what we think it can what even like the social democratic dreams of bernie cannot be if they allow capitalism to remain intact if we accepted those terms that reality that point of no return then we could address the moment with clarity and move from those uh those those uh priors and i think those priors lead towards an engagement with capitalism like an actual engagement with capitalism and profit like a socialization of these these like marketized lives that we've lived and that would only be possible if we accepted the death of that stage of american like civic uh understanding and political economy like it's like it was 19 you know it it started with a great uh like start you want to start it with with the inauguration of fdr from 33 to 79 and that was it and now we have to do something else but it accepts limitations it accepts that some things are not not the same that they've ever been and they can't be that way again and we have to start start building from something new and that the only place that we can uh find what we're looking for here is not by growing the pie it's by reclaiming control of how we distribute this thing because my god we have the resources but they are a portion the way they are so that situations for commerce can be conducted within them the thing that's supposed to signal us where everything should go the price signal conducted by the market we need it there but we don't \*\*\*\*\* need it there amazon i think has proven pretty conclusively that we don't we have private enterprises that are the size of small governments and sometimes mid-size governments that operate with no price signal and are able to distribute some sort of uh you know resource we can do that but it means cutting out the entire

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class of people who stand within these in uh this smaller smaller group of people who live to just stand within these uh transactions and just passively accumulate power and well as the rest of us by necessity because there's less and less to give around so that's what i mean when i say you know sometimes coming to terms with things does it lead you to black pill it leads you to real uh effective action because you can see more clearly you can see clearly now the rain is gone you can see all obstacles in your way or at least more than you could come friendly bombs and reign on slaugh it isn't fit for humans now i'm going to read that i'm going to sign off here but first i'm going to read come friendly bombs by john benjamin famously read by ricky gervais on uh try to find this thing patience it's not coming the \*\*\*\*\* i can't find the goddamn thing oh it's called slaugh oh that's embarrassing that's like when uh that's like when people think that uh that uh that weaker then song one great city is actually called i hate winnipeg because that's the that's the chorus very embarrassing it's called slow come friendly bombs and fall on slaugh it isn't fit for humans now there isn't grass to graze a cow swarm over death come bombs and blow to smithereens those air-conditioned bright canteens tinned fruit tinned meat tinted milk tinned beans tinned mines tinned breath mess up the mess they call a town a house for 97 down and once a week a half a crown for 20 years and get that man with double chin who'll always cheat and always win who washes his repulsive skin in woman's tears and smashes desk of polished oak and smashes hands so used to stroke and stop his boring little joke and make him yell but spare the bald young clerks who add the prophets of the stinking cat it's not their fault that they are mad they've tasted hell it's not their fault they do not know the bird song from the radio it's not their fault they often go to maidenhead and talk of sports and makes of cars and various bogus tudor bars and darren look up and see the stars and belt but belch instead in labor's saving homes with care their wives frizz out peroxide hair and dry it in synthetic air and paint their nails come friendly bombs and fall on slow to get it ready for the plow the cabbages are coming now the earth exhales that's that was written in 1937 and it basically presaged the eventual and inevitable split uh after the working-class you know uh political movement stalled out in its you know development of of self-articulation that would immediately emerge within like the greater uh uh uh progressive coalition that made with that the democratic party was between its urban uh uh educated uh progressive base and its working class um less educated base right then and there right that song like because all the stuff he's describing all those horrors that's what the labor party had fought was fighting for that's what that's what the democratic party in the united states is fighting for that uh is part and parcel to the overall effectiveness of the capitalist response to growing uh labor militancy at the heart of empire which was to buy it off which it could in

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the united states established the conditions to allow them yeah they were well the 1:2:53  
thing is they were bought off in the uk but they were bought off i would say the the  
uk they made a better deal i think those quarter those quarter acre lots i don't think  
they stack up to like the nhs and social housing and i certainly don't think that in  
the coming times of like full collapse i think those things are going to hold together a  
little better for people and make those lives better than here where already like that  
that uh that has already turned a message because the buying off in europe involved  
like actual infrastructure you know redistributive infrastructure of the state in the  
u.s it mostly boiled down to uh you know first it was it was in it was income in the  
form of you know ever increasing paychecks which is what contributed to this to the  
to the inflation of the late 60s and 70s uh and then when that wouldn't sustain itself 1:3:54  
anymore and they re they broke the back of the labor movement and its ability to  
demand more for its uh constituents replace it with credit and that's all we have now  
is just which really makes me think that if there is any hope to like stabilizing this  
system in capitalism's favor in the near term it's going to involve some sort of debt  
cancellation some mass debt cancellation just getting numbers off the books because  
they could do it and not doing it is causing more than anything even more than covid  
which you could solve for this like gasping and cranking and wheezing of the of the  
like consumer economy the demand the demand uh leg of the \*\*\*\*\* uh engine here  
the piston but no like it will not be the reason it will be that is because that's just  
putting moving numbers around on a paper and more importantly it's a one-time 1:4:58  
thing all it really does is allow is give you so you can keep it going i'm not saying that  
it would be bad if people got that it would help them live a little more dangerously  
maybe make them more amenable to doing something politically that they wouldn't  
do since their lives since that debt was so heavy around their neck maybe people  
who are would be afraid to organize in a whole workplace because they had a lot  
of student debt or or credit card debt if they went that way which they absolutely  
should \*\*\*\*\* student debt i mean yes student debt but credit card debt too and  
medical debt as a no-brainer i mean nobody even expects to get that \*\*\*\*\* like that  
stuff is pennies on the dollar already fractions of pennies on the dollar that should all  
go like but i'm saying is that even if if that ends up being it as good as that'll be uh  
over time the the old patterns will reassert themselves because the distribution but  
that might be what we get out of biden and that would be i will say this that will 1:5:59  
be a best case scenario because there's nothing in the government there's nothing in  
the democratic party there's nothing in the dynamic here to push anybody to the  
left it can't realistically be said to happen i don't think people talk about protests  
and stuff but i mean i just don't under i don't see the the organizational capacity to  
make them effective especially since there's going to be a massive downward pressure

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on mobilization thou that bidens in a lot of people are going to want to just relax for a while and as people have said go to brunch go to brunch will you go to brunch so i don't know but i'd say if they do go with that that's the smartest thing they could do just to keep some keep in terms of keeping the economy going but really what it'll be is it'll be just it'll be a a boot up and that's if that's what happens then by god don't donut uh what is it do not light a candle to curse your darkness whatever 1:7:2 the hell it is if it emerges do not just be like this is \*\*\*\*\* and complain about it hey embrace it and move forward with it just saying do not take it as a sign that the winds are shifting in any good direction if it happens though use that exactly use that time use that ability use that breath to to reassert your life to reassess put the mimosa down mimosas are for closers only has anyone ever done this before it seems like this should have like uh lib glengarry glen ross these are the posts these are the glengarry call out posts to you these posts are gold nice guy don't give a \*\*\*\*\* good 1:8:5 father \*\*\*\*\* you and get all right guys i'm going sorry about the interruptions today that won't happen again and i hope the audio issues were cleared up i'll just stick with the microphone hopefully chris can boost the sound for the youtubes i don't know what the problem is there

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was that the muppets originally did they make that up did the muppets write that if so kudos it's a hell of a song we all love to listen to it we all love to hum it sometimes it's fun for the whole family you don't even have the lyrics to deal feeling good guys i feel like i've got i'm getting i'm heading towards being able to articulate something on paper soon just put that out there because i'm feeling pretty confident i'll be able to put something together soon in a writing form uh i'm just excited about it so i 0:1:2 just wanted to put that out there as a more of anything as a as a marker so that i don't like get lazy on it because i feel like i could actually uh i could get myself across anyway that's all i can really realistic uh man i've been thinking about uh battle bungler man thinking about that oh bungler that'll bungler he is as narcissistic as trump is he is a it's a mayor it's amazing liberals and conservatives have now created like union archetypes around their collective behaviors in the form of this figure of the united states president and they have polarized around these things and like donald trump is the malignant narcissistic heart of american reactionary ideology which is 0:2:3 of course just super structural aesthetic uh ornament to the bipartisan neoliberal economic order that is undergirding all of it and completely depends and it is the two are totally meshed in and are insufferable from and cannot be removed from uh and then the democratic id the democratic narcissist the democrat who thinks he's a progressive because he wants what's best for everybody which is really just what he imagines is best for him personally in every sense of me what i mean personally uh as in personal pleasure personal uh like uh narcissistic narcissistic self-conception and he is a narcissist in the way that liberals are and these guys both made incredibly improbable runs at the white house when you think about it now unless you want to believe the idea that uh that obama was like a cia mark project as a kid and they're like we're going to make him president someday i mean maybe he was cia maybe his mom was like her postings are very suspicious and like anybody especially at 0:3:5 that period of the cold war involved in any kind of international academic outreach they had an involvement with the cia but that cuts both ways really because it's like well everybody had their involvement but that also means that these organizations

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anyone involved in them is has an implicit association with something that they might not specifically have because not everybody in all these orgs like even usaid is cia i'm sorry like they don't at least they don't know they are whatever you know like they're not agents they're bureaucrats and they think that they have that their job is real that's true in every one of these organizations but anyway whatever one way or the other if you take him for seriousness he wasn't a plant which i think is silly he got to where he was from single motherhood in hawaii and and uh you know being one of the chum gang through just a single-minded pursuit of his narcissistic self like of of feeding the furnace of his ego and what he wanted because of his because it was 0:4:6 the specifics of his uh background at the specifics of his life experience what that meant to him was approval from the establishment approval and absorption and uh ratification by a status quo that he was awed by and terrified of even if he recognized its evil and so he pursued it with a mad gusto a life force that makes him you know in his own way a genius this trump is and that led him towards absorbing every status ever because since the end since so as a young man powered by this desire where do you go where do you go to make it in the world you go to college and when he went to college he absorbed college he absorbed it like \*\*\*\*\* galactus absorbing a planet at like a molecular level he absorbed it like it's mores it's this because he's like oh this is how you get ahead these are the values you hold to get ahead this is 0:5:7 the operating system that you move from to get ahead and then he embodying them move forward and of course over time that stands in for what being a progressive means because those are the people who are progressives not of not they're not all sociopaths and unnecessary maniacs like obama they have souls but they also have false consciousness and so they adhere to him because they have like an emotional connection that is not substantiated by like his real con his real position in the in the in the global uh exploito sphere but him at the center he's fine because he knows real power is always elsewhere he is happy to just circulate amongst power like a ghost i've trump has talked i've talked about how trump acts like he's watching himself be president and he isn't president same thing with obama he just didn't do it publicly he did it through like this uh this this literary style trump does it 140 characters at a time tr obama does it with these \*\*\*\*\* 700 page door stops it's it's 0:6:8 just because he's trying to impress someone he's trying to \*\*\*\*\* impress someone and that is the essence of the democratic ideology as it exists that suffuses everyone who went to college and came out with a political idea whatever it is not everyone holds it the same not everyone is obama for god's sakes and there are people of good will a part of that hell i'm part of it so you can't be completely tainted if you are then stop listening to me completely and sure maybe you think that's okay it's fine but let me just try to express this for the love so their values are obama embodied

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by obama's life and now by the politics that he created in in the in the in the the void of the two post 2008 uh crisis when we vaporize the economy again and had to refund it and we've created just this quantum economy of pure cash injection of 0:7:9 pure liquidity adhering to formations of capital that already exist in order essentially to to just exchange for its own sake to pass briefcases back and forth at the end of the global production line that's what they're there for the president doesn't have anything to do with that so it becomes how do you approach the presidency just as for us held hostage in this machine we don't feel like we can do anything about how do we come to terms with this world and for obama it is by you know being the most he that he can be like we all are trying to do and that's how and that was his presidency is it created this identity that was creating its antithesis in the non-college uh i wouldn't say not college educated because a lot of them are college educated not college housebroken people the people who the majority of them certainly in 2016 less so in 2020 but in 2016 his base was people who went to college were in that 0:8:10 middle strata but instead of absorbing college like obama did rejecting it at some level not completely not completely like all these republicans who voted against trump this time they adhere to the stuff at the base about the norm's meaning stuff and democracy being a real thing and that one man would vote like they do believe that stuff they just step they stop believing once you get higher than that to like well racism is real and there's responsibility and you know rawlsy and no things are the way they are there's nothing you can really do about it trying to change things only makes them worse you just have to try to succeed within that rubric and that's the undergirding logic of the whole thing and that's what you learn but then if you're if you're a liberal if you have a certain sensibility you learn on top of that well that can't change but we can make things more equitable against race and against uh racial oppression and against gender oppression and against class oppression which is another form of oppression and they get that gets you to liberalism that's a bunch that's like a tower babel that ends with obama's head on the top now trumpism 0:9:11 emerging out of just like the the cultural uh you know organization opposed to the thesis that obama presented in the in the collapse of the bush administration and the collapse of the economy in 2008 obama arose as this new thesis in american politics and liberals and democrats and and socialists because how many people who were of age at the time who are now socialists who hate obama weren't in favor of voting for him at the time when he appeared i was for bungler i didn't see through his lies i wasn't i was not a child either i was a there are a lot of people who would be like how did you get suckered by obama it's like well you had to be there because you had to be there you had to have absorbed like the psychic reality uh so yeah i was an old bungler we all thought there was something there because what else was

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there there was no working-class response working-class had been demobilized from a social point of view and the working class was scattered to the winds it could not go here in a moment of crisis all that cohered was think it could be expressed in culture and that means college kids created this guy obama out of the sand like a gin and then he captured this whole demographic slice and then over the course four years he created an antithesis this new this this thing that started among the people who went through the machine and said okay yeah yeah yeah liberal democracy whatever uh uh whatever keeps the money flowing but no \*\*\*\*\* the rest of that stuff and \*\*\*\*\* your feelings and they organized around trump and that created a eventual disdain for all the institutions that the the uh that the the college uh absorbs including the ones that are actually important structurally but over time because it's all just it's all just a performance remember this is politics as theater and by 2016 uh just like obama emerged almost out of nowhere to to to smite hillary and against long odds trump did likewise to embody this new end to business which takes all the values that you learn past the basic stuff about this is how the money works capitalism is bedrock capitalism is immovable the stuff that's on top of that that's negotiable because that's the stuff you need to get a job and prosper which is why people actually go to college as aggregates and not completely i mean if you talk why people go to college the motivator is money that's the through line of everyone who goes all the other stuff is built on top of that and is in fact college kind of advertising itself to people it's not just about money it's about this other stuff too that's like saying you got new features and so a college-educated uh republican reactionary still wants to make that money still is absorbed that much but the rest of this even though it might be like the way that you negotiate changing demographic realities and the way that capitalism atomizes social bonds and has to replace them with just more market which means you have to give up prejudices of all social kinds you'd have to give them up in exchange for money or market participation market replacing life market market decisions replacing individual decisions turning you into just a circuit and uh what you see i think with biden getting the nomination biden got the nomination sort of this i mean people talk about i've talked about how trump is like louis iii uh napoleon louis napoleon i'm sorry talk about how trump is like napoleon iii and like you know he's this comic opera uh presence who just bundles into history because of the inability of like the ruling class to create a politics that can facilitate their disagreements but it's really biden because what happens with biden is you see in the political sphere this coalition of people some of them class conscious in the sense that they are aware that there's capitalism and they like it that way the upper middle class the strike the successful strivers and then at the bottom end the people who think no \*\*\*\*\* that stuff too we do need a revolution but are still operating

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from a lot of the other assumptions that they got in college that dilute their ability to organize effectively and make them kind of hostage to the democratic party uh the people who would say when bernie sanders shows up adhere to him and then what the what the what the uh what the uh 20 2020 primary was was a civil war basically uh within this emergent you know young diverse college educated demo the one that put obama in power and then kind of lost interest especially and didn't really show up for hillary uh and there was a split you had among the successful successful which is like people under the age of 45 who have their own home it's pete 0:14:24 or uh maybe klobuchar uh or cory booker or something that's not a base you're not gonna win with that then you had but you could get a good you know but then so basically the rest of it is renters under 45 and then bernie and warren kind of split them along how are you doing otherwise are you renting but you have a decent gig are you renting but you feel like you're participating in the creative economy in a way that is remunerative to you both spiritually and economically are you secure in a way and you sense security and do you want to maintain security then you were \*\*\*\*\* wore it if you went through that whole rigmarole but found yourself uh in a declension in a social declension or uh which is this and and like even uh treading water is going downward with debt um and they went for they went for uh bernie but all the time the rest of the of the voters the non-college they're just sitting here once 0:15:27 the first round went and it was clear that all of the weller off we're not going to be able to stave off the lower off they uh freaking panicked but what saved them is those early results in south carolina that said this other hunk is all for biden because it has nothing to do with this whole argument you guys are having all the argument bernie versus warren on progressivism racism and like how do we like uh uh reparations and medicare for all even even like those things they are all framed as i think outside of the college bubble as just more politics talk uh all of these things are um they're just passing through like gamma radiation and the only thing that's left is this guy who was there when obama was in and so why wouldn't you go with that you could 0:16:28 get rid of trump why wouldn't you want to because all this stuff that's happening is mostly delusional it's tapping around the fact that the democratic party cannot be moved and i will say that among those people i think the bernie people if things have gone differently could have maybe assembled a coalition to push over the coke machine but as it was if you don't think bernie can win and you're and you're not in that if you're observing that civil war there's nothing to make you go in for him and not go for the safe hand which is what they did and as soon as that happened you saw the big flight first happened in south carolina the the richest the night the wellest off olds the ones who are class the most class conscious because they they live class they're for biden of course they are and they see bernie as a uh and a

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lot of them are republicans they don't even vote democrat that's how conservative 0:17:29  
they are they see bernie might win what's the safe hand to stop that it's biden and  
everybody played the safe hand at once and then once that happened it snapped the  
snap it broke the fantasy it broke the fantasy politics that were pervading within the  
bubble that i was part of i was in the fantasy i was ensorced it broke that i was like  
oh \*\*\*\*\* this race isn't what we thought it was at all these coalitions aren't what  
they we but bernie was basically \*\*\*\*\* at that point everybody else the question  
was how are they going to make a deal everybody had a price and we'll see how well  
they negotiated like i think if if mayor pete only gets like veterans affairs i think  
he didn't do a very good job i think he had a stronger hand than that and maybe  
he's just getting cocky because he's so young he thinks he can just like go just like  
start i don't know i think he's \*\*\*\*\* up or he's uh he's dumber than everyone than  
he thinks he is which obviously i highly entertain that notion uh you know i don't  
we'll see what the club will get because she doesn't seem like a very negotiation she's 0:18:30  
like one of those classic people the reason she beats up her underlings is because she  
kisses ass everyone who's uh more powerful than her like that's why they do that  
because they have to express their frustration somewhere but they're cowardly kiss  
asses literally so she's going to take what they give her and she probably already did  
and warren of course is either a sucker or uh or a a chump no that's a guess the same  
thing i mean just she's either cynical and just got outplayed or she's uh she's totally  
uh earnest and is just a and then that that that like it's like they called a truce  
and then they subsumed under biden the same way that the fractious bourgeois uh  
after the 48 revolution in france were eventually subsumed by the figure of moving  
napoleon iii because they couldn't \*\*\*\*\* otherwise agree \*\*\*\*\* early honest and  
legitimists and the \*\*\*\*\* uh born-up artists he was the one who was able to just 0:19:32  
cut the \*\*\*\*\* and oh and the constitutional republicans and the radicals and the  
socialists absorbed it like the \*\*\*\*\* plot uh and that and of course you might say  
well this is this proves that like you know these people these are all the work these  
are uh the new ruling class no these are not real class categories these are essentially  
uh these are skins you put on in the virtual reality battle drone of politics they are  
your team jerseys when you go play uh like paintball that's what they are and then  
you go and vote and those votes are cast and those are real elections that have real  
consequences but all the real consequences are not discussed the ornamental stuff  
is what we actually respond to like \*\*\*\*\* pavlova's dogs because it's all the only  
voice we can hear and so now you've got this democratic coalition the future of the  
democratic party unable to resolve its own contradictions because bernie because 0:20:33  
\*\*\*\*\* bernie's because of how bad things are basically could not be absorbed could  
not absorb bernie like a \*\*\*\*\* uh like uh like a piece of grit in a \*\*\*\*\* oyster that

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turns into a pearl or whatever it was there was some pearls in there damn it damn it and that means that and this must be stressed there is a reverse of this politics occurring in the republican party at the exact same time because there's a lot of these college-educated republicans who come out and they still think that they are pursuing some version of the good that isn't being a pro profit maximizing goblin that is not being an instrument of capitalism they have a sense that they are being alienated they have that same combination of material pain and guilt that has to be put somewhere that is inculcated by the college experience and they have to express it somewhere and they find enemies and they want to fight them and as conditions get worse the enemies are harder and harder to mistake it is the leviathan of capitalism that's why we see this acceleration of anti-semitism because you've got to find an alternative explanation because you're on the right remember you still say that the hierarchy is right and i belong believe in my position in it and i will defend it that's you're still observing that so everything else flows from that and so you have to get into more and more like contortions to imagine that you're like defending like real culture against an encroaching global homo like uh united nation \*\*\*\*\* like this is any different than the \*\*\*\*\* john birch society it's the exact same but you have to do that to find purchase to find a reason to care about this stuff because you know everything good even at your point in the \*\*\*\*\* hierarchy is going away because you probably are a renter too and if you're not you know your kids are and you're aware of precarity except at the very top where you're just making the bet of oh yeah the people and man the people i see talking about how like donald trump was a anti-war president you respond to that you say he's bombed the hell out of everybody he escalated bombs over everybody he's done more drone strikes in uh one term than obama and bush did and their response is yeah but what what have hillary done or what do you think biden's gonna do in this moment that is indistinguishable from a liberal defending obama's drone policy because what would have mccain done the exact same ideological conditioning tool and it operates in the same way which means all that all that righteous like socially generated right-wing populist energy that people like to jack themselves off exist like this sleeping leviathan of white working class solidarity when it gets expressed politically it gets expressed as this stupid uh petty \*\*\*\*\* uh uh fighting about who to blame for what's wrong and it'll never get to capitalism because it is entertainment because everybody involved has made the decision that even though they do believe they say they believe in things they say they have ideology and they say they're trying to fight for a better future remember right wingers think this too they just have a different idea of what it's all a farago people will choose continuing to pleasure themselves through observing and participating in the social media spectacle of politics as consumer and creator then

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do anything that sacrifices their personal pleasure and i include myself and that is why anything that's going to come and break up this horrifying stalemate this awful political situation where we have detached politics from the material completely and absorbed it like we've absorbed the internet as a replacement for real life a real activity uh is going to come from outside of it and i've obviously very you know fastly you could say that means log off and it's like yes duh replace time online with time doing almost anything else i can imagine just pure that's clean your room level basic but it's \*\*\*\*\* i can't think of any other word for it that is time online is inherently alienated and you have to get that back you have to get that that that experience of being a place because you want to not because it's it's it's uh it's it's a distraction from something that's because it's palliative doing something because you want to be doing it and it's never being online and then it's going to be people infusing their relationships with in a way that makes it so that they can't get the pleasure they used to get out of this because they feel too much what's going on because our own pain can always be perspective because we can put it in perspective of what we could lose even if things get worse for us at every point of the ladder even if we're exploited more or alienated more and remember the rich are alienated more too in the spiritual sense it's just that they express their alienation solely through sadism and ostentatious spectacles of waste because that's all they have they they have all the guilt they have none of the pain so they have to channel it somewhere else it's the people in the middle who are and the only way to break out of that is to detach your libidinal package of desires which are mostly created by capitalism like as in root and branch like your pituitary development is like wrapped around a spectacle a capitalist spectacle like you've turned into a cro you're turned into a cronenberg creature before you're even you even get hair on your balls and then you're you and then that to you is the sum total of good like we extrapolate all of our abstract ideas about what the best is what what what's good what's bad what love is what does that even mean we get them from our own experience of what those things mean and they are alienated even from ourselves and only by unalienating time can we unalienate our relationships and i'm not saying completely i'm saying into a degree that can allow us to be where we want to be with who we want to be with and when you are where you want to be and you are with people who want to be with you that's where the magic happens baby for real baby i know i'm sounding like jim jones right now but i think that that's true but of course the thing that makes me not jim jones is i don't say the answer to this is follow me to guyana the answer to this is to be continued like that is the end like one of the things i've been trying to drive at one of the things that's made me hesitate to like write stuff down is i've had a hard time sort of getting to a conclusion that felt meaningful that felt like it wasn't

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just passing the buck and i feel like just that notion of you know importing impor  
imparting the idea of like what is built in social spaces which includes people's uh  
places of work by definition because that is the engine of their alienation whether 0:28:49  
they have a and of course the brutal horror of this is as someone has pointed out  
is we're all \*\*\*\*\* stuck inside a pandemic we can't even be able their \*\*\*\*\* family  
members this is a nightmare and yeah it's terrible this is as bad as it gets in terms of  
just having all of the social forces like \*\*\*\*\* dominoes just pushing and so it really  
is it's it's boats against the \*\*\*\*\* current but you gotta you got to do it anyway  
it sucks there's no alternative is the thing we can't the thing that like brought me  
to the point of feeling like i needed to just like rebuild my mental engine is just the  
recognition that i cannot think myself out of this in any way in any way that will be  
satisfying to me spiritually and if i can't then i have to find some other place because 0:29:50  
that's where i'm being like that is the engine driving me towards peace and i need  
to instead of ignoring it i need to engage with it and and the pseudo spectacle of  
politics allows you to ignore it allows you to find a pleasure principle closer to you  
than any abstract notion of a greater good that you're operating off of because there  
will be no emotion behind it it will be dry it will it will be some sort of uh symbolic  
logic and that will never transcend your lived feeling and your desire for pleasure  
and your iron and salt debates oh that's intriguing i don't think i've heard of that is  
this having oh yes i don't really know anything about ancient china i should though 0:30:52  
i mean if they're the past half of the chat is trolling the other half that doesn't  
seem like healthy behavior but it's okay this isn't either me doing this isn't healthy  
behavior none of it's i don't want to read heidegger that sounds boring i feel like  
i just kind of get the gist of it isn't that true with all those philosophical concepts  
you kind of just get the gist of them in terms of like your day-to-day reasoning you  
read the books i've read some of these books man i folks have read the books the  
like the texture of the argument doesn't hold you beyond the reading of it you end  
up just with like these placeholders unless you're gonna every time you're engaged  
with the issue stop and re-read it you're not gonna do that so what you're really  
operating off of is the echo everyone's operated off of just this like echo located uh 0:31:53  
uh socially distorted version of a thing the impact of a piece of reading a piece of  
work on us is a degree to which having read it changes us in our daily behaviors and  
patterns and outlook in a repeatable way in a self-reinforcing positive as an engine  
as an engine of of of presence of mindfulness as awful as that word is as and as  
cheapened by capitalism as it has become as all concepts are like the thing is is all  
the ideas we talk all the words we say you know like when we talk about religion  
and politics we talk about values we talk about things like socialism or christianity  
these things only have mean these as these things have a symbolic meaning and they

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have an emotional meaning and the more socially attenuated your existence is the 0:32:58  
less your the meaning of like the symbols you use is grounded in an experiential an  
experiential communion with other people the more they are merely symbolically or  
logically convincing which means that when you get into a conflict between resolving  
a question towards answering it or resolving a quest and therefore having to maybe  
do something you don't want to do and just keep having it because that's more fun  
even and is filling up the same psychic slot in your head towards political action  
and political activism and political self-fulfillment you're gonna pick that and that  
includes me that's why i made a \*\*\*\*\* podcast because it was easier and it was  
more fun it will always be more fun and easy to post and the sacrifice has to be  
has to come not from a logical proposition that you pose yourself it has to come  
from a place of dare i say it love where the love is transcendent of your individual  
sense of consciousness where your ego has been reduced in your calculation of value 0:34:0  
that's the john brown spirit i'm talking about where you are it was not the violence  
that he carried out that mattered really that was a tactic what mattered was that  
he was willing to sacrifice himself with actual efficacy in a way that others weren't  
like um i've said this before but john brown was the synthesis of the two strains  
of anti-slavery uh politics that emerged in the antebellum american north you had  
abolitionism middle-class phenomenon centered in cities like boston of doily bored  
rich people who saw slavery as a moral horror which boiled down to boiled down to  
because they're still participating in the system and they don't really challenge its  
ability in any meaningful way because they don't operate from any awareness that  
or desire to to abolish class anyway uh that boils down to impolite impoliteness it's 0:35:1  
a moral horror but but it's because it's it's gross i'm not saying the people these  
people weren't good i'm not saying that they didn't operate out of pure hearts but  
like their pure hearts were wrapped around a definition of good of morality that was  
desacralized by the experience of being a middle-class urban urbanite and it was  
replaced with this abhorrence in manners now in the sa in the in the butternut north  
and in the urban tenements of the of the irish mostly irish urban rabble there was  
and although less with them because they were clients of the democratic party the  
the non-uh irish urban workers the non-catholics the non-tammanyized ones uh who  
were like there were plenty of mechanics who were who were anti-slavery who were  
free soil and then of course the almost the whole of the omen ray across the whole  
northern tier were eventually as the issue became more prominent more committed 0:36:3  
to anti-slavery because they saw it as a material a material threat to their way of life  
a competition a labor competition in which they were at a disadvantage and which  
would lead them or their children to end up in a situation where they would of course  
have to either be master of slave and being a small holder with no capital likely to

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become a \*\*\*\*\* slave and what this meant was that these two movements they had different approaches to the question of opposing slavery uh the abolitionists had a general theory of moral suasion like that was the garrisonian school proselytize the awfulness of slavery and eventually people will realize how horrible it is because of the power of our oratory and it will make them stop doing it and of course they thought that and they thought it deeply but what was underneath even their understanding 0:37:5 is that the real reason they didn't they thought that is because they didn't want to get their hands dirty they lived nice lives they did not feel precarious they did not feel threatened by slavery they did not feel the daily pain of alienation of being a \*\*\*\*\* backbreaking yeoman trying to you know uh like pay off a mortgage to some \*\*\*\*\* uh bank they had real problems to worry about so the abstract pain of somebody else wasn't any more real to them than it was to the and so their anti-slavery was basically just vote wig and then over time vote republican like vote for you so just like i don't yeah yeah yeah i'm not going to do that but if there's a choice more slavery less slavery i'm going to vote less slavery let me know what else what happens then of course this the south says oh yeah no we're going to get rid of the union they're like oh i guess we got to throw hands and out of that out of the war anti-slavery sentiment became real because the bloodshed and the experience of it actually made 0:38:6 it real but before that it wasn't there what consecrated that \*\*\*\*\* what catalyzed that opposition to slavery which was attenuated because it was divided in a way that the southern pro-slavery aristocracy was completely undivided was john brown fusing the real pain i mean this guy was miserable he was he he made attempts at being a a a speculator like a lot of people did in the ohio uh the the um the ohio river valley i believe or the the western reserve uh and he speculated on land but he uh was ruined by the 1836 panic thank you martin van buren martin van ruin more like it and he uh was broke the rest of his life he was constantly hounded by debtors hounded by debtors he was in court all the time he went to \*\*\*\*\* england on a cockamamie scam to manipulate the wool market and ended up eating \*\*\*\*\* and owing everybody money he was mis he was always uh on someone else's tender hook 0:39:7 he was this close to thing even though he like had his own property and he had farms that he worked either like gifted to him by garrett smith or owned outright before they were taken from him he was working for other people even in that capacity and he was always tenuous but his uh and so he had the rough manner and and the willingness to take questions to the extremity posed by his own suffering he also lost he lost 11 of his 20 children i believe in childhood or or dying before him including a number of them who were killed in his war against slavery either with him at harpers ferry beforehand in kansas fred for example he was it was like real human like real experience consecrated his pain is and he's expressed it towards an institution that

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was offensive to the human spirit at a level that only he really could sense because 0:40:8  
of the wealth of his the depth of his pain and his connection of that pain to the  
pain of others that spiritualized understanding that the swells in boston said they  
had mouths but for most part at the end of the day didn't really believe because  
remember these guys weren't really christians for the most part they were unitarians  
by this point they were all like emersonian transcendentalists they were their their  
faith was weak tea they did believe in the brotherhood of man but they were ideas as  
they are to us now like these are our predecessors uh and uh like this is the favorite  
class this is the buffeted costed favored like middle strata class that's like born born  
up through uh the tides of history until now at which point the but on like on the  
bedrock was theirs they're wanting to preserve their comfortable position brown had  
no comfortable position so his moral horror at slavery was and his religious horror 0:41:9  
slavery was a live wire it was grounded to a well of real pain that was connected to  
him and his family and his the people he loved the most and that drove him to break  
a stalemate that was always being settled on the side of slavery because the slavers  
wanted it more they were on the precipice of winning the the kansas battle because  
they wanted it more because they had a unified working class that as whole and a  
social order that did away with any of the niceties surrounding this is an issue either  
by because it's there is no uh social opposition to it at least in wherever plantar  
economies were hegemonic they were hegemonic in the creation of the entire social  
order around them and the alienation of the small heart holder uh of the south the  
white smallholder of the south was as ideologically uh ensnared as it was in the north  
just towards the planter position and there was no real opposition like uni uh like 0:42:11  
southern unionism didn't even really like cohere until very late in the sectional crisis  
because it didn't seem like it was really going to happen until that point and john  
brown was the one one northerner who was willing to put the \*\*\*\*\* bet down and  
say i am willing to sacrifice this this might not work because the reason the north  
kept backing down is because the only way to win was to risk and why risk because  
nobody's really that concerned like even the nor nor they're not opposition to slavery  
in in like you know the the non-middle-class spear was um was firming up but you  
know you could also let things go john brown wasn't going to let anything go and  
the violence all flowed from that and you can question the tactical necessity of it but  
you cannot question the morality it's more moral than anything any of us and i think 0:43:14  
even tactically you got to say it worked you know they hang him in 1859 within two  
years the guy who sentenced him to hang was in a federal jail after having been uh  
taken off the uh css trent trying to go to negotiate with the world can turn upside  
down but you're not going to live to see it and or in realistic terms because we're  
not in that moment we're not in that apocalyptic moment we're at the very basic

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level of like building even you know like the the rudiments of a social consciousness to to operate out of uh so there's no need for that kind of thing there it does know need to be a willingness to sacrifice in terms of just letting go of some possibility for personal selfish pleasure which is always going to be more and i'm i'm as implicated by this as anyone and i hope that i can find a place to put that energy and feel like i'm doing something with it but yeah i mean i'm certainly not blaming anybody 0:44:15 for not doing it and certainly not now when we are literally all being told to unless you're being compelled by the market to run around like a \*\*\*\*\* uh gerbil and a habitrail delivering things to people or risking your life staffing grocery stores and stuff you got to stay home so nobody has any position to do anything other than just be compelled either to ignore things by distracting oneself or just being distracted by the brutal reality of having to you know work 15-hour shifts or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* um and the degree to which we can distract ourselves is the degree of which we're not going to feel that enough to push out of ourselves and that's why logging off is the first and most important step all comes back to this as banal as it is it's like the hope is that with each circuit like you intensify the feeling around the thought so that that when you think it you think it more powerfully than you thought it before you're amplifying you're like charging it with psychic energy you're you're 0:45:18 you're in sorcering it you're giving the word or the phrase an actual like psychic energy and that happens through repeated like reaffirmations of the truth of it and the necessity for it that's what i think i'm doing with these i hope it's having some echoing effect on those who listen but i don't know obviously all of my reasonings related to my life are filtered through the same thing and as much as i say that i'm trying to build a sense of love that goes beyond myself i am certainly not there i certainly struggle with the desire to just listen to the fully structured i mean i went a long time operating on autopilot that way and so i'm still i'm bucking a lot of programming and so all my reasoning this way might very well be like and yeah yeah yeah but you know what right now you really can't do anything but i gotta say right now i really don't know what i can do like as in there's a virus going but one of 0:46:19 these days this thing's gonna stop and i hope that the people we have used this time wisely is i guess what i would say is that we have used this time if we have it and a lot of people don't and that's terrible but if you have it use it wisely whatever that means cannot be prescribed because at that point you're just operating off of some flimsy rickety \*\*\*\*\* ideological construct that's really just designed to like improve your take position in the clautosphere it's not placed on anything more than but if anybody i mean i have not used my time i've used my time better than i could have in the worst case i certainly know it hasn't been as good but that's okay it's finding it's just knowing that you're trying it's knowing what you're trying it's just not letting

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it run on autopilot because that's the danger it just sucks time away from you and 0:47:20  
that time doesn't just go away that time is alienated and that time that alienation  
has to be recouped somewhere that pain has to be vented somewhere and the more  
you're there the more you're going to want to stay there to keep venting it because  
that's the only other way you can do it and if you are working use the time at work  
wisely once again what that means you're there i'm not there i couldn't \*\*\*\*\* tell  
you why would i propose my god what a presumptuous \*\*\*\*\* i would have to be to  
make any presumption just wisely just being aware mindful yes that'll be 5.99 get  
it on a \*\*\*\*\* mug i know this is all commodified \*\*\*\*\* pabulum i know then this is  
david foster wallace style uh uh faux self-deprecation as a rhetorical turn yes what  
about it because the standpoint at the end of the day cannot be attained anyone 0:48:21  
interacting with any text cannot attain the standpoint of the person who present  
through who expressed it which means they'll never be able to weigh their heart  
against a feather so yeah it's a it's a very tough place to find yourself at any end of  
this it's very alienating i mean it's literally alienating it's accelerating alienation it's  
because i really do feel like every like not just talk about labor i feel like every hour  
spent online as a concept like when i say online i mean social media i mean uh not all  
cases of gaming or uh or uh watching films but most of them definitely none of this is 0:49:22  
sin none of this is evil but that amount of time that can be defended to it is so elastic  
there's so much stretch in those \*\*\*\*\* genes that if you just let it go long enough you  
will find yourself lost and i have i've been lost doing that basically my whole life and  
i agree i look back and i'm like man so many places i made mistakes so maybe where  
could i have been if i'd done x y or z differently but the thing that i remind myself  
is that i'm only here because all that happened and i have no idea what the \*\*\*\*\*  
would have occurred what kind of catastrophes could have intervened how i would  
have responded to the stochastic terror of life and all that time is alienated and it  
it makes us unhappy because it's not what we want to be doing and like i'm saying 0:50:24  
that's alienation is at the base you're not doing what you want to be doing and of  
course what is want but we're i think that want is so deformed that even doing what  
you think you want to be doing is not doing what you want to be doing if that makes  
sense and i think come on that makes sense right because what you want to be doing  
is just programming it's just the options presented to you here's the one you want  
it's like when they gave the uh they gave the different magazine covers to eric trump  
and he got to pick one that's what his job at the trump news magazine and they go  
and we really like this one and they put it towards him he goes that's the one and  
then that is what we want i was like yeah we want it we want it no one's i'm not  
going to deny anybody's lived experience but we want it as consolation we want it  
as soporific we want it as balm for an underlying injury which is unaddressed and

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going unaddressed continues to suffer separate and \*\*\*\*\* weep pus and that has to be expressed somewhere and one way it can be is to turn all of those bad feelings into into spectaclized amusement and in politics this is where it all comes together in politics the inflictment of pain the vicarious infliction of pain on others people that are responsible for why things are bad things are bad they cannot be changed because we cannot change them because we cannot operate out of anything other than self-interest we are the homo economicus that the \*\*\*\*\* chicago boys made us we cannot break this programming and as such we are doomed whose fault is this and the trump people say it's these \*\*\*\*\* jews in your \*\*\*\*\* fancy talk all the guys making us feel bad about just being uh kings about making that money all you just nagging little \*\*\*\*\* chirpers chirpy chirping your fault you got you threw off our \*\*\*\*\* aim we were vibing and you \*\*\*\*\* it up and of course the democratic the broad democratic response is no it's race it's you racist misogynist male white male demons you yacubian monsters you are the ones who poisoned the \*\*\*\*\* uh garden not eve and so we will array our politics around using this machinery of state that is dishing out the misery of neoliberalism at an accelerating rate is going to try to direct it towards our enemies that will be the sum of politics until it is interrupted from below and from without and from within as people like opt out and burst away i have not read corey robin's book on clarence thomas i have to say i am a big fan of corey robbins just want us because someone mentioned him uh i think one of the very few legacy left establishment media people who understood the trump uh era at all they just people seem to just like people who have a real grasp of every moment until that just like his his election short circuit their brain rick pearlstein is an example of this his books are great reagan lands fantastic he \*\*\*\*\* put in oh you know what he did he got that greg gumbo he got that culture or he got that culture over there oh you know that culture is good oh yeah he got that list of all that my book of the month club main selections there oh you're gonna slap your mama that's some good stuff right there oh what's that oh yeah put that over here he's got them politics oh yeah you got that nixon in there you got that reagan oh yeah you got that those guys at those conventions causing all that ruckus oh that's good but what's this he gonna bring some political economy in there oh my god this stew is off the chain slap your mama but he just like even though he wrote stuff like reading up to trump about like yeah this is this thing's a whole giant marketing level marketing scheme and it's a bunch of people ripping each other off and that's the whole core of it trump shows up and it's just like he fritzed out like he was fretting about like how we were going to have war in the streets on election day it's like do you not get that this whole thing is transactional this thing is too transactional to allow for an ideological contest these guys are all just selling each other time shares you just

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can't apply it because he was too enthralled to the drama of the norm breaking he was too invested with the norms corey robbins seems like he was like yeah no i get this because like obviously uh uh the reactionary mind is on point i think largely there's stuff you might quibble with but i think his generals his general turn is very accurate and then his his diagnosis of trump uh has been very good and like his main emphasis has been that like trump as policymaker is basically powerless and was the entire presidency and that was always true and if his policymaker is powerless then 0:55:32 all the questions about him being a fascist and his agenda are essentially ornamental because even if he was he couldn't do anything about it and that i think that like first principle for him i think it allowed him to not get carried away with a lot of nonsense that got other people carried away because they didn't have that grounding of yeah no these guys are these guys are all \*\*\*\*\* scout and his whole thing about like seeing trump as a disjunctive president the way that like carter was uh and predicting very early on that he wouldn't get reelected uh that i think sort of fell apart towards the end of the term with the covet and everything and biden getting the nomination i think that like a lot of that was predicated on the assumption that bernie would have emerged as like a counter as like an as a reagan style antithesis like a new nemesis to the current system like a nemesis to to like the degraded conservative uh 0:56:36 decadent conservative uh ruling class but then that didn't emerge and we got biden instead uh and so i think that the grounds the grounds are febrile now for something something more sulfurous than that to emerge but it's not here yet and i appreciate that he doesn't go crazy uh trying to ring the damn bell all the time just because everyone's got a goddamn uh soccer on their neck and they're jacking off to this stuff there's an auto erratic quality to all speculations of purges and coups happening and then stealing the election because if they stole the election that means that because you say what's going to stop him okay take that logic seriously why are you scared why are you worried what are you fretting about you literally are describing a fan accompli to the point of metaphysical certainty so what are you actually scared of i would submit that you are not really scared of anything you're scared the way that somebody in a movie theater is scared watching the blair that is what i would say 0:57:45 and of course people get mad at you because they'll say that you're denying their lived experience and that is one of the mystifying horrors of this current moment this cultural turn this this like autoimmune system kick in as capitalism gets more and more extractive and and the superstructure has to find new away your lived experience doesn't really mean anything because it is not yours you're a constitutive of an entire matrix of ideological formation that tear apart your very idea of even imagining yourself a unified being that can express a desire or have a point of view only through them the accumulation of these things at the at the at the population

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level can there be grasped any sort of uh intelligible pattern you filter out the \*\*\*\*\*  
and that is what comes from mass organizing which you know that's easy to say 0:58:46  
but it's still the only thing we're going to get and a lot of people say our a lot of  
arguments online really boil down to like how do we get that mass movement that's  
like yeah you can't plan your way there because these mechanisms are broken but if it  
emerges like i said that's we are all in fact contradictions that are resolving ourselves  
and that's why you're never sitting still and all that time online is not just you're  
it's like it's like you're doing a \*\*\*\*\* you're solving a bitcoin you're you're mining  
bitcoin in there you're you're mining like social bitcoin you're getting your you're  
getting your little fragment of clout that you can exchange i'm doing it too and i'm  
doing better i'm one of the winklevosses of the social bitcoin cloud but meanwhile  
your \*\*\*\*\* computer is heating your room and filling the atmosphere with \*\*\*\*\* uh  
toxic goddamn gas you're literally cooking the earth to solve sudoku's or hang out  
in the \*\*\*\*\* waiting room which is what we're doing we're hanging around in the 0:59:47  
waiting room of western civilization yes corey robin i like him indeed i would like  
to read the songs book because i think clarence thomas does make sense like people  
think clarence people have a very hard time analyzing him and i think that robin's  
from what i've read some articles uh in excerpts i i broadly get him is saying like  
clarence thomas is a black nationalist clarence thomas is operating off of coherent  
political objectives and theories that arise from an acceptance of a racial pessimism  
and acceptance that there can be no uh non-uh multi-racial democracy he believes 1:0:48  
that he believes like afro-pessimism but he also believes a lot of other stuff and built  
up together it turns into his political ideology his uh his political ideology expressed  
through his to uh his uh his judicial but yeah i realize i'm just howard beale now  
yelling turn it off right before the commercial break and they bring out uh josie the  
\*\*\*\*\* psychic and we do vox populi and then i get murdered by uh by epic maoist  
zoomers i mean we could literally just do a remake with my life if that's how it ends 1:1:50  
but honestly anything that does end it would probably be like similarly yeah like the  
thing about that that network \*\*\*\*\* is that you got to take it all the way and if you  
take it all the way all the way to like no all of this is entertainment like everything  
that doesn't directly everything that doesn't directly connect to you your sustenance  
is a person your your tearing from the earth's bounty your ability to sustain yourself  
and your family members everything that isn't that in this social order at the end  
point of the conveyor belt of the global economy the big open mouth at the end of  
the thing homer simpson eating the \*\*\*\*\* uh uh hot uh eating the \*\*\*\*\* donuts 1:2:52  
in hell that means it's all just pleasure because we have a baseline uh uh protect  
protection from the worst of full immiseration and you say yeah but like there are so  
many people in this country who that's not true of correct but they aren't part of

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the we they're not part of our body politic in the way that we conceive of it they're not participating in it because they have been let go because the way we normalize is by when horror happens we localize we cut it off and we just create a new class of people who are no longer within the continuum of our moral consideration not at the same level even if we feel for them we feel for them at an abstraction and a distance that we don't feel for people who are closer to us and that's because the more we feel their pain the more we can't distract ourselves so we have to damp it we're not doing 1:3:55  
it on purpose it's our spiritual sense our antenna are dampened out of self-protection because if we didn't if we could feel it if we could feel the real declination of people just the people around you in a city the people around you in a town the people that make up the country that you live in the people who make up the world you live in you would not be able to indulge in the compensatory spectacle observation and engagement that we are okay i feel like this was a breakthrough i feel like this was a good one i got real real down low here got to the gritty i realize though a lot of people are going to say you sound crazy i realize that now i know people tell me don't worry about it but i'll today right now i'm not worried about it i know you got to do this sometimes you've got to find the extension of your ability to express things in symbols and other people's ability to figure out what you mean like you 1:4:57  
need to know if you're translatable if you're operating at a level of translation and if you're not you got to slow down and so i i welcome the feedback certainly

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hmm driving that train i don't contain casey jones you better watch your speed trouble ahead trouble behind and you know that notion just caused my mind i've replaced the cord here to try to get a better sound if it's muffled at all say the word i have the mic right here i can switch but i think last time it wasn't connecting like 0:1:2 it wasn't plugged in really this time i think it is it's muffled all right never mind this this time i have all the necessary equipment at my disposal there we go there we go now you can hears me you guys can hears me can't you can you hear me now verizon or is it t-mobile who knows that guy's a \*\*\*\*\* mercenary he'll \*\*\*\*\* advertise for anybody how can you believe in anything when that \*\*\*\*\* will just jump ship at the no wonder people don't believe in anything in this \*\*\*\*\* country see a guy come on tv as a trusted symbol of of cellular uh telephonic clarity and bargain and he tells you this is the bone to get and then a couple years later yeah no it's actually these 0:2:5 guys how am i actually supposed to know who has the superior cell phone clarity and coverage if you guys are just saying this because people are paying you i mean what the \*\*\*\*\* man honestly i feel oh man you know i was feeling kind of a little uh spooked up you know feeling not too good about things in general i mean i feel fine personally but but i was able to ground myself by remembering hey i can always hold people accountable and man it really did help holding people accountable all day it's fantastic just get the point of people to say accountable now i didn't say accountable for what so this still technically isn't politics that's not politics i want to hold the t-mobile guy accountable for switching i want to hold uh whoever the first guy to figure out that you could make a \*\*\*\*\* cgi blood gust instead of a squib 0:3:7 and save x number of dollars that but yeah it's a lot of fun it's a lot of fun to uh to hold people accountable and it's free it's free either it could cost you nothing you don't and that it requires no effort it's like white diagony said when he was uh he talked about masturbating and he said wood that were so simple to soothe your hunger by rubbing your belly it's like you get to take all of your sense of outrage or anger or powerlessness and convert it into accountability who wouldn't take that 0:4:8 deal we wouldn't take that deal who wouldn't be uh who wouldn't be uh sucked

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off by that i have to say the mississippi state flag is a good one they jumped up in the tears from very bottom tier to top tier flag best flags this is now one of the better ones but new mexico is really good the symbol um uh uh what are the other good ones i really like new mexico that one always stands out but there's a couple i'm forgetting about uh texas i mean you got to give it to him just for simplicity and starkness um flags are not politics flags are aesthetics we're talking purely on aesthetic grounds virginia does have a murder on it which is pretty \*\*\*\*\* metal but i don't like flags with human figures on them because humans don't pop on a flag 0:5:9 it's too much detail it's too busy you need big bold strokes and colors in my mind that's the best flag which is why new mexico is so good it's like \*\*\*\*\* anything that looks like it could be the emblem of like a alternative history fascist movement that took over the world that's that's a good that's a good flag uh ohio can \*\*\*\*\* off for two reasons it's actually a decent design with the big o for ohio but two problems one it's a pennant get over yourself everybody else has a \*\*\*\*\* rectangular flag you can get a rectangular flag too who the \*\*\*\*\* do you think you're nepal the nepalese flag is like that because it's you know those pennants are like you know traditional elements of of of nepalese buddhist practice you just want and too many stars why are there stars what are the stars doing what are the stars on there just busy and they're not even in a they're not even symmetrical or anything they're just 0:6:10 almost randomly thrown scattered and i will cop as a wisconsinite wisconsin has one of the worst flags in the country wisconsin and new york which both have the big emblems with the two figures and all the \*\*\*\*\* on the on the \*\*\*\*\* shield that's dog \*\*\*\*\* huge swinging and miss there and the funny thing is is not only do they have similarly shitty flags they actually basically have the same state motto because the same out of wisconsin is forward and the state motto of new york is excelsior which is i believe forward in latin or so i will cop wisconsin bad state flag wish it was different but it is really bad wisconsin washington's yes clip art is the word for it \*\*\*\*\* just a terrible line drawing of george washington excelsior is upwards well depending on like where you're facing upward and forward being basically the same 0:7:12 thing you're talking about progress you're talking about positivism you're talking about like the brazilian flag ordo progreso you're talking about upward or forward movement progress the worm turning towards greater prosperity and safety for all uh what yeah arizona's is good too the the the southwest flags are both good uh oh yeah that's great oh with the star and then the \*\*\*\*\* sunburst behind it it's like \*\*\*\*\* imperial japan but not problematic because you know arizona has not carried out any uh genocides in the greater east asia coast yeah no arizona is what you want in a flag for sure people are saying people are shouting not bad the torch 0:8:13 is pretty good the torsion and the in this case the stars make sense unlike on the

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ohio flag so yeah no indiana is not bad i mean ironic since in the end is absolutely bottom tier toilet garbage state somebody's yelling for missouri this has gotta be bad those \*\*\*\*\* hicks man think you're midwestern i do not think so okay is it two bears are there two bears are there two bears holding up an emblem okay that's kind of cool they have literal bears i believe those are two of uh alex branson's ancestors that's impressive yes missouri is the south correct i'm glad someone pointed uh this is interesting i have a little bit of data here maybe it's because i'm early uh it's either because i'm early or because i put friday vibe stream no politics in the header but i have way fewer viewers than usual alive uh and i wouldn't be surprised if it's because 0:9:15

people are like give me the politics and that's good it's good to know what my uh uh wow i did not yeah two figures holding up an emblem is boring but if the two figures are bears it's kind of charming it's almost like a flag for an alternative world where the bears took over planet of the bears that's whimsical i like it the bear is also the symbol of the city of berlin you see a lot of bear themed emblems and and no albania has a great flag anything with a \*\*\*\*\* a a symmetrical bird too \*\*\*\*\* headed eagle it's good uh mexico also has a good flag mexico and canada both have vastly better flags in the united states i hope this is all understood both canada you can say 0:10:16

what you want about oh it's a leaf that's kind of you know it's not viral in the way you want a nation's to be represented whatever if you're you know going to be uh heteronormative about it it's just it's it's striking and it's it's it pops the colors and the design pop and mexico what the \*\*\*\*\* eagle and the snake great america bunch of lines not even symmetrical bunch of light like the ideal version of the american flag is the british union jack that is that concept made into something visually interesting everything else is just some version of bars like france and poland and russia and germany borrowed colors that all mean something if you're gonna mix that up the british and maybe it speaks to the difference between like how the political cultures came to be like the union jack has three three crosses on top of each other right 0:11:18

you've got the uh the saint george's cross that represents england that's the english emblem you've got the saint andrews cross on the on the blue like the red on the white for st george that's england and then the white on the blue which is for scotland although they change the color scottish people real like snp people will not not cease to point out that the blue in the union jack is not the blue in this in this in the scottish flag it's like a powder blue and then there's a royal navy blue which is of course a navy blue is very fitting for those \*\*\*\*\* limey ship flying driving \*\*\*\*\* and then like there is there's also a like a welsh flag in there but i don't know how it ends in there but anyway it uh it's all three on top of each other which represents like a political polity that emerged sort of organically uh as a whole the united states and the fundamental problem with the united states from a political perspective like the 0:12:20

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the reason this exists the the real materialist reason is the reality of free real estate europeans creating a european polity in a world of uh almost limitless expansion that is the reality that created our absurd situation where our political polity was this weird mutual stand down between mexican standoffing states where they all relinquished the minimal amount of power and negotiated entry into this thing a system that only worked in the absence of sharpened regional or sectional uh or ideologue or party-based uh divisions and the proof of that was in the civil war that happened within 80 years of its uh adoption which should have ended the document but because we were still expanding then because we were still pushing outward we were still venting outward among other reasons but i think that's the generator of all the other ones when that war ended we left that \*\*\*\*\* thing intact which was oh 0:13:23 what a \*\*\*\*\* the one with uh flag the one with the wheel man is really good and so the colors in our flag are just gingerly separated like here are the 13 colonies all separate from one another and not crossing in any way and then here are the stars all one after another and it's like oh my god god damn it this should have been dissolved away by the create the fermentation of america's social base that exploded the civil war but no the necessary container for it that contained those things in european polities the first the other capitalist policy polities of this era didn't exist the hard lines like the social structural like resilient institutional realities built by the endless 0:14:24 lapping of social currents along a our conflict happened in a in a context of continual expansion a continually unfixed border and that meant that we never really had to confront the class con the class the growing and emergent and finally you know uh terminal class conflict uh when we could just buy it off like the history of america is buying off all of our social problems all of our political problems all of our economic problems that are generated by the contradictions of our society buying them off at the expense of others that's it at the first the expense of the native population 0:15:25 of this continent the expense of um imported african slave labor at the expense of indentured and then immigrant uh working class labor from the the peasant and then uh the re-encountering of like uh remaining indigenous people and integrating them through you know conquest and over time these different these different groups of people become political subjects and obtain a political stake but while doing so they are bought off with new lucr accrued through the exploitation of people other places uh in in um in our little burgeoning uh uh empire that we built in the united states uh for a while before just taking over the control of the world empire from the uk and then x and then uh like making uh fighting a war with uh communism over the resources of the post-colonial world and prevent and maintaining a position 0:16:27 where they uh were essentially confiscated from these places that they existed no recompense at all for the the and then our current crisis comes from the fact that we

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can't do it anymore the border is closed the myth is over as greg grandin says and that is where all of this this spiral downward we're seeing like with the president not conceding i mean this is a big deal not in terms of there's going to be a coup but a big deal just historically as a as a new normal as a new degradation of like the the political space as a as a as a like self-conscious public arena where both sides accept the basic outcome of agreed-upon structures of government and law that's a big deal 0:17:30 and what is causing this breakdown is the inability that's definitely politics and you know what you guys should hold me accountable for that please hold me accountable i did a politics i didn't know growth i did an imperialism uh i did a white fragility and i have not even begun to contemplate the multiplicity of my offenses very sorry give me another flag folks let's let's keep uh reviewing some flags uh of course before you say it mozambique everyone loves it it's got a \*\*\*\*\* the soviet flag was really good hammer and sickle how do you beat it just in the one corner though so you've got that just field of red movie bob does not want to debate me does he no did he 0:18:33 challenge me he's he hasn't blocked me so i could check it out has he is he has called me out i would not do it i don't debate but i'm amused by it if that's true i don't i think you guys are pulling my leg i gotta say i kind of feel bad for movie bob i can't get i can't torment him too much he he did this tweet where he talked about how sad he how he felt like all of the progress he'd make in building made it building a social life over the last 10 years is all being undone by covid and he worries he's not going to be able to get it back and it hurt it hurt i \*\*\*\*\* felt for the guy like that is a that is a thing where i recognize that he and i are basically the same guy in many ways like our backgrounds are similar or the way we encounter the world after going through college roughly similar uh with just differences of you know happenstance things that we did not control like we got sorted away from each other by by the 0:19:35 quantum just interplay of of everyone going through their you know so i made me really think like damn they're but for the grace of god uh so i don't feel like i can really i'm not gonna ever at him again or anything i mean i stopped doing that in general but this is definitely another reason i can't do it for him and of course this is true for every person like the fact is that if you think about anybody long enough if you know enough about anybody's history you will find some narrative whereby it really couldn't have been any other way it doesn't absolve anybody of personal responsibility but it should drain from you the ability to hate them but i have to say it is very difficult to practice that especially when you see people who do real evil enormous evil and they're right in your face in a way that that wasn't always 0:20:36 the case in the pre-media overload age somebody keeps asking for the isle of man that's the one with the that's the one with the \*\*\*\*\* lovecraft like occult wickerman ass leg guy right yep what's that thing called i'm gonna look this up there's a name

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for that right the three legs nice triskelion we love it folks don't we love a traskelion we love it we got three legs they go down the street bye oh man the red hand of 0:21:44  
ulster is uh it's appropriately metal for what has uh the history of that region of  
the world like if you guys are going to fight over symbols and you know historical  
memory and identity like that you better have some badass symbology to back it  
up and i gotta say red hand of ulster pulls it off irish flag on the other hand man  
i always was hard for me to see all these patties get all teary-eyed about you know  
the raw and just flying that thing like you know flying the irish flag is a defiant act  
uh during the troubles in england it absolutely was but it's really all the irish all  
the irish flag is is the italian flag if you leave it out on the pole for a month it's just  
green white and then faded orange instead of red and i understand yes it symbolizes  
the catholics the symbolizes the palestinians you see the grain of himalayas is the 0:22:47  
catholics and the and the orange represents the protestants and white is of course the  
pace that we make between us boring get something more interesting the the harp is  
pretty good the harp isn't bad they should use the heart more aruba that's not bad  
i don't i don't like the star the star looks like it's a hood ornament uh it actually  
looks like the that's yeah the reuben flag looks like the door of a cop car the south  
african flag the new one is good the old the the south african flag is great because 0:23:52  
it's it does the you know uh the challenge of just lines or colors like representative  
colors it goes above and beyond just lining them up and it doesn't even just do like  
the you know the the the the pen the internal pennant thing that you get with like  
puerto rico goes through us it's good but man the old apartheid one which was like  
a clip art deal where it was like orange and then like the british flag and stuff like  
all in little yeah dog \*\*\*\*\* dog \*\*\*\*\* look at that thing it's a little uni it's orange  
on the top white in the middle blue on the bottom and then in the white stripe  
in order is uh the little a little tiny union jack a flag and a flag and then another 0:24:53  
flag that represents probably the the \*\*\*\*\* bores or the dutch or something in the  
middle that's the other direction and then another flag which it's i think represents  
like the natives or something it's it's dog \*\*\*\*\* milwaukee flag is really really way  
too australia anything with the union jack on it is cucked you're cucked get a new  
flag get a new head of state you \*\*\*\*\* had your ceremonial ass governor general  
overthrow your elected government once already and you didn't get rid of \*\*\*\*\* yes  
the red letter media guy sitting on a couch should be the milwaukee flag agreed 0:25:55  
they represent the sri lanka sri lanka no this apartheid south african flag is some clip  
art \*\*\*\*\* a collage of other people's flags it's like something you you it's like a flag  
project like design a flag for your country and you forgot to do it until the morning  
of class just dragging flags on a \*\*\*\*\* uh clipart thing and putting it together uh  
what did someone say i forgot already ooh yes sword lion you're doing well uh it's

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a little busy it's gonna stay out it's not gonna be in my top top because it's a little busy but big if it is if it was yeah like if maybe the border wasn't there sorry guys 0:26:56  
am i back i think i'm back right i got a phone call i don't know how you uh if there's a way to stop that but yeah if uh if i got a phone call it just knocks me off i guess yeah i can't go airplane mode can i go airplane mode do not disturb i don't really know how to do it i've never really looked at the doohickeys all right uh so give me another flag gibraltar oh i thought i made my point about the sri lankan flag clear welsh flag they used to be have a leak on there and they switched to dragon because 0:27:58  
they thought it was cooler she have some \*\*\*\*\* confidence in yourself like you know the welsh the welsh patriots who \*\*\*\*\* fought uh edward longshanks they flew under the \*\*\*\*\* leak the alaska flag has a big dipper on it right yeah that's not bad just a big dipper like it actually reflects something natural which i like brazil is funny it's the only flag in the country in the world national flag that has any words on it and those words are ordo o progreso or order in progress in portuguese because the people who design the brazilian flag were part of a essentially quasi-religious cult around french positivist philosopher august konkt and they believed that the the the 0:28:59  
enlightenment and then the industrial revolution that came after it had created a situation where human perceptive capacity human ability to to empirically observe its world rationally would become so powerful that all human issues how problems would be solved through the application of reason that was the basic faith and it was an actual church they had churches that they were all over the place in the 19th century uh they're kind of like a fraternal lodges it was it was like it was like a nerdier less ritualistic freemasonry basically because freemasons believe kind of broadly the same thing but in occult terms like when they talk about progress you know us improving the world you know it's in these in the terms of you know like the grand work and everything but you know in practice that means applying reason to the world and solving its problems and they were very influential and especially in 0:30:0  
latin america like the uh the uh scientificos who were caught like a like essentially the intellectual uh the coordinating committee for cap emerging capitalism in uh 19th century mexico under the porfiriado of diaz they were similarly positivists in that they felt like if we get the data here we can turn this country into a modern society and all of our problems which are lingering uh issues that come from colonialism and racism and everything else will be resolved and uh it had a lot of influence i think uh world war one really kind of took the window of the sales on that uh world war one was kind of a oh boy we got more technology than we've ever had we have more scientific knowledge than we've ever had and we just had the world's biggest \*\*\*\*\* uh like pie fight at the family reunion that led to the death of \*\*\*\*\* tens of millions 0:31:1  
of people just death over whose mustache is more waxed in the greater inbred \*\*\*\*\*

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puddle of european royalty but you know really it was about you know the system overheating the need for markets to be found elsewhere and uh and the need to deal with the rest of uh working class who were acquiring political power at an alarming rate in all of the countries that went to war and that kind of took the wind out of the sails of positivism but then for a while there in the 19th century it had a real goal and one of the legacies of it is the flag of brazil ordo and progreso and then you look at brazil now and you look at \*\*\*\*\* uh bolsonaro running around getting pecked to death by emus and getting 16 types of corona and saying that we need to not be homos about it only worse than that i don't know man i don't know uh 0:32:4

think the i don't know if i agree with your police work there lou south carolina flag uh is a good flag there's an interesting factoid about the south carolina flag uh and it speaks to the history of uh of like the settlement into plantation agriculture of the south because the underlying reality the underlying thing that creating the dueling economic models in the north and south out of the american colonies was uh was geographical it was distribution of soil riches basically the northern tier thanks to weather and other things had land that could be used for agriculture but was could not be profitably utilized in the nutrient-intensive extractive economies of cash 0:33:5

crops so the model became small holding farmers who traded with cities they traded their surplus production to to urban areas in exchange for finished products in the south the existence of this rich bottomland allowed for this large-scale exploitation which required a degree of labor input that was simply not affordable on the market no one could be paid enough to do what it takes to take to uh to make that profitable you would take all the profit there would be no profit there would be no place for the guy to sit on the veranda and fan himself and that simply wouldn't do and so slavery had to be invented out of that reality and the people who carried out that slavery were culturally distinct within the people coming to the new world because 0:34:9

every every like wave of europe english uh first english and irish uh immigration british immigration in the very early air of the con of the of the colonies was the distribution uh uh first almost randomly like religious outcasts and uh you know people seeking uh trade but over town over time as the area became settled and as like its actual distribution of resources became known people started self-selecting and in a place where there's a ton of land that could be bought held and converted to uh to like massively uh labor extractive agriculture meaning indentured labor or slaves this brought uh the aristocracy it brought the the gentry of the of the of great 0:35:10

britain it brought the the the overflowing squires the children of the of the of the land-owning elite the the real blue bloods uh in heraldry the crescent moon is the sign of the second son who doesn't inherit anything under primogeniture the one who has to become a uh join the army or the priesthood or uh find something to

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do because you don't get the you don't get anything you have to find your way and a lot of these people in after the after immigration uh and colonial colonialization colonization started in first in the west indies and in the americas um they started following the generation of uh leaders of colonial south carolina the ones who built its 0:36:11 institutions and built its culture and built its political you know architecture uh and and it's like economic uh arrangements were largely the second son sec second the second sons of planters who had already been established in jamaica and in the west indies controlled by the uk places where the uh you know the dwindling uh land like the land of the old aristocracy was sort of dwindling away in its profitability during this era in england and at the same time you could take your capital if you accumulated there go to the new world buy some land and recreate it there with slave labor instead of uh tenets or or hired hands and a much higher profitability rate than like \*\*\*\*\* shearing sheep or whatever you were doing in the cotswolds and so they recreated the old aristocracy in the new world but the same issue of primogeniture arose and so the early elite of south carolina were the second sons of those jamaican 0:37:12 and barbadian planter aristocrats so that's a fun little fact uh anybody nepal yeah that's the one that's the pennant right that's the one that isn't uh trying and that's actually like ohio is just a pennant this with the with the saab it's cool it's good it's good it's a good battle standard which presumably it was maryland is weird marilyn if you look at it too closely you get a headache it scariest world war ii group except for 0:38:29 the nazis that's a good one there's two big contenders in my view one the eustachia in croatia ante pavlick these guys were uh when the not when when they entered into their junior partnership with with the third reich uh they saw what what they could get away with who boy they went ham uh and um and uh even like the local nazis were so appalled by it that they said hey tone it down a little bit there was a uh there was a uh group called uh i mean there was there was a rumor i think it was like in a you know it was it appeared in a novel but people sometimes think it's it's true i guess it's apocryphal it's too good i kind of believe it's true because it's too good a story that ante pavolik the guy who uh was the head of that puppet regime uh was 0:39:32 he had a jar of eyeballs on his desk but he along with a lot of the other estacia uh in a higher rate than like other collaborators was able to escape uh europe through a rat line involving uh the vatican and catholic priests uh the cia and the mafia like this was the early stages of setting up the networks that would become the gladio operation the first thing they did was get these croatian catholics out of europe and into south america and anti-poverty went to argentina i believe where he lived for like relatively in the open for 20 years until a i think a serbian uh nationalist found him and \*\*\*\*\* plugged his ass uh and he actually survived the initial gunshot and was flown to spain for medical treatment under franco and then died there so the

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ustasher up there the iron god of guard of romania who carried out one of the most  
gruesome pogroms of world war ii where they literally took uh jewish people i think 0:40:34  
of budapest into our bucharest into a uh slaughterhouse \*\*\*\*\* texas chainsaw asker  
stuff like the kind of stuff that that even for holocaust standards is pretty grim you  
know like because you've got your holocaust stuff which is all like bone-bleachingly  
sold terribly so shreddingly terrible and then you've got things like the iron guard the  
dural wongler brigade come and see is based on those guys that is like and of course  
mengele where and then i will say non-european edition you gotta go with japanese  
imperialism believing that you are literally like a divine people descended from a  
living god and having uh internal combustion engines and \*\*\*\*\* machine guns is a  
but that on the list that goes above and yeah it's a very good likelihood that uh i 0:41:40  
mean you can trace seven you uh mk ultra starts with unit 731 because it was from  
that research that the cia developed the germ warfare that they were using in uh in  
korea that they had to cover up and uh and also the mind control techniques they  
used to try to like reverse engineer brainwashing and also create at and you got to  
say though though like of all these places like the japanese to just like not really talk  
about it at all to just sort of act like okay why are you bringing up old \*\*\*\*\* it's it's 0:42:41  
pretty breathtaking from like uh uh you know from a g8 country it's like come on  
guys you guys are rich you guys are rich look at the germans the germans are like  
are bad and it's like sure you know they can they can feel sad they're all chop stuffed  
with chocolate and round and enjoying a big frosty beer and listening to some oompa  
music they can be like yeah sorry sorry about the holocaust you guys have \*\*\*\*\*  
sex robots and uh like conveyor belt sushi and like vr karaoke rooms and pachinko  
machines uh that you can \*\*\*\*\* you can't \*\*\*\*\* say my bad i mean turkey you can  
kind of understand a bit more you know like it's it's been it's it's it's a developed  
country but it's also a much lower you know just per capita income level than japan 0:43:43  
uh it's much less politically stable i mean four or five what i think what i think believe  
three coups since uh world war ii and an attempted one only a few years ago and you  
know like the fact that they're uh that their whole domestic political culture is this  
sort of like islamofascism it's kind of funny like that was a made-up term that was a  
made-up term for years by guys like christopher hitchens to squint at the cold war  
and turn it into world war ii but like specifically like the akp political um you know  
military uh machine that controls turkey is like fusion of like the old uh you know  
right-wing secular uh nationalism of the grey wolves with like explicit uh islamic and 0:44:46  
of course also just shock through with gladio but of course the japanese government  
was also shot through gladio i don't know as much about that but apparently uh  
there's a lot of stuff like the us and the yakuza operating it to essentially create like  
a shadow structure behind the entire political facade and the like the emerging

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conglomerates that dominated japanese economy i'd like to know more about it click at the same time like it's all behind the scenes and they get to groove they get to dance with like the mascots they get to do the mascot dance turkey doesn't get to do the mascot dance they go to \*\*\*\*\* soccer matches and i'll have to stab each other so i say japan you have less of an come on japan come on yeah both the japan in both 0:45:47 japan and italy the united states essentially created one-party states to replace the fascist governments staffed largely by former administrators and political figures of those fascist regimes to maintain make sure that calvinism did we're going to play cod cold war on sunday we're going to try anyway i do not i mean i i trust chris but i don't trust the equipment necessarily so and i don't like know how this is the first time you're streaming something so we're going to be in the office having tested each other and had our tests done and we're going the fact that it's all there in the 80s is 0:46:48 just so mind-blowing the amer i mean we like to think of the 80s as the grand like climax of the cold war in terms of it's when we achieve moral clarity it's when we finally had a president who had the guts to call them an evil empire and demand the end of oppression in eastern europe tear down this wall and it all ended up to the walls tumbling down like \*\*\*\*\* jericho but in terms of our actual policy like the strategic uh uh geo like the the the geopolitical like strategic operations that made up our cold war response our comor gamesmanship was at its most depraved and monstrous and that's because we felt like we had him and we were gonna squeeze the \*\*\*\*\* life out of him what was like the u.s cold war in the 80s was let's go around the horn we'll start close to home in the 80s cold war was in latin in central america 0:47:51 uh support genocide against indigenous people who are resisting the the uh feudal overlords the the post-colonial fuel overlords that we had installed there or in the case of nicaragua respond to a popular political uprising against our disgusting latifundist comprador class collaborators we declared unofficial and illegal war on them and uh that were including the illegal mining of their harbor and the funding of a bunch of drug peddling psychopath former military officers whose main tactics were burning down rural hospitals and raping teachers and burning down schools that's what they did they didn't fight they didn't fight the san anises they murdered civilians and 0:48:52 destroyed civilian infrastructure with the drug money that we helped them get by selling drugs to american citizens that's another part of this thing let's not forget that uh in the 80s it's collaborating with operation condor and the \*\*\*\*\* hunters in argentina and uh and the arab ways in chile and brazil in africa holy \*\*\*\*\* it is full-throated uh military and diplomatic alliance with the south african apartheid regime in its death throws supporting it against international censure and uh and the the effective application of uh sanctions and then militarily collaborating with them in trying to defeat indigenous or uh uh african uh uh independence movements in

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namibia you get a situation the battle of queento canavale the biggest land battle in 0:49:53  
africa since world war ii a stand-up month months-long battle between uh uh marxist  
angolans uh and supported by cuban and russia cuban troops and russian advisers  
against south african uh against a uh a native like uh puppet guerilla movement  
supported by south africa european mercenaries and us that's what we were doing  
in europe that's what we're doing in africa at that time meanwhile uh the the uh  
south african uh security service the boss the bureau of state security is going hog  
wild doing everything from assassinating obviously assassinating domestic political  
opponents like steve biko creating uh puppet organizations like within the zulu uh  
communities to create like a a turf war with the anc so if i undermine their position 0:50:57  
from the inside uh killing opponents in foreign countries they \*\*\*\*\* put a mailbox  
they put a bomb in the mailbox of ruth first who was one of the heads of the african of  
the communist party in south africa and blew her up they probably killed they very  
well might have intentionally infected uh townships with aids if you believe anything  
that was in uh cold case hammerstroll and there's reason to the middle east who did  
we support in in the in the convulsions of the middle east like the lebanese civil war  
israel and \*\*\*\*\* uh the phalange the people who carried out the severance shittily  
massacre funded both sides of the iraq iran war which is the biggest land war of  
the 20th centuries under the world war since world war ii and killed millions cease 0:52:0  
needlessly defend uh supporting the mujahideen in afghanistan a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* uh  
uh tribal psychopaths uh reactionaries in every sense like the the up up holders of like  
the least progressive elements of the society intentionally to undermine communism  
with no idea or care about what it would uh also just dealing drugs let's not forget  
that just dealing wild amounts of coke and some heroin too the golden afghanistan  
oh we were supporting the \*\*\*\*\* po uh the khmer rouge in exile isn't that funny  
the khmer rouge and exile because they had been kicked out by the vietnamese the  
the vietnamese communists uh was supported in the u.n uh and materially by the 0:53:2  
united states and britain and china of course which is hilarious but uh and so yeah  
like what's one of the missions you go in and meet paul pott and you give him a  
\*\*\*\*\* bunch of land mines just like there's nothing but repression and bloodshed  
there's nothing you can like at least in the 60s there was like the usaid thing there  
was like the peace corps which is awful as you could uh as you want to say at least  
was an attempt to like extend a carrot and by the 80s because the tide was turning  
there was no carrot that developmentalist \*\*\*\*\* like the the the proud papa good  
neighbor policy that was \*\*\*\*\* that by the 80s that rug had been pulled out after  
the vulcan shock especially in the domestic in latin america the vulcan shock we  
talk about what it did in domestically but what it did internationally is also still 0:54:3  
with us and what specifically it did in latin america is that it essentially exploded

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the death of every \*\*\*\*\* country in latin america which was priced in american dollars and had american interest rates therefore determining its transactions and they could and so their interest rates on the the debt just exploded and it essentially broke the back of the entire like developmental model that was being tried in latin america like there was an attempt even among like the right-wing regimes to build independent domestic economies and not just be extraction economies for the west and and the the yankees uh but those efforts were fundamentally in every sense abrogated by that and everything has been struggling with the fallout of that so once again nothing nothing to write you know i'm trying to think of like forces that the us supported other parts of the cold war that might have you know even if they were bad because we were supporting them why wouldn't they be but you know like the people making them up you have some sympathy for like i would say that the hmong the the mounted yards that the cia recruited uh to to uh fight on their behalf in vietnam and laos i i it was all bad but like i they themselves you know were fighting they weren't fighting to oppress anybody really you know you could see that they were like just trying to maintain a way of life maybe even maybe that's \*\*\*\*\* and of course everything was fueled by drugs and so you've got local leaders just taking over and it's corrupt of course there's just something i could see is like yeah you know what that's that's a bum rap i don't know what i would do in that situation either but by the 80s it was all just monsters it was it was it was the worst the settler colonial over class unrestrained by any concern for needing to negotiate with like working class power so yeah i'm very interested to see what the missions are like i said it'd be very funny if the verbont killings were one you got to go into a \*\*\*\*\* uh belgian grocery store and just spray everybody like the no russian scene trying to think but i'm wondering whether it will actually be in there where is he gonna go i saw some jungle action are they gonna just do \*\*\*\*\* rambo like pretend that's what we were doing yeah there's a good idea the dalai lama the dalai lama is basically a cia asset they they got him they got him out of there as donald sutherland said in jfk for to serve a purpose like he his his international position is is a was maintained because of its advantageousness to u.s foreign policy but at the same time i can't get mad at the llama and i can't really feel the llama is doing that much bad maybe he's doing more i don't know that much about the llama he probably i mean and it is true that hereditarily the llamas were just feudal overlords and they were extra they were exploitative and like they were but like when they kicked him out is he even that anymore isn't he just kind of like a hobo so can't get too mad at the lava but that was the 50s in the 80s it's jonas savimbi uh it's \*\*\*\*\* uh pk botha uh it's uh robert debusson and uh el salvador afrio rios mont yeah there should definitely be a a a thing where you just have to escort like a shipment like an escobar shipment

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because we were buying it for we were uh they were moving it for escobar the cio was moving for escar escobar through central america among other people uh and just stuff you got to get like a giant thing and you got to get it through and like escort mission wrap up maybe cigarette boats i know it was most of california but maybe just like a cigarette boat thing like someone wants to know about the ecci i mean it was essentially a front bank for cia transactions and money laundering which the vatican bank also served as is the 80s uh if there's a contemporary equivalent deutsche i mean all of them are obviously if in a case of emergency all of them are but in terms of ones that act on a day-to-day basis for that purposes you look at 0:59:35 the global war thing hsbc is up there they got dinged for that like multi multi multi-billion dollar cartel laundering case where nobody did a dive the second of jail time and their \*\*\*\*\* uh their their their um their their fine was basically a rounding error compared to how much money they'd moved but deutsche bank man deutsche bank i don't know a lot about all the ins and out stuff i'm not true not i'm not a details guy i'm big picture oh yeah chechnya you could go to oh man i want those vatican archives somebody said vatican irvines are the deutsche bank archives they would 1:0:36 both be rich rich treasures but i would love to get like the whole depths of of the vatican's specifically their inner intervention in italian politics after world war ii very interested in that but also all the pedophile stuff there was a uh cause like if p2 is like the secret government like the social secret government of italy after world war ii then south africa had one too someone is reminding me this uh south africa had one of those too uh it's it was called the africana broderbund the african afrikaner 1:1:38 brotherhood and it was a it was like kiwanis club and if you if you wanted to be if you wanted to get into the the top ranks of the national party you had to be in it and that's kind of what you get when you get a situation that it happened after after they after south africa officially got separated from the uk they became kind of a one-party state for a while the national party became like the the the governing structure even though they were still formally a democracy within the white you know electorate uh so that meant that like politics had to become internalized and it was internalized through this organization a broad report and you know it was it was a way to to uh identify talent and then groom it through social uh trust and connection because that's how you actually have to govern you have to govern through insinuation and trust uh so that you can leave unspoken horrible things the 1:2:39 only way you can do that is by the acculturation of trust over time and so these ritualized sort of initiations and so like that is why you know that's one of those things that is distorting because conspiracy theory turns it into the whole sum of the thing but really it's just the social ritualization of power that is there implicit in the str the structure that we're all finding ourselves part of and we're but at the end

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of the day there was enough like when any of you talk about any of these shadow governments or anything they're able to rule because they represent a social order that is that is uh in some sense materially generated that's why they're able to rule so something intervenes with them they will rule \*\*\*\*\* was any of that politics i 1:3:43 said there wasn't going to be any politics and i kind of think i \*\*\*\*\* up and put some politics in there and if i did i have to say that i i feel that i am accountable and i want everyone to know that i feel that i am being held to account by you and that you can be aware that in the future i will always remember this moment of accountability and carry it forward into the future to remain an accountable boy an accounting accountable boy who we all love to account for and account for every day don't we love him isn't he a sweetheart he is isn't he say goodbye to the accountable boy accountable boy they all said

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is my god dammit i got a colic at this point i'm getting to a situation where i've got this thinning promontory in the front that is separating like the berm here from this lake of lava in the back and i'm basically okay with my hair as it is like this is essentially like mid-80s nicholson and i like it you know i think he looked like a goddamn pimp in \*\*\*\*\* shining and \*\*\*\*\* like that which is the beast wick come on 0:1:3  
uh he was absolute king but i'm just worried if it keeps going the peninsula's the the \*\*\*\*\* infamous is gonna wear away it's gonna be some \*\*\*\*\* global warming ass uh sea level rise and then i'm in the costanza zone in which i get sides which i just don't know if i can handle the sides i mean i'll have to if i have to you know you have to you you you handle whatever happens you know but it is uh that's not something that i have yet been able to accommodate myself too hopefully if it happens it will give me i'll have enough time to say goodbye before i end up with sides not shaving it can't shave it can't do it can't do it can't pull the trigger on it just it's a look it's a general vibe and look that i don't uh really find convivial i don't know it wouldn't feel and i do feel like there's something uh i think there's people say like you know 0:2:6  
hey say \*\*\*\*\* it cut it but it's like well isn't \*\*\*\*\* it letting it go like the real \*\*\*\*\* answer is just leaving it there because it's more hassle to keep it that close you got to cut your hair more often why if you're saying \*\*\*\*\* it then the real \*\*\*\*\* it is just letting it go which is what i'm going to be doing one way or the other so if i get the sides then i got the sides oh god damn it the \*\*\*\*\* volume again this is really getting annoying maybe i need a new phone i do need a new phone but i haven't uh gotten one yet trying to \*\*\*\*\* all right i'm gonna try to see if because a lot of it is getting this thing to connect because if it actually is connected shut up everyone be quiet all right i'm giving up i guess i gotta use the \*\*\*\*\* mic the reason i don't 0:3:8  
want to do this is because people watch on youtube say that if it's not connected to the computer it's really soft there and it sounds better with the microphone but the microphone isn't or i mean uh it sounds better with this than with the microphone but if i do it with with this everyone gives me the business while i'm not doing the stream and that is of course more distracting because it's right there as opposed

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to some youtube comments oh god i really what is wrong with everyone why is everyone why can't people have a common experiential like framework so that they have when they say fine it means the same thing to everybody can we get some sort of uh denote some sort of connotative esperanto because i don't get how some people can say it's fine and some people are like it's terrible all right how are we able to have a functioning society with like agreed upon rules that we could all like follow some sort of rule of law or uh scientific pursuit or engineering if if there's that much difference in people's experience of the same goddamn phenomena how can things be that much uh determined by your subjective experience of it explain this to me so okay this sounds good but now the poor schmucks listening on youtube they can't hear it so good so i don't and since you guys are the ones yelling at me now i guess i will listen to you and that's just you know it's a way it's the way that young players are always screwed in any uh sports contracts it's because the people who end up in leadership positions in the union are almost invariably veterans and they don't really have anything in common with younger players and so they're always happy to to underpay younger players for them to maintain their privileges as uh big shots and that kind of thing happened throughout all strata of business unionism in the united states and it's one of the big reasons why when push came to shove and the crisis of capitalism happened uh within the democratic framework we there was no uh working class there to uh uh speak up for its own interests because the institutions that had been using to do that had been totally co-opted and now we live in the aftermath of that and i think that's what i've really been trying to get my head around and what i want to express more in a written form hopefully soon is is the degree to which we really are operating from a a fundamentally different political reality than the one that governs the way most everyone assumes politics works because of the total removal from bipartisan political debate all questions of macroeconomics all questions of distribution of resources within the political framework with that with that's gone that changes the dynamic within politics and it removes it from the material world over time to the point where when you have something like say a 2008 uh economic crisis where even like the bubble fueled rickety machine they put together after the end of industrialization in the united states even that fell apart it was restructured with even less allowable uh argument now the question of hey when the economy collapses uh should we just give all the money back to the people who did that and kick people out of their homes in the millions do we want to do that well both political parties think we have to do that so there's no political there's no friction here but the political process and like our general trajectory the thing that determines our actual fate as opposed to the short term you know uh uh ebb and flow of the political fortunes of two factions within capitalism that mostly just change a

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distribution of uh of intensity of infliction of pain on one segment of the underclass or another on behalf of the same algorithm-ridden and i want to talk about the way that this works the way that this like creates subjects who essentially are incapable of operating out of anything other than a most based narcissistic self-interest that they don't even know that's what they're operating from uh and that that dominates the way we approach politics we have been d d classified we know we do not process class through lived experience or expressed through culture as experience we live 0:8:19 atomized lives as consumers we are consumers first and foremost and that is that and so if that's the case and i think it is because we could no longer hold the \*\*\*\*\* machinery of state anymore like a working class is a class with a a in itself that works on its own behalf a class for itself what mark's called that's a transition that's class consciousness and we were flickering there for a while in the u.s but the door slammed shut in the 70s the \*\*\*\*\* box got opened and the schroeder's cat died to use that analogy again and the \*\*\*\*\* uh the thing was dead on the table and what replaced it was this uh lived experience of consumption and so that means we have to look at if we're going to look at what like the general trends are of ours of our social organs of our of our destiny as as a nation and then of course you know because of our central places in the world the world around us the world itself also so if 0:9:22 that's what we are now we're consumers how are we expressing ourselves because we can't express ourselves through the language of class uh uh class struggle strikes uh you know paris paris like counter cultural organization against the state along class access the entirety of what used to compromise working-class culture in this country you know uh uh harlan county usa is a good example uh that still exists but it is not coordinated it is not at the level of anything beyond like an individual uh you know industry or uh specific shop everyone is everyone is operating on the every man for themselves principle because we are in this sense of constant crisis because we are 0:10:23 so precarious everyone is on a tenter hook that means everyone is forced to choose the most basically the the the uh illusion created by the total precarity of american life post 1980 is that the building is on fire because everyone is so \*\*\*\*\* precarious all problems all political questions specifically are phrased in the assumption of a burning house with very narrow time sale for survival because everyone lives that way when in reality these questions are the house is \*\*\*\*\* fine the house is fit as a fiddle the house could but we don't think that way and if the house is burning who do you save do you save the neighbor's cat or your cat do you save the some you know stranger who's wandering around in the and for some reason in the second floor or your grandmother do you save your wife or your i mean this is it's the lifeboat 0:11:24 ethics and that is what what uh we live with that's the politics we live with because of the precarity we all feel and that means that all politics are are based on this this

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uh grasping panic and this uh expressed as sadism as i have said the the sense that we're going down we have to protect for us what we can which is why democrats and republicans align in whatever their narrow uh lee felt economic interests are they uh they support them now that means that working-class people are more likely to adhere you know to the job they do there but everybody even if they're positioned you know in that tenuous zone we all are where we're both exploited and exploited the the stuff we get we're going to cleave towards and we're going to want and more importantly now we're going to want to punish the people who are responsible 0:12:25 because if the house is burning and we're all going to die which is the end stage after you realize you can't get anybody up more out of the \*\*\*\*\* house who's going to pay for it who burned it down and who's going to suffer and that's what our politics are because everyone is operating at the end of the day out of a political uh narcissism including myself because we are our the entirety of our idea of what the political good is is not grounded in any kind of transcendental transcendent morality that encompasses anyone outside of ourselves we think it is but at the level of emotional uh truth that the at the level where you know the things you believe go beyond believing them as words and believing them as actions what we're really driven by is what we think of as our best interests our best material interests and because we do not live class and the class is not conscious that ends up meaning getting mine and 0:13:28 it creates monsters it's creating monsters every day it's turning us all into monsters and that's the idea to turn us all into just attenuated strings of neurons who are being forced by the algorithm of extractive capitalism to consume and uh labor at the uh request of whatever uh stimulus or stimuli are being uh uh offered you're just there to avoid pain and experience pleasure everything that is not forbidden is compulsory that's the end state of life under capitalism and we're all headed there slowly and within and it happens within our lifetimes it happens in the lifetimes of families uh and it's it's not like that means people are worse now it means that the forces pulling us apart are stronger than they've ever been and it means that our expression our cultural expression of this of our of our attempt to you know battle 0:14:31 the tide and maintain some dignity is marked with that it's marked with the trauma of that and i think a way you can look at that is look at who the last two presidents were the presidents who came in the wake of the 2008 crisis when there was this massively unpopular bailout that no one wanted and both and it happened during a transition of power from one party to the other this is still amazing to me nobody wanted the bailout politically like the the people no one wanted it and both parties got together except for a handful of republicans who had cover to do it because they knew it was going to pass anyway voted for it and both presidential candidates running supported bush's plan and when biden obama won he continued it in the

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aftermath of that we lit we fully inhabited a world that we've been transitioning to  
you know or accelerating our transition to towards the 70s obviously but really like 0:15:32  
this was the moment of like full liquidity of of of the the liquefaction of the barrier  
between the spectacle of entertainment and culture as expressed by our purchases  
of media like that's the sum total of what we are right is what we buy to watch  
and because that's the residue of all the other transactions that make up life as a  
commodified atom but that we can't see except in our like anecdotal daily life the only  
expressions that we can access are cultural which is stuff we pay to observe some way  
or another an economy because everything has been commodified and the way we do  
that politically the way we did that politic the political expression of that consumer  
thing is voting and so our there was this dynamic where our expression of our lives is  
as atomized consumers composed of buying things and once while voting created this 0:16:33  
dynamic of a political superstructure and a cultural superstructure and what we did  
where we who we voted for in in the in our acts our symbolic uh enactment of our uh  
consumer choices within politics would then like set create a material condition that  
culture would respond to and the degree to which that vote contributed to a change  
in anything has reduced under over time to now where the stick is not connected to  
anything anymore or if it is it's at almost a quantum level the machines are growing  
on grinding on behind the scenes almost completely all we really have is the shadow  
of the shadow and that is and that is and that and that that has left a gap in our  
belief of ourselves as political actors like this stuff's not working and yet we still  
care and that means we have and the degree and that hole has been filled with our  
absorption of politics into the overall of our overall emotional response to media in 0:17:34  
general and so the expressions on the population level in the hundreds of millions of  
people level the only population level you can get to where like you can really trace  
trends meaningfully and screen out all of the noise you have what people watch and  
buy and listen to and what people elect and since 2008 we have had our choices  
and what we have done is essentially recreate two uh archetypes of two different um  
groups of people divided by geography and uh uh demographics mostly not class one  
of them but not in any way different modes of value i guess different like a package of 0:18:47  
cultural and aesthetic and boiling down to aesthetic preferences because we're talking  
about is whether you're voting or you're buying something you're you're watching  
a channel and contributing to its ad revenue you're purchasing a streaming service  
you're downloading something what you're doing is you're wanting to see a certain  
thing a certain thing that expresses your and i think that we can see those both in the  
politics and the political figures that we've exalted specifically the presidents because  
that's the biggest sample size you can find right that's where you're really talking  
big numbers and turning trying to get something out of you know the vibrating uh

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hornet's nest of american society with its you know it's total atomization of social 0:19:48  
interaction the \*\*\*\*\* and you look at the uh figures who emerge from our culture  
where you also have hundreds of millions of people contributing and this brings me  
to a subject that i've been talking about for a long time i wrote an article for it  
embarrassingly enough now uh that i look back on it for current affairs a few years  
ago where i kind of scratched the surface at what i was trying to get at about prestige  
television and i think i finally getting to kind of get my head around what i've really  
been getting at this whole time because i think you have to because what really made  
me realize this because i've been trying to articulate this i wrote the article which i  
think was okay but it really glossed over a lot of important stuff and i've refined it  
over the years but uh what really kicked it in for me was the realization and i think  
i've like known this in the back and other people might have said this but it never it 0:20:49  
never really hit with me before that barack obama is the prestige tv president and  
that's been sitting in my head for a while and i finally figured out like what i meant  
by that and now i think i understand or at least i think i'm close to it so i'm going to  
try to talk this through so we've got our atomized pringle population okay in the 80s  
and 90s we're reacting to the the the end of labor power in america and this new nor  
this new world of debt financed consumption as the american uh economic model  
and all the cultural implications that that has further just deepening these processes  
of alienation while at the political level deregulation accelerates to create all this new  
explosions of money and everything so the deregulator deregulatory framework that  
came in with carter and reagan broke up the old uh calcified fortis business model 0:21:53  
of a bunch of big sectors of the american economy finance real estate and most uh  
for our purposes most importantly broadcast media before the before the 70s uh the  
media the television media what that meant was three networks that put on shows  
every night to try to get as many eyeballs as possible to sell soap and beer that  
is it uh and what that meant is television was broadcast it was trying to catch a  
big net and even within that there all the attempts to uh like narrow cast vote for  
uh you know like soap operas for women who are home all day and you know uh  
westerns for dad and cartoons for the kitties those are all sub-demographics within a  
broader conceived like american suburban family right fam it was a family thing and  
it was the demographic was i mean it was the demographic was made by the media 0:22:54  
itself you know what i mean it was it was a totalizing you know obviously it uh the  
reflection of it was biased because of you know racial prejudice and and all of the  
uh attending you know distortions that that brings but the people making it were  
making it on behalf of what they imagined to be an american audience and of course  
that was a very racist assumption patriarchal all that that was part and parcel of  
the social order at the time and you know uh and as a result that as bad as it was is

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not what we're talking about when we're talking about what the business model was getting people to watch the shows as many as possible by making them appealing to as many people as possible what that meant was television was not a challenging artistic medium because you couldn't afford to make something that a lot of people didn't watch it was that simple it brought things towards the middle like there was 0:23:56  
there were higher brow shows on tv especially mini series and there was lowbrow stuff like he-ha or whatever but there was still a sort of a a self-conscious sort of middle tier thing a idea that this is a general product for a general audience meanings like there's things below it on the entertainment scale that are more tawdry like you know uh uh b-movies uh and uh pornos maybe and like professional wrestling and then there's things that are more uh refined like theater and books in the opera we're right in the middle and that's where we are like you can stay there you can go out either way but we're here deregulation broke the whole thing up and it brought a new business model in and that was making things for people to pay for a fee based system now the challenge there is well how do you get people to pay for something that they get for free and they say well if this is what they're looking for will go 0:24:59  
here and here now the easiest place to go of course is below obviously because it doesn't require art you don't have to have the perfect chemistry of people coming together to bring something that has any sort of you know agreed upon quality the quality of nudity or a guy's head getting cut off or the word \*\*\*\*\* is purchasable it's quantifiable at dollars and cents and so when hbo for example started in the 80s called home box office the pitch was you can watch theatrical films in your home and that didn't just meet because you could see those on tv too unedited nudity violence and then when they started doing their own shows like first and ten and dream on which i remember watching as a horny youngster uh the premise is essentially this is as this is as good as like a mid-tier network sitcom but there's tits that was there was 0:26:2  
it was not highbrow at all now two things happen though in the 90s that complicate the matter one is the internet explodes and that means the long-term uh value of pitching here to a fee-based audience is going away because i can go on the internet and jack off why do i need this so where do you go you go to quality you go to quality the first hbo original series was oz and it came out in 1997 and they poached tom fontana from homicide which is one of the best procedural cop shows of the 90s in terms of critical acclaim the closest thing there was in the pre-cable era to a prestige show and the funny as funny as oz is on rewatch it's interesting because they were clearly trying to make a show that was trying to appeal to a higher brow aesthetic audience and they were doing it through the traditional uh mode of narrative artistic 0:27:3  
expression on television which was the teleplay like shows in the early uh broadcast era that were pitched towards a higher brow audience were largely things like show

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house not playhouse 90 and like twilight zone or whatever it's things with set stories uh and uh and very bounded uh dramatic uh uh very bounded um what's the word like blocking people you know people in rooms people in rooms and the need for and uh you know like the the the popular uh kitchen sink melodramas of the day well in the 90s by the 90s the the equivalent the theater equivalent to that the theater equivalent to you know edward albee or eugene uh was um or neil simon was like experimental theater moment shots and all that \*\*\*\*\* and so when they did tried 0:28:4 to do that when they tried to bring that playhouse 90 spirit to cable television it was expressed with all the goofy physical \*\*\*\*\* with harold pirinu like talking to the screen and zipping around on a habitrail and uh and you know being splashed with paint like that is a theatrical approach to high brow art and that was kind of a misfire and it's but it's still uh an interesting you know artifact but what it speaks to more than anything is that there was a recognition that if there's uh in broadcast in in fee based entertainment a lot of it is going to come from offering a superior product in quality now this is early that calculus changes later but while there's still this remnant monoculture it's uh it's quality as broadly understood by like a educated audience who is always who you're pitching mass-market and so when shows like the 0:29:7 sopranos showed up they were meeting a new demand for people who you know were working longer hours were more stressed less able to afford time or money to go to the theater or read books who were more yearning to find a easy way to distract themselves from their growing immigration by i don't know watching a show uh the sopranos and those attended shows and the network of uh you know recap related economies that sprung out around him we're there to codify a new standard of quality within the entertainment industry around this new uh model this is essentially this new uh business model like it was all it's the entirety of prestige tv as an ideology is just wrapped around the material reality of the fee based cable television model uh competing with and replacing the broadcast ad that leaves us to wonder if that's what 0:30:8 happens if it's breaking off and and bound and like uh being defined in opposition to like it's not tv it's hbo where what direction is it going culturally if you're doing a fee based service by definition you're going for the wealthier half of the people who watch broadcast television like the people who don't have money who can't afford to pay to watch shows there's nothing you're going to be able to say to them to get them as long as there's a free alternative that offers something that to them is so that means you got to go for the upper half that means you're going for the 0:31:10 more educated half you're going for almost exclusively college-educated people the people making the program for them and what do they come up with what is this what is this feedback loop of people paying for services talking about the shows the show's staying on creating culture moving forward rip-offs being made an entire genre

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of programming being created what do they come up with sopranos breaking bad  
mad men people joked about how it's the anti-hero it's it's this uh it's the figure of  
tortured but highly competent narcissist uh sociopathy and there's a whole cottage  
industry of critics asking the question why do we look up to these psychos and it's 0:32:11  
because they're us in in exaggerated form they are the luciferian selfishness that  
drives everybody under capitalism magnified into these figures of our reflection on  
ourselves and when i say us i mean the people who watch these shows so the college  
educated half of that middle and upper middle flop and what do we see we see these  
psychopaths and what who operate purely from narcissism and then the drama of  
the shows is them dealing with the consequences of that and they are of course i'm  
not saying that we're all as evil as they are we're not anywhere near as evil as they  
are we all have humanity that they don't but on the flip side they are also much 0:33:13  
more competent and powerful than we are when i say that they are us i'm not just  
saying like their worst they are our dreams of ourselves our dark dreams of ourselves  
if we were essentially we those guys those characters are answering the question what  
would i be like if i was handsome as don draper if i was as good as chemicals as walter  
white if i'd inherited a mob fortune and was also smart like tony soprano what would  
i be like what would i do if i had those suite of skills and suite of of of abilities and  
traits and attributes those exaggerated stat that exaggerated status and the answer  
is we would be monsters because we're operating from selfishness once again i'm not  
saying any individual person entirely i'm saying at the population level collectively 0:34:17  
our decisions at the end of the point the pointy end tend towards us choosing the  
self most selfish path because we are fixed in a network of precarity and counter and  
exploitation and mutual exploitation self-exploitation with no undergirding uh class  
consciousness to solidify as an opposition and uh now that's what's being created by  
the prestige tv genre that is this that is going to become synoquinon in my opinion  
culturally with the democratic coalition i'm going to just say it that's the democratic  
party prestige television viewers of prestige television uh that that if you want people  
say i talk too much college non-college if you define it correctly i could say prestige  
tv no prestige tv or rather prestige tv self-consciously indulged in and prestige tv 0:35:20  
con indulged in as just something else on the cultural menu and that like the whole  
package of prestige tv uh uh uh cultural artifacts and and like uh expectations and  
values are just sort of so if that's what they're getting what about the bottom half  
of the tel of people watching network television what are they going to get well  
network television itself responded to the pressure of cable by doubling by creating  
and then hyper exploiting the concept of the reality television show which is the the  
act of watching a show stripped of any artistic elements whatsoever like as in it is  
no longer an expression of someone's you know creative will it is just someone being

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themselves and of course no one is themselves everyone is performing but every like the barest art in reality programming is the art of performance of oneself which i 0:36:22  
could literally get that and there was a while there in the early early in the late  
early aughts just was reality tv is shaping up into a genre when reality uh or uh  
prestige tv was shaping up into its own genre reality tv was reaching depths that it  
has not gotten too since uh \*\*\*\*\* like \*\*\*\*\* uh who wants to marry a millionaire  
the swan where people would get people with like facial deformities uh would get  
plastic surgery and then compete in a beauty contest which with each other uh man  
versus beast where kobayashi had and if the prestige tv generation created their own 0:37:25  
characters their drapers they're uh they're walter whites they're tony sopranos what  
are the reality tv generation the people who do not find all of that pretension around  
hey this isn't television this isn't entertainment this is actually soul craft whatever  
the \*\*\*\*\* people who convince themselves that there is some deeper transcendent  
artistic association with a television program tried to talk themselves into no this  
is as good as a book this is as good as as shakespeare they don't have the cultural  
wiring to trick themselves into thinking that's true which is what it comes down  
to they haven't been conditioned to think that's true and so this whole thing this  
whole performance of quality falls on deaf ears so who gets created out of the muck  
of reality a bunch of celebrities most of whom are non-political but what's this a few  
of them become very political one of them of course we all know becoming king of 0:38:27  
them all but back to the prestige tv shows as i've said if prestige tv and the prestige  
tv anti-hero is sort of a cultural topa the cultural expression of like this uh then  
barack obama is the prestige tv here uh president he is the political equivalent he is  
our expression of ourselves which is as a narcissist what would a narcissist someone  
devoted to their luciferian self-pursuit do if they were to pursue the highest office in  
the land and just like the answer is what would you do if you were madison avenue  
slickster is be don draper what would you do if you were a \*\*\*\*\* uh el prestiging  
genius with uh cancer b walter white what would you do if you were a \*\*\*\*\* baller 0:39:28  
ass black guy politician you'd be president of the united states barf sacko crumble  
and clear and if you read the stuff that obama has written about himself and written  
about himself and written about himself he seems to know that he is this character  
like he is driven to express himself which is what we all are driven to right like  
that's the other part of this narcissistic compulsion is that how many people who  
watch all this artist all this television watch these movies believe themselves to be  
destined to participate in that process to contribute to it how many people have  
flames of self expression through like a creative life that is the only life by the way  
that means anything in the entertainment that we consume every \*\*\*\*\* movie and  
tv show premises that's basically the lesson we get from the culture is that you have 0:40:30

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to have a higher ambition you have to either be working towards some sort of life of mental reward or you have to uh be even if you're in like a a condition of physical manual or unstimulative labor you have dreams that you're working towards mike and so we're all we are all we're all looking at ourselves through our entertainment is what i mean is that in a co in a totally commodified artistic and cultural space like the one we have in all art boils down to flattery because you're trying to get people to watch it and people are gonna watch it if there's something they like about it and like we could talk about what quality is but quality is much harder to buy 0:41:32 so what we get over time in every program to some degree even our favorites but way too more degree in others and over time more and more as i'm saying this is a \*\*\*\*\* linear this is a progressive process this is art being attenuated out of the sum total of our of our media consumption is flattery and you say well why are the anti-heroes why are they uh why aren't they good guys well we have the good guys those are us in our fantasies of ourselves but because this is art because we've convinced ourselves that this is meaningful art which means it has to make us uncomfortable it has to make us challenge our assumptions it has to make us feel something this has to be the dark version of our fantasy selves of our flattered versions of ourselves where we have the competence of our heroes and barack obama pursued his life 0:42:42 like a \*\*\*\*\* prestige tv anti-hero he is fully invested in the notion that the world is unchangeable that the fundamental machinery of exploitation to make the world run is an unalterable it cannot change all we can do is find a place for ourselves within the gears and that the value of our life comes from our ability to make those experiences uh meaningful to ourselves and of course we can you know turn that into any other self-justification but at the end of the day to create an impression a pseudogrowth to hide our central core of just narcissistic self uh compulsion because obama was driven narcissistically to the point of uh total commitment by a desire to 0:43:45 be to be acknowledged and ratified by power not to wield power because he flatters himself intellectually too much to think that he could be so naive as to think that a politician could wield power he knows they don't that's part of what makes him deserve his station because he knows that and his knowledge of that gives him a layer of irony that coats all of his behavior and sanctifies every decision he made which any position person in that position would make but which is another person a cruder person a less refined person a person who didn't follow the rules didn't peop their pinky extended didn't go through the right ideological conditioning there is nothing that anything could do anything could only be worse and the thing that made it better was him and not his virtue his irony which is all you have when you cannot 0:44:47 when you feel in when you feel that sense that happens that has happened to me of total uh complicity in all the worst and most monstrous facets of life there is a

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deep desire to just pull your own skin off and and and deny your guilt and that has to go somewhere a lot of it go some people reactionaries for example love to put it outward and uh and and blame others but uh a sophisticate uses irony to condemn themselves well at the end not condemning themselves giving themselves the reprieve and that's obama and he spent eight years as the economy was stagna turning into this gigafied hell for everybody and essentially denying a viable future to everyone who came out of the \*\*\*\*\* sluice vats of childhood into adulthood that became the expression of the top half of that distribution of culture who both watched prestige tv and voted in elections because remember even though there are other people who vote and there are working-class people who vote they're not riding the caboose or they're not driving the train because without working class act action without effective working-class organization the the democratic party will be run by people for their own self-interest and that is as members of the democratic party not as representatives of anything but themselves and that's what happens when there's no accountability within a system of total uh atomization and narcissism and and uh every person for themselves behavior and so that means that these shows are essentially the brain of the people who run these parties and the people who put out the the talking points that make up the cultural conversation around both the shows and politics and this is the pnc as people define it this is like the thing that needs to be killed according to people but what they're missing is that it is just this ghost it's a ghost of a machine and it's and it's not in the sense that it's haunting it in the sense that it's like and so politics at the democratic party cohered around this obama uh consensus which broke down with uh with which basically broke down were for lack of a uh successor like that was the real reason they were \*\*\*\*\* after that is they needed another one and there wasn't any uh but more importantly was the eruption of or actually no felix said something today on the show uh hillary was the fx version like uh obama is like the a uh the hbo amc anti-hero he's walter white and hillary was jack teller from sons of anarchy just the o fish fx metalhead version because she's from the 90s and she doesn't really she wasn't of the moment like obama just stepped into it like a \*\*\*\*\* rape but anyway while obama was creating this thesis this political thesis reality tv was creating this antithesis and because it's reality television and because the membrane of like propriety that the college people have around themselves that prophylactic of propriety that they use to \*\*\*\*\* reality even though it does nothing it has nothing it's just denying themselves pleasure uh they don't have their their raw dogging reality so give me donald trump give me the actual reality show oaf give me the guy who's only actual artistic uh uh talent his only talent in life is being obnoxious in a way that is compelling to watch and then we got the rise of the the reality tv antithesis and now they're fused you've got the

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prestige tv and that doesn't mean that you know we're going to get another case of like perfect examples like this and i think that these coalitions are going to see some uh pressure in the coming years for sure so there's no way of knowing where it goes from here oh okay that was good yeah trying to get all this stuff whenever i get anything done written down i want to just be able to feel like i have made them my case and i don't have to like defend it oh the other thing about obama in the prestige tv so this to me is the real nut of it just as like a as a metaphor so barack obama famously loved the wire right loved the wire loved watching it many many liberals pointed to the fact either publicly or you know in their heart that one of the things they liked about obama now what's the buyer about right the wire is this dickensian foray into the demi-mon of baltimore and it's a social it's like a drizer-like examination of the social ills created by our unjust system and it even lays out like a case in five seasons and the show is essentially the ideology uh as a performance as an aestheticized uh uh uh expression you got that first season right shows the horror of the war on drugs as you love to see in a in a genre entertainment but what's this oh it's failed this is a failed war on drugs it doesn't work oh \*\*\*\*\* oh \*\*\*\*\* damn we've acknowledged that we know that we know what's up this problem it's bad and we're aware of the badness uh what's all right the second season answers the question well why is it so wait a minute if the draw if it's if we can't solve this problem by locking up drug dealers we got to find out what's causing it if it's not just drug dealers and the second season is about how yeah this is all because the economy of baltimore basically \*\*\*\*\* shut down in the second eight seventies and there was no money and uh created cycles of poverty and dysfunction at every level political and economic life and it's it's it's like it's not actually that difficult it's pretty clear but crucially there can be no solution to it because what is the only conceivable means of uh reversing this sort of economic trend right you would think it would be some sort of uh labor movement well the labor movement is one part of the problem labor and even if frank sobotka is a good guy he has no hope of actually affecting change like it's a doomed uh criminal scheme that gets him killed in his \*\*\*\*\* union to certified and it ends on a note of well jam i guess we're not going to be able to do anything about that so the next three seasons essentially find new culprits real things that we can do something about because we can't do anything about that pesky base third season is about drug legalization if we gotta have these drugs we don't have to be rocking people up which of course the obama administration never carried out but you always got the feeling that they knew that they should you know that's how people justify all this stuff the fourth season identifies oh man we got a real bad school system if only the schools were better these kids would get in better situations and then the third season oh man this media we got it's pretty bad we only had a better media this

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thing could be better and that is the way that is the obama democrat which is like 0:54:3  
the brain now of culture uh approach to reality this acceptance of capitalist realism  
and then a jaundiced view on reforms that we should undertake and try to make go  
but which are at the end of the day also probably insufficient so how mad should we  
ever get that we didn't really do much more than we any of that stuff we said we  
would we know what to do but there's only so and for a lot of liberal democrats the  
fact that obama watched the wire stood in for having any actual coherent approach  
to any of the problems in the wire because he'd seen it and that is all of us in that  
headsapce feeling complicit in a system but also precarious wanting to uh assert what  
we think is the best for the best without rocking the boat too much to fault make us  
fall off of it and the answer to that is broadly uh neoliberal the neoliberal democratic 0:55:6  
status quo it's like well you know yes this is a horrible unlike uh unfortunate system  
but and yes you know i'm just one of the lucky ones who got out of this whole  
college experience with money and everything but what else can we really do what  
else actually let me rephrase this what else could we really do that wouldn't risk my  
position and the answer is not much and that's the democratic party but the thing  
and remember is the republican party is equally held by the wealthiest and most  
class coherent and uh portion of the people who reject all that \*\*\*\*\* the ones who  
see this package of values and say no thank you i'm on the other team the bottom  
part of that coalition is no more able to assert influence at the political level than the  
bottom half of the democratic coalition is and cannot for the same reasons it's just 0:56:8  
beautiful boaters and and uh and buddy guarantees of the world trying to uh create  
a fa uh trying to act out this fantasy of national auto autarky out of you know a this  
remnant the last gasp of the uh of the dreams of jefferson that that anyone could be  
ungoverned because the conditions to be ungoverned in that jeffersonian jacksonian  
sense no longer exist but try telling them that and you don't have to because they  
still have money and they still have a lot of power and they are still a political power  
and they're going to assert it and they are yeah they are at war with the broader  
like globalized finance capital but neither one of them have a goddamn thing for  
anybody below them except exploitation and misery they are court they are \*\*\*\*\*  
trying to maintain their position within this hierarchy where the \*\*\*\*\* will they get 0:57:10  
any benefit to putting anything off to anyone else in a moment of capitalist crisis when  
there is no structural incentive either politically or economically for redistribution  
to occur and that's why you cannot get anywhere i did watch the wire what are you  
not watching the wire critically i don't and if you're saying i didn't i didn't get the  
right message out of it that's not a thing sorry that's not a thing i know how it felt it  
seems to me to have been processed and you can't tell obama didn't watch the wire  
what are you obama watched the wire shut up gaslighting me a conversation with 0:58:12

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president obama and wire creator david simon h president praises the hbo series the why would you do that are you guys are you guys getting riled up because i said something about your program you didn't like it's still a good show i've seen it twice oh you all are gaslighting me and i'm not here for it and by the way forget what the politics are with the wire it's entertainment value is undeniable the great acting some decent photograph decent camera work although nothing too impressive it's 0:59:13 not one of the more uh i mean it's like intentionally sort of near realist i guess uh but without the wacky camera movements and there's good stuff in it i enjoyed it i've seen it i'm just talking about it's it's residue it's like political residue and like i see a lot of people saying like when obama says he likes pr uh parasite or something they say did you really get it it's like well you didn't really get it either nobody really got anything you get it the way you want to get it he's getting it the way he wants to get it and we're all getting it the way he want they we want to get it i think people like obama get it the way he got it and that's why judging programs on their political content is dumb car kenny that's somebody said that the only person 1:0:21 on the wire who would have watched the wire and i think the reason people don't like that idea is because there is buried even in the deepest materialist i think who feels capped in this at some level behold into cultural critique is like a way of life that if enough people watch the right stuff things would change i think there's no way to understand people's response to art the passion of the way they get about the politics of it and the prescriptive way they get about the politics of it if they did not believe that somewhere there's no other way to make sense of their behavior and that is in my mind delusion because everyone's just gonna see it the way they were gonna see it which is conditioned by their pot in life your your the magical elixir you think is in there is only seeable by you so like people say does wolf of wall street 1:1:40 make uh uh encourage being a amoral scumbag yes to amoral scumbags i am not an amoral scumbag and i had no desire to become one after watching that movie it's a great movie that has nothing to okay good i feel like i got somewhere she i'm done watching tv i i wanted to get this out there and now i feel like i have i feel like i finally kind of birthed more than anything when i was talking about prestige tv i just wanted to get at the idea that that the the the quality that's being imported 1:2:42 there is is a it's a fantasy that we're all kind of participating in will consciously and unconsciously because we're we have to make do or we feel that we have to make do with it and i don't judge anyone for feeling that but i do feel like that's the underlying drive and i didn't really ever feel like i articulated that nest as as fully as i have here i feel good about that most cringe hbo show uh that's a good question that \*\*\*\*\* the show the weird romance show where they were all \*\*\*\*\* all the time tell me you love me or whatever the hell it was i was kind of like what the \*\*\*\*\* is that what

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dream on is good shut up there's a sitcom plus boobs what else do you want weeds 1:3:45  
is a showtime show how dare you oh god newsroom is very cringy newsroom is quite  
cringy i've never seen john from cincinnati i kind of want to i've heard it's pretty  
funny i loved tales from the crypt oh my god \*\*\*\*\* keeper what a stitch and  
that was hbo in its quintessence there before they got fancy it was literally just ec  
comics the stuff that they used to keep under the counter in the 50s and they had  
\*\*\*\*\* uh conferences they the the \*\*\*\*\* keefer committee had william gains in to  
ask him why he was perverting the youth and it never that kind of content would  
never cut it with the fcc just condensed into a show guys getting their heads that was  
the original pitch and then they got haughty and the thing is is i would rat that's the  
lie because you can buy tits and blood you cannot buy art and that was the lie that  
hbo and all these other \*\*\*\*\* have been selling ever since and all these streaming 1:4:47  
\*\*\*\*\* have been selling ever since that this narrow casted pavlov this parrot this  
algebraically created \*\*\*\*\* this machine learned garbage is good and why because  
we need it to be because we \*\*\*\*\* need it to be speed a goddamn book i'm trying  
and failing trying to read books trying to write a book books are good folks what  
can i say books we love them we love a book we love a book just read a book but  
when you watch shows and i watch shows just have fun just have fun with it don't  
get mad for no reason and don't go into a show going how can i use this show to  
express a political view in some way or like get mad at it or decide that defending 1:5:49  
it is part and parcel of defending like uh all that is good i got to say much better  
much better than the sopranos if you had told me that i had to judge which of those  
two shows would become the big cultural defining uh hit come out of hbo's prestige  
lineup and just by the theme song i would have yeah the soprano song is terrible one  
of 1:6:53

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okay all right good good good i think that did it well i guess it would be nice if i could give your heart away i know not all the games you play well i play okay now god old man yelling at his computer why did it come to this didn't have the hustle that's why that's why i'm here officially fiddling with devices that are simply not for me they're for tweens they're for dead-eyed zoomer someone was playing katamari damasi i would like to play that sometime on a stream hopefully we can get the damn office after the covid uh murder festival is over and we can uh record some stuff we 0:1:2  
want to do black ops we weren't able to do it because no one feels comfortable now being in the same room but when we are we will do katamari damasi we will do black ops cold war we'll do the whole thing um oh but yes here i am slave to machinery a device that's it's just yes as i said it's it's for those who were born into it it came into mind in my life i muffled \*\*\*\*\* off dude tell me this i've had enough issues today all right they're saying i'm not muffled but once again we are left with the horrible 0:2:5  
reality that we could all be cartesian brains and vats and i have no idea if you're lying to me or not or if you think it is but other people don't i don't know what the color blue is to well today i wanted to talk about faith specifically bad faith but really more accurately lack of faith i've talked before about how online requires you to treat everybody in bad faith because there's a you don't know because you're not trying to determine a course of action you're trying to determine a status hierarchy so you are never approaching someone uh on the sake of their good intentions because they are a competitor with you they are a competitor as daniel plainview saw even 0:3:7  
if you don't think of them as such even if you think of them as comrades in the social media hierarchy that we're all embedded within and are motivated by without our knowledge we are competitors with one another so it's not so much that we're assuming bad faith it's that we are practicing because we when we imagine other people's motivations tell me if i'm wrong here but this is how i think we really do imagine others motivations you have to at a certain base assume that other people are like you because you are the only reference point for humanity the definition of human is you because you're the only one you know so you are the only person

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you know so you're that's the only standard you can use for what uh for what a 0:4:8  
human wants and why how they operate and i would posit that since we are all in  
like the post-modern era where none of us really believe in god even people who are  
deeply religious in this in this i will say at the level of population where it matters  
not individually we effectively live in the secular wise world that the modernity has  
created and that pluralistic society demands and that capitalism requires some good  
things some bad things all of them come together to bring us to a point where we  
cannot invest our religious faith with actual emotional power because we don't get  
to live it because we don't get to live the part of religion that actually generates  
feeling and not just a dry narrative a a a calculus if i do this i go here the feeling  
of what oneness is if you're a buddhist or what what god is if you're a christian or  
something that sensation is is uh generated by physical existence by your life by the 0:5:11  
practice of your days and those as much as they are determined by the market they  
cannot be imbued with those things because your actions are alienated during the all  
of the time that you are operating at the command of this capital within this market  
context you cannot live the way you cannot live religion the way that people in pre  
uh capitalist civilizations did now like i said that's a good thing in that you couldn't  
do that because religion is so specifically fixed uh that because religion when you  
have like the the terrible thing you want with religion the worst thing you want is  
when you have that real faith any kind of power but for the most part that is like the  
faith of the powerless because it's the faith of the mass of people who in all but as we 0:6:16  
become less oppressed as the evolution of you know liberal democratic principles that  
go alongside the evolution of capitalism we are able to exercise freedom on a personal  
level in the marketplace and that changes our ability that changes our uh uh the way  
we perceive religion and it abstracts it away from sensation and towards rationalism  
which is the protestant movement and which is the religion the christianity that  
pervades in america so everyone i think does not really believe in god in this country  
in that that they are believing in their head something that they don't feel other  
than in maybe fits and starts and the thing that they take with them is a uh is  
basically wrongly translated by their cultural wiring so that even the moments that  
they actually do feel the real sensations get channeled into this uh uh this this just 0:7:17  
market practice this mental conception that doesn't have a practical expression in  
the way you and so when we act in the world we're acting from a principle that  
there is no god there is no eternal judgment for our actions therefore we are forced  
to act in this world existentially as even if there is no freewheel i mean we must  
act as though there were and choose a choose things to do that's it that's all we  
can do now we can do that because we think that we can build a a a scaffolding of  
reason to say that there is actually a god and that that god is real and that that god

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makes you do things and then you can make your actions accord with a deeper desire but absent that all you have is your your drive however it's been shaped by your cultural exp experience what you think you want that's what you are operating from 0:8:20 and that's true of everyone else and so it is a narcissistic point of view that is what we are supposed to be homo economicus and that's what we've been turned into by capitalism in this the most advanced now you can say it but then why are why would people be you know uh left-wing in that why would they not just want hobbsy and war of all against wall well some of them are captured by the consequentialist arguments that uh at the pragmatic arguments the reasoned rational arguments that cooperation in the long run is better than competition it's more efficient because it is it i would rather it is less wasteful and more pleasurable to live in a peace than in an anxiety of domination basically and that we should all cease we should seek that through an application of our reason but that's on top of our personal desire to 0:9:21 civilization live in a society that we as we currently exist would want to live in which would provide us with the stuff that we want which we don't really want which is it's our libidinal drive wrapped up in our now the thing is is that because we inhabit ourselves and no one else and we experience our whole lives everything that goes into our lives all of our narcissistic desires and their expressions in our existence you know the way that we hurt other people or you know seek selfishly and have it backfire or be rewarded all of those things are experienced from the inside so we know why we did it and so we forgive ourselves at a certain level and we justify why we did things and why we want things and we have this ball of justifications around a lifetime of actions and so we know we're operating in good faith because we know what came 0:10:22 before us we project outward to everyone else that essential assumption of narcissism but removing any accompanying trust that comes from knowing why someone is the way they are knowing why they believe what they believe and why they want what they want all you see is the naked desire stripped of any context any kind of uh extenuating circumstances any kind of like any reason just pure hostile competitive drive that you have to compete with and that is where the bad faith comes from as everyone is operating for the assumption that everybody else even in their comradely spaces where everybody is a good socialist but yeah but what do they really want where are they really interested in because what would i really be interested in if i was somebody else like me but worse like me but not justified for the things i did well guess what a lot of those people are just as justified as you but because you don't 0:11:24 know them you didn't experience that from the inside you don't know you can't you don't operate from that assumption you operate from the assumption that they are you stripped to the barest id and so that's why there can be no meaningful solidarity at the intellectual ideological level of online uh or even organizational left uh politics

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because everyone is because absent the unifying experience of a class identity and a class life to push you towards that you just go in a hedonic circle banging into and like if the if we die out if humanity is destroyed if we do get to the common ruin of the contending classes which at the end of marxism if you end up with that option 0:12:26  
if it clicks zero if it clicks black instead of red uh you go you're done because it's a totalized it's a whole it's an ecosystem now that is like the the uh the feedback loops are fully developed because the market is totalized and the economy is sterilized and technology is totalized so it's it's it's one and the other so common rule of the contending classes at the end is kaputski it will be because everyone operated from that assumption and because you cannot have a society where everyone is operating for that assumption that is not pure capitalistic exploitation that's how it will end up always and the libertarian sees that reality and says good because i we i am stripped of any emotional uh connection to the world around me which is are my actual understanding of my connectedness to the rest of the universe like emotions 0:13:27  
are our sense literally of connection it cannot be expressed if it could be expressed there would not be all these disagreements about religion there would not be this spiritual deadening if you could just say it you have to feel it and that's why like you can't even and like there's no you can't say like the old post left the 90s post left the bob black guys like eco primitive guys guess what we will just rise from the ashes and do it again we'll rise from the ashes and do it again unless we get to a point where species uh the world spirit the old hegelian conception of a of a species coming into awareness of itself biologically as a species the way that a consciousness comes into awareness you get to a point where technology our ability to like manage production 0:14:29  
homeo and create homeostatic uh interactions between our biome and ourselves cellul like individually within uh our our species and then with other species that cannot be done in the absence of a technological development not just bear technology but social technology the the unembedding of people from parochial pre-modern social formations that are not allowed for the interaction between uh other societies or a system where the deterritorialized into into the same organic relationship with his community as existed in pre-modern societies but the community now is the human race okay i hope that made sense that got a little abstract i think i know uh cause like 0:15:31  
let's see let's go back to the the the president's as uh as pop culture models that since now uh you know politics is fully fused with entertainment at the level of like not not no longer like subtextually you know like in the debordian sense directly like our our our social relationships stripped to market transactions that interact with our choices within a spectacle that consumes both politics uh and entertainment and we've coughed up these two dysthesis and antithesis these two gods around these two uh sets of cultural mores we got the prestige tv anti-hero and obama who i talked 0:16:32

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about last time and then the reality tv star in trump that i didn't talk about as much and i want to bring him up back up because in both cases what you have is the dream the dream because it has to be a dream it's not a nightmare because they're enjoying it they wouldn't be watching if they weren't that's the crucial thing to understand here everyone is enjoying themselves yes their lives are miserable but when's the when it comes to politics they are enjoying themselves in fact if you really want to break down my college non-college divide it might basically boil down to uh are you enjoying yourself or not when you interact with politics and i mean at the deep level like are you engaging with it to get off if you are not if it's imposing on you i think you're gonna find the whole \*\*\*\*\* spectacle of of this uh this pseudo-class war that we're biting and this cultural expression of this confused attempt to sort people into meaningful like uh categories while ignoring this vast number of people for whom this whole thing doesn't mean anything but is supposed to be very important to them and are going to over time get more hostile and they're going to form up with those people within the bubble who are hostile who are driving the conflict with their other half the half that insists on mores and norms and insist on you not enjoying yourself in order to enjoy yourself and saying yes of course we're all having fun here but as democrats the way we have fun is not having fun the way we enjoy ourselves is by denying ourselves why well see we went to school and when we went to school we found out that if you are quiet sit at your desk uh be respectful to other people uh and uh are good in interpersonal interactions and sensitive uh and uh conscious of others well and you pay attention in school you learn things and you're good at it well you get a piece of paper that lets you get a nice job where you don't have to work with your hands and you get to imagine yourself as somebody who could be the protagonist in one of the shows you watch like the job and so the things that get you that are these things so now i know all that stuff that the carrot at the end of this doesn't exist anymore there's no applause no you're not getting that you're not getting any of this these are gone those jobs are over that's not a thing anymore this paper only gives you debt that you got to pay off any way you can find out but you should still do all this stuff because it makes you a better person and we're over here deciding who's good and bad and we're going to put you on our side if you do if you don't now once again it doesn't confer anything to you and once again here we're talking about everyone who is operating essentially from total narcissism because it is the godless cosmos who is taking that deal when the other team says because front was prestige tv but hey network television but with more boring parts network network television but with more stuff that you're supposed to think about so the entire prestige tv genre is about sublimation and it's this these guys the people who watch it the boys and girls who watch it they're in participating in this erotic

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sublimation but they have to have been initiated into that to care outside of that are the people who think this is why why would i want to do that why would i want to root for a losing team essentially well i could get with the winners or at least who i imagine the winners to be and i can imagine myself to be a winner instead of pretending i'm a loser even if i am a winner and then having to wallow in it if i am a loser wow those are great options no thank you no and so the prestige tv antihero is the fantasy imagined uh protagonist of the dream of this sip this kind of person the person who went through the car wash and came out with those values if i had this talent if i had this set of skills if i was able to negotiate the machinery of our fallen world skillfully enough i could get these rewards i could get the ability to be a tough guy alpha guy and uh not worry about feeling uh you know getting being awkward in social situations like tony sprano uh i can dominate all spaces with my like a \*\*\*\*\* super villain like walter white i can seduce any woman i want like don draper and of course they're all guys because there's a male the male gaze is implicit in mass entertainment but women are there too and they're enjoying it as well because part of this is this is for everybody remember like this is post-feminism this is for everybody this is what we're all seeking and that used to be a male dominated still is a male-dominated concept but women are now expected to participate in it as well now that's because we want to be you know equal but it's also because everyone needs to have a job now everyone needs to have a job so it's better to have one that's a little and so but what is reality tv in reality tv world you have people who have succeeded your dream because they're on tv they clearly aren't doing a shitty job by virtue of the fact that you're watching them on television and they're not and people who know who they are and um why it's not for skills really it's not for any uh set of values or performances of etiquette or anything like that it's uh it's just being themselves it's just being themselves it's just just i am so me that people should look at me and that anybody could get that and remember these are the fantasies that we project out of our miserable reality and so they have to applaud but they have to plausibly involve us invol being there we have to relate to them that's what makes them fancy it's always us that we're imagining so we imagine that we you have to have gone through that thing to look at these sublimated boring prestige tv ani heroes and go yes or strip them of all the prestige and just watch them if there's violence like the guys who love sopranos because if he shoots a lot of people uh but and then the dream of the person who does not accept those they look at someone who is just themselves and burst through and succeeds on that by virtue of will will charisma whatever you want to call it and donald trump was one of those guys in that era that was that archetype was being created the same time it was of obama the same exact time it was of obama he was uh he was one of them

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donald trump yeah he went to college sure he was a businessman but that's not why he was the \*\*\*\*\* uh the guy that's not why he was the king because he was \*\*\*\*\* donald trump it's because he was a big orange maniac who you couldn't stop looking at just like everybody else on reality tv because even if they have a real job they don't have a real job there's a \*\*\*\*\* million pawn shops why are we looking at this guy's pawn shop because he's chumly and he's \*\*\*\*\* the guy the guy three guys who look like each other's dad i think somebody described oh and i forgot to say the 0:24:48

the the uh the way that that reality tv served as um came into being as the network alternative to uh trying to elevate content by just doing shooting real people because one thing about it was it was way way cheaper reality programming is vastly cheaper than the descriptor program so it is once again driven by the market driven by this competitive this this market being created essentially by the deregulatory framework of the 70s of the 80s and 90s telecommunications acts and such all of this is at every point like you could talk i mean i'm talking about you know sort of airy stuff but all of it ends up being driven at base by changes in material relationships those are in turn driven by shifts within a greater cultural superstructure but the question of the question is always where is the where is the conduit and my main thesis is that what we think of as the driver is not nothing is driving that i think we have 0:25:50

reached the point where it is the market itself driving and the cultural superstructure which was necessary to create uh to fill the void of coercion that co that coercion couldn't because that's essentially what the superstructure is right what ground she talks about you know all societies are oppressed or our class societies are oppressive so there is you have to coerce people into doing stuff because they're doing it for somebody else and once again they have no reason to want to do that so that has to be coerced culture is the thing that fills the gap where coercion can't because there can't be a guard at every door there cannot be total surveillance in all in previous civilizations and uh people's conditions of life could not be so precariously balanced upon a wage relationship that could be rescinded at any time like we are in the thing the main thing about americans the main thing that makes us the vulnerable so precarious the sa the reason that precarity in america defines our politics in every sense is because we are so removed from our \*\*\*\*\* means of persistence for the most 0:26:52

part uh our means of um i can't even \*\*\*\*\* say the word i'm so that we are fully coer we are fully the market what we what we don't even think of as a political order what we think of as natural because we can never for the most part say no thanks we can't opt out we can't do what the uh english peasantry could do which would say no thank you i'll uh i'll just i'll farm my i'll do my turnips over here i got my uh i got my sheep over they go into the the the common uh the common grass over there it's great yeah no i'm fine in fact in in the england the real starting

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gun of capitalism was the enclosures when the royals went up because they couldn't get enough workers after the black death to do like the to to uh you know to create those early cottage industrial centers uh because people could just stay on the land that they traditionally lived on because they could graze in common uh and those commons were taken and privatized and fences were put up and those people were thrown off the land and forced to go to cities and become wage laborers but even then at that level of development you really could opt out you could try to find some land and in america for a long time the thing that prevented us from having real revolutionary ferment in this country or developing a working class is how easy it was to sustain yourself on the land like that the that is the uh like that's um that is what's one of the elements that made the working class in the in europe actually build up was when there was nowhere else to go but people were packed into cities as coherent working-class people and became more and their precarity became energized because it was part of a movement at that point because it wasn't all getting spent off by us moving literally across the continent and just failing at every level to develop the necessary uh militancy among working-class people and coordination because we could always vent off the steam we are fully at this point in time in america except for a very small percentage of the population fully precarious in our subsistence in that if we don't participate in the wage relationship in some way if we don't get a check from someone we cannot live in a literal sense at least as any way we could imagine it we would become not we would not go back to the farm we which is a real condition that we see around us everywhere and which is essentially the nightmare of western civilization wake up in that condition and that terror it is not accompanied by any corresponding class consciousness to kindle it into coordinated action it just exists as this fire of discontent and anxiety that drives everybody towards the most uh hostile version of themselves the most self-interested the most grasping version the most angry because you feel yourself being squeezed away from from life and having nothing to and can't and unable to think of anything to do about it and that is why politics in this era now as i have said before is about distributing the pain the inevitable pain of the neoliberal order to your enemies because it's their fault this is happening we are in a sinking ship and it's two groups of people trying to kill each other because they think that they're the reason that they slam the iceberg that's it and i mean look at the extreme left and light mean people online what are like the the archetypal uh uh edgelord memes of the left and right guillotines and helicopter rides there's no in neither of these uh imaginariums are you talking about justice are you talking about a new uh worthwhile social order nobody has any hope in that happening even the \*\*\*\*\* the nazis don't imagine they're gonna get some edenic splendor and the \*\*\*\*\* on the left nobody's really thinking about anything

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beyond revenge obviously this is not reality the ship is not sinking we could pick fix 0:32:1  
the ship but if paula if the political horizon is as our our mediated reality tells us it  
is and as our lived realities demand that it is this we will not we will sink and so if all  
we have is our ability to to instruct our puppets to attack our enemies we're going  
to do it because what else is to be done other than to let it and that's why what's  
gonna what's gonna stop this is people reigniting their faith from personal life from  
experience i know that that's a long shot but i really do think it's the only shot we've  
got and the sooner and more p and i just think the sooner more people come to that  
realization and act from it in a day-to-day basis the sooner that kindling is going to  
catch oh god don't talk about anarchists anarchists are trying to impose their fantasy 0:33:9  
notions of of uh their their liberal secular conception of the right their personalized  
individualized libido that is the most important part libidinal definition of liberty  
and they operate from that and that means that they cannot get anywhere other  
than up their own \*\*\*\*\* like the rest of us one way or the other anarchists think  
but if they're anarchists it means that they are accepting the liberal subject not the  
embedded social subject and that means they can only go in the in the decadent  
circle of of of performative expression of virtue which subs which is their and part of 0:34:10  
this is because we're all operating in america from a folk understanding of freedom  
that is a yeoman small petty individual uh liberty not a socialized liberty like i  
said the socialism that emerged in europe emerged out of a feudal bedrock where  
our understandings of our lives were so socially embedded and inherently socialized  
that our expressions of uh of the demand for liberty from oppression have a social  
context that defines them which is why it was driven towards why it was driven  
towards socialism and why reaction took the form of uh fascism which similarly uh  
arises or it makes an appeal towards the social embeddedness that american liberty  
and american like folk conceptions of freedom never did folk autonomy never did we  
imagine ourselves to all be petty barons that was the jeffersonian ideal we we we 0:35:13  
square the circle but we square the uh like we we divide hobbs by lock essentially  
through real estate like that's it because what the the the question of like uh modern  
political theory was hobbs and lock how do you fit one in the other how do you  
accept the need for structures that allow for social and economic intercourse while  
also allowing for human liberties without destabilizing the system that allows them to  
flourish this is the question how do we solve that problem and socialism and fascism  
are european responses socially embedded european responses the american response  
has only ever been and this is why america is not a fascist country and can't be has  
only ever been the jeffersonian model of a landowner a sufficient smallholder who is  
free because he cannot be economically compelled he is literally free because the the 0:36:16  
the modern like liberal progressive idea the understanding the synthesis synthesized

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version later on that became liberalism as we understand it says yes okay we would all we all know that but in reality there's it's it doesn't quite work because you have to interact with one another if you're gonna facilitate trade if you're going to have a social life and so you have to give up a little bit don't you and that's like our the system of the arc of america's like political ideol uh uh contours are the mark of that that conflict being uh dialectically resolved first in the democrat first between jefferson and hamilton then between the democrat republicans and the federalists then between the whigs and the democrats and between the republicans and the democrats uh that's the that's the movement and uh and like the parties 0:37:17 have switched in their ass in their central role but that's just that's but they have but uh that's really more just an accident of semantics you know and and the civil war more than anything defining and so even our left-wing ideas of liberty are this idea of being ungoverned which is only possible in the jeffersonian fantasia of everyone being a little sufficient smallholder which only works if the land is infinite which it's not if the land's not infinite then eventually you have to start interacting and once you start interacting and you have a social and you have an ideological structure all of this facilitated by the reality of the material relationship the fact that it was this 0:38:18 massive settler colony with this incredible expansion that's what made this a viable ideological superstructure on top of it in the first place if you have this idea that no you cannot be governed and be free and then the necessity of integrating people into a abstract system of a uh like national uh economic market and uh political uh uh organism you get the first big explosion was the civil war which by all \*\*\*\*\* rights should have ended with the original structure that uh assumed that degree of autonomy broken up and a new structure created which we didn't do and that is one of the the on the political side you could you want to look at what has hobbled us politically throughout the entire history of the country i think one of the things that like i said the real reason we don't have socialism is because of the uh the free real estate but the political reason the political expression of that deeper truth is 0:39:20 because the constitution's still around everything else is everything else you want to talk about from the \*\*\*\*\* new deal and the way that the labor movement was not able to uh continue its uh uh pressing its case against uh capitalism and you know uh uh assert itself through the political organs as a as you know part of the multi-party bourgeois dictatorship all boils down to the constant goddamn tuition being around which means if you want to pin it on one event even though there's no guarantee that anything else would have been different the real give me a \*\*\*\*\* quantum leap jump somewhere moment for me in american history is the lincoln assassination once again no guarantee anything's really different but i still such a very hard time imagining anything being better structurally without that having to

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by necessity be the one thing the most contingent thing that could have been changed 0:40:22  
because everything else is too over determined there's nothing you can pull away and  
really expect anything else to be different and even this is not that i mean it's still  
pretty determined but it's just slightly less over so i'm not a marxist of course i am  
what i think i wasn't i just describing how the \*\*\*\*\* material conditions have like  
moved through stages throughout american history but anyway all of this is to say  
that i saw a thing online someone asked what's your tendency which i think is one  
of the most annoying questions ever asked and like the entire impulse i think to get 0:41:23  
a tendency is just picking it's it's very much about the subculture it's about being  
more than anything else like if you're trying to do it like if you have one for yourself  
is one thing but if you make it if you make it a part of your identity especially online  
it's it's something else so i've always disdained that but thinking about the the idea  
of like the post left this new post left as opposed to the 90s post left which was  
anarch it's like oh you know uh actually it was uh industrialism not capitalism that  
was the problem we have to go back to a pre-modern social order and stay there uh  
now it's oh the democratic party has been fully taken the thing is is that this the  
the first clause of the post-left critique is 100 correct i'm not really adding anything  
to it when i talk about it it's correct everything i say about the democratic party is 0:42:24  
correct but the following cause the enemy and my enemy am i any reasoning that  
well there is this you know working-class revulsion to this this height this neoliberal  
like woke hydra that can be channeled to defeat it that is incorrect that is wildly  
wrong in my opinion and i think the reason that you believe it is so that you can  
keep imagining that your engagement in this zone is in any way meaningful not  
just spinning the \*\*\*\*\* hamster wheel for your own amusement and that's why i  
am not post life i am pre left i am in the pre pre-left let's get it going in the chat  
pre-come free left because as i have said over and over again there is no working  
class as such in this country there are workers but there's no class consciousness to 0:43:25  
go along with it that can be channeled or has been channeled into political uh into  
political action and political identity and so that means that there isn't really even  
a left left and right are fake the left and right are complete shadows unconnected  
a shadow boxing among a subsection of workers and owners who share a common  
set collection of college inflected and so that the left is going to come out of those  
people not just those people people who are in part of here too but who opt out who  
break free those people that group and both people within both of those are going  
to form some left so this moment the reason everyone's freaking out and yelling at 0:44:26  
each other all the time basically is because there isn't a real left so everyone is just  
out for themselves even if they do believe earnestly in socialism even if they are of  
the most pure of faith it's still because they don't think anything can be different

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at base and they're not operating from any faith that things could be different they are also operating out of libidinal desire and they overlap and so and so i will keep my eyes as focused on what's in front of me as i possibly can and if i see this left if i see sparks and embers of this left by god i'll holler to the mountaintops but not for people to do anything for people to pay attention because it is only through people operating at the level where their basic needs not this sensual desire not our pervy little recreation but our needs are connected to a belief that we can that's the hope is the \*\*\*\*\* thing that's missing hope is the thing that makes all of our political activity sterile and speculative we don't have hope and you can't have hope if you're online because it's designed to destroy hope it's this acid bath for hope hope comes from the people around you hope comes from seeing the fruits of cooperation seeing and feeling feeling what it means to connect with someone else and cooperate with someone else towards an end and wouldn't you know it doing the thing was easier and it worked and that means that all these questions that have frozen people into these this dance this death and and have meant and it made it impossible to even imagine coherent political action coming out of it can break out of those because those concerns will simply i submit not appear and if they appear they will be dealt with not in some traumatic horror show that results in splintering and accusations so that people can take the moment to remind everybody that they're the good one it will be in real good faith argued and real good faith resolved because everybody will be in a position to have skin in the game know that there's a reason that they're doing what they're doing of hope that it will be successful and then to see the results of it and that continued in a cycle literally builds consciousness that is what describing what i'm describing is the how it actually functions people say it but that's what it means that's in practice and the reason everyone feels like so paralyzed is because there's no practice part of it there's no imminence it's just dry air we build ships and bottles and then we bring them to the \*\*\*\*\* harbor yacht and yes it's a pandemic i'm not mad at anyone for not doing that i'm saying don't gnaw yourself into oblivion over this \*\*\*\*\* replace that need to care and i know it's like what do you want me to do i'm in my apartment like i said just reading a book is better that's better talking to someone is better even if challenge yourself read something you wouldn't normally read on a subject you don't know anything about get orthogonal to your experience and just give yourself an ability to recognize the moment when it appears instead of letting it go because you were too round up you were you were mistaken for us for trees and your attentions were elsewhere and of course you know get your uh go bag ready and your survival seeds and your wind up radio and all of your mres always a good idea to do that but all of it starts with logging off again and again i say it it is the mandala we come back here and here we are jordan peter one somebody

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said that this is jordan peterson for people who hate their parents and i just that  
threw me because jordan peterson people hate their \*\*\*\*\* parents why didn't they  
clean their room of course they hate their \*\*\*\*\* parents why wouldn't they have  
cleaned their room why do they need this weird old canadian how many times their  
\*\*\*\*\* mom tell them to clean the goddamn room and it took this freak to show oh 0:50:35  
because thank you thanks to the uh ancient or anciently imprinted dragon slaying  
archetypes you should not live in a collection of \*\*\*\*\* socks and empty mountain  
dew bottles you needed him to tell you that you clearly don't respect your parents  
i don't know about love or hate but you somebody said at the end here tony said  
20th century progressivism and its failures i would say 20th century progressivism  
was on its own terms an incredibly successful project i mean we are living in the  
aftermath of it like the progressive project was how do you channel social alienation 0:51:36  
away from revolutionary militancy and the answer was create a government that was  
mixed in its economic structures enough to facilitate redistribution and minimize  
hyper exploitation and prevent the working class from reaching the coherence and  
militancy that marx imagined would lead to the overthrow of capitalism and it was  
the progressive movement that spawned a new deal and directed it from its heights  
that directed the the purging of the uh labor movement of communists in the 40s and  
50s and then was right there in the in the driver's seat in the carter administration  
to carve the heart out of the american working class so on its it was a it was a  
successful project and i would say of all the even its political practitioners most of  
them would agree if they were alive today i mean some of them are real i mean  
maybe la follette you know but i'm talking about like i'm not even talking more 0:52:38  
so much about the political the politicians as i am the the greater um you know  
the army of of uh bureaucrats and thinkers and uh and culture creators who made  
it i mean as woodrow wilson party the democratic party if if uh if the republicans  
are the party of dem of jackson then the democrats are the party of wilson and i  
know you say well they're both democrats that's because that slice of of like the pie  
that was the republican they were the never trumppers you know like they're now  
they're now drifting over towards the wilsonian side and they will they'll they'll just  
be yeah and the democrats are also the parody of hamilton and uh republicans of 0:53:40  
the party of jefferson in a more abstract sense but yeah like that's that's been the  
twined that has been the central driver of the political uh element of you know the  
greater all right okay oh wait a minute i think i was a few minutes late last time so  
question yeah because like people say oh well lincoln wouldn't have gotten rid of the  
constitution in 1865 absolutely not but say that the rat a radical reconstruction is  
pursued that creates a that uh manifests in a greater degree of resistance from uh  
the white elite like what if they realize oh this isn't this is an actual surrender not 0:54:41

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a like conditional surrender oh there's this is this really is at stake and they would put up another fight but the the union would have been in a much stronger position even than it was in 1861 and would have been able to win that fight too and if it had i think that by the end of that war if lincoln were alive or if the successor to lincoln like oh god thaddeus stevens don't let don't oh god don't oh getting a little fatty president thaddeus stevens is getting me a little flustered there it was in a position to remake of that you think they're \*\*\*\*\* bringing back the constant \*\*\*\*\* tuition \*\*\*\*\* stoves then we could have had a situation where you know we don't have this insane machinery that is designed to obfuscate power it's designed for skate power the presidency is supposed to be commander is supposed to be one of the rare positions in the western world of someone who is both the head of state and head of government those are usually different people in constitutional monarchies the head of state is ceremonial it is the king or queen royal family then you have the head of government the prime minister the head of the in a constitutional republic similar thing like israel uh has a president ireland has a president and they don't really do anything either they get voted in but they're mostly ceremonial the real power is the head of government we have a situation where it's supposed to be one and the same but now i would say that the full solidification of like the ideological polarization and uh within congress like the the full taking hold of like the post contract with america republican party has created a situation where for the past two presidencies i would argue the president has essentially been a head of state in uh in pr in practice has been a head of state only essentially if the head of state had like authority over foreign policy domestically though they function as a head of uh state and the first it was paul ryan i would say at the beginning from 2010 but since 2015 the prime minister of the united states has been mitch mcconnell the president was barack obama now then it was trump and he'll be biden now but all through those years is mitch mcconnell it will continue to be mitch mcconnell he is the actual wielder he is the actual head of government but we don't think that way we don't respond to politics that way we don't talk about politics that way we don't imagine power that way which means we have no way and that's a situation that would not have allowed to exist i think because uh you know restructuring of the american system because there would have been a recognition of oh yeah this doesn't work it only worked then because it was a \*\*\*\*\* talking shop full of fancy boys who had a totally unified class position and this figure of george washington to imbue the office with it only worked they were only able to sell the presidency because it had ill-defined powers and everyone knew george washington was going to be president and it's still almost buckled under that immediately that as soon as he was out of office they \*\*\*\*\* passed the alien and sedition act and essentially said yeah forget the first

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amendment that we just \*\*\*\*\* signed because partisanship immediately flared up and then it took a war of 1812 to create another like a false dawn with the air of good feeling but then immediately within that uh van buren and jackson created the the and then the whigs emerged as an opponent and then the sectional crisis which could not be cons uh constrained by constitutional order exploited the whole thing and it's like yeah it exploded the whole thing but it was arrested and the arresting it was 0:58:49 lincoln's assassination that's what stopped everything in its tracks the worst possible person took off the worst person in the world basically who conceivably could have gotten that job got it it's almost demonic because it's so contingent we talk about history you know as this as a as a material drive of something that is not made up of of decisions by individuals or the outcomes of individual events because everything is over determined by everything else and it's true but within that firmament there are moments there are those quantum moments where the whole thing dissolves where things move so fast that individual decisions become much much more magnified in the power of their lasting impact and a new world can be built you've literally created a portal and we got the rad bad one or the worst one it wouldn't there's no telling 0:59:51 it would have been perfect of course there's always the rod sterling chance that it would have been worse because something else would have happened that nobody could anticipate and it would have killed everybody or whatever but i'd guess it would be better but we don't live there we live here we got to make the best of it and let's try folks huh let's all get together for the big win

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baby here i am i'm a man on the scene i can't get you what you want but you me getting back into chocolate milk loyal viewers of the flicks vlogs will remember that 0:1:3  
i went through a chocolate milk phase at the beginning of quarantine it really is delicious i have to say the chocolate melts with the milk truly indulgent combination of okay i wasn't gonna mention it but babies are not workers why are people mad at that kids can't work the only way you make money in our capitalist system is through wage relationships if you're not an owner so kids can't work so that means the more kids you have and you the jobs pay per person so if you get wages as a parent or as 0:2:5  
two parents the more kids you have the farther spread the money is among mouths and therefore the more the inequality exists how is this a thing to be controversial how can you get mad at that unless you have like everybody online confused uh moral arguments with empirical questions like they hear this they're non-workers and they think oh my god he's saying they're bad he's saying that they're parasites no he's saying that they can't contribute to the labor market and get money on the labor market which is the only place you can get money if you don't have capital and so therefore the more families you more the bigger your family is the heart the more inequality will be between you and somebody who has the same job and makes the same pay but has fewer kids and the only reason the only thing this might wave any of this makes sense is if people are hostile to the idea of people having children they think we should not be encouraging it through all their leftism what they really are is a eugenicist progressive who wants to make sure that people don't irresponsibly 0:3:7  
over breed as if that's the real problem we're but anyway i won't say anything more about it because it's a dumb twitter argument if people don't know what i'm talking about that's good it's some \*\*\*\*\* people have been yelling about matty b stats my boy matt brewing who look the man has the arks you do not have the args the people yelling at the thing that makes me most annoyed about it is everyone who's trying to yell at matt burning knows less than he does about what they're talking about who are they because and they half the arguments are made up and mis understandings of the of the point for that very reason they literally don't understand what he's saying

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because they're too dumb but they they decide they're going to take them and the thing is is that like the people who the closest thing to a real coherent critique of it is it's not actually the labor market that it crosses inequality it's capitalism okay no 0:4:9  
no \*\*\*\*\* that's not what he's interested in matt b matty b's entire idea as like his contribution to the public good is that i am very good at the args and the numbers that means my job should be to create policy ideas that presupposes the existing political structure that we live with it that presupposes capitalism because we're not getting rid of it right away there's nothing to be done about capitalism right now but as it brought up a broader left project having policies to talk about and push for in the cur in the reality of the world we live in that that's it's not any less valuable than anything else anybody's doing on the political spectrum let's just say that it's certainly not uh uh undermining any like greater revolutionary energy it's providing a service now you can say it's useless you can make an argument that there's no point at this point in the in the decline of capitalism to even be uh uh humoring 0:5:11  
the notions that we can do any kind of systemic reform to this thing there's no reforming this as people like to say and to that i say okay fine but then don't get mad at matt brennan bruning because he doesn't agree and he's not operating from those principles you're essentially yelling at stradivarius because he doesn't make pianos he is he does he does wonkery therefore he presupposes that you can do some sort of change to capitalism that could move it in the direction of socialism and make people's lives better at the same time if you say that project is dead you might be right i might be persuaded but that has nothing to do with what he is saying and getting mad at him is stupid and it's about positioning yourself as somehow smarter or more informed or more right or more good or more virtuous than him in the marketplace of ideas and personalities and it's because everybody's a \*\*\*\*\* idealist 0:6:15  
everybody is an anarchist at the end of the day no matter what your tendency is if you've really invested the discourse with meaning in your life you're an anarchist you believe that it's all about phase shifting reality through persuading people because how else could you explain using all that time and energy to make arguments on the internet unless you really think if enough people hear you you can convince them to change their beliefs which will somehow change their actions as though their beliefs are not the byproduct of what they have to do to survive or where they find themselves in the in the hierarchy of precarity within neoliberalism ideology i'm not i am for i mean i'm projecting in that i'm describing what i'm doing too yes but i've also accepted that and part of my what i talk about is an attempt to break me and people listening away from the cycle and using examples of how if you don't do 0:7:16  
that you end up wasting your very life you're not even having the fun you're not even having the most fun version of of diverting yourself there are more fun ways

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to get your rocks off than this they're more they're less uh there are ways that do less to like tighten you up into a ball of anxiety the way that obsessing about online politics does there are ways to get off that get you off like actually relieve and out end an orgasm instead of this like agonized edging that is what political ideology uh as subculture amounts to like go to david buster's for christ's sake virtual dave and busters my vibes are i feel pretty good lately i feel like i'm in a good place i think part of it is because finally understanding the scope and structure of what i want to put down on paper which i really feel like i have to do at some point to justify keep doing these because it is indulgent to do this like this is easier than like a harder but maybe more meaningful attempt to express myself could be uh but as long as i feel like i'm doing them with a a real near-term goal in mind uh they're very fulfilling other parts of my life also i think not coincidentally going better going well because it's just i'm better able to deal with everything around me including stressful stuff that means i appreciate the good stuff more it's good and of course a lot of that 99.9 of that is not me it's not my mindset it's my absolutely privileged condition i'm in a little ball i'm i'm i'm tucked away i'm genuinely not affected by this slow motion catastrophe of living in america it gives me the freedom to work out my stuff and feel and and like you know address my relationship to you know my indulgent artistic pursuit of a career whatever you want to call it uh and that's you know that really is i think why i understand people who do turn into the gay state's communism fantasy because they imagine like people who feel are relatively positive within the structure but also feel a sense of guilt and participation and exploitation because they do participate in exploitation and then they imagine well if everybody could have this we'd be okay but the problem is this is too bound up in your personal pleasure it's too bound up in consumption as lifestyle what this is is an atomized uh de-spiritualized uh socially dead existence that has to be sustained uh through the uh transference of meaning onto objects and then the consumption of those objects the physical pledge using surplus to assuage existential anxiety through consumption is the engine of everyone's idea of what the good life is even mine in my little bubble being my little in my little artisan bubble which of course is still connected to networks of exploitation that i participate in and benefit from and i feel that same spike and you want everybody to feel good like you but if everybody felt good like you it would be a nightmare because it would require uh full automation and but it would end up with us being the wali people because we would have no spiritual drive it would be it would be it would it's it's dead like uh like that's the part of you know uh like the conservative response to uh to modernism you know like the the meister reactionary argument against the enlightenment and the french revolution is that you're losing a a felt spiritual communal identity a a crucial part

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of life when you pull it pull human existence out of its social embeddedness and the thing is they're but the problem is there's nothing you can do about it that process is inevitable we are driven we're going as soon as we accumulated the capital surplus to create the cultural institutions that gave us permission to to hyper exploit the way capitalism did the technology both uh in terms of physical things like electricity steam engine whatever uh metallurgy uh and then social technologies like the and uh and humanism as soon as those as soon as those tools exist in the hands of humans 0:12:28 they're going to use them and and accumulating that surplus requires the these the the uh eviction of people from the rural idiocy of smallholding uh tenant farming into the urban environment of markets and exchange because that's where \*\*\*\*\* surplus gets made or that's where surplus gets gets lived it gets taken from the country into and that was going to pull us away from that social network no matter what the question is how are we going to uh integrate that you know the the ghost of that into the institutions we were creating and we have had done a bad job so far but i argue that if we do build any alternative any uh class collaborative challenge to the existing paradigm it will come with a a spiritual dimension that will be infused throughout 0:13:29 its structure whereby and it won't be religion it will be a civic tr it will be a civic translation of the old religious feelings a modernized secularized spirituality that will emerge as a byproduct of and generator of class consciousness and but that's why you that's why uh that's why we have to work together because it's far too easy otherwise to convince yourself uh that the perpetuation of a status quo that sees you as a fat happy little sack of i don't really have any thoughts about maradona i'm 0:14:30 not a soccer guy he seemed like a pimp seemed like an absolute pimp in a legend the guy was doing bumps after uh after king \*\*\*\*\* cheated and then kind of admitted it uh in the world cup against excuse me the disgusting english anybody who beats the english is a king of course i hear but i'm not a huge uh huge soccer head i'm not a footballer mate i'm not actually a gooner that's a bit when i say that i'm not a gooner i'm not a bloody gooner mate yeah dudes rock has definitely taken a taking it on the chin here with the death of maradona he's a dude's rock icon what is a like a jock who embodies all of the most zesty hedonistic cliches of the sporting life 0:15:34 combined with a you know perhaps theatrical and perhaps indulgent but still deeply felt left-wing religious sentiment you don't see that too often because it's not like you know yeah yeah like a lot of a lot of famous people have like fake politics just like a lot of non-famous people have fake politics but he was like hanging out with fidel it seems like another one of those type somebody asked for a book recommendation 0:16:39 on american history which is kind of a hilariously wide topic but i would say that to cover a subject an area of time that's generally understudied by even like you know casual but serious uh american history hobbyists or or academics or something

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is the the antebellum period uh like the development of the of the first two party systems before the civil war and uh sean williams who is an insufferable lib uh awful politics but a damn good historian uh which is you know true of a lot of people uh wrote a book called the uh rise of american democracy from jefferson lincoln which i think does uh an incredible good job of laying out the dynamics between the two political party the political factions that emerge out of the constitutional order uh he is very uh clearly pro democracy he's pro uh he's in favor of the jacksonian turn his essential premise is that once uh the two like factions factional uh of government 0:17:41 like broke up the federalists and the anti-federalists uh what happened is you saw a general correlation among the federalists and then later wigs with restrictions on the franchise in terms of uh like i uh voting uh poll taxes and uh you know uh uh land ownership requirements uh age limits things like that um and the jeffersonian and the jacksonian party was favored expanding the franchise uh and that boiled down to uh the fact and and and and willins is right that you know the democratic urge like if that were going to assign a progressive value to the america's democratic notions of one person one vote that we now sort of take a sacrosanct than that drive even if it was at the behest of a party that was essentially made up of at that point uh 0:18:42 drunk uh award healing crooks in the uh uh in the cities and drunk indian scalping uh scotch irish but they were the people and what they wanted expansion what they wanted land what they wanted the ability to get some to be have no man be their master was the democratic impulse and the federalist wiggs who wanted us to hey how about we slow down and build up a little bit so we can compete in this new like global uh politic uh this global trade system that we find themselves ourselves in and this like alliance system like we are now part of like an emerging global world system an economic world system we have to participate in that we're not going to be able to \*\*\*\*\* around in our little sandboxes we need to \*\*\*\*\* have an actual coherent government power that can compete at the global stage but the people who understood that were people who were at the heart of commerce in cities like new york and boston and philadelphia they weren't out in the countryside which is where the people were breeding like rabbits and more were coming in every day and so these people who had the best interest i would argue of the the united states 0:19:45 as a political project even in addition yes like were they looking to exploit labor absolutely or did they want to financialize the economy and like bring people under a yoke of like economic compulsion yes but that's government the only reason that feels like a \*\*\*\*\* uh some sort of norman yoke is because we're operating under the delusional notion of individual liberty that can only be persist in the fake uh eternal expanse of america where everyone has operated off the assumption of land as being infinite can you imagine that you could be ungoverned because you could

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be subsistent you can live in a current world you can interact socially you don't have to go back to pre-civilization you could be civilized but you cannot be compelled because you could always grow your own \*\*\*\*\* stuff even though to do anything with that to you know buy more to uh improve your land to uh inc uh to acquire the fruits of surplus like the finished goods that you can only get by trading with cities any of that requires cooperation that does involve a alienation of authority to a third party to adjudicate these uh exchanges you have to give up some liberty and because there were so many people who had an interest in just expansion in its own right southern slave occur southern slavercrats who made up the intellectual backbone of this movement by the way they were all southern slave owners who made up the the intellectual heavyweights behind the jeffersonian um demanded this endless expansion but without any ability to hook any of this together internally improve create canals great networks uh create a national debt reduce tariffs between areas so you don't have to pay \*\*\*\*\* uh 15 cents every time you go across a state line with your and that's the two-party system it's the superego and the id with the ego being like the overall project of capital accumulation in north america and that's the party structure and so at that point the democratic impulse which we now which we now post working class as a the rising of the working class and then the arising of racial uh and gender you know uh uh uh resistance to those hierarchies now the democratic experience in our minds is connected to uh this virtuous sort of you know on the left we'd say like a working class socialist demand for for you know freedom and liberty for everybody meaning a freedom from and a freedom too but that was not the original conception of american freedom it has been turned into that or i should say like proletarian like closest thing like mass little guy you know because we all imagine that we're regular people in this country no matter what we owe uh that that the definition the democratic definition of who though it is and how we conceive of it is different it was individual freemason or uh yeoman families striking out into the wilderness and so willans is sympathetic to the democrats just on the argument like hey this is the democratic impulse you know uh but there's also a book called what half god wrought by daniel howe that covers the same period uh but from the point of view essentially like as a as a uh partisan of the wings and saying that all the stuff that these hillbillies wanted required the creation of these institutions and the thing is that's the way like the reason that this is a dialectical process is because these two things need each other these two things are inextricably linked but the nature of their the social relationships of the people who live in these in this system the fact that people who understand the need for trade and the need for strong government and the need for organs of state live in cities all concentrated together sipping tea with one another and the people who think that the next thing the only thing to

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do is grab the next uh acre of land you can find are all just running off into the countryside and just larger in number and only like aggregate through their votes and have no other understanding of a desire other than just personal advancement of their family unit their ability to pile up means they have to fight each other even though they need each other and in the fighting you create a new thing and the fighting led to eventual the whole thing blowing up because the sharpening of the contradictions and the civil war which should have like i said and maybe could have without lincoln dying bloggered in a a a self-conscious like i wouldn't say working class but like proto-proletarian essentially the mobilized yeomanry and working class 0:24:52 of the north in the form of the union army against the econ and and hopefully the uh the small holding and poor white population of the south could be could have united to essentially instead of making a uh a treaty which is essentially what happened like the united states over the decades of the reconstruction worked out a peace treaty with the southern slaveocracy the terms of which were all right no more slavery but racial caste system and compelled labor through uh sharecropping and convict leasing that is equivalent to slavery and then they spit their finger and they that made the deal that was the real end of the civil war it was the treaty ended with with the real treaty was not in appomattox it was uh the uh it was the 1877 0:25:55 uh uh agreement to allow rutherford hayes and the republicans to hold the white house even though samuel tilden had won the popular and probably electoral vote in exchange for ending reconstruction that was the real end of the civil war and the reason it ended on those terms is because any capacity to create that coalition was destroyed by johnson essentially by immediately reimpo by immediately reimposing in power the former confederate army and the former confederate state apparatus and its ruling class if they had been surrounded they would have fought back like it wouldn't have been they wouldn't have went meeklis the reconstruction still would have been violent but the fight would have been essentially a continuation of the civil war which had ended with the north end of dominant position and with this new 0:26:56 coalition of forces would have been sufficient to finally win a actual unconditional surrender like the one u.s grant demanded at donelson and then you could have initiated a new conception of liberty and new conception of democratic freedom and built on a structure a governing structure around that presumption not maintained this \*\*\*\*\* news this this this chain around our neck of the constitution which is predicated on this notion of unfettered individual rulership literal ownership not just of land of course but of people and the labor of people people say won the war lost the peace i think that's i don't know maybe the better way to think about it is that the war didn't end until the end of reconstruction like they had a peace treaty and then they negotiated the settlement like the tweet treaty of west failure took

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years you don't say the thing ended until the and the turning point was the lincoln 0:27:57  
assassination hard to get around that opinion hard to get around that in my mind  
that that really is like in america history because you look back at what we have  
and it's like yeah we really never had a chance did we all this land drove us insane  
all this land is what drove us insane and all this land is what meant that absent  
lincoln we were bound to do what we did absent lincoln it was over they were going  
to recapitalize the south reconstruct the planter economy which required essentially  
required compelled labor because it was labor intensive the thing that ended slavery  
in the south like the condition of slavery was automation of agriculture the thing  
that led to the great migration was the fact that in the 1920s automation had caught 0:28:58  
up to the agricultural sector to the senate it was much much less labor intensive to to  
get the crops that uh that were able to be grown as staples in the south and that led  
to a huge reduction in the demand for rural agricultural labor and so black people  
move to the urban centers to become part of that army of industrial labor that's  
how you create a working class as people move to this from the countryside to the  
cities for one reason or another either enclosure of some kind or but it's it's to me  
it's easy to imagine a way where if if the coalition of forces in power is different that  
instead of reestablishing planter agriculture the yeoman model that had settled the  
north and that the the republicans had extended into the west with the homestead  
act during the war saying go out there grab some land could have been extended 0:29:59  
southward but the reason it didn't have to be is because it was able to be extended  
outward we could always get more of that yeoman land out there meaning there's  
no pressure for any kind of internal uh uh that means that the ability to just keep  
the south as just this cash cow persisted instead of forcing the confrontation over the  
land because if they've because if yeomanry had been extended through confiscation  
and distribution of former plantation land the 40 acres you would have broken up  
the system the structure of uh of racial oppression that underlines southern life even  
if you don't necessarily break up the the the habits and the important thing is if  
you extend this redistribution redistribution of land to poor whites and you make the  
consequence of the civil war that their lives improve then you change the dynamic 0:31:5  
of every relationship these people had but also there's those engines those infernal  
mills out in the east and they demand they demand they demand they demand they  
need \*\*\*\*\* cotton they need staples it's not that cold it's not that cold it's been a  
relatively warm november i'll say that we've hit it at 60 a couple times it's going to  
be 60 the i think this is you know part of our new normal that we all love so much  
don't we love it folks we love it we love you it's so warm i gotta say though that given  
the \*\*\*\*\* uh pandemic and the quarantine i very much appreciate it because you  
know i can only really see people outside and uh i've been able to see them later than

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i thought i would be able to because it was getting really cold a couple weeks ago and i was like damn it i think i might have had my last outdoor hang and i know i don't think so i think there's a few left free state of jones was very disappointing not when i saw it when i it disappointed me essentially as soon as i saw the trailer i remember hearing the movie was going to be made and being excited about it because that's a very interesting story but sadly uh the film itself even by the time it came out i was like oh this kind of looks like they \*\*\*\*\* the dog and then i watched it and it \*\*\*\*\* the dog mainly just because of how dreary it is like more than anything else more than any historical inaccuracy or anything it's just very uh dull mcconaughey is just one of those boring righteous kind of gandhi-like hero figures who is very very because we're just supposed to observe and bask in his virtue like look at this good southern white man which of course the fact that mcconaughey cast himself in that role it really does speak to the lib need the liberal need to be seen as good that that is like the presiding element of uh like our culture of liberalism and this is why so many people hate it and think that it's some sort of cultural marxist conspiracy it's just the incentive structure if all if if if if evil is inherent in our world if we're fallen in the sense that capitalism is real and cannot be changed then the only uh reason that bad things and good things happen is because they're bad people and good people and it's about dividing them into those two groups and then one group kind of yelling at the other group and so part of that is establishing yourself as one of the good ones and here's matthew mcconaughey literally playing a white southerner who sep who leaves the confederate army in order to fight for uh uh black liberation in a multi-racial army oh my god this is awesome you know it's fast john brown fills out a very similar character like he's the fantasy of virtue that the guy playing him is imagining he is and the viewer who of course imagines himself as the protagonist imagines that they are this reminds me of the fact that brad pitt produced 12 years a slave and he also has a role in it if you've seen that movie there's one scene where brad pitt pays a canadian carpenter who comes to build a a barn on the land of michael Fassbender's uh plantation and fastband is this monstrously awful slave owner and uh all pit does is give a little speech about how he thinks slavery is bad and then he smuggles the letter from a solomon northrop home that gets him sprung out of slavery and so he saves the day it's like i'm gonna we're gonna make and it's hard to not think that he decided to make that movie to do that you know what i mean yeah it's gonna be 60 on friday gonna go to the park uh i actually just rewatched a little bit of the john adams uh tv series and giamatti is great but it is just a baffling decision the fact that they it is i mean it's like almost perverse like the gimmick seems to be with john adams that well you guys know all the \*\*\*\*\* about the revolutionary war you know all the cliché stuff what about the stuff that like fell through this the cracks what about the stuff

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that's like less remembered let's appreciate that and it's sort of this and honestly it's part of that like more than anything it's part of that uh cultural turn in the late 90s the david mccullough \*\*\*\*\* stephen ambrose dad history uh thing of looking back on america and like nodding our heads we nodded our heads proudly of two things the founding fathers and the greatest generation like for american revolution the constitution well done uh and also oh wait way to go with that world war ii just this smug self congratulations and that meant there was a bunch of books about the founding fathers and guys like uh joe ellis became household names on the best seller list and mccullough wrote this book about adams and it really did seem to come down to we know all the big stories so what about one of the less known guys and that what that ends up being is that the documentary or not the documentary the in one of them he's just like going to france during the revolutionary war to like just curtsy with some guys then there's a whole episode where he's the vice president and literally just sitting around and then you know he's got one episode as the president and then they have an entire episode that's just him getting old because one of the things about john adams is he lived to be like 92 he died on the same day as jefferson so they give him a whole a whole episode of him just getting decrepit and it's like there is it more than anything to me it says that the received wisdom we have about the greatest the founding fathers like that bad history that wig dad history we were getting both from school and the culture about that it was so banal was so taken for granted that all they could think to do is just pad this out because like these are interesting questions about the founding of this country these figures did things that we live with that are interesting and the insistence that the only lens to look through any of history is is through the personal these are the great guys and gals who made our history because it's a celebrity culture these were the stars the all the stars are here john adams button gwinnette and g smith and the saturday night live bed so all they could do they could spend an episode on him just his teeth falling out because there's nothing else to talk about it's like yep hamilton said this and then jefferson said this and wasn't it a battle of ideas like it's just vapid but giamatti is very good the episode where they debate the constitution is pretty good but that's always great like 1776 is a fun movie to watch because that's a really cool story and you got the big big rousing speeches and everything and everyone's sweating and but that's because we and it in the first episode shows the early in his career moment when he defended the uh boston massacre british soldiers and that was true because john adams was mr damn norms mr two damn norms because the federalist tradition that he helped establish that turned into the whigs and then the republicans then transformed transmogrified into the democrats now is this super ego this structural uh this uh impulse to build structures of of of coercion

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but towards a productive goal now you can say yes exploitation correct but they're 0:39:19  
operating in a world where exploitation is inevitable exploitation is built into human  
existence they do not believe in the transcendental power of a species coming into  
its own being and why would they they were they were before that was a coherent  
concept they were before the working class had come into its own and brought with  
them the historical agency that had eluded every other class before them how would  
they know not to do that so they thought they were doing good and and in terms  
of they were looking out for the best interests of the project of american capital  
extraction and surplus extraction and but that means that they're going to restrain  
things and they're going to adhere to norms and traditions the id the demand of like  
the average american since that's who now who gets to call the shots is more land  
please more land land plan land or if they're stuck in the city in a wage relationship 0:40:22  
more patronage jobs my cousin needs to get a job at the at the cholera pit and also  
more wages at labor jobs at private though eventually as it coheres into a working  
class so that's why i think it's silly to root for one side or another in this stuff and  
i understand why you have instincts and like in certain cases i think you should  
have rooting interests you know like the civil war that's a clear one but when you're  
talking about something like you know those jeffersonian and those those revolving  
uh conceptions like that generated america's contradictions and then overcame them  
and created new ones you can't pick one or the other because they cannot come  
separated uh no i think if you're going to make them i'm trying to think like if i 0:41:26  
wanted to do anything about the founding generation which would be tough because  
i don't find it terribly interesting because it really was just a bunch of fancy doily  
boys uh getting together and creating a play-acting government creating a fake a fake  
little funtime play-doh government because they're their built-in assumption is that  
the structures they had imposed would limit popular participation in government  
enough to ensure that it was essentially a a talking house for a what they imagined  
to be unified ruling class because those morons thought that their their refinement  
and adherence to values was a byproduct of their social position and that it would  
be the reality and it would that it would form the reality of their class collaboration 0:42:28  
forgetting entirely because they couldn't even realize it that no those fancy beliefs  
you think you hold are generated by your economic interests and those interests are  
in conflict and as the conflict deepens the ability for these play fake pseudo-political  
institutions to to uh restrain uh to uh redirect energy and reduce friction is going  
to collapse and the thing is gonna bust open and it started to shake and shimmer  
immediately i mean they \*\*\*\*\* write the constitution bill it writes and then second  
term third term adams uh puts out the creates the alien and sedition act it says  
it's illegal to say man think bean things about me on the internet because the guy

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said that i was a hermaphrodite and it's not just like that was john adams the reason it was john adams is because washington didn't need to do it because he was george washington as soon as he was gone replaced by a reduced figure a guy didn't have his aura the game changed and washington himself who by that time 0:43:29 had been like converted from a guy who thought he could transcend politics like all these idiots did two by the end of his second term a convinced federalist and the whole thing started breaking apart and the thing that solidified it for a little bit was the twin attack the twin moves of the uh louisiana purchase and then the war of 1812 would settle the boundaries of america in the near term because those were both jeffersonian democratic moves towards accumulation of land so that the yeoman fantasy could be could persist the the uh myth that greg grandin uh talks about and those two war those two acts created the equilibrium out of the instability of the dem of the conflict between the land-hungry expansion-hungry conflict with indians hungry democrats republicans democrat republicans and the federalists who wanted 0:44:30 to intensify uh market uh financialization and trade and louisiana purchase bought so much land that it essentially reduced the investment that the jeffersonians had in preserving certain things you know because early on jefferson was freaking out about everything like they opened a post office and he's like this is tyranny because the size of the country like the ability to expand within it was still up in the air how are they going to limit like the war kind of started the revolutionary war the real starting pistol was the proclamation of 1763 which set the appalachian mountains as the limit of colonial expansion into north america that was as soon as that happened conflict between the united states and they were worried about that happening again like the worry about tyranny that that moved jefferson was really a worry about the 0:45:32 uh federal government in the form of this merchant tile class in the new england and new york limiting our ability to and louisiana purchase relieved a lot of that pressure now louisiana purchase also got it into the huds of the democrats that we could have the whole thing which led to the war of 1812 which was a democratic attempt to take canada that was why we really went to war in 1812. i know they say impressment of sailors in the history books but that's like how they say that we went to world war one because of the lusitania even though that happened two years before we declared war and the lusitania was sunk in 1915. in 1916 woodrow wilson ran for reelection on a campaign slogan of he kept us out of war that's how much the lusitania was in people's minds when they were voted for president and then a year later but anyway it's like one of those justice stories the real thing was canada we got louisiana we're gonna get we're gonna extend freedom our ability to persist in a fantasy of freedom north and then it was the war of 1812 it discredited the federalists 0:46:34 because they freaked out so bad that the first real secession movement in america was

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the hartford convention of federalists and high federalists uh from new england who contemplated a secession of the united states in protest of the war of 1812 because they wanted to make a trade union with britain they did not and then it was the terms of the war of 1812 which was essentially okay never mind it was a slap of the hand getting out of the cookie jar from the uk like okay you you got it you got it you got louisiana you're done and that satisfied the wig of the federalists and you got that brief little moment of fantasy the era of good feeling the last time that the president ever ran for election effectively unopposed was james that was because the the actual material underlying conflict between the two factions was momentarily uh uh uh at a stalemate what broke the stalemate was the explosion of the profitability of cult because that first generation of of of democrats the jeffersonians were all operating at some level on the assumption that slavery was a short-term solution that it would give way over time because it was its profitability was limited for one thing it was deeply extractive and damaging to the soil that it operated in which means there was a shelf life of there was there was a limit to how long you could actually get uh get profit out of particular acreages and it was incredibly incredibly labor intensive things like the cotton engine and other and the opening of international trade and the infusion of capital into the south made it more profitable and what that meant was that slavery became more salient as an economic system separate from the greater american political uh economic system like the free labor that operated that that the uh assumptions of government within constitution assumed because slavery was just sort of left as this thing that existed but was unaddressed in the constitution because they could they had they couldn't get an agreement on it so they just punted it but they figured it's okay we'll always be able to figure it out because it's always going to be this little tea room full of fancy lads which had immediately broke up into a real political fight because there were real stakes which they didn't assume would exist because they were dumb asses because they were idealist dumbasses but you can't blame them because they had to act that way the constitution had to be what it was at the time because of the unique situation that the united states was being formed out of states that were separate imagined themselves to be separate organized governmentally separately and had this uh conflicting economic interests conflicting populations for conflicting not i'm not and or at the very least somewhat different cultures and none of them with the power to militarily overall any of the others they had to compromise like everything we got in the constitution we had to get it should have been destroyed by the civil war like the order that uh that it had supported until then when it no longer when it failed to uh the it's the constitution failed its first real and the fact that we've had like a uh synthesized like completed bourgeois revolution after uh after reconstruction ended and we haven't had that

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like degree of conflict within the body politic until now uh we've gone this long without it happening again but it's built in it's built in and like this this presidency 0:50:40  
this biden trump uh biden presidency where he's the pr he's the king and mitch mcconnell is the prime minister and there's a global \*\*\*\*\* pandemic and economic collapse happening i don't know how uh it'll be very interesting to see i say that's for sure it's it's going to take oh my god somebody's talking about who's most evil andrew jackson profoundly evil person but his position in society his position within cap the emerging system of uh of ex of surplus extraction that was being created in north america the great project that he was part of threw him up because he fit 0:51:42  
the moment he was willing to do the things that the moment demanded so yes evil but because the times were evil the times are always evil the people in the positions of power are there because they accommodate and support evil they have made the choice they've justified it in their mind somehow either by being a sociopathically self-absorbed or if they're a nice tea drinker and a nice well-behaved boy or girl a nice sublimated individual they convince themselves it's because they're a and that they've made the right choice and that hey this is bad but it could be worse and if it wasn't me it'd be somebody who's less smart who's less compassionate like i like obama and they're all going to be empty shells they are empty gels that just contain the evil of the age to direct it that's all they are if they weren't they wouldn't be there they would not seek the job they would not have made the compromises they 0:52:43  
made in their lives they were only able to do that because they were steamrolling over their own human impulses they were steamrolling over their awareness of any connection they had to anybody but themselves and the the thing is is that that is the reason they're in that position those exalted positions is that we're selecting for that behavior in our social order in our in our economic order so those will be the people who will rise so their evil is to be assumed it's not to be judged one against the other the times are what determine the degree of like vileness the degree of per like personal sadism is is honestly secondary to the whole thing and usually a byproduct of the trauma uh of of living in those times which were more which were less civilized than ours because like andrew jackson is the only president who ever actually led a couple of slaves on the natchez trail actually leading slaves to a market he did that the only president we know of and also of course the only president murdered 0:53:45  
people in a duel including one duel where he basically cheated by wearing a very bulky coat and standing to the side and then shot the guy in the dick but that was a time of slave coughless and dick shooting so only one good at scuffling slaves and shooting dicks will rise people who i think a lot of people like to think about the evil of great figures of history because they imagine well i might not be consequential i might not be remembered my life might be filled with frustrations and failures and

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inadequacy but at least i'm a good person well your goodness is i mean in a way yes like you can't bring yourself to do the things these people can do and that does make you a better person but also you probably didn't find yourself in a position where making the wrong choice was that easy if you're born into wealth and privilege you can it's harder to do you have to commit to doing the wrong thing if it's work that's why a generation of that's why the aj soprano syndrome that's what the fail sons are you're not willing to do what it takes to make it in this world this sociopathic hell realm and so but you're also addicted to the pleasure of it you're addicted to the consumer uh uh indulgence the soparific of consumption and ease of life so you don't push through to find something place someplace where you can affect work and challenge yourself to do an alternative and so hunter Biden is a perfect example of this he couldn't do that like Beau Biden was evil bo Biden got one of the Dupont scions a sweetheart Epstein level deal for raping his child his three-year-old child he uses a \*\*\*\*\* scumbag he would have he would have allowed Dupont to put teflon directly in your \*\*\*\*\* and your families they would they would they would allow a Dupont to bring a truck to your house because he was going to be president someday oop oh got to answer cancer hunter had every chance to do what Beau wanted to do but he couldn't bring himself but he was too addicted to ease to do anything hard so what did he do instead the second easiest thing destroying yourself with drugs and sex as a distraction and of course as a way to punish yourself because in the long run you only get more miserable because those pleasures lose their luster over time inevitably and the thing is is that that's really the choice we have because we live so atomized lives because the alternative like doing a life living a life where you can find meaning through labor not necessarily the work you do to live but like a work towards making the world better we're working towards a world where your labor is less exploited and you have more alienation you can put that energy there if you think that if there's a path before you that can plausibly get you to that you can always choose that the problem is for millions of Americans because of our social atomization because of the decline in the collapse of those working classes any kind of self-organizing principle within a society without a self-aware identity all the options are be evil or do nothing be evil or distract yourself be evil or delude yourself be evil or drown your brain in in fantasia and and um and rude pleasure and find yourself hating yourself every moment of it but with and more over time because the third option the channel of those things into you know meaningful uh rewarding soul crafting work is not as real in fact it's invisible you would have to talk to other people you'd have to live near other people you'd have to live for and with other people in order to spark that as an option and instead we don't have that we have this despair and and the uh you either despair or you sell yourself you you

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despair or you uh you you kill something within yourself you cut you sever the ties that bind you to everyone else like jd vance and \*\*\*\*\* uh hillbilly elegy where he's that whole movie is just him severing the connections between him and everyone who ever loved him so that he can get ahead and that's why he's the disgusting reptilian scumbag he is now if he'd stayed with that family it's not like he would have had a good life he probably would have ended up drinking turpentine and dying of fentanyl addiction some people get out some people may if they have like an extraordinary drive or talent they are aware of and have an ability to pursue that isn't interrupted or destroyed by happenstance they can make out of there but those are the broadly the two options you have and like if you choose to kill that part of you and you are adept at the rituals of you know the managerial class you go to college and you come out a dull-eyed liberal or conservative freak and you channel that freaky tude into some sort of political sadism and a life-pursuing misery for everybody if you don't you come out stunned and stunned and and failed to launch and you just go back to your mom's basement or you uh curl up uh and you retreat to the internet and and sucker your fantasies of virtue because you are unable to find a virtuous life within the options given to you and that's most people and then there are the very few lucky who are able to marry any kind of you know autonomy uh to marry participation in the market with the ability to maintain any spiritual connection to the world around you and the people around that's very difficult but the people who are successful for the people who decide can't beat them join them and cover cut the connection the ones who go to college that's your ruling class that's your managerial ruling class those are your democrats the ones who uh reject it either because they aren't able to apply themselves intellectually in the way that they want they can't sit there and type they can't get enough words per minute they don't understand what they can't get their head around the technical elements or they can't get their head around the uh rituals of uh etiquette they either what maybe they if they if they have hustle and uh and connections and luck maybe they uh start a boat ownership place maybe maybe yeah like these are the beautiful voters the non-college educated wealthy people who make up the base the most consistent base of trump support but also the ones who don't vote for trump but maybe have you know a uh hvac job or something like that a few remaining working class work with your hand jobs that uh that are available to people uh but then the rest if you have cut the connection you are going to be a criminal you're going to take your disregard for social forms out on the society itself which is a all of these are the rational response to the horrors that we're dealing with that's the monstrosity of it so lucky my brain happens to have the right shape to make tech money correct you have nothing to do with it wherever you are in this hierarchy it is it's the uh a throw genetic dice and not just genetic

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dice the dice the gene the genetic dice of everyone you grew up around and with and interacted with who shaped you in the way they did so only podcasters are virtues is what i'm saying no i'm not see once again none of this is about virtue none of this is about virtue no one is anywhere that they are because of virtue that's the fantasy of neoliberalism neil is a neoliberalism yeah you see this random spray of people where a bunch of people are \*\*\*\*\* miserable all the time and a relatively small handful of people get to hold on to some little chunk of uh indulgent pleasure on the top end of a distribution curve yeah that's awful but at base some of them are there because it's all there all of them are there for a reason and it makes sense and as matt iglesia said about buildings collapsing in bangladesh it's okay because the liberal and the conservative says yeah uh smart people succeed but uh dumb people fail and if that's if that distributes itself along racial lines well facts don't care about your feelings look at this iq chart if you're conservative you say or if you're a liberal like you say yes people are suffering why well if it's if you remember a minority group it's because of racism that's too bad but it's also part of our society darn oh between the world and me am i right folks uh and now we even are expanding that to white people with the kill billy elegy which is hillbilly elegy is a perfect copy of a white version a white like identity palette a a white uh scotch irish id paul like lived experience version of like a one of those movies that's essentially a uh an extended college admissions essay like uh about about like antoine fisher about somebody struggling from poverty and then finding success in the marketplace because of their stick-to-itiveness their their adherence to good values in the face of trouble and in the in the racialized uh uh narrative that liberals imbibe these people break out their families are held back by racism and the legacy of racism and you watch that and you go damn that's too bad but the system can still reward somebody who has something else these virtues and those virtues make him worthy in a way that even the people that we pity who don't make it we can't aren't worthy nobility instead of it being racism it's well the factory weapon it's a wave towards class like they're poor why they're poor we're not going to talk about it because we can't reduce it to racial category which is what we like to describe things with because we want to be liberal we want to make it about personal animus we want to make it about beliefs and ideas that's why people treat each other the way they do not material conditions generating relationships between people that they then follow like like scripts that are determined by relationships material relationships no no no it's personal ideas so but so they just say they're poor as an identity poor is an identity like fried bologna sandwiches and swimming in the creek this is these are class markers the same way that like hair braiding and uh you know uh cookouts are in you know like menace to society or or boys in the hood or something and there are the people who fail and struggle even though they

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should succeed but it's just there's something going on with them like amy adams his  
mom in the hell billy allergy she's smart she's a nurse but she's heroin addicted and  
why is she heroin addicted she's just she didn't have the strength she wasn't she was  
she blamed other people and she was something wrong with her jd vance doesn't do  
that he's a good person he's better than her he is better than her in a fundamental 1:6:5  
way and i say there's no virtue here about either to becoming evil or to being is to  
fight and we don't know how to fight but not through thinking it out on here not  
through hashing it out on here not through pushing anybody to the left or building  
meme armies or determining the correct position on your shoes it's going to be it's  
going to be stiffening the sinews with a lived experience ironically enough of struggle  
success not if not successful struggle hopeful a struggle with a horizon instead of just  
the the the seeming over determined uh cascade of misery that surrounds us this 1:7:6  
sense that before us everything is impossible and yeah if you step back it all looks  
impossible it looks like an impenetrable forest but you've got to get closer to find  
the chinks in the army to find the exhaust port to shoot the \*\*\*\*\* uh missile into  
the death star with and you're only going to be there if all right guys my battery is  
almost gone so i gotta go

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don't knock it over oh boy there we go gone we've got viewers presumably **\*\*Music playing\*\*** dude **\*\*Music playing\*\*** it's indoors it's raining here in new i have to have class i have to have recess inside not prep not ideal but what are you going to do we're going to have to get yeah the beard's getting a little big i'm gonna have to cut it again because i realize that especially on my **\*\*\*\*\*** head gains 10 pounds after a certain density of beard and it's like the zaroz had shown up and spewing guns and sandwiches i shave it down and all of a sudden i look slender again it's a it's a it's a all right somebody's asking for my steely dan opinion i do not have one all i know about steely dan named after a sex toy that's uh in naked lunch originally had chevy chase as the drummer before he uh left presumably because nobody could stand him because he's one of the least appealing men on earth that they're known for very beautifully and richly textured studio productions they're sort of the opposite of the grateful dead in that ray regard and that they have very uh lyrics that are according to some profound and incredibly uh clever and brilliant sondheim and others uh pretentious as to the actual music i don't know is dirty work steely dan because that is a great song all right well that helps i didn't know that was dirt that was steely that i don't reeling in the years is them too right i hate that song so it's one in the other then i really don't like reeling in the ears but i really really do enjoy dirty work uh and i don't know why steely dance becomes the topic of internet conversation every three months there are a few things that reliably pop up like old faithful david foster wallace is one of them steely dan is another it seems a lot of it is about like this ritualistic uh bringing down of icons of p of like of some sort of perceived overlord cultural overlord because obviously dfw stands in for ma white male literary canon right and pres and i think steely dance serves a similar purpose in standing in for this sort of boomer era idea of like hipster because steely dan i mean from little i know about it just to given its reputation it does kind of seem like the david foster wallace of rock music right like it's got a similar demographic only older obviously and it's got a similar cachet among similar types of people and gets a similar resistance similarly found to be cold and unengaging by those who don't

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yeah i have really realized something the thing about like hating steely and is about hating it's like hating dfw is hating your boyfriend and hating steely dan is hating your dad so if you're online doing the discourse of bringing one of them down that is the direction of your ire so i guess that's how you can chart the lunar cycle is when the boyfriends are getting a little annoying it's time to remind them how much you hate dfw and the literary bros and then whenever you're thinking back on your you know withholding or distant or in some way unsatisfying father figure time to drop a steely dan and then of course radiohead well yeah no radiohead is the direct 0:5:10 like your brother's band but they don't get the ritualized hate that steely dan does because it's for a different generation of dudes that they're mad at uh somebody wants to go somebody wants to go over my birth chart i know what it is i am a libra capricorn nobody got mad at me for saying saying about talking about astrology it's not real no one thinks it's real it's just fun and more importantly it's a way to talk about yourself with other people in a way that doesn't seem as self-absorbed because it allows them to talk about themselves on the same in the same way it doesn't rely on personal experience it's like this secondary category where you can talk about yourself sort of an abstract as opposed to events in your life and that gives it gives other people a chance to play along and it's not alienating the way 0:6:11 that you know just a narcissistic way to talk about yourself would be i will say this though that like if you do invest it with just the suspension of just belief necessary to care enough to like look into it it's very easy to see how people get excited about it because there are traces and of course everyone knows well yeah that's because these are just these are just collections of human traits into like groupings and everyone is going to recognize themselves in it because everyone has all of these traits yes but you know humans are pattern recognizing animals and so when you see it you are going to be like oh \*\*\*\*\* that really does track like i gotta say that i do feel like a libra i feel like that's right of like the sketches that go along with the different signs i feel like yeah that's the one that if you just said what do you think you are i would think that was me but then again i can't distinct pull apart the fact that i 0:7:13 know that you know that's why it's not but yeah it's all fake but the thing is it's no more fake than myers-briggs personality test like how many people hate astrology but have like intj in their \*\*\*\*\* twit bio um cap moon is my disciplined side indeed to the degree that i have any discipline jung definitely is a based weirdo there's no 0:8:14 question it's amazing how young and freud were both right like in broad strokes like in their understanding of like the way the brain operates at an individual level and then how that uh the fact of living among humans who all experience things the same way generates this third this other dimension that uh that jung was able to like you're essentially talking about uh i i was very bad i i if i was going to learn an

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instrument i uh i played saxophone for a year when i you had in my my elementary school your second like your fifth and sixth grade you had to join orchestra or band you had to do it and i picked band and i picked the saxophone i was not good uh and 0:9:15  
the thing is what killed it for me i mean it was never really good and it never really felt very natural but what killed my ability to keep doing it is that they stopped letting me cheat and write the names of the notes on the \*\*\*\*\* music because i could not ever read the notes like i couldn't see the little note and know what it corresponded to my brain is actually terrible it cannot and i realize that what it is is that my brain is just words my brain is just a bunch of words because it still blows my mind to know that there are people including people i know and i know they're not lying to me who say that they don't think in words like their thoughts aren't articulated into language that is sort of heard in their mind and i'm like well what the \*\*\*\*\* kind of brain do you have what and yeah like there are people who just see pictures and like they get sort of these every my brain is complete words so 0:10:17  
like anything that's that's not that not as good so notation uh um numbers oh my god i am so bad i almost didn't graduate college because of i had to take one math class and i kept putting it off until the last semester and i \*\*\*\*\* ate \*\*\*\*\* and i almost failed it i think i didn't even know if i was going to \*\*\*\*\* graduate until like so it's weird knowing that you i mean it's it's true like that's one of the things that generates different personalities and different abilities is how your brain processes the information that's receiving and my brain for whatever reason compulsively and 0:11:18  
and and inextricably connects everything to a articulated verbal and visual symbol i guess but but like verbal in the sense i'm hearing it i'm hearing it in my head it's not seeing the words printed out i'm doing tech support apparently uh apparently the the rss feed for the podcast version of these is not updating i'll tell chris about it and and it and that's how you you know you it's how you end up with people with different skill sets and different understandings of the world and different like people might experience the exact same phenomenon in their life and have it activate the exact same parts of their brain in the same way and have the thing that comes after that moment lead them in completely different directions based on the way that 0:12:19  
their brain structures the not the information that and that's why i have not like thinking about it now i think that's one of the reasons that i am very uh i had a very hard time accessing the concept of spirituality for so long in my life like i couldn't i could not get myself to believing in anything and it made me feel detached from every emotion i ever felt and it made me feel i used to say that if that i thought that and now i feel like i've i've confirmed this for myself that religion is a physical faculty in that it is parts of your brain processing the information and adhering it to emotion in a way that leaves you with a residue of this this adherence to a system

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of symbols and i think that's correct and i don't think my brain worked that way 0:13:20  
and now i think the thing that was keeping it from that is the simple fact that i  
so compulsively alienate myself from all experiences almost instantaneously in the  
form of turning them into symbols and that means that emotions can't be felt and  
the thing i've really come to realize in the last six months or so is that there's no  
information there's no truth that is not adhered to feeling that that emotions are in  
fact the fat emotion like unl like ben shapiro is an exemplar of like this kind of uh  
the kind of wrong world like failed you're to understand how uh reason works how  
like what epistemology is it's the same failing that i had as the one ben shapiro has  
and one that many many people do have because we are more and more symbolically  
oriented over time because of our greater alienation from our lives and our uh greater  
dependency on a symbolic you know uh simulation of emotional connections in the  
form of engagements online which are inherently symbolic in a way that physical 0:14:22  
engagements can are not physical and physical events physical interactions but even  
my physical interactions were alienated to that point and so for a while i remember  
when i first heard the phrase facts don't care about your feelings and it felt like oh i  
get why people like him because it appeals to that notion that there is such a thing as  
truth that is independent of emotion and in fact now i realize no ben shapiro you little  
\*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* facts are feelings they literally are feelings hume was all understanding  
of facts all understanding of re all reasons motivated by by feeling and even mine  
was but it was through this it was through it was through like a muffling you know it  
was it was through a bed sheet or a or a towel stuffed in the mouth you know it was  
gagged because i just could not access the moment as soon as the moment passed it 0:15:23  
was transmogrified into this symbolic and as a result i felt like okay i'm just going  
to be a miserable materialist piece of \*\*\*\*\* who tries to distract himself from the  
knowledge that he's eventually going to die which will over time drive him insane  
because he will not be able to conceive of a world in which he is not in because he  
is completely detached in his mind from all other things in the universe which is in  
every level a delusion of senses it is a delusion and a failure to actually perceive the  
world around you it is the it is the fact of of the happenstance of your brain chemistry  
and the life you live creating a situation where you cannot access reality you access  
a shadow literally reversed mirror funhouse mirror of reality in which no it's not sure  
that you are absolutely intertwined with every living thing everything period that  
there's only one substance in the universe that death is no more possible uh than 0:16:24  
the extinguishment of you don't um you don't feel that you feel oh no i am the only  
thing in the world the only thing in the universe so the universe's end and mine are  
the same thing and since i cannot conceive of that one i can't conceive of the other  
and so as the reality of it comes in contact with the fantasy of your eternal selfness

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i just i spent so much of my time as a hypochondriac miserable person because that sense was always there that sense of looming annihilation like i had my first uh like i had my first heart attack in my head when i was 14 years old at a \*\*\*\*\* junior high assembly i mean and then i had my spinal injury in my teenagers years which completely threw me off track and and led me feeling like anything could happen to my body at any moment and that only made it worse and so i i live my life trying to distract myself from this reality and then i could do it for the most part but my failure to do it completely my failure to completely sublimate was evidenced by my hypochondria by this nagging sense of annihilation which was just my body's awareness of its own finitude that couldn't be integrated into my brain's insistence no i'm out of dualism i'm saying that that was what i was and now i'm i'm out of dualism i mean obviously i rebound to it in moments of instinct moments have accumulated you know habit that have come through that fixed life tunnel but it over time it's being reduced what i'm saying is the dualism in my mind i think was determined by the material reality of my brain which for one reason or another experience and and biology nature and nurture is unable to feel without symbolic abstraction and that's why it took psychedelics for me to break through that it took my i took a technology that just took the part of my brain that wasn't paying enough attention that was instantly that was not being engaged while everything else was turning the world into symbols and made me made me observe it made me actually sense it and that extended extr uh that that expanded sensation broke through this wall that had been there that was this symbolic order that over awed my you get over one thing and then the other one that's a hundred percent correct i would go through spells because i have a lot of pain associated with my back injury including i'll be real with y'all uh some gastrointestinal issues that lead me to have a lot of pain in my abdomen sometimes for a while i was convinced that i had pancreatic cancer i had colon cancer and that would stick in my head for months and it would kind of be this background anxiety and then i would rationalize to myself well if you had it you'd be dead by now and then i'm able to be like yeah that's right that's not real but then you know i would have some sort of arm injury some tingling in my fingers a nerve issue because i have a lot of spinal issues with my uh i have a lot of nerve pinching and stuff i have big herniated disc so i would convince myself that various chest pains and arm sensations when i was gonna have a heart attack and then once that was not no longer logical to me i would go back to cancer and i was on this cycle and the thing that broke it was this realization of where it was coming from more than anything and now the main thing that stops me from getting in those cycles is that i'm not afraid of the thing i'm not afraid of what it would mean if that was true i mean obviously i am afraid of it but i'm not as keenly afraid of it

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because i am not as deluded about my separateness from everything else and that is why i mean it's horrible to hear people get prescriptive about \*\*\*\*\* like man you gotta do ass man but it i find that especially if you find that you are unable to feel it very well might be if you're watching this if you're listening to this if you're uh online all the time and the substitute shadow symbol world of online is good enough to make up for the more emotionally rich experience of interacting with the world around you then it very well we might be because part of your brain is just not there 0:21:32

it's not it's not perceiving enough to overcome that feedback loop of of the sensation and then the symbolic translation of the sensation you need to speed it up reuptake which is literally what psychedelics do is that they but the reason that you know it's you don't want to be prescriptive more than anything is is that we have experience with this \*\*\*\*\* the cia brought lsd to america in the 60s and had timothy leary spread it around the world country like johnny appleseed and what did it do you know what what was that what was the the the radicalism that was created out of that expansion of consciousness it was bad news i would say on on average overall 0:22:33

bad news i mean the way that people talk about how honestly it's tiresome to hear people talk about ever everything is an op online but honest but if you wanted to say the internet in general is a \*\*\*\*\* psyop considering its role in channeling young specifically young alienation from capitalism into cultural spectacle and it's like uh indulgence in narcissism it has the same effect that lsd had on the new left but in that case it literally was an op it literally was the cia bought like a hundred tons of \*\*\*\*\* lsd from sandoz they bought like uh 90 of the of the lsd on earth but the other thing is the other thing that gets you there is just sitting refusing to allow the symbolic 0:23:36

order to overall your senses and that requires you to give it nothing to symbolically render give it nothing to turn into symbols even your thoughts will run out if they aren't refreshed by exposure to new things and that's what meditation does is that it robs you of the ability to drive your body into this or drive your mind into this symbolic reverie because you're not getting new stimuli and that's like all psychedelics do is reproduce the sensory experience of deep meditation it's just that to do deep meditation you have to already be able to like you know reward that experience you have to know you you have to want to do it like that's the big thing is that nothing gets done unless you really want to do it is if your desire your libidinal energy has been channeled into a genuinely felt connection to every other life in the universe if 0:24:37

it's not genuinely felt you get back to the libidinal politics that we're practicing now everywhere and it completely online and completely within but there's a real there's a reason that people talk about waking up and so the idea that it that the that that the satori moment is one of a awakening to a consciousness because you realize that what what made your life a nightmare is that it was a it was unconscious you were

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not being conscious of the world around you you were living in a symbolic haze you were living in a demiurgical shadow realm the problem is that you have to be able to keep accessing that and the and that's why just haphazard exposure to psychedelics that are pursued without rigor and without discipline won't lead to anything because that feeling has to be translated like for me what made this experience with with 0:25:39  
lsd different than other ones i've done because i've done it plenty of times before i did it at \*\*\*\*\* cpac the thing that made it different this time is that for whatever reason the thoughts i was having that led up to the the the actual emotion the actual explosion of feeling and um and then come back came back down from were connected in a way that i could symbolically link that experience to a cause of reason that could convince my brain that it was true because if i wasn't able to convince it symbolically i was never going to be able to feel anything feelings and that was when 0:26:40  
i started to feel you know that's when a lot of the things that felt a lot of things in my life that felt impossible became possible because the the artificial structure side built in my head to to reduce the number of options i had to what i thought was real they were exploded like those and i realized oh like these aren't actually problems in any real sense because the thing that i'm worried about happening is that is worth caring about because i care about something else because i know what it is to care the politics the synthetic politics like if politics if politics practice from 0:27:47  
the heart is about love which i've tried which i think is 100 accurate you know the heart the the sense of connection is what drives you to the conclusion that we're all in this together therefore profit shouldn't exist capitalism shouldn't exist there should be no no hierarchy of of exploitation because the accumulation of of surplus first a few people is is it's not just wrong it's irrational because you're not you're you're not part of a different thing you're part of the same \*\*\*\*\* thing you idiot you're why are you hoarding this like you're not separate from it defeated but the synthetic politics the politics of rationality are stripped of emotion that we practice 0:28:48  
online and when i say emotion that's another word for spirituality uh that spir that secularized politics and in the sense of we're only operating out of base instinct here politics is the assumption that we are all separate and we are all out for ourselves and politics is about figuring out the best way to do that and the difference in that frame is the republicans say we're all uh competition is the only way to sort deserving from the undeserving the democrat the liberal says there's no such thing as deserving and undeserving but capitalism is still necessary because we're all separated from one another and in order to accept to extend like the idea of rights to all which includes property it has to then we all have to operate from personal base instinct but that base instinct will lead us to cooperate with one another because it's more efficient that way that argument is sterile and it leads towards where we are which 0:29:51

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is two two politics two dueling politics of sadism of hate because we see lives that are totally restrained in lives and and futures that will only be more miserable than the present it will only be worse this is the first time i think in in modern history when the current gen people living have no expectation that the future will even be worth living in how that's unprecedented and what it leads to if that's assumed because remember you need to have a grounded spiritual politics to overturn this arrangement and if we assume as everyone who is operating within this realm does that no that moment is passed this is all we have then then we are in fact on a course for doom whether you're conservative or a liberal whether you're a reactionary or a progressive whether you think that humankind is inherently evil or that it's good whether you think that the distribution of resources along class lines is is the uh is virtuous it's it's it's a divinely inspired thing uh or you think that it is uh wrong and it's the byproduct of the evil of the human heart uh no matter how you slice it politics cannot resolve to anything other than degradation from where we are now and therefore all we can really do is assign blame and offer punishment if politics is collective action and no good action can be taken only bad action can be taken and we want the bad action to be taken against the people that we hate and that is what the \*\*\*\*\* party is going to be about that's what that politics is going to be dominated by it's already we've already seen it coming to district and the reason i think in the long run like all this \*\*\*\*\* all this dance angels dancing on the hit of a \*\*\*\*\* pen \*\*\*\*\* about oh the pmc is it a real class and well is the lit are liberals uh actually a cultural elite and uh what's that what and is it college what has got well there are plenty of people who go to college who aren't wealthy and what about what all of that is secondary the only reason any of that matters is to answer the question well what happens what is like why are we arguing these points if not to figure out what is going to happen so we can intervene with it the point is not to post it is to change the world as some people have said so what that's the only salient element to this point and to me the salient point about the college no college divide that's going to come and over to become and define the parties is that it is going to over the long run help the republicans and help the most socially reactionary version of punitive uh neoliberalism because if voting is going to be voting to punish your enemies whose enemies are more people both who went to college and who didn't go to college were going to want to punish and i think that in a culture where we have these lurid ostentatious displays of completely removed and vile least insensitive cultural decadent uh our \*\*\*\*\* 500 streaming services and hollywood movies and then a culture of celebrity and and glamour well everyone is miserable the fact that everyone within that structure is essentially a democrat and will tell you so that is a visible person to hate in this system who are you supposed to hate for the democrats

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you're not even supposed to hate anybody if you're a liberal democrat but even on the left who are you supposed to hate billionaires who knows a billionaire how often do you interact with the billionaire how often do you see a billionaire on tv or in a movie how billionaires don't tell you who to vote for the media telling you how horrible it is and defending it to you saying oh yeah all this terrible stuff is actually good lying to your face pissing in your face and telling you it's raining they're all liberals the trump presidency proved that they're all \*\*\*\*\* liberals they all want to talk russiagate for \*\*\*\*\* four years and now oh the election there's no corruption there it's like yeah you might say that's because they practiced you know all these these institutional values guess what these institutional values over time will be coded more and more as liberal right now like half of it is but it's even the of the billionaires the most visible ones the ones people most know about because they spend so much of their time on their platforms on tick tock on twitter on facebook on google they're all liberals too and the funny thing is is in that case it's not because they're part of some \*\*\*\*\* cultural uh marxist conspiracy it's because we're talking about a situation where liberal values come to encompass everything within the structure because that is what separates it from pure totalitarian authoritarianism is the illusion of deliberation through structures like politics like culture so over time as as actual life gets more and more threadbare those institutions that are supposed to legitimize it are going to become more and more illegitimate and more and more associated with democrats because the thing that generates them at a cultural super structural level is the experience of college and the attendance of it and so every and so these tech ceos adhere to the notion of uh of open debate right the idea that we're a platform we're a platform we're not here to to publish speech we're only here to they do that because they don't want to get sued because if they were a publisher they would be liable for the \*\*\*\*\* people did on their \*\*\*\*\* platform they can't do that so they have a vested financial interest in adhering to this liberal nostrum but then within it there are other liberal uh demands such as uh profit maximization which tell you that certain political uh expressions are bad for business and you're gonna wanna remove them and that means that you're just telling more and more people that you exist to support the adhere the appearance of this fraudulent status quo which the culture exists to perpetuate which it's not because it's in charge it's because it's in charge of the superstructure the democratic party is in charge of creating a uh a pseudo an illusion of movement replacing the existence of inertia with the appearance of forward of deliberation and a process and a practice it's happening anyway the engine is driving us to where we are the engine of profit struggling against the declining rate of profit is driving us towards this full uh hyper immigration and exploitation of everyone starting at the bottom and then going upward just squeezing

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uh uh the life out of people and as it does that it's cultural representation it's gonna 0:37:1  
become more and more associated with democrats and the left more broadly because  
those are the people people are going to see those are the people that are going to  
interact with in their culture on their online in their media the bad guys of the left  
are hidden they're behind the scenes because their critique of but it's still limited by  
this liberal framework not because it's all within the and so that is why over time i  
think more and more people including working-class people including people who are  
directly impacted by republican policies are going to vote to punish those or own or  
drag or whatever those who they most are uh associate with the misery of their lives  
and that will be these super structural uh uh figures and that means that they'll vote  
republican and they'll vote to help just eventually extinguish culture completely and 0:38:4  
replace it with the bare coercion i gotta get another drink i don't have any more how  
in america be different if reconstruction wasn't \*\*\*\*\* up oh boy well how long do  
you have i've actually thought about this so i just read a book an interesting book  
i love counterfactual history as you all know and somebody wrote a book that is  
philip kundi for zero books and it's called lennon lives and the premise is what if 0:39:5  
when it hadn't died and it's a 100-year retrospective of what would have happened  
if the soviet union essentially the premise is what if the soviet revolution had had  
in fact hooked up with the german revolution and created a like a and hooked up  
the agricultural backwater of russia with the industrial dynamo of germany what  
would that have done and uh it's you know it's interesting it's pretty idiosyncratic a  
lot of it is score settling with intellectuals and political figures the guy doesn't like  
but it's definitely interesting as someone who loves counterfactual stuff it was fun  
to read but it made me think that i kind of want to write something called lincoln  
lives because i do in like the foggiest regions of my brain imagine a world where a  
second lincoln term is defined by a process whereby lincoln uh momentum which was 0:40:6  
towards universal blacks manhood suffrage and towards confrontation with capital  
on behalf of labor like uh obviously these are all you know we don't know that in  
the context of like this this hugely fluid moment you know an entire region of the  
country uh destroyed and occupied by troops like turned into clay for movement clay  
for shaping in a situation where lincoln's powers in this moment are are at a point  
where he does occupy a fulcrum in in american and world history like he is he is  
uniquely uh free to move in a way that very few historical actors are because of how  
fluid the situation he was in control of was he commanded by his mere order a a what  
million man army that had military domination and the inf and had annihilated the 0:41:7  
infrastructure of its defeated southern tier and a congress filled to the brim with  
radical republicans insisting upon a a land massive land redistribu redistribution  
and a political disenfranchisement of of top rebels now if they pursued that because

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obviously lincoln said malice towards none but it's like okay who who's malice are you more concerned about and i really do think that lincoln far more than johnson would have been much more concerned about making sure that there was no malice that befell ex-slaves rather than ex-confederates and if that and as i said explicitly if it is connected to land redistribution to that's the huge thing because there was there 0:42:9  
were attempts in the 1890s and 1880s among populists to try to create trans-racial uh connections and that that was what brought the real boot of jim crow down i believe uh henry steele commander has a book about that the strange case of jim crow where the thesis is that jim crow the the the uh the jim crow laws were a direct response to uh populist attempts to create uh interracial political coalitions so if you wouldn't have had that if you would have been able to connect cut the connection the social connection between small holding white farmers and the plantation elite reoriented their politics turn them into republicans you you decapitate you internally 0:43:10  
decapitate that node of like the capitalist uh uh productive economy of the united states now the thing is lincoln would have at every level been incredibly you know it would have been pressured and and she pushed away away from that by northern capital which was at an unprecedented degree of power following the concentration of capital that happened over the course of the civil war and that really is what jump-started america's industrial economy same thing happened by the way in uh england the thing obviously the industrial revolution in england was in full swing by the turn of the 19th century but it was the napoleonic wars that led to the hyper like the next stage of uh of english capitalism to emerge similar thing happened in the united states after a civil war but those productive forces could have been politically channeled the the forces existed between the ex-slaves of the south the uh former smallholders 0:44:13  
of the south uh and the union \*\*\*\*\* army which composed the working class and like yeomanry of the entire northern tier and if their politic and their family members the thing the main thing he would have contended with and the main thing that might have pulled us towards something worse is that back door that open drafty back door of land just that that that diffuser of political tension of politic of of social discontent uh at the end of the day what what the the civil war when it finally did end with the compromise of 1877 it was on the backs of the former slaves it was we have opened this bottle we have opened this genie's bottle of emancipation which you know all the wigs and the moderates that always said would be unmanageable because how are you going to get racist white people to live with black people on equal equal 0:45:16  
terms well since we got the reconstruction we got with the reimposition of latifundus uh plantation economies and the reinstatement of of slavery or i guess just like the encircling of former slaves uh and and the and the continued exploitation and are the continued um uh languishment the continued languishment of the ex-confederate

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military uh rank and file small holders within that framework the decision was made well we'll essentially recreate the old model uh without the without all of the uh i guess you'd boil it down to etiquette all the loud voices all the ruckus all all the dirt and uh and rudeness of channel slavery replace it with a more refined more abstracted exploitation through sharecropping arrangements and convict leasing well there look 0:46:17 at all the forms here this is all in order i mean he owes this much uh this much cotton to uh his former master because he borrowed these many seeds this is a legal exchange this person is working to clear a uh bayou for \*\*\*\*\* turpentine mining or something because he committed a crime he was found to be loitering in the town square this is all this is all above board and that was the liberal revolution but it could have been pushed further that's why you know it it was the completion of the blujoy revolution but just like in every revolutionary scenario there is fluidity it could have been the beginning of something very different now how far it would have gone i don't know i don't think you get a situation where like racial harmony is is uh real in america by the turn of the 19th century you know but i have i could see a situation where you have a abolition of du jour or i'm sorry yes you have an abolition of du 0:47:19 jour segregation in america across the entire continent not just in the north uh you have an abolition of du jour uh and you know what kind of politics is created by that coalition by the way what like that republican party what does that republican party look like what are the pressures on it especially as industrialization increases and as a working-class self-consciousness comes more and more into fruition how are the conflicts there fought when you have a unified multiracial working class fragmented and mutually and then yeah like if you have the end of the jour apartheid by the 20s without because the thing is is the end of our end of de jure comp uh uh our end 0:48:20 of desert apartheid in america happened almost simultaneously with the that's the thing that gets overlooked when we talk about the backlash we talk about how white people decided they would rather be racist than have pensions the decision was i'd rather be racist and adhere and maintain some sort of hierarchy where i'm on top of somebody else then get nothing because that was what was on offer uh after after that the rearrangement of the economy that happened after the the oil shock of the 70s and and the the so if you have an end of does your segregation in a moment of like i don't know a uh a socialized a boom of american productivity considering that it was a massive uh resource-rich continent that was maybe over time uh seeing 0:49:21 its industrial capacity tamed towards social ends oh my god you have you have a dynamo of potential uh revolutionary which is what marx and engels thought the united states was the dynamo of the next century and they were correct and we were in the tipping point and we tipped the wrong way every time and i would argue that the first big tip and the one that's most mind bending because it because it's the first

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one it is the most historically contingent one it is the civil war and reconstruction and the maintenance of the constitutional system all of which spring from at least partially so i was wondering i might write something about that i think it might be interesting yeah we're getting uh we're gonna get \*\*\*\*\* hammered here with uh some rain coming up that's why i'm battened the hatch is down free real estate man 0:50:22  
it really was their downfall but i'm imagining like if i was gonna write something and i was gonna you know try to like game it out you know a situation where after appomattox the uh a lincoln-led reconstruction that leads to a you know a shaping up of challenge right away like almost immediately the former you know uh leaders of the confederacy realized that oh this is really \*\*\*\*\* at stake here like we are going to be disenfranchised we are going to lose our land we are going to lose our power there would have been another flare-up of violence the war wouldn't have ended just the way it didn't in our real life but it ended with this insurgent campaign led by the red red shirts and the cool clan eventually leading uh to a series of almo basically 0:51:23  
coups uh and abrogations of democracy across the south which were abetted by the north essentially uh demobilizing if that fight had happened earlier and been more intense and sharp with the army still out in the field and with the commitment to the cause as it's zenith and the commitment to the cause of emancipation uh at its zenith what do you see hey maybe they call in garibaldi remember there was that offer by the congressman to have garibaldi come and lead the union army and he said he wouldn't do it unless they made slavery the ending of slavery a war end well what if it's 1865 and there has to be another campaign maybe garibaldi maybe marks and angles come over here the \*\*\*\*\* conestoga wagon with a printing press in the back start organizing among the uh the germans of this of course is fun and fancy but that's the beauty of counterfactual stuff is that it it gets to be fun and i argue that if you pose the questions the right way it is still useful because to talk about what 0:52:26  
didn't happen in 1865 and what could have happened what was possible given the material realities we had at hand we can talk about what could happen now what if marx moved to texas in the 50s that one could have happened too the prussians essentially said we don't want we want to keep an eye on him but what if they'd said good riddance which they did to a lot of the thing that bums me out though is that there was a wave of vigilante violence against anti-slavery german settlers in texas when the civil war broke out uh there's uh something an incident called the noensis massacre where a bunch of german immigrants were just strung up by the local confederate authorities those guys loved freedom so much they were fighting for so much \*\*\*\*\* freedom god the way they would just hang people for opinions 0:53:28  
the way they did a draft before the union did the way they suspended habeas corpus immediately god we love them don't we i worry they would have \*\*\*\*\* uh they they

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would have murdered him but then maybe they hit him and angles go out with a bunch of guys and form some sort of gorilla column engels was a pretty good uh uh military tactician and strategic thinker they called him the general because it was his favorite like topic but uh and he commanded troops or he no he didn't command troops he was an adjutant for troops with uh village my boy august village who was a civil war general uh during the 48 revolutions uh he was actually uh reprimanded for during at one of the barricades uh in the rhineland going around and taking all of the german flags because one of the the the main flag of the german 48 revolutions was the tri-color of i imagined liberal german republic taking them down and replacing them with red flags but he acquitted himself ably he described um he described 0:54:29 the um he described he he described the strategic situation in the civil war at the beginning of the civil war uncannily he uh all two years before they started the march to atlanta he was telling marx yeah no they got to go cut it in half this way why are they going after richmond richmond is meaningless cut the thing in half and eventually that's they \*\*\*\*\* realized it took him \*\*\*\*\* three years to do it and he also described what world war one would look like 30 years earlier with almost uncanny ability so yeah maybe they could become like a a unit in there hey throw everybody in there go never get all get all the have haiti come on like the us recognizes haiti but then like gives them a bunch of money and has them send a 0:55:34 detachment but uh there was there's a angles quote in this book this lincoln lives book that i just or this lennon lives book that i just read that is stunning i hadn't encountered it before but yeah if we were going to have a lenin in america a figure of that sort of pivotal equivalence it would have been him because lenin is the same way there's no recovery revolution if lenin doesn't show up at the finland station i think most people are in agreement with that who studied the topic because the 0:56:35 bolsheviks were in the process of resolving themselves to supporting the provisional government basically because they were too afraid of the alternative because they didn't have any confidence in their ability to command the situation or govern if they did lenin shown in the town showing up to town and publishing the eighth april the season \*\*\*\*\* was a lightning bolt they broke open all of th through and cut through to a degree and over time and it took a while but it got through that just cut over time through the the the the inert the inertia so he's another guy who you know what if he'd had his uh his brain hemorrhage you know a decade earlier you probably would have had some sort of cornulov ask military coup overthrowing the uh provisional government and then depending on how much resistance to that emerged some sort of pre-fascist anti-semitic po like industrial pogrom that's what 0:57:36 trotsky said and i agree with him on that point which is why it's stupid to get mad at the prolifcs or or condemn them for doing the revolution i mean there's plenty of

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points where they made the wrong moves after that but they they were doing the only thing they could have done and their their gamble that they were gonna spark a world revolution it was not a miscalculation that was the moment that was the moment and it was the germans more than anybody who dropped the \*\*\*\*\* ball and it was because the they had been too developed the the the the socialist movement had been too captured by the superstructure oh this is the quote i was looking for so uh so in 1887 this is what mark's or this is what engels said about what was going to happen if the brinksmanship between the empires of europe wasn't ended 0:58:37  
no war is any longer possible for prussia germany except a world war and a world war indeed of an extent and violence hitherto undreamt of eight to ten millions of soldiers will massacre one another and in doing so devour the whole of europe until they have stripped it barer than any swarm of locusts has ever done the devastations of the thirty years war compressed into three or four years and spread over the whole continent famine pestilence general demoralization both of the armies and of the mass of the people produced by acute distress hopeless confusion of our artificial machinery and trade industry and credit ending in general bankruptcy collapse of the old states and their traditional state wisdom to such an extent that crowns will roll by dozens on the pavement and there will be nobody to pick them up absolute impossibility of foreseeing how it will end and who will come out of the struggle as victor only one result is absolutely certain general exhaustion and the establishment 0:59:38  
of the conditions for the ultimate victory of the working class and he was 100 correct because the ultimate conditions for the victory of the working class were the russian revolution and then the but the the the german working class was led by people who were no longer working class and you might want to say aha so that's just like the pmc now no because that was an actual working-class movement all right we are post that we are in the post we are the post we are in the shadow of the defeat we are in the shadow of the defeat of the 18 of the world war because imagine if a more socialist america encounters a world revolution starting in russia and being kicked off across europe imagine a world where the united states has say like a president eugene debs during world war ii instead of prisoner eugene debs and president woodrow wilson how do they respond to that do they send troops to archangel to ally with a bunch 1:0:39  
of \*\*\*\*\* uh uh genius adairs and mystic psychos and and martinets but we missed the moment and now we are in the post-political that super structural capture that started with the leaders your nasties now it's everywhere it's universalized in america anyway we are all that we are all nasty we are all ebert no matter what we think no matter how much we lo think that we're \*\*\*\*\* rosa luxemburg but the difference but 1:1:41  
the thing is is that all of that all of that upward trending um striving that drove the leaders of the german social democrats towards accommodation when they needed

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to strike against capital because it was the moment it was the that doesn't exist anymore there's no hope that anybody's getting any sugar cubes there's only misery and when we break away enough of us break away from this phantom pantomime of politics and re reforge human connections i think we will be able to sidestep all of that and come orthogonal to the ossified superstructure and shatter it or we won't and we will have a common rune of the contending classes which is what happened in nazi germany that was the common ruin 1945. i said orthogonal oh or that no 1:2:45 and that's how i pronounce it i'm not going to say orthago ogle orthagonal yeah like those are two those are two you know in the plinko board of western civilization and huge world civilization as we you know move towards the intensification of history uh as as our technology accelerates change some big plinko board moments were linked assassination boop and the failure of the of the german revolution really more than anything yeah i am a midwesterner i'm going to say orthogonal what other way to say never mind you're typing you couldn't do it if you wanted to that's silly i call 1:3:49 it the plinketto board not the plinko board because i watched way more uh best of the worst than i have \*\*\*\*\* prices right god these guys have given me the business i know what orthogonal is orthogonal is they're coming at a perpendicular angle and also right angle and also the club that uh nixon founded uh at whittier college after he got rejected by the franklins i'm just talking about pronunciation how to orthogonal orthogonal oh orthogonal orthogonal i get it thanks that's how will would say it orthogonal and that's not me baby the end of the day i am truly uh a a middle 1:4:52 european bog peasant i am a square edited hick at the end of

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there we go it's going or is that oh \*\*\*\*\* it's hosting a song oh it's no hosting a song sorry guys sorry for any of the teens any of the young zoomer child soldiers who are enjoying hassan on our feed it's me now hassan's hassan's weird uncle i guess that's me there will be no sound complaints today i've got my thing on there and i've made peace with it's finally getting chilly out and that's gonna ah oh bodegas 0:1:4 boys girls gather around let me tell you about bodegas they're just magical places where you can go at any time of night to acquire goods food stuffs basic household necessities i know i know those of you who live anywhere near a 24 hour cvs might be ah yes every this we were talking yesterday about how there's these cycles these these discourse cycles that re-emerge we got to drag the clap another one just happened to just the clat like i was talking about david foster wallace the classics in general now being dragged by a bunch of why a people i always find that funny because it's 0:2:5 called young adult but none of the people involved in any of it writing it reading it or talking about it are young or adult they are old babies they are old children they are like 30 plus emotionally stunted uh uh emotion uh intellectually uh gnomish kid they're chill they're immature and that's why they read and write stuff for kids exclusively because they are emotionally intellectually children i don't really know why that should be considered hostile or anything it just seems like a recognition of of of the dynamic at play there anyway so you got dragging the classics for being having not enough wizards in them got david foster wallace being dude bro steely dan and then of course another one popped up new york and it's it's uh it's eustis 0:3:8 tilly like uh and i get it i get it on all sides i certainly understand the hostility to new york uh especially because honestly i think more than anything it stems from the fact that the united states is a country where you are only worthwhile to the degree that you are a success right and because of its position in global finance and media new york is where successful people go so if you're not there how successful can you really be i don't think that necessarily everyone thinks that but i do think that it's a thing that motivates this sort of weird hostility but of course the other thing is the genuine overcompensating parochialism of new york mostly by transplants who are

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trying to justify the fact that they're spending a zillion dollars to live like animals with basically no real difference in quality of life to any other major city other than that being worse and specifically during coronavirus during kovid a time when any city certainly new york is a ridiculous joke to be living in because you're just cooped up for no reason it has no benefits to it but it still costs the same it's chumpish you're a chump and so you have to do things like decide that the bodenga experience is some sort of spiritual thing one of my favorite moments in recent film was in the harley quinn movie when there is a five-minute sequence of someone lovingly creating a bacon or an egg sandwich at a bodenga because harley quinn she loves her sandwich at her favorite bananga and you watch that scene and you know oh this is meant specifically for the very narrow trans people who watch this \*\*\*\*\* online or who like who live within this bubble of media people who want to talk about their who justify to themselves their ridiculously expensive existences so it's just uh it's self-loathing reaching across the aisle which is all like i've said that's all culture and politics same thing are it's it's uh competing it's resent it's mirroring resentments on both sides new yorkers resenting that they live in a sh in a \*\*\*\*\* that's supposed to be the center of the world and everyone outside of it who doesn't live there presenting that either they're not there at some level if they've really bought into the notion of you know virtue is flowing from success or uh it's undeserving-ness as as the place that determines these things as as the as the defining referent point for success or glamour or ah and so that's what you're on always end up seeing with these things is one concentration of resentment purple's force like that person who did the viral tweet about what do you people what do you people call it where you can get all these things at uh one in the morning uh she lives in new york under a pandemic it's a misery but there's the badanga which you yokels don't have that's just my resentment of people living somewhere else and then it hit the resentment of people who are sick of new york for one reason or another uh one way or the other they think it's undeserved or they think it's deserved and then it's just a reflected self-loathing for not having attained it and then they get to fight each other over it it's great it's a lot of fun we're all having fun we're all having a lot of fun uh so yes it's nice to see that all the cycles are completing themselves nothing has ever learned nothing's ever changed the cast of characters shifts a little bit but largely through just people washing out of the cycle not really why do i call it a bodenga that's because felix who is a very resentful new yorker not not he's like got both because he hates and resents new york like someone who's not from there but he also lives here so he has both sets of resentments in one which is tough and so he hates bodega culture more than anyone and he makes fun of it by calling it a bodenga felix is a walking contradiction that's everything is a paradox ain't that the truth everything

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is a bundle of contradictions that must be resolved oh i got a new one today i got a poland spring i thought i'd try this not bad i'll probably stick with black cherry but now i have this on the this is from the i don't think we're going to do a series on iran contra specifically i mean we'll probably talk about it a lot when we talk about when we do uh episode two of the bush episode uh or on episode two of the bush series because uh the same way that nixon was the white the executive uh branch uh point man like the white house point man for um the bay of pigs george h.w bush had the same role uh with iran contra him and oliver north were the ones running it and so we'll talk a lot about his involvement in it in being a \*\*\*\*\* mega kilo drug trafficker while telling people that winners don't use drugs while having the dea entrap a 17 year old kid into selling them some crack outside of the white house so that he could hold it up in front of the camera and then the kid gets 10 years one of the most despicable little moments of the bush administration this \*\*\*\*\* this is not a joke in order to ramp up the war on drugs and increase the carceral state he wanted to have a a speech where he laid out the case for a more punitive approach to drugs and what he wanted to do is he wanted to hold up some crack that had been purchased within sight of the white house or something to prove how pervasive the problem was only problem was for them white house that there was nobody who really sold there there were not open-air drug markets within side of the white house even then even in the high crime early late 80s so the dea did is they they got a they got a uh in touch with a dealer uh in anacostia i think and they had him come to the uh the reflective pool or something and then arrested him and then he did 10 years on that \*\*\*\*\* and trump and bush got to hold up that crack in front of the camera and throw more people like that kid in prison while moving that \*\*\*\*\* into the country to be sold in the first place i mean it's it's astounding and his we'll talk a lot about his role and enter the broad country more broadly and although you know i think for the most part we're it's i think we'll stick to broad strokes i mean but his specific involvement and the specifics of the drug operation i think are going to be very very uh well investigating so we will be talking about our i don't know when bush character is going to come up my guess is that we'll record it sometime next month to release because it doesn't have a it's not topical so i think we might we might do it early to bank for the holiday season although who the \*\*\*\*\* knows if there's even really it does seem like everything is in this weird perpetual state even now i hate to show you guys my hairline there i know it's pretty dramatic i should put a uh so uh i wanted to say something about jd vance and not not him specifically but sort of him as as an example of sort of the the new man that we've created in america and not just a man or even exclusively a man but in the sense that soviets were trying to build a new man a new socialist man who who would transcend the

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the the restrictions of what we in bourgeois society uh convince ourselves as human nature and this is like that is the en that is the the metaphysical uh battle within or uh that is the metaphysical uh alchemy that communism seeks to uh engage and i think that they weren't wrong to imagine things that way i mean they were wrong to think that they could happen within uh a anything other than a global context uh and i think the fact that when the soviet union collapsed it collapsed into uh rapine and uh kleptocracy proves that they didn't create a new man but they did recognize that the new man needed to be built in order to live communally uh to be broke to to to find value uh in unalienated labor of not expecting the the the fruits of one's production to be the consumption of it directly but rather the the enjoyment of a social existence that uh what allowed them to freely express their their uh creative drive their animal spirits without having it stripped away and then re-given to them in a reduced form in the form of a wage and a consumption uh and access to consumption economy well they didn't do that but meanwhile what was happening in the free world and in russia too and and eventually all barriers being broken was the creation of a new capitalist man even out of the the uh the clay of modern man like 19th century man which was already uh being you know uh warped and buckled by the the hyper speed of capitalist social change uh but what the last 40 years specifically have done has created a new capitalist subject a true homo economicus uh a the the the people that they made up in those textbooks uh the people the communist the the the evil mirror image of the the imagined uh transformed human of communism the the antichrist version and that being is one who sees all relationships as transactional who defines all things uh as to have and that's not you know that's not something that is traditionally i think a way people have believed because we live socially we have lived socially and that existence of social bonds by definition means uh non-marketized bonds because you can't put a price on that \*\*\*\*\* like there's a reason that's you can't go to the pawn shop and get the sentimental value on your items because it only means well that idea that idea that there is a value an emotional value a bond to anything or anyone that can transcend the market which has been you know part and parcel to social existence for the entirety of humankind we are now in the process of replacing with a fully transactional human being who has no connections to anything that cannot be quantified in if not in dollars in a crude calculus of uh advancement personal advancement uh versus personal uh uh demerit like what everyone we know and everything that is in the world is to be used to our advantage or to be ignored to prevent disadvantage and that we build around that the words like love and hate and uh you know the economy and politics and good and bad but but at base what had been a social relationship with a transcendent definition to the person who felt

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it uh value and obviously it's not happening it hasn't happened fully we still have that remnant feeling that we should have uh that there is something other than our benefit or a dollar amount or we're getting there because our time is being abstracted away from us first it happened geographically but now thanks to the internet first comp first television and now the internet we are stripping from the days of our lives the chance to even have an emotionally freighted engagement with another person by replacing time with people with time with and what that has created along with that's just the technological part of it the broader part of it is creating a culture whereby precarity is so uh deeply felt and non-marketized social interactions are so few and far between that we essentially can't afford to do anything other than assign value to our relationships if we want to get ahead so those things combined are creating a new man is creating a a capitalist new man and jd vance is par excellence one of those another one and i wanna i wanna draw this contrast to talk about how in many ways these two people who seem separate and are seem very different to come from different backgrounds are in i think and obviously you know i'm i'm speculating on a hypothesis here this will all like end up looking like character assassination but you know if i'm wrong i'll apologize uh but i'm just talking about like looking from the outside at the contours of their careers and lives and writing uh i feel like they are both perfect exemplars of this new type of person and like i said this person it's no one's fault that they turn into this it's how you end up responding to a life and a body that you did not choose and we can only we can never really so there's only uh so much that you can blame anyone for anything but i do feel like like gia talentino and jd vance were both americans who came into a world where there was a value system and there is a yardstick for human happiness and they had an ability to navigate it from a young age they knew they did they went to school and they found out that unlike some of their other peers that they could pay attention and give back what the teacher had given them and they had an awareness that doing that would lead them towards what was broadly understood throughout the entire culture including everything their parents ever told them or the world around them to ever told them would be a a goodness that you have to have to the first slab of the \*\*\*\* maslow's hierarchy and they uh went through the ideological sorting mechanism that constitutes applying through the to the edge applying your mind to the educational system that we have and came out of it going to college and going there and experiencing the full measure which by that point they wouldn't have gotten there if they hadn't made this decision far back along the way of moving along this trajectory they decided that they needed even if they didn't want to they needed to treat everyone as fungal and every relationship is and the difference between them the difference in the reason the reason that one of

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them came out journalist a left-wing writer and memoirist and the other uh became a republican hedge fund guy and like quasi political operative is that one of them grew up a of course not the only reason but like the structure that made all of these subsequent reasons happen in the first place is that she grew up in as the child of wealthy immigrants who were actual no joke human traffickers in that they were they operated a business that had philippine uh filipinos who wanted to teach in the united states would help help them in the process of gaining the paperwork to do so and then moving them through it and it was a it was like a more high-class politer version of the coyote system that gets uh immigrants across the uh immigrants or immigrants or migrants sorry migrants across the mexican border uh it involved confiscation of passports and and ill treatment in in barracks like and it afforded her a very very very successful life very wealthy but she was also a a female which rendered her subject to like a patriarchy as she discovered in her in her the political awakening that comes with acquiring an understanding through the the cultural through the educational uh mental structuring that tells you you know who's responsible for all the bad things well she's female and the other is she's non-white she's she's asian and the the child of immigrants who are of course besides uh you know black americans sort of the most stigmatized minorities are racialized uh racialized immigrants because of their tenuous status here in america legal and social in making her career as a writer she mined that childhood those experiences to create a narrative whereby her parents were these eager strivers who had to negotiate the morass of american racism in order to succeed and that gave her ideas about how racism and ethnic uh and uh hostility to immigration in this country are contributing to to uh human misery like the human misery she knows her parents were involved in although she never said that in her memoir and that turns her into a liberal democrat now jd vance is a white boy uh a and a poor white boy that or at least poorer than uh than our stereotype of of a white male childhood in this country the lower half and as he acclimatizes through the educational system and finds out what's going on where the bad things are he gets he why uh why things are the way they are who's responsible for what you know forming the rudiments of a political consciousness he finds out that there is an explanation for why things are bad and the bad guys are white guys like him they are white guys by definition they are either rich white guys responsible for economic oppression or poor white guys responsible for racism and racial oppression well what good does that do you if you're a young shriver looking to get ahead you're going to apologize for yourself all day why would i want to do that \*\*\*\*\* that instead what he did is he mined his family background to show how his uh how like the tainted association and in so doing explain to audiences of uh educated wealthy liberals and conservatives who are trying to understand their

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fellow citizens much like their reid gila torentino to try to understand the exotic immigrant experience this exotic lower class white experience jd gets to treat his family as marionettes to prove a point to them about how their failings are personal and his success by definition is also personal and but that that that that argument 0:28:10 which personalizes blame it doesn't have as easy a uh adherence to the liberal uh the more sophisticated fully articulated uh liberal collegiate description of oppression in this country uh but enough for him to uh so that makes him a a republican so and and a bootstraps guy but both of them are people whose fundamental uh everything they say and have done in their careers has been driven by a fundamental uh transactional relationship with all around them where you turn your family uh into just grist and the problem we have now is that everybody who emerges from 0:29:12 these structures everybody who everybody who is able to get a voice to be able to be heard because the thing about america is is that the the the most oppressed among us are silent spivak we can answer the question does the subaltern speak i don't know but the subaltern does not tweet not in a way that enters what we consider the political consciousness it's all filtered through uh spokespeople and media figures uh who uh many of whom are able to act as gatekeepers between the two two halves the the college educated politically engaged half and those overwhelmingly among the poorest of us i mean they're tweeting right but they're tweeting about their own 0:30:14 \*\*\*\*\* they're not part of the political discussion they're not part of the discourse unless it's unless it's been like co-legged and translated because of the the failure for people to be able to imagine outside their own their own bubble it means that there's a self-consciousness that permeates all attempts to engage and yeah they've never been part of the conversation but and really all we're seeing now is just how how stark that is because we have this social media that's hypothetically supposed to connect all of us and yet it reproduces the same hierarchies of structures as as our if you're really struggling in this country you just do not have the luxury that's going to say privilege because that's \*\*\*\*\* but the luxury of engaging with politics as a meaningful category of life because it doesn't do anything your lived experience tells 0:31:16 you it doesn't do anything the thing that tells us that it does something is books and tweets and tv shows and our friends and family and our parents not our lived experience just just a translation of that a baffling of that a a mystification of that that we engage socially oh man somebody i mean apparently they're not going to do it now but because people got mad but the very fact that they tried to me it's another piece of the of the mosaic that you could just title rip subtext there's you can't you cannot do satire of this moment so people don't know this story in la union 0:32:20 center union station is the big train station in downtown and it is also right now one of the main covet testing centers that they have and a lot of kova testing spenders

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have been overwhelmed lately as you could imagine because i hope it is as bad as it's ever been in this country and getting worse by the day and the la city government issued a permit gender swapped tick-tock cast remake of can't buy me love and close it to the public and close it close the te the cove and testing site so not only are you having a situation where you're allowing the shooting of this thing to happen 170 people running around this enclosed building at the height of the pandemic they are they are critically reducing the city's infrastructure for coveted response in doing so now that does not tell you everything you need to know about the death spiral the capitalism is in this country because of its complete control of government like obviously government is the ex and uh government is inextricable from capitalism but it serves the reason it's there is it does serve a function of alienating some of the uh decision-making away from self-interested individual capitalists so that you can coordinate and reduce you can't eliminate because capitalism is inherently wasteful and destructive uh and at least reduce the \*\*\*\*\* waste so that in times of crisis for example you can coordinate response uh in such a way that prevents collapse that's why after the the there was a panic in economic there was a wall street panic in 1907 that nearly brought the entire united states governments or the united entire united states economy took collapse the thing that stopped it is the jp morgan locked a bunch of the biggest bank owners you know in his library until they agreed to a private bailout of the american economy of the of of the in the form of bailing out the the stock market and that was such that was such a close call and totally dependent on one guy essentially having the wherewithal individually to alienate himself from the mere logic of a short-term profit that he could override that and everyone else you can't guarantee that's going to happen every time so they created the federal reserve to do that at that level and uh similarly and what we have now is a situation where all the things that were built up since the federal reserve systems specifically after the new deal to steer the ship have been all torn away and stripped and sold for parts because the you've got to get money somewhere because you've got to replace that profit that keeps going down because we're not doing anything anymore we're we're circulating money around us economy at this point is just purely about investing it's about spinning water wheels for no reason the reason that uber and all these other companies that have never made any money and in fact are so in the whole that even if they monopolized their respective markets it would take decades to even come close to making up for the \*\*\*\*\* profits that the money has already been waste that's already been lost the reason they're going to keep giving them money it's not necessarily they don't recognize that it's it's good money after bad it's that there's nowhere else to put it there's nowhere else to invest money other than in uh like recreating 19th century uh uh and current indian practices of personal like

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servant servitude like all of the uber \*\*\*\*\* is just creating through the two bilateral 0:36:26  
contractual technological relationship of a contractor and a contractee uh old feudal  
relate oh feudal servant bonds that's the techno feudalism we keep talking about  
and part of that means is that the government is completely controlled completely  
controlled so that they can't even recognize any more than the capitalist can the  
individual capitalist can that in the even just for their own good they need to \*\*\*\*\*  
pull up the goddamn nose of their \*\*\*\*\* plane hey yes we got a day we got uh we got  
this shot for uh she's all that gender swap tick-tock show we got it congratulations  
that's gonna net your company but i i've been a good uh 10 grand in uh netflix  
royalties or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* meanwhile you have exacerbated the spread of a  
disease that is destroying and undermining the very \*\*\*\*\* economy that this entire  
city is based on the movie theaters as we know them have closed and yes we already 0:37:27  
have streaming but there's gonna be a bottleneck there as you transition from one  
to the other and a lot of money is gonna get shed you want if there's any hope of  
keeping that industry afloat it is in tamping down on cloven as much as possible and  
yet the short-term interests of some \*\*\*\*\* who wanted to shoot a guy taking his  
glasses off and revealing that he's actually hot the whole time and then they do a  
choreograph dance dance move to fat boy slim at the train station that is supposed  
to call back the corey grant's dance number uh from the end of the original she's  
all that and you have you got that congratulations and in exchange for that the  
you have further doomed everything unless the only reason this makes sense is if  
the idea of intervening in any of the bad stuff is a fiction and that the thing that  
separates those on the inside on the outside is not that they're just chained to the 0:38:28  
profit motive so much as they are chained to the profit motive and also cognizant  
that because they are chained to the the \*\*\*\*\* mast there's no stopping any of this  
there's no control in code therefore there are no more movie theaters oh well and that  
is what's going on perhaps perhaps perhaps perhaps like the thing that throws all  
of our models of self-interest even short-term self-interest into a tizzy is the question  
of how self-consciously black-pilled are our elites how much have they looked into  
the \*\*\*\*\* uh anus of satan how many of them have gotten their own personal ned  
baby speech where the reality of it is capitalism and barbarism or socialism and  
not barbarism you if you want to be on top of this system it will collapse do you 0:39:29  
want to not be on top and see what's behind door number two which in your heart  
you don't think is possible because remember these people are fully ideologically uh  
conditioned whereas they don't think that the alternative to capitalism exists so it  
is this it is this and barbarism it is barbarism so do you want to be the chieftain  
do you want to be in the castle or do you want to be sucking \*\*\*\*\* pig \*\*\*\*\* uh  
in in the fields and they have made the choice them and their kids are going to be

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on the top of the \*\*\*\*\* stick and everybody else is going to have this \*\*\*\*\* of the stick because if it's if all this really requires is for them to just remove one layer of self-conscious ideology the layer of capitalism actually is for the good of humanity capitalism actually makes everybody better off uh every uh it's free shoes it's the 0:40:30 milton friedman fairy tale stuff that they could win everybody else with and that only a few of them ever really believed but i think even now i i think at this point even they have have let the the scales fall and what they've seen is the reality of oh okay no never mind it doesn't make everybody anything everything better for everybody in the long run it actually makes things very bad for everybody but very few but i'm one of them and i'm going to do whatever it takes to stay there and if i want to have some sort of ethical reason for this well what about my kids what about my family what about the people i love don't i have a if it's all the same if we're going down anyway shouldn't i try to save my family shouldn't you pull your family out of a burning car before you pull anybody else out isn't that a responsible moral thing to do that's why the only thing that's going to break this up is is an eruption from without and by working class organs of power to disrupt the existing ones they 0:41:31 can't be taken over from within because within everyone within them everyone within them has i think \*\*\*\*\* executive outcomes is coming back the pinkertons are rolling in it uh yeah no we're gonna it's the new gilded age we gotta get the gun thugs back uh gonna fill the crack as the steak collapses it'll fill the craps \*\*\*\*\* pinkerton's 0:42:38 man supposedly alan pinkerton's thwarted an assassination attempt against john uh against lincoln uh when he was headed towards his inaugural well what the \*\*\*\*\* where the \*\*\*\*\* were you on april 15th you \*\*\*\*\* yeah the pinkertons are apparently also in addition to getting staffed up as as security for especially urban areas a lot of domestic unrest they're also creating these executive uh catastrophe contingency 0:43:42 packages where high with net worth individuals can essentially get a uh uh like a medic alert bracelet where if the mob shows up to the compact to the front doors or something they will they will be able to crash them out with a team of operators and extract them to a prepared remote hardened location like a bunker type deal and in addition to that the craziest one is that last year the year before there was a uh i think a honda or toyota executive hyundai one of the big japanese automotive companies there's a uh the chief the the ceo was uh under house arrest on a bunch of uh finance crime charges i think like embezzling and stuff i'm not sure uh and he was up but he's also he was like uh um he's also a lebanese citizen and he hired some \*\*\*\*\* black water type guys to uh sneak him out of the country on a private plane uh and then 0:44:45 get him to first istanbul and then cut up to another private plane to lebanon where he couldn't be extradited literally nissan yeah that was it so that's like the future is here you know there's nothing there's nothing that you could imagine that is not

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already in pupil figurative form happening right in front of us now of course these there's a lot of them though not all of them are terrible some are good prefigured they could be pre-figurative all depends on which ones we water midnight carlos ghosan that was that it's so i guess he's just still chilling in lebanon right that would have been funny if he got blown up in that uh ammonium uh somebody asked if the whiskey rebellion was a proto-working-class rebellion not really because you got to remember these are all small holders now we're talking full-on yeoman these subjects who were the hypothetical like the hypothetical subject of this constitutional order that was coming into being were these guys uh but part of that was that they had this this notion of liberty of being ungoverned that was only viable in the context of yeoman farming which in those parts of the country nor western massachusetts and new england that's where that model was born because that's where it was most viable like the land was good enough to grow stuff on but not good but not that good it was good it was it was it was good enough for you to grow crops for yourself and family and a surplus but you couldn't have plantation agriculture you couldn't have large-scale capital intensive agriculture in that part of the of the continent what you could have was a small farm that could produce a surplus and which would allow for the exchange of surplus for finished goods and the and then perhaps uh for more purchase of more land that allowed for an idea of a self-sufficient uh uh subject who was this would be essentially uh for whom a state would essentially be redundant because the market transactions would regulate every part of his economic life and social life that's where the libertarian idea comes from and like obviously the the way that the whiskey rebellion went with the vic the victory of federalism over it it uh you know it was a victory for the hamiltonian administrative state that was going to take these freemen and and uh lash them and and discipline them with with the with taxation and then later with uh with mortgages and and liens and things like that but in the context of creating a modern because the thing about capitalism is it's necessary because you have to grind through these social forms they're not going to and more importantly it's not even a choice it's inherent when you when when uh when the the colonies got connected to the dynamo of the british uh of british industry which is going to start the crank of wallenstein's world system as it wends its way around the cut of the continents uh the the intensification of of trade intensifies the need for alienating and intervening mechanisms of bureaucracy both state and private and that means alienating uh liberty away towards a center and the thing that pulled away from that process in america was the emergence of this alternative economic model this alternative production model in the south that is where why you were able you saw this early contradiction because that was the central contradiction of the colonial project or the american project postcolonial so

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it had two models of capitalist production they were both capitalists but obviously there is a significant difference between small holding farming as our agricultural of agricultural staples as the as the as the uh as the model uh and when i say model i mean the uh the model of resource end of this the model in the cities is the same as it is everywhere it's it's the it's the it's the maw that chews up all those things it eats all the food and takes all of the the uh all the materials two ways to fill get this moth 0:50:10 fed you had the smallholder model and then in the south you had the plantation over time the plant as as the ability to extract profit due to uh the expansion of slavery and then of course uh technological innovations like the cotton gym i mean the main reason that the first the first ranks of founding fathers thought that slavery was something that they could just put off was because they thought it was going to go away naturally in the near term because it wasn't really that profitable it wasn't really like where it was where it was then where it was during the colonial and an early modern period before we expanded it really wasn't that profitable the soil was already getting depleted in in the tidewater uh like george washington even though he was the biggest landowner in virginia he had to borrow 500 bucks to go to his own 0:51:14 inaugural because he had a bunch of bad harvests uh even though he had huge you know slave plantations and the margins just weren't good enough it was cotton and then the ability to to make cotton uh labor uh labor to reduce the labor intensiveness of cotton to a point where you could make more money make money off of it uh that made it uh a viable a long-term viable mode of production and that's what changed the politics of slavery over time and blew up the constitutional order so i would say that whiskey rebellion i don't think it's proto-working-class movement in that it has the form of popular over it has the form of a popular resistance to oppression the thing is is that the the axis of oppression then is not really the one that you see in a organized working-class movement within a capitalist system a fully integrated 0:52:16 capitalist system where the yeomanry or the yeoman conception of liberty is not an overriding thing uh and honestly that's one of the chief hindrances of the american labor movement is the persistence of the omen conception of liberty was only been protest that has been uh uh that has persisted the way it has because of our dynamic of expansion that has governed our nation until very recently like you can say oh the frontier closed in the 1890s yes but that's when we started our colonial wars and then very quickly uh we became the inheritors of a globe spanning empire it was all i really think that the myth man those \*\*\*\*\* obelisks one of the things that that they've 0:53:17 really taken from us is any ability to have any wonder about anything because no one could have seen that for a second and not immediately thought oh this is viral marketing for some \*\*\*\*\* and maybe it isn't maybe it's not maybe there's nothing else that ever happens it's like hey what was the deal with those obelisks and we

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never find out it's too late then and it's all gonna be a slow like there will never there can be no collective intake of breath because everything we see we inherently yeah it's getting chilly oh god the clowns guys the clowns thank you for reminding me about the clowns that was probably the one thing that more than anything should 0:54:19 have told you that in retrospect that trump should've was gonna win not because he's orange just because that kind of thing happening people are people are vibing on a weird people are vibing people are waiting for something people are they're tasting something in the air something's getting weird and honestly i wonder if the fact that trump won stopped the clown thing if it was just that clown like him being president diffused the energy that was turning into it was expressing itself in in weird clowns and if hillary had won maybe the clown thing would have had become a like a real extended phenomenon involving body counts and and uh cults and \*\*\*\*\* or unless it was all unless it was viral marketing for it because if it was and they were cool about it we never would have known they weren't going to say hey this is for it because like 0:55:21 if they're really smart they don't know you it's d you program them deeply enough you don't have to make the connection they'll make it themselves yeah it is the plot of the movie joker and i wonder if trump being president didn't like defer divert us from the joker timeline at least temporarily now with biden getting back in here and like the normal folk the the adults in the room again does that mean the joker vacation is gonna start back up are we gonna start seeing clowns again clowns in uh we'll see after inauguration day after biden becomes president and doesn't get arrested by michael flynn after they've waved the servers around uh then i think you might see i am going to become the joker damn right damn right you are we all are 0:56:23 we're all going to be the joker sooner or later we're all getting occupied but no i feel like i i went through my jokerification phase and i came out the other end and hopefully we will come out to the other end collectively of our jokerfication phase uh feeling feeling like we're we're changed evolved upward maybe oh god cuomo i i still think the funniest thing would be it's john ossoff in 2024 because it's so nothing more perfectly democratic about a guy wasting a \*\*\*\*\* ton of money to lose a center 0:57:24 a house race the most money i think anybody had ever used to lose a house race then taking another boatload of money burning it just burning it flushing it down the toilet to lose twice the same senate race and then he gets the nomination as the president so that he can like end up spending three billion dollars to lose to john taffer or larry the cable guy or larry the cable guy and john taffer strapped together like master blaster god i got it i behind this \*\*\*\*\* i keep thinking that the 2024 republican candidate if it's not trump will be john junior and i know that everyone's like and myself i agree he has none of his father's raw charisma or talent of any kind he's a perfectly null fail son the ideal fail son but honestly i think that takes that 0:58:26

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doesn't take into account how much stupider and more pathetic things are going to be in 2024 how much lower is everyone's expectation going to be of anything and how much will the toad-like anti-charisma of donald jr uh end up winning just by virtue of having some some transient trends some uh some transferred valor some stolen vibe from his dad compared to the \*\*\*\*\* other wet dish rags who run so yeah we'll see we'll see i have a feeling i mean we'll see how we'll see how things are maybe they won't be so stupid maybe people will be less dumb but hey ossoff versus don jr i think could be an amazing election

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um she thinks laughs a dog \*\*Music playing\*\* hurley burley by man man that's a good song i always thought that would be good uh at bat music i said that i wanted my uh my hipster ass baseball closing pitching music to be two plus two equals five by radiohead i think even more obnoxious would be doing a man-man song as my at 0:1:2 bad music for officers for a free officers movement in america my kingdom for jerry rawlings ah man talked before about how like you know in a context of of unveil of of of compounding crises you know like if we assume that uh there isn't really a respite after covid if if the next step after covet is an intensification rather than a remitting a relapsing and remitting uh uh admiseration which i think is unlikely but possible then you gotta throw politics out the window entirely the only hope we have to to like stop the skid off of the end of the mountain and into the abyss of just total atomized uh uh techno overlordship is going to be the us military i mean no joke not of course 0:2:4 the monsters at the top of it not those joint chiefs of staff were mostly monstrous because of their banality i mean these are all just eichmann's they're all eichmann's not in the sense that they did as great evil as eichmann did even though of course they're perpetuating militarily the great blood fountain of american empire which has a massive \*\*\*\*\* body count itself they are eichmann in their way that they approach their butchers lives is with uh total blank banality it is time service it isn't even like you could say about a figure like hitler it isn't even some expression of a mad will to power that is at least connected to a human spiritual yearning even if it's corrupted and monstrous they are merely punching a clock in the service of a misery i mean the only reason they're able to do it is because they've been abstracted from the process like eichmann was in his little room with his little typewriter same way these 0:3:5 guys are in their little centcoms looking through their \*\*\*\*\* uh night vision goggle shots of i think how many military males we got in there oh so good uh we have now reduced that number of terrorists because as we all know the number of terrorists is fixed and therefore the job of fighting terrorism is just killing them until they're all so they tell themselves as they punch the clock they're never gonna stop anything from happening they'll become amazon generals they'll just get inducted into the bezos

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like peter thiel division and they won't even think about it traditionally where there has been uh not not socialist not marxist but at least progressive and like broadly i don't know humanitarian populist sentiment within the military it has come from 0:4:6 its middle ranks uh it is the all of all of the non-re non like of all the military regimes of all the coup imposed regimes uh of the 20th century uh all the ones that were not strictly reactionary like strictly existed to serve the interest of of the most retransited uh uh um faction of like the the national bourgeois you know like your pinochets uh the ones who whose regimes did not just become like authoritarian imposition of neoliberalism uh they all occurred because middle level officers like lieutenants often captains sometimes colonels very very rarely generals get together and because a lot of them come from working class backgrounds you know they're not the military is broadly uh egalitarian in its uh in its in fact it's disproportionately weighted now in 0:5:9 our military specifically and generally in the history it's disproportionately weighted towards poorer people in terms of the number of people who make it up because you need numbers you need cannon fodder and those aren't going to come from people with money if you're in the if you have money if you have position if you have status and you're going into the military it's in exchange for a shiny shiny sword and a beautiful red uniform and a guarantee that you'll never have to do a \*\*\*\*\* push-up in your life but you get to ride around at a fancy horse and sit sit and sip tea and order other people into their deaths or maybe charge along them grandly but from the front so that your debt is part of a grand narrative that their deaths can never be one way or another uh you want rank and therefore you're a reactionary and so the top levels of the military will always end up selecting for that in the middle rank you have some upstarts you have some people who came from the bottom started from the bottom now they're here or maybe from the restive and always and always 0:6:11 uh liminal middle class and then you encounter army mel uh military organization military esprit de corps military education which is going to be broadly liberal in a way that's going to conflict with the uh you know if you have a nationalist conception with you have to if that nationalism goes beyond this narrow ruling clique which is more likely to happen if you come from the bottom part of it all of a sudden that national concept is not and so where does this happen free officers movement in egypt nasa of course i mean no matter where they ended up and how degraded they end up of the bath revolutions in iraq and uh uh syria um and also gaddafi which by the way gaddafi i don't think is a great man i think that you know he he belongs among the pantheon applies who are able to stand up to america and you kind of have to give all those guys credit you have to respect them just because of how difficult that was uh but uh and you know he wasn't he did not uh fully sign up 0:7:13 he was always playing a double game until it stopped working for him and he did

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forever and another thing i respect about the \*\*\*\*\* he uh he never promoted himself to general the guy was a colonel when they took power when the green movement that he was ahead of took power and then he was in charge for 40 years and he never promoted himself to general he was always um who else uh the \*\*\*\*\* i mean the most like the most like explicitly left-wing movement actually had the support of a number of actual communists and i'm referring here to the carnation revolution in 1974 in portugal when when young officers some of whom were you know just liberals some who were disenchanted conservatives everybody who was sick of the estado novo the decrepit salazar sort of uh corporatist government like proto-fascist i 0:8:14 guess uh government that had ruled since the 20s uh before franco came up the ghost and there was an attempt to maintain the estado novo to maintain more importantly the colonial brush fire wars that portugal was fighting to maintain their territory in angola and mozambique where portuguese boys were going to fight and die including the friends of these officers and they came together and with their educations and their experiences and said holy \*\*\*\*\* you know we have a chance here and they carried off something that could have tipped into a like a military-led communist uh uh overthrow there it didn't because the weight of like the the center of gravity was not with the communists in portugal it was it was with the left more broadly which means that it would eventually settle more towards liberalism which in the context of the heart of cold war europe it's hard to argue would have really had and you know the early communist leaders of the kardashians revolution ended up kind of regretting 0:9:15 what happened because it did you know it ended with port but you know now here in this crisis moment when everyone's turning to \*\*\*\*\* and everything is turning we're just getting either like the iron boot of biden bidenist macronut mercellian thought like the global just uh the jack boot of of naked uh neo-liberalism or just the incoherent uh uh reactionary dog-brained populism the spectaclized uh fantasy politics of bolsonaro and trump and \*\*\*\*\* orbit and all these motherfu all these main cases all these martinets where is the place where those aren't the dominant tendencies portugal is one and you can say that portugal's left-wing government has made compromises and is undermining you know some broad left movement internationally such that it exists but i would argue that in the context of where you could be in uh in the current moment where your government could be in response to 0:10:16 dealing with this covet crisis and the way it's reshaping the economy uh and way of life i would rather be in portugal and they had one of those uh colonel's movements chavez began his rise to power with an attempted coup before he well they took that the uh like the position that having struck that blow and created that crete core for problem is the united states military our our thing is almost designed to squeeze out anyone with any for left-wing sentiment because i'm sure there's plenty of broad

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liberals in the in the young officer corps some of whom could could if conditions deteriorate and they're forced to make you know more stark choices about choosing between profit and human life they might choose human life they might choose socialism or barbarism as the choice becomes more clear but even if they wanted to they have no initiative or ability their their job is to push the buttons in this giant wheezing machinery of mil of war where winning is not the point of it this is one of the first military this is a very rare thing in the military where it is designed to not do the thing that it's supposed to be functioning for like when you go into the military it is you're taught that the role of the military is to win wars but the actual role of the us military is to fight wars and those are two different things and having to live that lie it's unsustainable and i mean i i i don't know how many people who find themselves like tending towards humanity and towards socialism and away from capitalism and barbarism they might just get turfed out before they have a chance to get even to the \*\*\*\*\* junior officers level but i have said that is speculation i have very little familiarity with the military i'm a soft fancy college boy i didn't go to i didn't go where i'm from it really does come down to a lot of cases you go to military or you go to college that's that's the the choice in like uh yeah manitowoc which is like a a fly spec mini duck rust belt town that had been a um a maritime hub it's actually where half of the submarine fleet was built during world war ii the other half was built in pennsylvania and there's a sub uss kobe you can go and visit in manifold and they had a big uh they created i think they still make the uh the manitowoc uh cranes i think uh but there was like a pot pad factory and it was all going away as i was coming up there as i was com like coming into awareness because i really was born with the neoliberal era there in the early 80s and so i was uh seeing it all fall apart before my eyes and so by the time i get out of i got out of high school like if you go to the military unless you want to stick around in like huff blue or you can work or you work at a farm with your family and you want to do that you know and there were farm people around there it's all surrounded by farmland uh or you uh you had to go to college or the military those are your options and because of what my experience of life had led me to weird quirks of biology and experience i mean the \*\*\*\*\* uh back injury being one of them that would have disqualified me even if nothing else had although honestly i don't think i could have joined the military if i wanted to i'm deaf in one ear i don't think i think i wouldn't have even like i wouldn't have been drafted in world war one world war ii i would have been 4f with the hat because like i hear that people got denied uh service in world war ii which was not something people really dodged like you really wanted to fight because it was so socially expected uh but people like not getting it because of \*\*\*\*\* flat feet and i'm like god damn i literally can't hear other half of my head i bet they would not

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have let me in even then but anyway so but then like even if i've been able bodied  
and and whatever my temperament my experience my interests my social self sense 0:14:24  
of self was not really compatible with the military it did not appeal to me so hey  
college get some scholarships take up some money choice but there are those who go  
through the officer corps which is essentially the college of the military branch that's  
the college of uh the military like vector there and then you come out of that and  
you've got a bunch of ideas you know you've assimilated some you rejected others  
you have some sort of sense of self politically even if you think you don't because  
a lot of those guys love to think that they're apolitical but of course that's also a  
political position in one way or another they are thoroughly political they are political  
politicized which means they're encountering this moment of crisis and deprivation  
is the same way we are how will people respond as things get worse and that's why i 0:15:25  
say if this if the slide is intense i don't think there's enough time for us to build up the  
infrastructure to resist it at a class level as a working-class movement to withdraw  
work in a strategic way in order to reduce the system's ability to function so that  
some sort of confrontation has to come to be had with capitalism like i said this is  
all presupposing one trajectory uh in that case i think we got to just we got to be  
hopeful that that cast exists somewhere but like i said that is the less likely outcome  
but you know that's got to be something that people think about and you know  
keep stirring in the pot there when they think about things long term is the military  
because it is like the biggest only trusted nonpartisan institution in this country like  
we've talked about how we're in the among the politicized of us we're creating a new  
dichotomy between two groups of people who live in alternative realities not just to  
the point where they think different things but that they essentially pay homage to 0:16:26  
the authority of only things of their choosing and in that case you really don't have  
any institution that can be ever ever hope to tame really out of control social uh  
violence or even uh just a rapid decline of you know coherence of an economy and  
it's in a hypothesis but certainly does complicate the way a lot of people like on the  
left people who style themselves leftists like to think about the military like yes it  
is uh it is an agent of doom it is our worldwide uh it's it's what rends the sinews  
of the but the people within it have to be understood to be in roughly the same 0:17:28  
relationship personally and culpability wise to the real exercise of this machinery as  
plenty of people who you would call comrade within the united states and so that's  
uh why you know it just things always need to be more nuanced but we always  
just drive towards oppositions and bernie did have the most military donors and  
also as frederick jameson has pointed out the us military is one of the few places  
where you actually live in some semblance of a social democracy in this country you  
know obviously it's threadbare and getting worse over time because cuts everywhere

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austerity everywhere but you go you go into unlike any other place in american life if you decide to go to college or you decide to learn a trade or or try to you know hustle or whatever the hell you're trying to do uh in in the in the wage economy if you join the military you are guaranteed certain things like housing like health care in exchange for a civic engagement your duty that's actually how those are people that's that's the social order that would like hypothetically create a uh and sustain a social democracy or but of course the argument here is well none of this is going to lead to socialism or a socialist revolution obviously not obviously not what it might do is stop not stop of course but slow change the trajectory of reduce the intensification of the process of full atomization and social dissolution and spiritual dissolution any literal physical dissolution that is occurring under this crisis-ridden and then maybe in in that context you can work from there it's easier to work in a room that's not filling with water it's easier to do a crossword puzzle if \*\*\*\*\* zyklon b vents so yeah now this is is prescriptive beyond that it's like well what about uh you know should people be joining the military i don't know these are all decisions people have to make on themselves but i do know that the the totalizing work of of defining yourself online through having a rigid approach to reduced binary questions is is how is is a recipe for someone who cannot engage the world around them uh positively cannot is not likely to create the feedback loop that that produces a positively charged social interaction that can actually but yeah i would not i mean i obviously even if i could i would not have joined the military ever i couldn't imagine myself doing any of that uh even if i wasn't even if i was guaranteed i wouldn't be in a theater of war but the thing is you can't guarantee that and that is the big reality that underscores all of this and that lends such like real um emotion charged feeling to the question of the military and society because while we're talking about this it's killing people while we're speaking it's killing people i mean in every sense not only is it a machinery of death not only does it by its name by its very existence rob american citizens and citizens globally of well-being and wealth and health and possibility to thrive uh it's actually also the single largest corporate uh climate emitter in the world it's killing us at every level that's bad it makes sense that people want to make this a like at the signal issue and then there's a question of solidarity how do you say that you have solidarity with the victims of empire if you're conspiring with the perpetrators of the violence of empire which i say that is the i mean that's the contradiction at the heart of organizing in the imperial core but it's unresolvable and the reason people love arguing about it is because it's unresolvable because it will always lead to more arguing veterans i think uh would be a ver and and the thing about veterans is and this is a reason that i don't think that we're going to get to anything with the democrats and republicans i feel like at this point the brand of the democrats has

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been so spoiled among i would say veterans as a category broadly and certainly white veterans and of course that's racism as a reason for that but a lot of it is unnecessary a lot of it is around charged vacant political theater that doesn't actually result to have anything to do with the parties themselves like everybody can point out tediously that them actually democrats give more money to the military and they give more money to va offers and they their policies would help veterans yeah sure but that's 0:23:34 not how it's experienced it's experienced as a cultural slugfest between performances of value and the democratic performance of value is even if like joe Biden and those guys the political people try hard to counteract it at the cultural level the associated elements are hostile to it and and that means that the thing that's going to come up the thing that's going to catch among us if it's going to is going to come in the form eventually eventually probably of some sort of party formation and it will be outside of that dynamic because that's the only way that you could breach the the the hall of like a localized labor and political movement uh onto one that people are aware of in the media sphere and then one into which people are moving towards elsewhere the generation of political momentum you're not going to have uh that if you have 0:24:35 to deal with a lot of the \*\*\*\*\* about democrats and culture stuff and also if you're if you're a post lefty who wants the republicans to do it it means the republicans can't do it either because the republicans are the party of racism the republicans are the party of hatred of minorities and \*\*\*\*\* immigrants and hostility to women as equal citizens that's not going anywhere either so nobody's working class person no matter where they are demographically is going to be able to adhere to one of these parties uh enough to get a broad swath of working-class people that operate from a class perspective because they're and you need one of those halves to get with the people who aren't part of this \*\*\*\*\* or parts of both of them more likely parts of both of them and that's by something that isn't tainted with this and you can say but it's 0:25:36 not fair that the democrats aren't the part are considered not to hate troops and it is fair that the matter yeah you don't want to talk about a third way because that's i mean that was originally fascism if you talk about the military part people's hairs are really going to get back in the heads about fascism and then of course it was the you know neoliberal neo-fascism of the current uh the current trajectory either way no thank you but uh that only makes sense if you think that the two ways we have now are like a left and right they're not it's actually more of a second way like the current way is one way it's one big thing nothing is going to change it's locked the gears are 0:26:38 frozen we're tumbling off of the end of the thing politics is dead within this structure so anything that comes outside of it is an alternative to that so it's a second way because fascism was a third way in a real contest between capital and labor it was it was a real donny brooke those commies looked like they would have they had old

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uh rich uncle penny bags on the run for a minute there until fascism showed up to save capitalism's ass that is not the situation we're in right now world where politics has become a a a trump low it's it's a \*\*\*\*\* an illusion and we're we're fixated by it while uh the chinese are tweeting about australian war crimes they have entered 0:27:42 the game folks china is entered the mine space they are going to try to weaponize human rights just like we do and it is going to be delightful oh man seeing people tie themselves into contortions to try to out woke one another in their justification of bloodshed because of course all of this talk about human rights is strictly for the eggheads it's strictly for the don't be in \*\*\*\*\* no one else is listening to that or cares so that means the language will get more and more horrifyingly grotesquely uh diversity yeah my real dream is you know i said it's gonna come down to china versus uh america well how about a couple of officers movements high-fiving in the middle what about that to get rid of the like the top at the the top and corporate 0:28:43 merger or huh how lightly is it not not very but the good news is if you think about it nothing is likely because none of these there are so many probabilities and none of them uh mean anything until they've resolved into one state or another which means you can't look at anything until it's already happened and that the whole thing of likely or unlikely is much less important than understanding the greater structures it's not whether your predictions are good or not it's about whether you feel like you are grounded in your analysis and then you can extend it for a bit but the further you extend the \*\*\*\*\* mistier it gets because contingencies pile up upon one another and render every subsequent moment just uh vastly more difficult to calculate because of the amount of randomness involved the cat is neither dead nor alive the cat the 0:29:48 cat is floating through like we all are like i talked about how the election was sort of opening of the box and i think it was an opening of the box for one thing but it only opened the box on that thing now we got to deal with that that's a dead cat okay but there's a bunch of other cats here there's a bunch of other boxes none of them have been opened yet and all we can really tell by that that box is maybe looking which direction we're likely to see the next box grasping in in broad strokes not through i mean and of course what this is what i'm talking about like at the level of theory the good news is while people talk like this well people are operating at this level people are operating at the level of technology people are operating at the level of personal engagement the movement being built as i speak the contours of which are coming into view what it is i don't know no one even knows they're part of it and no one will so if you want to say there's no hope that nothing can be good that 0:30:51 doom is inevitable well honestly that doesn't really change anything because you're still going to be living a life you're still going to have people you love unless you're just going to kill yourself which you're not going to do you're going to live your life

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you're going to have people in your life that you love you're going to try to make your their life better the more you love the people around you the more your people you're gonna love the more you're gonna care about them which means the more likely you are when a situation comes where you can all help each other you do it and then you're doing it and you're moving towards the same goal as somebody who has the perfect outline in their head and never lost faith and never took the black pill you're going to end up doing the same thing doesn't matter what got you there intellectually that's oh that's that's just following after your heart pulling you in a direction you're hard pulling you gravitationally and like that is just to say like it's 0:31:52  
fun to talk about this stuff and it should inform you your life one way or the other it's tough to talk about think people need things to talk about people need things to think about and things that help them make sense of the world are better than things that make the world more murky and make them more angry and make them more scared because they understand it less like those things have help they have benefit but they cannot be the thing that makes you act they can't be because you will just be missing the forest you know i realize that there is something to that oh 0:32:54  
that horrible saying that people uh that love to who who want to avoid uh any kind of account any sort they want to do politics purely for clout and have no interest in actually changing anyone the old anyone's mind are making the world better that is the old it's not my job to educate you think and that is obviously incredibly cynical when used and it is used specifically so that people can get out of justifying their beliefs because one it's it's hard two it's frustrating uh i.e not fun and three it's actually impossible for some of them because they don't even know why they believe what they believe because deep down they're operating off of social signals and they haven't reasoned to that point so if they get into an argument or they get into a thing where they have to educate they might run out of knowledge and they can't run out of knowledge publicly without undermining their position and status they always 0:33:55  
have to bluff that they know more that is essentially a call of blood if they don't have to they won't and since then they can just say that and that lets them opt out but i think one thing that makes people say that that isn't just craven and isn't purely just about clout is the fact that uh there is something to it if you extend it to it's not my job to educate you about everything and that's the big problem with one of the big problems with this online thing is that everybody is operating off the premise that they have to be a \*\*\*\*\* expert on everything they have to be at comment on everything uh and so when they're asked why do you believe this they might not really know but also it might not matter that they don't know because it's not really their job in life it's not what they know about it's not what they can communicate there is something they do know and can communicate and if you ask them about

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that they'd be able to they would want to answer you because they would be happy to share but nobody nobody is in that position everyone is in the position of trying to bluff each other around knowing and that's why a lot of the questions and the the 0:34:57  
the things people are supposed to educate you about end up just being like contested sides of an argument rather than any useful insight because that's all you're really trying to do is tell somebody the right side of an argument to take not any practical application to your life so everybody shouldn't be \*\*\*\*\* answering every question about every goddamn thing maybe when you know something about something say it of course i know easy like that's hilarious for me to say i built my \*\*\*\*\* career on being the generalist loudmouth and it's like yes fair cop and that's i'm one of the people who helped create a incentive structure for people who go online to talk about politics which was if you just act like you know everything about everything enough people will take you seriously they'll pay you to talk and then you don't have to do anything you ever work anymore which is what we're all trying to do is avoid the \*\*\*\*\* wood chipper the wood chipper that is whittling around us at every moment 0:35:58  
of our lives or as we perceive it as such even if what i'm saying is that now you know i think it's a time to like pick which you think you can confidently articulate and i feel like i have found through a lot of bullshitting and a lot of uh a lot of public uh you know thinking through i have found like a a dimension of like human thought conception whatever information that i feel relatively confident about talking about of course just by luck it's the stuff that's easiest to learn about because it's really just about absorbing information and then collating it you don't need to apply it the way that a scientist does that's why i respect them or apply it in any real sense because you don't have any you don't really have like co-workers or customers in the 0:37:0  
traditional sense so you're not bound by those relationships uh it's a weird place to be but it's left me here feeling like okay this is stuff i can talk about and i really try not to talk i'm trying to wean myself off of talking about anything i don't feel like i have something to really add and that's why i'm like cutting myself away from predicting things besides trying to sketch out like a three-dimensional model for like the slice of time we find ourselves in uh because it it attenuates any like i think some people might be better than to predict specifically if they had more at more grounding in certain empirical scientific traditions than i do so and like questions of economics like i like the arguments about you know uh mmt and \*\*\*\*\* uh uh job guarantee versus ubi i don't know enough and i don't i don't think i'm gonna find myself motivated enough to learn enough about that stuff to add anything that anybody else hasn't 0:38:1  
already said better than me all i can do is like from my position of understanding observe the argument and see which one's convincing it's chilly it's getting cold and then it's apparently going to be a storm this weekend that's why i like to talk about

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history because i feel like i'm on a nice solid ground there no i know in the broad sense what happened and that's why politics politics is essentially history backwards politics is essentially like i mean political science i mean like you know whatever you call political science the made up science of political science it's history backwards we're trying to turn it and see the other way the other way through the telescope and it's possible but you need to have tools i don't have so i like to do a little bit of that then i like to use mostly history because i feel like i've got a better uh grab on that one because all you got to do is read easy what would happen if i shaved my beard i would probably lose subscribers i will say that i'll just put it at that and leave it i don't think it'll ever happen just like with the shaving of the head i don't think it's gonna happen if it didn't happen at the height of the first quarantine uh before i even had my you know uh my moment of enlightenment that i've been you know has helped me cope ever since somebody said somebody keeps talking about ethan hogg in the chat the other day they said that ethan hawke personally called us out and said chapel that he hates champo which i never found out if that's true nobody said it to me on twitter nobody like said cc this happened and now they're saying that ethan hawk says that he is a marxist-leninist this happening are these things happening or is there a weird guy creating like a para reality in the chat and trying to get me to participate in him because he's a little sicko is ethan hawking to be the american qaddafi i highly doubt it i did finish reagan land it's great uh wonderful i don't i hope he doesn't keep going i feel like he there's at this point it's redundant like anything other anything from then would be a different project and uh it's probably not one that he's that interested in i pursue apparently he's doing uh uh work on like the early democratic party i think if he is i am very excited about that uh i would love to see oh god rick pearlstein writing about martin van buren who will be the lib pinkertons wasn't that lib uh isn't that the antifa pinkerton who domed that guy in denver i know it's horrible and i'm not happy there's something slapstick about it the whole setup it's hard not to laugh i'm sorry i mean the guy does seem like a kind of a douche you know not that sad like you know i don't get sad about way better people than him dying but uh i just don't like the whole spectacle of that \*\*\*\*\* i just find it i really don't it's it's more than anything it just depresses me because it shows \*\*Music playing\*\* no this is not a ranger regiment jacket i'm stealing three types of valor with three types of valor are being stolen with this bomber jacket so we've got here the united states uh marshall service then we have airborne here that's right second rangers and then so i'm stealing valor from those organizations and i'm also stealing valor because i do not in fact i did not in fact work on that movie so stealing this chat wearing this jacket is in fact valor theft this was my halloween costume this year uh it was high concept so the premise is i was not teddy kgb i had the teddy kgb

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i had my my red sweat uh my my red jumpsuit on and then i had a button down i didn't have this shirt i had i had a button-down kind of halloween looking shirt that was pretty close to where we he the one he wore i was not teddy here gb i was john malkovich on the set of conair because khan air came out uh i think two years or a year before rounders so uh if oh yeah i'm sorry on the set of rounders not conair so if hypothetically john malkovich was standing around waiting for a take like drinking a coffee on a set of rounders he might well have been wearing this jacket between takes so that was the halloween idea and it was good i got the hat the beard played i wanna i always want to make i do have halloween costumes i want the my facial \*\*\*\*\* to play i don't like it with if i don't have a mustache if it does if a guy doesn't have a beard it's more glasses same thing and the glasses are non-negotiable i am blind as a bat another reason they probably wouldn't love me in the military really really bad eyesight i had i have to get special lenses that take the regular thickness and reduce them because if i didn't do that this this lens would probably be like maybe maybe a half inch thick like a i'm really i'm a physical wreck you can kind of see how i ended up being very dualistic so for much of my life my body did feel kind of like a \*\*\*\*\* prison like i couldn't move it the way i wanted couldn't see for \*\*\*\*\* i could get contacts i think but i've never looked into it i never wanted contacts one i think i look better with glasses my eyes are a little deep set i kind of sit back there uh and the other is i don't want to stick my finger in my eyeball every day oh smoke weed i do somebody wants me to do yoda for some reason off off that loud i am i am the answer by the way to the question posed by e1 what if yoda was six tall six foot tall and smoked weed you're looking at him right here buddy this is this is if yoda was six feet tall and smoked weed what if yoda was six feet tall and spoke with grogu is not yoda obviously i thought we were all clear on this ah what if yoda was six feet tall and he smoked weed boom shout out to e1 boys very good very good podcast very very very very talented we're all we're all i am not a star wars nerd i i was as much a star wars as anyone who grew up when i did i mean i had star wars sheets i had star wars pop-up book i had the star wars figures i saw the movies a bunch of times but it was just part of like a broader palette of pop culture that i've also watched like i remember being really excited to see the batman movie waiting in line when i was a little kid uh i liked that too you know it just it was back then things didn't define you that way because we weren't at the micro sect level of pop culture there was still a broad mainstream and you were just a part of it you didn't unless you were a nerd which was when nerd meant something and like i was a nerd about some things i was a nerd about the civil war that was my star wars that was my pokemon that was whatever the hell you people were into while you were well you were partying at uh with your pokedex playing magic the gathering i was studying

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the blade of joshua lawrence chamberlain which he used to lead the 20th maine down  
little round top on the second day of gettysburg july 2nd 1863 i was reading the civil 0:48:20  
war books i was looking through big civil war macbooks i had this i literally had  
you guys had pokedex i had a service they would mail me like every month a pack  
of essentially civil war trading cards they were but they were about the size of um  
they were the size of like recipes and they came out you got a recipe book or a recipe  
box and then they came they're about the size of like a postcard or a recipe card  
and they had on the front they had this like a battle or a general or a place or a  
piece of military equipment in the back they'd have the stats and i would substitute  
them so that was i i didn't really have a pop culture thing i've developed those like  
you know attachments as i got older and i engaged with like this new pop culture  
where oh now there's a now nerd is like a category that you can like choose from and 0:49:22  
oh what's this it's basically absorbing all of culture because the things that make  
nerdy being nerdy cool are the things that you learn are cool in co or the things that  
make you nerdy are the things that in college you learn are actually cool and so the  
culture as it comes more ecology becomes nerdier and everyone gets pulled towards  
nerd or pulled away from nerd uh like that's the whedon snyder divergence and i  
never cared enough about it because it was not grounded in like the child i think  
because a lot of the reason this is so powerful for people the why a people and what  
the and the the devin ferraccis and the movie bob type guys is because this ties them  
deeply to that period of time when their lives were promised when they felt fresh  
with with the life and enthusiasm and they had you know a life ahead of them and  
they they want to like stay connected to that and i understand it i think one of the  
reasons i was never able to like fully get on board with any of this stuff even though 0:50:23  
of course i was i got went along i watched the marvel movies i enjoyed them i would  
it was a wait what was what people like i were talking about so i talked about it  
with them but i never gave my soul over to it because where that is in my in me is  
not in \*\*\*\*\* star wars or \*\*\*\*\* comic books or any of that \*\*\*\*\* it's it's the second  
day of gettysburg coming down little round top and they don't put that \*\*\*\*\* in  
those movies i was i'm certainly not as much of a war nerd as the actual warner like  
that guy is me on like every type of like you know steroid of talent like far better  
writer than i could ever hope to be you know and therefore a more rigorous thinker  
and they're like a much broader spectrum of knowledge than i could ever hope to  
attain uh because it powered me but you know i was never very powered because my 0:51:24  
talents were meager and my motivation also but yeah i'm thinking more and more  
that the alternative history of reconstruction might be my long-term writing project  
i might do some other stuff but i'm starting to think i might like sit down i mean  
it would start with just reading everything i'm going to have to really go back and

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look a lot more like reread phoner start with rereading phoner and dubois and then everything i've missed you know since i kind of got destroyed by the internet and then i might do it i might do that it might happen stay watch this space and if it does start happening i will certainly talk it out here like that will be a very useful i think that'll be useful for my process i think so if i actually start doing this and start reading about it i'll probably do a little book club as i'm going through the stuff and moving through does that sound good like whatever i'm reading at the moment i'll probably start with foner make sense right yeah so we'll do a fauner uh book club very shortly i mean maybe at the beginning maybe next year we should shoot for it because i got stuff i gotta do uh in december so yes next year you'll start a founder book club on here not like a whole hour but you know like a little chunk at the end or something and we're all we'll do boys after that probably those two and then maybe like i'll just do them like as i read the book i'll maybe talk about it instead of going through the whole thing we'll see we'll see what people want to do if it's still even a thing if i'm still but uh there's a couple books by at least one book by james oakes i really want to read and then actually there's a big you know what else i might want to actually do i'm wondering if i should i haven't read it and if people anyone has and you have a review please let me know because i think i might start with this one the same way when me and chris started talking about uh the politics of uh like uh the early republic for a project we we read um the willens book rise of american democracy like it covers that arrow great and then you can build from there uh and i want something that you can start from like even below the level of reconstruction uh and and it covers the period and there's a there's a book called i hope i'm remembering the title here it's it's it's a it's a rather yes the republic for which it stands the united states during reconstruction and the gold gilded age by richard white i was thinking if that's good if people have heard it because i haven't read it and i'd like to start maybe with something i haven't read before uh we could start there just to get like the the political uh and the greater uh context and then fauna from there so if anyone knows we'll do that and if not i am and i have to admit so all right so i'm thinking about it i don't know yet what the project will end up looking like there's a maybe i could do it god help me i could do it like as a novel oh my god harry turtledove style which is maybe too cringe or a sort of like a little monograph like that lincoln lennon lives book that just sort of sketches it out sort of like an alternative more scholarly less cringy maybe the whole thing is cringe no matter what maybe counter narrative history is inherently cringe i think an argument could be made but at the same time i'm trying to move towards the thing that i think i could fire my enthusiasms around and get me over the hump of like presenting uh you know a coherent view no musical let me say this it's not going to be a musical

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there will be no rapping there will be no hypno happening rapidly crappity well yeah 0:56:37  
it is wish fulfillment but the thing is is what i would want to do is i would want to  
steer away from like the best of all possible worlds scenario i would i would not i  
would want to like self-consciously if either way i did it i would be i would want to  
push against the headwinds of my of my fantasy of what i would want and i think i  
could do that the more grounded it is historically that's why i want to read a bunch  
and reread stuff before i even start because i don't want to just make it a little uh a  
thumb sucker because the only reason counterfactual history is useful is if it allows  
you to see how mechanisms play out where fluidity exists within a system and where  
and where like uh energy and force can be applied and you can do that sometimes  
more clearly by abstracting yourself away from the moment which is too fired with  
uncertainty to really be able to uh articulate or just you could just sort of if you  
study the past enough you can sort of project out a little blurry alternative pathway  
you know like if you know enough about the conditions where things a dream you 0:57:38  
know if not a dream of ultimate victory a dream of whoo doggies get killed walking  
you doggy is he here richard you can sit in my ex my wife's ex-husband's post-dead  
tech post-modernistic \*\*\*\*\* house favorite rapper gotta be young mc in that he's  
the one i probably have listened to the most in my life because man i really burned  
through stone cold ryman in junior high played that \*\*\*\*\* non-stop i knew all the 0:58:40  
lines in every song on that tape for a while now though even years later i know all  
of uh bus to move of course got that one tattooed on my brain but also more uh  
more uh obscure ones like uh principal's office so yeah yeah no i'm a boomer guys  
i i warn you going in i don't pretend to be one of your uh one of your comrades i  
don't pretend to be from the streets i'm not i'm not steve buscemi rolling in with  
my \*\*\*\*\* skateboard and my rock band or music band shirt saying how do you do  
fellow kids that's not me i'm old as \*\*\*\*\* look at my hairline look at this \*\*\*\*\* it's  
a \*\*\*\*\* it is a wasteland i am not a reactionary now that's the one thing i don't 0:59:50  
think i am i don't think i have a reaction i mean depending on what you mean by  
that of course people can make it mean whatever they and i do feel like i have a  
different perspective on this \*\*\*\*\* because i'm not a fully digitized citizen i have  
been digitized but in my adult life i know a time before digitization i'm being pulled  
through the \*\*\*\*\* stargate through the black hole of being spaghettified but i'm in  
the process i didn't come out a strand of spaghetti and that i think doesn't make me  
better i think that's a lot of the stupid heat and argument about all this generational  
politics which is 90 \*\*\*\*\* anyway boils down to this charged idea that there's like  
a judgment behind it there's none it's just position in time it's position in time and  
relationship to means of production and the technology thereof that's the difference  
there's nothing to be judged about it just saying is i think that i it allows me to see 1:0:56

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some of uh what's happening because i could still watch like it flowing up my arm you know like i can feel it moving through like uh you know blood poisoning it's not just my whole circulatory system but the thing about that is is that means that i am i am going to be limited in my ability to understand anything that's happening because i'm on the other side of this thing i'm not fully within it which means that i don't really know what's going on i can't all i can do is offer like a uh orthogonal commentary on it the thing itself is going to have people within it and the people within are going to have responsibilities to themselves to their families and loved ones to try to you know take and they are going to have knowledge that i don't have because they're going to be acculturated to and so saddle up partners i wish 1:1:58 you well i just i'm not going to act like i could say you're going to save anybody if there's anything determined by your being younger by being immersed in this techno world alienated even further from life than people before you uh that that's going to make you inherently the revolutionary cadre who saved the world i'm afraid not nothing destined about it it's in our hands we're gonna have to reach across all these arbitrary boundaries and come together for any hope of an alternative to full i'm revisionist of course i'm a revisionist that's such a stupid \*\*\*\*\* accusation revisionism had it's like all these mid-century terms people are cosplaying like tanky who's tanks there's no \*\*\*\*\* tanks there's nobody you could even possibly say are the tanks i'm sorry china doesn't count even in your heart you know it's not the 1:3:0 same thing as a soviet union it just isn't because it's not because these the chinese communist states say whatever you want about it is not missionary the way that the soviet was there was not an internationalism to it you couldn't join the club they don't want you as a member they want to make a deal with you and that's a different relationship to it than the relationship between western communists and the soviet union so those were their tanks in their heart in a way that doesn't exist anymore so tanky is meaningless and like it obscures the thing because it puts weight and power morally behind questions that mean nothing like whether you were going to stand for the purges in a western communist party that had meaning you were fighting for power you were fighting against other people who were in the broad left trying to trying to move towards uh like a confrontation with capital during the collapse of capitalism you were fighting you were fighting a battle and it had stakes and so of course it had moral weight there's no moral weight to these questions because there's no these tanks don't belong to anybody revisionist is the same thing revisionist was 1:4:1 a meaningful slur because you were revising away from a understood practice that undergirded a global movement there is none you're not revising away from anything you're rising away from my boutique understanding of marxism that nobody else agrees with except you're your fellow clique members all you can do is threaten to

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kick me out of a clique i've revised yes i've revised from you but nobody else but your fellow travelers think that that's the case not like revising away from a communist government or a communist history of state actions like oh this was a revisionism you can look back from a position of authority there is just like with the tanks the tanks there's no real tanks the revisionism there's no real book like there's no real reified idea that you can deviate or revise from and so in both cases the whole vocabulary only serves to obfuscate reality and and mystify the conditions of every argument you're trying to have and this is what i mean when i say that this is this place is poison if you try to because like why are you talking about this stuff why do you care about the questions that would even read you to call someone a tankier revisionist it's because you're trying to do politics and if that's what politics are again if you're doing something else that's one thing but if this is what you're doing it's not enough me included and i'm saying time out for all right i'm gonna go soon it's getting chilly out here was i being trolled about the guy the ethan hawk guy was he trolling me all right well like i said sure i'm revisionist but who are you gonna call who are you gonna call mark's busters there's no one there there's no one who's authority you can call on that will be universally agreed upon by any sub-section that you could broadly call the left so there's no um there's no enforcing orthodoxy intellectually just like there's no uh enforcing orthodoxy politically through the barrel of the soviet uh the red army's guns in the warsaw pact and that is the that is the condition that is the the condition of western politics where the drive train has been broken because there is no working-class movement undergirding any of this just like there's no soviet government undergirding a uh of state power wielding of a condition of an intensity deep enough to impact things or in the west trade unions and labor movements and labor parties i should wear a kimono i would like to wear a kimono one of these days when i get back in when it gets too cold to come out here i might get i might i might get a clown i've been looking for a robe i haven't been able to find one but yeah i'm a revisionist call the kgb they don't care call the kgb i'll just have

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up went downtown and caught in the gun so don't shoot you shoot that thing don't 0:1:1  
shoot you shoot that thing at me you know you got my sympathy but don't shoot  
you shoot that thing at me don't you shoot that thing at me don't you shoot shoot  
that thing at me you know you got my sympathy but don't shoot shoot shoot that  
thing hello everybody ah first time long time well tip of the cap to you sir or madam  
although let's be real let's let's just look at the demographics where to cop honestly  
i don't know i got it on uh ebay i think it might be original and if it's if it is a  
knockoff i don't think they make a lot of best part about this by the way honestly no  
no joke better than all the stuff on it you know this look at that lighting huh just a  
nice how often do you see this kind of kind of nice orange i feel like orange is a good 0:2:3  
color for me yeah this is legitimately i mean uh probably the most expensive clothes  
piece of clothing i've ever purchased in my life 100 it wasn't that much either but  
uh i generally buy uh my clothes when i lived near kroger i bought my pants and  
stuff at kroger because they had good selection and it was where i was getting my  
and i have like 500 and my top is generally just i have 500 different old navy shirts  
that all cost three dollars and yes but this puppy i haven't i have a mic plugged in 0:3:5  
not good how's that it's not good because sometimes it doesn't connect okay good i  
sound fine uh yes it was made by the prisoners of conair this thing yeah i just grew  
up from a place where you wouldn't want to spend a lot of clothing on money on  
clothing i don't know what girls were doing it oh man matt carp i would like to  
do an episode uh i've been wanting to talk to him on the show about a benjamin 0:4:6  
butler for a while who i so benjamin butler uh before the civil war was a uh was  
a northern democrat like in the doe face mold he was a he was a guy who uh was  
part of the the urban machinery in massachusetts of the democracy of van buren and  
jackson's democracy that was broadly up until the very end of the sectional crisis  
uh all about uh turning the other way towards slavery turning a blind eye towards  
slavery in exchange for the support of the uh southern tier which was largely uh was  
was hegemonically democratic at so they didn't like rocking the boat on slavery they  
didn't much care for abolitionists either and then he became a politically appointed

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general meaning he was not a career officer he was a guy who had political influence and uh was got a commission in the union military due to that uh connection and 0:5:8 that was a common feature of both armies uh and then he was one of the first general one of the first union generals to free slaves in places where his forces uh uh took command uh ahead of the emancipation proclamation had to be he actually had to be reprimanded for doing it uh but it was a war measure it was like we need pitches we need ditches doug we need x y and c here's some slave for slaves well now they work for us perfect uh it wasn't really ideological but it was in advance of policy which at that point was to not spook the border states by freeing slaves where they were found the other guy incidentally who did that and got in trouble for it was john c fremont who had been the republican who is the kind of free boutonniere uh uh like a professional adventurer who had been the republican nominee in 1956 0:6:10 and then butler ended up being the governor of a military governor of new orleans once it was occupied during which time he was so outrageous to the good people the fine upstanding society types of new orleans that his picture was emblazoned on the bottom of chamber pots so that people could literally \*\*\*\*\* on his face and uh they called him the beast and also spoons because he was alleged to have stolen the hell out of uh property from a lot of the big plantations and and and home families if we and by the way he did and good who cares uh also uh he passed a uh proclamation that said that any southern woman any new orleans woman who did not pay proper respect to union soldier on the street like because a lot of them were cursing uh the yankee troops and of course you know getting away with it because they were women 0:7:11 and at that time you know even a soldier could not even raise his voice to a woman in public and so butler declared that any woman who did not respect a union soldier in the city of new orleans would be treated as a prostitute as in could be you know accosted and taken to jail uh and so that's and then he after the war this is a really interesting part is that the experience of fighting the war radicalized him the way it did a lot of people he's just sort of a most the most prominent example of someone who was radicalized by the experience of fighting the war he started the war as a as a northern uh doe face who like a lot for who who for like him for a lot of those guys uh didn't really care about slavery but for whom breaking up the union was just non-negotiable which was also true of stephen douglas like who's the exemplar of that tendency within the party at the very end and then he go he fights the war and 0:8:12 comes out a radical republican and he was a radical republican member of congress uh after the war who who pushed very hard for uh black equality and in fact uh coined the phrase the bloody shirt to uh by holding up an actual bloody shirt of someone who'd been attacked by uh by a red shirt redeemer in the reconstruction south uh as a county against the democrats although it wasn't really accountable

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because they were in fact doing that and then condoning it all across the south but a very fascinating figure and his career i think like speaks to it speaks to just how much of a if a furnace of change of a hot house the 1860s were in this country the way that social ferment was the way that the social the glacier social tectonics just sort of liquefied yeah james longstreet became a republican after the war which is 0:9:14 why he's not very heavily featured in lost cause \*\*\*\*\* even though he was one of the better generals and of course was the guy who knew that the \*\*\*\*\* pikachu charge wasn't going to work because it wasn't 1812 anymore yeah he was a he was a he was he was a scalawag not a carpetbagger it's amazing i remember learning about reconstruction and that was just the name of the chapter it's like okay so these are the scumbags who came to the south and \*\*\*\*\* it up after the civil war these are the traitors to their people among the whites uh these are the uh among the locals and these are the uh the cr the crooked uh yankee interlopers from keeping it 1867. 0:10:16 robert lafollette i only really know anything about him because he's from wisconsin he's sort of our uh our our our long family is the la fallace and they are base basically like the scrubbed-up uh middle-class version of the longs whereas populism but you know let's not get too crazy it's populism for uh college professors which is why one of the big components of the wisconsin idea that la follette championed was a very very uh lavishly funded public higher education system which is one of the reasons that until recently i don't know what it has been under walker but until recently the uw system is one of the best state university systems in the country but uh they've 0:11:19 been taking a pickaxe to accelerated oh god these \*\*\*\*\* the the president's saying oh we're all going to take the vaccine to prove it safe who what human being on earth who is skeptical of the vaccine would not be skeptical of a video of a \*\*\*\*\* uh obama taking a vaccine how many of them would think that that was real what reason would they give especially when we have videotape of barf sacko crumbo himself at flint after the water crisis was unveiled taking a big dramatic pull on a glass of flint tap water that in fact what's this oh he's not he's not wrong but no he's definitely 0:12:20 taking the vaccine that they put through uh you know in under they they uh he's gonna take the vaccine that was rushed through development and you could say well yeah mostly that just means removing bureaucratic hurdles yes still still you think they're taking that chance honestly if they are it's because there's already been a rich person cure for months if not always if it wasn't a bio weapon i'm not saying it was but it's not out of the realm of possibility i mean how the hell does chuck grassley not even get symptoms the man is 87 yeah it's hard not to see all the vaccine \*\*\*\*\* is just ba is just bumping up the stock market for for a short-term liquidity boost for these \*\*\*\*\* jackals just priming the pump a little bit the dog is barking again 0:13:21 dog didn't used to bark this much maybe it's new rupert murdoch is buying twitch

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amazon's selling twitch to uh fox well not fox because disney owns fox i guess news corp oh thank you for saying my streams are oh god we did watch a vengeance i can't believe somebody is bringing up a vengeance it's uh this british crime movie that was that's on netflix we i watched it with felix and will one of the funniest things i've seen in a while uh it's one of the most british things i've seen i mean i'll probably take the vaccine who am i going to lie about i mean it's just like when the when does anyone realistically think that's going to happen in such a time in in terms of returning to some sort of normality that like what is the time frame there because it seems like we really don't have the infrastructure or the public trust to carry out any kind of large-scale vaccination program that could i mean i used to think well fine you know then you'll take it or you won't but apparently that doesn't it doesn't work that way apparently you actually need people to take it on a large scale in order to get the results in terms of infection transmission reduction that would facilitate reopening it would be interesting if uh like the vaccine like mandating vaccine you use becomes a political issue beyond just a culture war one uh and you see you know i get apparently what ben wants to do and this is not very hard to imagine all right not biden i forgot somebody else maybe it was yang i don't know i honestly think this is what the london doing some sort of financial incentive to get people to like 75 according to a poll say they'll take it but even if that's true and who knows is that enough one and two how do you get 75 of the people to get the vaccine i'm not going to stop the streams to do the book because i got to read a lot first i can't just start writing it now and i want to go i want to do it as a little book club oh by the way i've decided i am going to start reading uh to the republic which is sand which is the oxford english or it's the oxford american history volume on that era uh and it's been very well reviewed uh and and uh i'll probably talk about it on the stream here if people want to read it's called to the the republic for which it stands and it's about the uh reconstruction era but also the gilded age like the whole thing thwarted together then we can i would love to give people pizza coupons for reading like book it i remember book it you get the little book and it was easy for me because i was a little nerd i loved reading so i would go down there and somebody asked for my what my take is on the kiev and ruse and i think that's just funny because that's just such a hilarious question if you think about it like kevin roose what do you think uh scrappy hustlers the guys they wanted it more you can tell i don't know i'm wrong about domino's super thin crust uh freight you are wrong sir so domino's super i did like those little tiny pizzas oh and i wanted to also give my final uh take now on fargo having watched the last uh full season which hilariously is one close the door on this whole idea the tv is is the thing you should care about and for anything other than just pure entertainment read a book because man the

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uh the olympian contempt for the audience that's in that show pretty breathtaking and if you're going to say that that's good why wouldn't they have contempt for i did watch queen's gambit it is a show a story about a a gamer girl and her sims i mean i'm not the only one to have said that but it's very hard uh to see it any other way it's like an idealized version of uh of the relationship between a a gamer a lady gamer and her sims coming together not in a spirit of competition but cooperative 0:20:11

here do i have allergies weird question but yes right i got hay fever and then i got a pine nut allergy that's developed in my like 30s too which is very odd because one day i went made a pine nut my mouth it does inhibit my bistro salad options it's true and pesto i always have to when i when there's pesto on the menu i have to make sure that there's not pine nuts in it and actually a lot of times there aren't because pine nuts are pretty expensive so a lot of times they cheap out put is that true that 0:21:12

game of thrones got rome cancelled because if that's true that's kind of poetic justice because rome got deadwood cancelled because rome was going to have a huge budget and they essentially said we'd rather spend it on these these roman sets than on the deadwood set and then they just shot poor david milch's horse in the head much like the horses whose heads they shot uh and so if it's true that then that's like hey sorry we're making we're making you gotta go so it makes sense that they would get rid of rome that way i mean roma's i only watched the first season i didn't really like it that much the only character i found really compelling every time they were 0:22:13

on screen was caesar and so when they killed him i was like why do i have to watch the second season i don't like also apparently in the second season they collapsed the timeline of like the whole uh like to collapse the triumvirate and like the war the first the war the civil war was like octavian or i mean with uh brutus and and uh mark anthony and then the war between uh whatever i had to work in a hard science what 0:23:24

would i pick uh well i would be a janitor that because i don't my brain doesn't work that way if my brain did work that way i think it's physics physics seems because it's the most like but not the math thing i can't do math so there's the whole thing goes apart what's the one where you don't have to yeah i mean i've got my mor i've got the immortal science of course of course i have the immortal science but that doesn't require any math beyond uh cmc music factory somebody's had to have had that as a twitter uh name right cmc music factory disgusting all right i'm pissed at 0:24:25

it and i don't it's too bad that all the cool 19th century sciences aren't aren't around anymore like i would love to be a phrenologist that sounds wonderful have a chart with a bunch of bumps and be like ah okay let me just take this i put here in the hemisphere here this is this corresponds to those body angle body language experts seem like they're having a good time handwriting analysis that's another good what 0:25:36

is my most prominent humor i think it's phlegmatic i gotta be honest with myself i

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think i'm phlegmatic it sounds like you're just trying to trick people english language 0:26:39  
just exists to trick people see you're saying oh it's like phlegm flem doesn't have a  
g right but quixote is pronounced quixotic so just the fact that that's the thing it's  
coming from doesn't mean no it's quixotic i've been i've been gasoline on that it is 0:27:45  
not quite have i read eduardo galliano i've read uh nazi poets in the americas which  
was good but that's it i haven't read 20 60 66 or anything or no that's bolano no i  
have not read i'm trying to keep my humors uh like to be sanguine though i think  
evola that's a weird question evola uh the only thing i like the thing that i'm a mute 0:28:55  
the thing that i think about when i think of vivola is that uh he would during the  
during the allied bombing raids of rome he would go for walks uh out during them you  
know as some sort of uh defiance or you know ritualized confrontation with death  
and chance whatever the hell was going on in his head and then one time he got  
\*\*\*\*\* hit with he \*\*\*\*\* around and he found out i one of my thoughts on tom lehrer 0:30:14  
i mean uh there's something very endearing about the idea of a guy who became a  
huge uh political musical satirist a job that doesn't really exist anymore uh while  
also being a math savant and a professor and astoundingly he's \*\*\*\*\* alive he's alive  
still he's like 95. amazing although when i listen to those like i listen to wernher von  
braun or something uh or we'll all go together when you go and you watch a youtube  
video and it's it's him in front of an audience and there's all these polite these polite  
liberals in suits with very thin ties you can just imagine the ties even if you can't see  
them all chuckling and i just think man that audience what historical figure would 0:31:26  
have the best podcast well there would have to be a rock on tour of course i'd have  
to have uh i mean obviously an answer that comes up well historical figure not really  
that's not really a strong figure how many how many historical figures i mean what  
contemporary historical figures have uh have podcasts frank ben franklin is a good  
answer uh churchill's would just be like uh i gotta say people talk about like oh  
mark should be good on twitter marks would be good with podcast i think about  
how much he loved getting into arguments and i just think i'm so glad he was not  
because even if there is it was someone with his like you know combination of insight 0:32:29  
and then uh you know critical faculties and everything and articulation of ability if  
they went online they would get their brain turned into soup immediately by trying  
to you know fight it out trying to time to trying to make the args pop now when he  
but you know he was doing it in a context where like the working-class movement was  
literally being born around him and so there was a real reason that he needed to be  
incredibly strident in denouncing people who were filled with \*\*\*\*\* and the people  
that he condemned for the most part were absolutely full of \*\*\*\*\* nixon would have  
been a great podcast talk about anthony kumia most interesting cult okay now we're 0:33:54  
talking uh i mean um shinrikyo is fascinating on a million levels uh just how big it

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got how deeply it penetrated a japanese mass culture i mean the guy was a regular the guy shokuhashihara the head the the head of shinrikyo was a regular late night talk show guest he was he was like uh like paul rudd on uh on conan o'brien like he would come out and he'd show the clip from mac and me uh they had compounds all over japan and one in the outback of australia soviet surplus military equipment including helicopters they manufactured machine guns they of course had the sarin they might have been pursuing the purchase of or construction of a nuclear weapon 0:34:55 they had an astounding amount of of actual practical scientific know-how because they could they uh recruited so heavily among and it was commercialized the guy sold his bath water and vials he sold a spaghetti strainer you could put on your head that would give you the same thoughts as shoko shahara amazing yeah and then when you think about the fact that it all kind of blew up i mean they were planning to create a nuclear war they were essentially like spiritual they were they were like eastern passatists coming at it from the other side cleansing the earth and then rising from a nuclear fire then rising from the ashes and they ended up doing this tokyo subway attack as a distraction because they were about to get raided by the cops eventually and finally after they just ignored them doing insane murders for years partially because there were police officers and people in the justice department whatever they want to call it who were who were high level and also members of the group it's astounding so whenever i think of an interesting cult just in terms of its complexity it's it's it's structure and it's it's ambition and uh amish enrique is up there and uh i don't know who it was but somebody pointed out that the case of the case uh if you wanted to like shariko is essentially what people claimed al qaeda was like omishima riccio in its capacity and its intent were what the western media after 9 11 claimed al qaeda was in terms of its sophistication of its uh structures uh and its ability to access uh uh weaponry and and and uh up to and including chemical 0:36:58 and biological and perhaps nuclear uh also an army of totally loyal and willing uh uh acolytes with a goal of world destruction that was uh that was that was al qaeda in the western imagination and yet it was essentially destroyed as a threat by arresting a meanwhile al-qaeda which was never anything like omg marico as a threat becomes the the focal point of a new foreign policy but of course that's because it was a lie it was a new it was a new uh guiding principle of the eternal war economy that needed a new narrative justification after the fall the south korean cult very interesting yeah 0:38:0 uh the the south korean president was was overthrown in a like a democratic it was almost like a democratic coup it was it was it was a mass demonstrations that forced a uh abdication of power outside of the structures of government because of the relationship between the korean president who was the daughter of who was killed by his own security chief uh in the blue house i believe and was also in the thrall

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of this uh this cult i don't know much about it because it's very korea specific but uh it's it's it's astounding how how deeply entwined that ruling dynasty was with with a but i don't know how you know big the group was or how sophisticated or 0:39:1  
how ambitious their things were beyond getting money because the thing that really brought them down was you know that they were just gobs of money were going to this group falun gong as japanese or as uh falun gong as chinese q anon is actually probably a pretty good comparison although of course it's much much much more sophisticated socially and powerful and influential because and tighter communities because it's very popular in like immigrant communities and it's also cia funded uh which maybe q anon is a lot of people want to think humanon is an op but the thing 0:40:2  
about a lot of the stuff that people assume is just conspiracies and is behind uh you know being manipulated behind the scenes none of it to me reads as anything other than a symptom of the system we have like q anon to me the argument that it started from a \*\*\*\*\* poster i mean it makes sense and i think the thing that really matters is that we live in a world where the actual way things turn out and the way they would turn out if they were being manipulated by an illuminati-like reptile overlord class is identical and that's because the conspiracies we generate the narratives we generate are just an attempt to give uh an articulation and a mind's eye concept of the thing that's happening right in front of our eyes which is full capitalist miseration over over our over and to me that is that is the important thing and that is why i try to 0:41:4  
remain aloof from real debates about the truth or falseness of specific theories of uh you know conspiracy or or deep state involvement in one or another if it's true or not we have the same task whether it's true or not we have the same task it is to build new institutions that can reflect and that's true whether the whether all of whether the the web is whether the web and and all of our online argumentation and all of our uh seemingly insurmountable cultural uh conflicts are spooks in the sternarine sense or spooks in the uh espionage sense and the reason that that matters is you're 0:42:8  
never going to know and more importantly than that even if you did know what would you do with the information there's a reason that every conspiracy narrative ends with a court scene a courtroom scene of some kind whether it's q anon whether it's jfk whether it's q anon imagined military tribunals and eventually one day show trials they always promise are going to be over the horizon uh or i just rewatched the end of x-files the original last two episodes that concluded the show uh in 2002 and it ends with a \*\*\*\*\* trial mulder on trial like the conspiracy the the happy ending of every conspiracy movie is is a is some sort of trial or testimony before a senate 0:43:10  
committee or something because the underlying assumption is with the conspiracy theory as conspiracy theory as practice is that if enough people know then that will change something but all that we're learning from conspiracy theory is a narrative

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articulation of the thing that's happening right in front of our faces and that we're not doing anything about now the task that you're imagining is going to be carried out by this consciousness raising about specific bad actors is actually your attempt to imagine a class project a an attempt to imagine real politics a second way as i said to challenge the existing one and that will not come in the form of appeals to institutions within the that are embedded within like courts in the media because they all they take everything that is shocking and horrifying and monstrous and that leave us uh with a blood curdling sense of our helplessness before a system of and turn it banal and turn it into received wisdom turn it into a thing and then we just move on with our lives everybody knows that the game everybody knows the war is over everybody knows the good guy is lost dice are loaded everybody rolls right now the fight is fixed the rich the poor stay poor featured prominently in the classic christian slater film pump up the volume which is about a proto podcaster a young ham radio enthusiast who scandalizes his small town by exposing the petty hypocrisy of the of the worthies of the city and it really is like a model uh it's like the it's the media model of change that we all have internalized at some point in which i know i have of you get on that microphone and you tell the people the truth and they hear enough truth and they just have to do something about it i think that's what undergirds everybody at some romantic level when they carry out the the the goal of uh how good is alex jones in the link letter movie i have to say i saw waking life as a kid it blew my mind obviously uh and the the scene where alex jones was just hollering into that uh microphone in the car his head's turning into a fireball it was incinerated incendiary uh and just to think that now he'd end up just like trying to get a republican president reelected unbelievable i have i have tried to re-watch waking life like later after i got older and i was like holy \*\*\*\*\* this is not good wow wow i am a little embarrassed but you know hey we're dumbasses when we're kids for the most part maybe you weren't but i sure as hell was i was a dumbass still am god if trump pardons gizelle and maxwell if trump pardons gizelle maxwell as his last act out the door just as a final smoke bomb of cognitive dissonance oh my god i would die laughing because i mean nothing's gonna happen anyway i mean q is already branching off you're seeing it already uh richard jewell's lawyer in georgia is calling on that phillips lady sydney phillips and michael flynn to run for president on like a election integrity q platform and i mean i don't know what'll come of any of that my guess is people will lose interest and come back into the fold the way they always end up doing because doing anything other is too hard and we just don't have the investment in anything other than the the minimum amount of uh of just spectacle indulgence meaning what to watch and maybe voting but not not the hard work of like but uh i've said before and i think might be true you might see a return to

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quietism politically among some of these q people because if you see trump lose the election even though he won it right even though this was huge fraud even though we have the servers after the shootout in germany and he still is replaced by biden unless you want to believe that he's not actually not president anymore which some of them will think the rest of them or a good chunk of them anyway i think are going to be realized oh okay i'm not i still believe in q and all this other stuff i still believe there's a plan but it is not a political plan it doesn't involve the parties and it doesn't involve voting because look what that is and that would be funny if that happened but i think that more likely people are going to get more politicized over time because of how much conditions are going to deepen into immigration like i'm saying not apocalyptically it'll just be the same but worse but but worse has a compounding effect politically over time and one of the things that the worst does is it makes culture more politically infused it makes it harder to have a political culture and of course there's no such thing as a political culture but i mean political culture does not have a specific partisan bent a specific democrat republican branding and that we we talked on the show about uh or i talked to felix recently about um how game of thrones was like the last large-scale long-term cultural product that did not have a partisan political branding to it towards the end it became about hillary's slay queen stuff but for a long time there it was the last sort of a political cultural product that people could care about now everything comes out branded and that means that if you're going to engage in culture which even if you don't care about politics now you do have to do because what else are you going to do what else is there to do all there is to do is engage at this level everything else is every other area of self-expression is is denied us or even sucker is denied us unless you want to just kill yourself with fentanyl and that means that the political branding is going to adhere to people as they engage with politics or as they engage with culture and i may be the only ones who will be able to withstand a a quiet disposition are the ones who turn it into a religion who who don't need the political investment because they have transformed all of their uh their psychic pain into a a religious narrative spiritual personal narrative for which there is no need to even uh reference politics other than as a tapestry to to to examine i don't know there is no more christian right that's not a coherent thing like the republican party is white evangelicals but those things are so tightly wound together now that there's not really a distinguishing point where you can say christian right it's just it's like all that stuff has been sacralized which is why a lot of religious leaders by the way in the 70s were wary about becoming political it was this exact outcome that they were avoiding like if you had shown if you've been able to show a space a robot if you'd been able to send a robot back in time to like that uh that uh ramada in suite where all of the pastors got together to set up the

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moral majority and you showed them donald trump in 2016 and said this guy's going 0:52:38  
to be president thanks to you and like the political culture that you've helped create  
i some of them would be fine with it but a lot of them would not have been i bet  
billy graham would not have been and that's not because they were good people it's  
because they had standards of decorum that had not been degraded by the 40 there's  
nothing christian there's nothing uniquely christian about it is what i mean it is the  
it's the political project for the republican party that they are the same thing there's  
no christian like the christian right was supposed to be like separate from some other  
right it's like no there's they're suffused because anything that would have conflicted 0:53:43  
with the broader right project in christianity has been jettisoned from christianity  
what's my favorite great lake michigan that's the one i grew up next to i grew up in  
a lakeside town manitowoc is it doesn't matter that amy comey barrett is an occult  
what does this have to do with anything you're talking about like it's like you might  
as well tell me that like antonin scalia was a gamer it doesn't matter i'm the manager  
mall is \*\*\*\*\* now are you telling me it wasn't \*\*\*\*\* but when i was a kid i mean  
that place had like three stores in it when i was a kid i would see movies i would  
watch movies where kids would go to the mall and there would be escalators and 0:54:44  
there would be food courts and all this stuff and i would just be stunned because our  
mall really did feel like some eastern black \*\*\*\*\* there's one ice cream parlor with  
like a and uh like two video games two arcade games and then a \*\*\*\*\* jc penny that  
was near the uh uh that was near the water tower that was prominently why do i  
say missouri is the south well it's got the ozarks i mean what does the south mean 0:56:9  
if not a slave-based economy like that's the that was what the distinction ended up  
building like the cultural and political distinction that that brewed into the central  
crisis was about a mode of production maryland's the south too efficiency i have no 0:57:18  
idea delaware to me is not a real place i mean it is it exists on paper to delaware  
is just part of like a little chunk of pennsylvania that they just carved off so that  
you could you couldn't have to pay taxes and you could charge your users rates on  
i'm not bad sleepy i'm just a little sleepy there's three counties in delaware that still  
seems like two too many why why would what kind of what pretentious asshole's like 0:58:20  
yeah no we have to subdivide this further \*\*\*\*\* you you should be here's the size of  
a county in a normal sized how can a billionaire be lumping uh i think that i think  
that we i think the republican party is at top the party of lump and billionaires and  
the way you can be a lump in billionaire is you're a olympic billionaire who does not  
have a class consciousness who is not operating out of a self-conscious desire to see  
the broad advancement of his class which is very hard to get and you kind of have  
to be america to create that kind of thing and we did it and the battle at the top  
between the democrats and republicans is broadly between these lumping billionaires

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local like the small business billionaires and they're like mini versions of them that stack down through the countries like you'll you'll have some middle of nowhere town that will have like a uh in in in uh tennessee or something and it will have a plant 0:59:21 that will be owned by a guy or they'll be like a fracking company owned by some other guy and then there'll be like local like vassals of that guy who own all the chick-fil-as and or chick-fil-a's en franchise uh own all the mcdonald's or own all the the popeyes and then there's uh uh or that's not franchised either i don't think never mind whatever all the restaurants boat dealerships it's a strata of rich people who think that they're operating within an economy of in where they are for looking out for themselves whereas the democrats at the top are controlled by a self-consciously internationalized finance capital that sees itself as part of a global project and the thing is is that those lumpen billionaires are part of the same project they just aren't aware of it because they are have been spending their time on that grind extraction 1:0:24 industries things like that and the other problem is is that their short-term interests are in conflict in a lot of ways with the interests of that financialized global capitalism that the democrats represent and that's where you get the any the only real conflict the only real sparks between the parties is that conflict picati talks about this mike davis has talked a lot about this like the merchants as like the merchant class the lump in what rich versus sort of the class conscious like trump's support like trump's big dollar donors for the most part are banks or or bankers they are like the koch brothers or the mercers they're they're they're they're they're involved in extraction the short-term tom steyer i hope is made secretary of keeping it real because that 1:1:35 guy he's got sauce and i want to see him it's the rich \*\*\*\*\* from the coast fighting with the rich \*\*\*\*\* from the midwest basically it's the coastal \*\*\*\*\* it's the uh it's finance and uh silicon valley and entertainment against uh extraction uh and small and medium manufacturing and and and all and all that my pillow guy is a perfect example yankees versus cowboys all the difference is that this is what happens when the cowboys fully take over because reagan's revolution was supposed to bring the cowboys into power but only at the level of culture at the ba at the top level they capitulated to the rockefeller wing completely they then they sold that to the regular americans but now you know 40 years later 40 years of capillary movement of 1:2:36 of people through the political system it's now captured and the the election of trump is just an expression of like the the broader political culture and that's why there are some people who say like if you want to bet on revolutionary potential if you want to bid on anti-capitalist specifically potential you got to go with the republicans over the democrats but these people are still billionaires they still want a working class that is hyper exploited and powerless they have that same in desire they just disagree about like whether or not that could be carried out through like protective tariffs or

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or free trade or whatever that's the that's the actual distinction and uh you could say but but that means that we should support them in their free trade one you can't support anybody that's not real like this all the idea that you can make alliances with anybody in the system is fraudulent because there's no no one represents anybody but themselves so you cannot no one can say that we can do anything there's no we in any of this and then even when it is expressed like when trump expresses it it's just like look at the trade war with china what did that do for the american worker and there's nothing in that republican party that could generate anything more effective on behalf of that lump and billionaire i mean and the big thing for me is both parties now have a vested interest in heightening conflict with china and nobody more than the cowboys nobody more than these lumping billionaires that josh hawley is now trying to channel like a \*\*\*\*\* uh houdini in a seance and and so since nobody's no americans real interests are served by ratcheting tensions with china and that is going to be the actual coherent expression of any hostility to global finance we're seeing it already marsha blackburn today 5 000 years of profanity from the heathen celestial these guys are banging the anti-china drum that's not going to help anybody and that's all it could be is to help this project of revenge's idiocy where we're going to blame the chinese for our inability to deal with um matt stoller's end game like all these guys end game is some sort of confrontation with china that has to at some point sharpen into some military uh element because we're the we're the \*\*\*\*\* biggest military in the world and there are geostrategic questions in china or in in asia and like the makeup of our political class is going to determine in some degree our military response to that and all you're going to get out of this you know lumpin rich reactionary hostility to the totalizing mission of world capitalism is a war with china no war with china cooperation with the chinese against like i'm saying mid-level officers of the of the people's uh liberation army and the us military start some whatsapps send tick tocks back and forth and the other and of course the real hilarious part of that is that that war with china is not necessarily something that the \*\*\*\*\* global finance uh at least in the form of the democratic party as like a as a political uh gambit is going to be that opposed to either did you see how quickly democrats started yelling about china as soon as things keep getting worse china's gonna take more of the blame from both parties so there you go there's your big conflict at the top of the parties creating the same dynamic the same all right guys i'm packing apparently the video is lagging i'm sorry i have no ability to control that hopefully the audio will be good by itself if you want to just listen it will be put on itunes and spotify i know people have been asking if we stop doing that we are still doing it i think it just comes in batches so sometimes it'll be a little bit of delay before they all get there but they are still being uploaded and then you can watch

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them without having to be annoyed that my lips are moving differently all right i'm  
going bye-bye lincoln

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okay if you have been lifted there in the game then we had a shutdown anyone with any sense had already left time you were standing in the corner outside the streets are filling out the windows uh general breeze was blowing me didn't see the farm inside so they caught another bed and drew up ah am i on come on all right great i'm on 0:1:2  
fantastic this is rare usually it's lately it's been kind of annoying uh hey everybody yeah uh so i was at a uh antique store the other day and i found this little lacquer box that i didn't really recognize got a decent deal before it went online found out more and apparently there's some sort of uh puzzle that you solve with it and if you make it into a certain shape well you uh you see sites that uh you would not otherwise see i guess so today i thought on stream you and i were gonna solve it together let's go no of course that's joke for anyone and that's also of course a puckish reference to the gentleman who tried to solve the tried to take the lsats uh on twitch live i don't care anything about who he is or anything about it i don't know or care just 0:2:3  
the act of doing that to me as someone who streams on twitch semi-professionally mind-blowing absolutely mind-blowing the confidence i mean it's the perfect double-edged sword because at the one end this is a confidence that really you know could build an empire but at the same time a idiocy that undergirds the uh confidence that guarantees that any effort other than you know getting people to watch you dick around in the computer is going to come for nothing but wow i can't imagine doing something like that just the thought of live having thousands of people see you just like no not know what you're talking about fail miserably god it's terrifying i mean i will not lie when i say that that is the thing that sort of drives me like the the uh the closest thing i have to a uh a neurotic association i guess with uh with the 0:3:4  
streaming is just you know not falling off the beam in terms of intelligibility in such a way that i lose people because you know if it's not making sense to anybody else then maybe it's not i mean maybe it doesn't make sense you know in a greater sense i can't have that so the idea of somebody's just going yeah i'll i'll take this thing i'll

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take this law test it's logic i'm good at logic amazing amazing damn near uh it's it's  
damn beyond everything that tom and uh it really it tells me a lot about the type  
of people that advance in the internet uh takes fear the internet personality spheres  
you essentially have to have a part of your brain missing that recognizing you that  
recognizes your own intellectual uh limitations and it poses a challenge anybody who  
wants to think on the internet or even express themselves on the internet is grounded 0:4:6  
uh by the way guys and gals uh it came for the republic which it stands the first  
book in uh my planned reading festival to prepare for doing something uh with the  
concept of an unassassinated lincoln i'm gonna start reading this and i thought it  
would be fun just like as a project for myself and for anybody wants to follow along  
to do a little mini book club where i'll just kind of talk about what what i read that  
week so next wednesday uh and i'll put this on twitter and stuff i'll probably read  
the first three three chapters of this and talk about them not very long probably i'm  
not gonna do like the whole show uh but you know i'll just probably do like a 10  
minute thing at some point what if yoda is six foot tall and smoky weed oh right the 0:5:8  
book is the republic for which it stands by richard white i first heard about richard  
white honestly uh at least this book i mean he's written some other good ones i first  
read this book first heard of this book when he was interviewed on patrick wyman's  
podcast tides of history which is very good and uh i trust patrick a lot he sounded  
really good in the interview it's a very solid book literally i could i love when chris  
is in the chat especially since he can he can address some of your audio concerns if  
you have them at least the ones about translating like uh files and \*\*\*\*\* and yes he 0:6:9  
is a trained guy he wrote another book called railroaded about the transcontinental  
railroad ridge and the and the whole like creation of railroads uh which of course  
you know is the perfect subject if you're trying to understand the capital formation  
in the in the years after the civil war because as i've said uh the civil war was the  
catalyst for of capital creation a capital in america that created sort of the dynamo  
that led us to an industrial capitalism on a grand scale on a competitive worldwide  
scale and in the aftermath of the war the thing that took the place of waging war uh  
was building uh building a rail infrastructure and the way we did it was we just gave  
a \*\*\*\*\* ton of land to a bunch of private companies and had them speculate their  
assets off across the continent while just grinding so if you're talking about any kind 0:7:15  
of you know what what what would what if it's history of america where we don't get  
civil we don't get our failed reconstruction and our you know robber baron capture  
by of our government against governing institutions one big things that would be  
different would be the way that we built the i mean honestly up to it including the  
question of how how you know how intense our exploitation of uh of native lands  
would be anyway uh didn't talk didn't lincoln talk about wage slaves and stuff well

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yeah he did i mean that was a common abolitionist argument and it was one of the things that appealed to working-class and uh small-holding northerners was uh 0:8:19  
the idea that if you uh allowed them to that there is a an essential um you know coercion at the heart of wage labor and slavery uh and that you know if if the south winds they will impose a greater degree of coercion now the south would rejoin by saying well actually wage slavery is inferior uh to slavery there is a a southerner named uh fitzhugh who wrote a number of books uh where he made the argument that if you you're gonna always have two classes of people the smarter and the less smart the smarter ones tell the dumber ones what to do and therefore they will be in a subordinate position now what should that be the slave model has a reciprocal relationship built into it it says i you uh you owe me your labor but i also i also provide you with basic uh um basic survival uh fodder like i feed you i give you a 0:9:21  
place to sleep i give you a stable way to reproduce yourself even if everything else is up for grabs and up at my discretion whereas wage slavery you're saying yeah you guys are going to work for me if you don't you'll starve and if you do i will give you this money for you to go find your own food and shelter well \*\*\*\*\* these are the dumb people remember these are the idiots they're not gonna be able to do that they're gonna \*\*\*\*\* it up they're gonna start starving so what their lives will be over time worse their poverty will be greater than misery will be greater than the slaves will be and other southerners hated when fitzhugh talked about this and his books were not that popular among advocates of slavery who were trying to you know keep the north acquiescing to the existence of slavery because if if too many northerners heard that's what the south thought they would make the conclusion oh well then eventually they're going to turn us into slaves and they were right to 0:10:24  
think that fitzhugh was the guy who was taking all of the conceptions that undergird slave society to their logical conclusions not separating not stopping at the arbitrary border of something like race which the smarter even then knew wasn't a real thing or not as real as like the the the people who were trying to convince themselves that like you were talking about different species uh even though different species can't reproduce at least not reproduce uh fertile offspring so right there you have lost any even a scientific basis as they understood science at the time but that didn't stop from trying because they wanted to create an arbitrary border of exploitation well no no not white people if it's you saw farther and said no white people too why not are they dumb they can't they're not in charge they've never been in charge they've always why is that going to change why have them running under foot and creating problems and making everything miserable for themselves and everyone else when they could be 0:11:25  
be put into a submission a mutually advantageous submission where they recognize their inferiority and of course the thing about fitzhugh's logic which is the logic the

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undergirding logic the social logic of every mechanism of class exploitation we've had since the dawn of civilization and the one undergirding capitalism and the one that will over time take over and become the sole relationship of production is that notion of there are those who take and there are those who give in some combination do through some combination of a willingness to give which is their participation in a social order that they have invested psychologically in the maintenance of some culture or this is this is uh when we describe this we're describing superstructure culture as such and then there's bear uh um physical force which undergirds the uh 0:12:27 whatever the person in there has in their head as they're giving to the person who takes now what and that is the dialect that dialectic relationship is the driver of class struggle between those two types of person broadly construed now as the society gets more complicated uh the relationship gets blurry and you have things like slaves and serfs and \*\*\*\*\* uh indentured servants and levies and and freeholders and and uh wage workers and managers and ceos and and civil servants and professionals where all these things get enmeshed in one another and they get muddy but over time over time as capital accumulates at one end of this poll and capital and resources run out the divide re-emerges and asserts itself like i've talked a few times before about how uh the guys who own france 7-11 franchises have essentially been proletarianized by 0:13:29 7-eleven uh because they're able to uh because they run the whole they're vulnerable because they they need 711 to provide them with you know a franchise license and all the materials that they sell and they can change that relationship basically at will and and so a lot of these guys are making essentially minimum wage and working 80 hours a week while they're essentially owning this thing that's because and that process happens throughout every strata and some people are able to negotiate a trans phase transition like some small some like medium-sized manufacturer or small business person who is about to get crushed is able to like buy stock somewhere or get a job within the structure one way or another they're being alienated from their capital everyone is going to be alienated from their capital or have capital accumulate to them in classes in those classes now according to the ideology of the state and all that the or the and the ideology that undergirds these systems like the one that fits 0:14:30 you with expression that comes down to intelligence that that comes down to some pers or or like breeding whatever the hell you want to call it superiority of culture all it boils down to a better brain you have a better brain so it's okay it's it's only natural that you should get this now of course that's absurd for a zillion reasons but one of the most prominent prominent ones is that even if you take the assumption for granted the superiority that they are off talking about is a very narrow set of um skills that all revolve around the process of extracting \*\*\*\*\* surplus and hoarding it which as a system breaks down as uh resources run out or as you know externalities within

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the biological system build up uh the system is incapable of correcting because it is  
um selected in the form of reproducing the privilege of people who are already on top 0:15:32  
and who therefore give these special brains to their kids just by the virtue of giving  
them a uh social context to be acculturated into them both social and intellectual uh  
and it's going to eventually crash into the goddamn i mean it's 9 11 every day anyway  
but eventually it won't even be sustainable on its own terms and that's when you get  
the common ruin of the contending classes and both of them \*\*\*\*\* smash into each  
other uh the alternative to that is a structure where the boundaries this arbitrary  
boundary of extractor and and and uh extract e is abolished and everybody is working  
and everybody else is enjoying surplus everybody is creating surplus everybody is  
enjoying it to the degree that they can because it is a there is a social recognition of 0:16:34  
the existence of a social organism that is the basis of marxists for each according to  
his ability to each according to his needs which so many libertarians are horrified by  
because they imagine well what if you did that now it would be like they claim the  
tyranny of the lazy and the stupid they'd just sit back because why wouldn't they  
they're free riders but all that logic the free rider logic of libertarianism rests on the  
idea that there is a fundamental alienated humanity making up this system from  
each according to his abilities to each according to disease describes in the broadest  
sense the social reality the flow of capital the or whatever the flow of surplus rather  
the flow of surplus throughout the the social system is from ability to need and  
everybody needs so everybody's needs are met everybody has ability of some kind  
or another and it is the socialization of the process and the use of the technology  
that has accumulated through the process of capital accumulation of capitalism that 0:17:36  
is then applied to the world around us to allow for that that organic flow of surplus  
within a social system to be generated so that is why uh there could never be any uh  
in my mind quarter uh to be given to uh any desserts based moral order which all  
capitalists apologia must be at the end even even in your even liberals even honestly  
a certain bright strands of market socialists it's it's an idea that there must be a does  
there must be a system of reward for ability an ability broadly construed as but in 0:18:37  
a socialist system the reward and that is why you know like like i said oh free riders  
what about lazy people who don't want to contribute why would they why would  
you want to i mean the number of slave owners who complained about how how uh  
including george washington the founder of this fun country who is on who written  
letters who wrote letters complaining you know the thing about these blacks is that  
they really won't work unless you're forcing them to what the \*\*\*\*\* is wrong with  
them like with this incredulity and horror like we're giving you food and shelter and 0:19:38  
it's like well yeah but if you were getting food and shelter too right and you were  
working in some way towards our common survival too we were all together then

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they probably wouldn't uh resist working but they also wouldn't be and of course this is all you know this this is this is the reason talking about this stuff is the reason that marx didn't like trying to sketch out visions of what socialism would look like because it necessitates it requires like like actual you know the end state that people are not even i don't mean the end state but i mean the the post-transition state that people imagine in their heads it is and and therefore the the broader goals and the broader projects that we have to express and live and try to move towards now in the here and around and here now in this moment necessitate an essentially a collective phase shift in human consciousness and and that's not like that's not hippie \*\*\*\*\* 0:20:39 we've already had phase shifts in human consciousness the creation of the modern liberal subject is a phase shift that happened like if you've gotten a bunch of uh medieval \*\*\*\*\* sit around in the castle in reams or something and say hey what's what like imagine this system collapses and what comes next or what or no not even collapses like feudalism you know what this thing's bad why don't we get a new one they wouldn't do it and they never were able to do it because you need to have a liberal subject for that kind of social uh relationship to even exist to generate that kind of uh discourse but imagining it could just assuming it could they wouldn't have been able to get anywhere near where we are because it would have required them to imagine people acting towards each other in a fundamentally alien way it would require them imagining people acting towards each other as strangers which 0:21:41 they could not do now of course there are strangers in the medieval world you know the saracen and then the heathens or whatever but within christendom and first certainly within like the the community the idea that that you could walk out your door and everybody you saw in a day were people who you did not know and i don't mean no just in sense of recognize i mean the sense of having actual social embedded relationship with they couldn't have imagined that they couldn't imagine living like that and it's like well we live that way because we because the very order we live in has generated a a shifted conception of the self in relationship to others than the in the medieval subject had and post-transition socialism would require a similarly um shifted perception of others a re-socialized conception of the self where you have 0:22:43 regained the social embeddedness of pre-capitalist society but within a cosmopolitan framework where it doesn't have to be somebody who you've dug turnips next to your whole life or somebody who goes to the same cathedral that spent 300 years being built or that fights in the same crusade everybody maybe not as deeply as you know as deeply but as as influential towards one's like ideas of loneliness and fulfillment and existential uh um satisfaction similar with a change with a revolution of what type i have no idea i wish i could tell you and i believe someone says i feel like this is the thing that anarchists miss and abs that's absolutely it the anarchist

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assumes an inviable liberal subjectivity that will persist into their anarchist their 0:23:47  
anarchist society that they are imagining moving towards that will only reproduce  
liberalism can only produce capitalism because in the absence of social bonds we  
are all out for ourselves we are all homo economicus we are all going to seek to  
benefit from the surplus of labor that we did not participate in because we do not  
feel the injustice of that because it's not happening and now someone might say well  
there are anarchists who do take this into consideration and it's like maybe but my  
observation of anarchism and practice and as a tradition suggests the otherwise i  
saw mank i watched bank most of all i just don't know why it was i i mean i know  
why it was made it was the screenplay that david fincher's dad wrote 40 years ago  
and he's been trying to make ever since and which 100 only exists because netflix is 0:24:50  
at the point where they're going to give money to any big name director who has  
anything that they want to make that's why they gave scorsese 500 million dollars  
to do the three hour three and a half hour old age home digital uh de-aging movie  
which i think is brilliant as a brechtian like masterpiece of alienation but for very for  
that very reason it never would have been financed by a regular studio at that \*\*\*\*\*  
rate it might have but it would have been one of those deals where like scorsese goes  
in basically lying to them and then they just give them more money over time until  
their pot committed which is essentially i think what happened with the \*\*\*\*\* zeiter  
snyder cut which w warner brothers thought oh great we'll just we'll get a few more  
uh eyeballs off out of these pigs by just taking our old crap and putting a new label  
on it but it turns out it needed work and once snyder got in there he started asking  
for stuff before they knew it they'd thrown another like hundred million dollars onto  
the \*\*\*\*\* fire and now that thing has cost like 500 million dollars that's because but 0:25:51  
um he basically tricked them and scorsese would have had to trick people into letting  
him make the irishman at a regular studio and i don't think any studio is signing  
off on this self-conscious like black and white fake 40s movie about this and he's  
only making it because his dad wrote the screenplay my pacino hoff impression your  
\*\*\*\*\* father \*\*\*\*\* insured the \*\*\*\*\* local not very good i am very excited for the  
snyder cut i uh and yeah i'm fine with them doing that but sometimes you wonder  
if they should have stayed in the holster i just there's something deeply indulgent  
about it like david fincher's dad and thanks for reminding us by the way that at this  
point all these people even the good directors even the good directors are just rich  
kids everybody is just somebody's kid who decided to take a flyer on a career in the 0:26:52  
arts everybody in in hollywood at this point is like re-antoinette flouncing about in  
her fake peasant village at versailles so thank you for reminding me of that uh and  
and even if it's like oh he wasn't rich it's like okay his dad had a \*\*\*\*\* screenplay  
for four years he was clearly in the business and that's more than most people can

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say um and also just like i remember people saying it's about it's about mankowitz's fight for uh recognition first of all no it isn't he has one scene where he argues with orson welles about whether he should get credit at the end of it she says fine i'll give you credit he gets the oscar what's the grievance what is the grievance that drove this apparently it's a pauline kale essay it just all feels very crankish although i will say the stuff about uh you know epic in the 34 sinclair campaign was interesting but i think there's a bunch of more interesting ways it could have been presented and i do think it was funny that uh bill nye played uh up in sinclair that's actually pretty 0:27:53 that's pretty big that's pretty good so you know it's all right i'd say i'm gonna i haven't done it on letterbox yet i'll probably give it three and a half three and a half is my courtesy number where it's like i recognize the craft i'm not gonna pooh-pooh it i see some things i enjoyed i like i very much enjoyed charles dance as william randolph hearst he sort of had the hollow like slack look that he had it was pretty eerie uh and and uh oldman was really good so there's like i liked all the upton's and claire parks but huh i have to rewatch video jerome someone's asking about video 0:28:56 drum i haven't seen it in a long time i do remember enjoying it i like cronenberg of course and james woods is actually one of my we're we're living in some new flesh that's for sure flesh oh if you like it flush uh you can keep it oh let me be clear love that that obama's doing his media tour now it's fantastic he's he's i love it most of all 0:29:57 because he is confirming everything we've been saying about it uh and specifically the \*\*\*\*\* about how he does not view himself as a figure who wielded power he never imagined himself to have been his job was to experience power on behalf of a grateful nation that he could then explain power to he could go to the mountaintop and like look at the bush like a kind of a moses type figure where where the burning bush is just the crumbo you know i've been thinking about his about my one of my 0:31:0 i mean barsako crumble is my favorite name for him but one another name i really like and the thing about the old bungler is that i don't know if it's accurate because i really don't know if you can say that he bungled anything because if you really got him strapped to a chair and like hit him with sodium pentathol how much would he really want to have gone differently at the expense of doing different things like that's the thing it can't just be all it would have been nice if uh mitch mcconnell had uh been more uh respectful or whatever now what would you have been willing to do in exchange for what different outcome what can you look back on and say oh that was a mistake i honestly don't think he would have any because i think that he is so deeply narcissistic and so fully convicted so he fused to his conception 0:32:2 of himself not just as like an empathic person but also as an intellect as someone who has looked into the fiery furnaces of capitalism and has been seared by them to the level of like deep knowledge of the universal truths and as such i think his

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commitment to himself is passive and to all decisions made within the halls of power as predetermined and out of his hands i think he very well might look back and go yeah i didn't bungle anything and if he doesn't think he bungled anything \*\*Music playing\*\* i don't know if you could be said that he bungled anything because if he wasn't working on behalf of some broadly construed american public he wasn't trying to do anything for anybody but himself he wasn't trying to do anything except get himself a netflix deal and get himself a \*\*\*\*\* uh 500 million dollars to write 3 000 page book that every \*\*\*\*\* tedious uh uh person with a home cappuccino machine 0:33:3 is going to read and give to each other for christmas he might think he bungled he might have bundled but if that's not what he was working for if that's not he what his goal was then he succeeded on his own terms so kudos sir now you might say the one thing he might have bungled i see someone pointed it out in the chat and yes that's a good one is keeping biden out of the box on behalf of hillary in 2016. although once again i think if he sat down he would say some \*\*\*\*\* to himself like well uh hillary at that point uh she had a robust enough team and blah blah he had she had people in the dlc dnc who were gonna support her and uh if biden had uh stepped in it would have split the establishment and uh bernie would have gotten the nomination or not lost to trump which to them also a disastrous outcome so 0:34:4 he's probably got something in his own \*\*\*\*\* pocket in his in his head to tell him that that was not a bungle that's one of the beauties of being that kind of guy is that that olympia remove and that and that and that isolation of intellect into this crackpot realist framework where uh i have completely accepted this structure even though i'm one of the most powerful people within any global order you know to to provide direction for the for for the direction for oh he might uh you know what no never mind there's one thing nope i was thinking did he would he have said he wished he wouldn't have said anything about uh about skip gates cop being stupid he probably would have said yeah that was stupid but then again he's probably very proud of the beer summit he did write about it in the book i mean he really didn't have to mention the beer summit more than like a page i don't know but or honestly 0:35:5 like a line if and he talked about it significantly so maybe he'd be like uh it gave us an opportunity to uh bring some serious questions to uh the public i think he would definitely probably he would definitely say he shouldn't have said anything about like uh kanye when he called him a jackass he'd probably look oh that was beneath me or that he shouldn't have worn a tan suit that one time yeah it feels like there's like an intellectual battle even about like not whether or not barack obama sucks but how he is the nature of his suckiness the nature of his badness and i think he has to be viewed not as misguided not as so much as a empty vessel uh one of those 0:36:6 hegelian figures who emerges to embody the time to embody the emptiness of the

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time to embody the emptiness of life in 20 late 20th century 21st century america a life where all values are reduced to market values where the self is imposed composed entirely of just a sluice of base desires j self generated by a machinery of of misery and oppression trying to measure of a person can be their success within that system at expressing themselves if we are all alone we are all to die and be forgotten then the only thing we could do is try to be remembered and so the most ambitious of us the smartest of us will endeavor to be remembered to be able to build \*\*\*\*\* monuments to themselves to acquire fame and more importantly money to consecrate their image and blazing it across space and time and into that breach people are going to step who have that combination of ability and will essentially the ability to at a basic level delude themselves into assimilating the ethics of this degraded inhuman moment on to their very species being and so they are able to move motivate themselves the way that i have said like uh revolutionaries have to motivate themselves from within like that john brown drive that connection tissue between himself and every other person that meant that he felt the pain of others to such an extent that he was driven and focused towards the goal of ending that oppression because he felt it the figures who rise in the current moment like obama been able to psychologically separate themselves so completely from every other person in the world that they can self-motivate in one direction as opposed to the rest of us porsche who can only ever somewhat separate that connection and that means that our pursuits of success within the system are undermined at every point we are either too distracted by carnality or our connection to other people leave us paralyzed how could how can i get a job at this company knowing what they do how can i do x y and z job knowing what it does how can i do x y or z menial job knowing how instead uh uh possessed i guess the fully possessed figure like an obama and trump are able to unify themselves and put all of their energy into a spiritual pursuit of narcissism which eludes most people but the more successful of us at least the ones who have to work in some way for their own success and can't just sit on piles of money those who have to do something and obama i would say certainly uh more than trump although honestly trump too because if trump would just want to be rich he could have just sat on money forever it was he wanted to be famous and being a mid-tier developer in new york in the 70s is not a great way to get famous you have to work at it and he did obama farther from power and power from the public eye had to work even harder well obama's smarter than trump is but they're both driven by the same dynamo of of of religious narcissism of of of self-worship which is what we're all supposed to be and the thing about that is that you know we are a monotheistic world there could be only one and that's why uh monopolization and accumulation are the drive of capitalism and will eventually consume all humanity unless that that spell is broken

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unless that's so that engine driving us in that direction is broken so obama set to the point of becoming a world historical figure for a young age and he was very very good at it he's he is very smart but that's because he's worshipping his own self fully he is and that is why they embody the the that's why they embody now the the um social dialectic between democrats and republicans the two americas who are now at at war with one another that were bored out of the the collapse of 2008 and the subsequent bipartisan non-recovery that said okay the economy just liquefied and set everything building back together we're just going to leave it as this big pool of money that we're just gonna dump into it and let the richest here get more of it and and pour money down their bucket and then allow them to use their market share and their relative uh um bargaining position vis-a-vis a further miserated working class to fully properize people into tecto surfs which is the whole app economy which is basically the entirety of job growth since 2008. that was a bipartisan uh a job and they carried that \*\*\*\*\* out to the team and out of that out of this hyper-charged individualized spectaclized society uh to embody one uh way of getting ahead within that system one way of successfully worshipping god one way of becoming the god that you know you need to be is obama's and obama's is follow the rules that's basically the argument here are the rules as set up and now those rules are liberal right because of the need to have a a system of um what amounts to etiquette to allow the market to function like the market needs etiquette because everybody's a stranger and and and everybody uh has to have is approaching each other from a position of alienation and so the same way you have to shake hands tip your cap to stranger you have to embody certain values those values are inculcated in college and you learn them and then you apply them to the world and obama showed you if that is what you're captured by if that vision of self-worship is what you're powered by that shows you the way trump is if you want to become god if you want to become the most famous person on earth therefore a god just be a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* until there's nothing anyone else can look at but you and there's nothing anyone else can hear but your voice now the thing about that is that that's a tough one if you don't already have a lot of money or social position or attention to begin with and that is why that one is not as appealing to people who are less demographically positioned that way and it is appealing to that caught here of like baby boomer uh white people who are sitting on all the remaining wealth really we have domestically in this country and see that and it's certainly especially after seeing eight years of this one version that they can't do they're too old man they're too set in their ways they can't curtsy like that they can't extend their pinky fingers they can't remember not to say that and then that has got to be the two visions of of godhood and the that working-class movement towards trump or at least a trump influence republican party because there's no way

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whoever they nominate now i have no idea what's coming after trump it's hard to imagine him not wanting to run for re-election not spend the next four years just doing what he's been doing because he likes the running around the country part and he can still do that for the next four years and then just run again i think he honestly at this point might do it because it'll be all this parts he does enjoy which is campaigning with nothing else and then because he has a dog brain and doesn't remember anything and has no object permanence he'll forgot how much he hated actually being president and he'll drive himself back but one way or another even if he drops dead of cobra tomorrow which would be hilarious of course the party is now the alternative to this follow the rules uh obama party and uh a lot of those working class people they're not going to find themselves any more able to imagine themselves succeeding by following the rules as uh any of the but of course in reality nobody gets to be god nobody gets to do it nobody gets to be fully actualized narcissistic beings instead what they get is the chance to see that desire just dissolve before their eyes and be replaced with nothing no suit no sucker to come in the form of love of others just further miseration and and precarity more than anything the sense of always not going up but and because the conditions of that precarity are not negotiable they're not nobody is nobody uh in power is signing off on uh any redistribution of power or money away from the current polls that it's being pulled towards sorry all you can do is find that other tribe with that other god and kill it because it's the reason that the we do not need amprim and priv is not the answer and print turns back into capitalism and because i mean if you're because if you don't have that social conception i was talking about thing where your sense of self identity is composed psychologically of a genuine felt relationship to other people beyond yourself and specifically beyond even the people you know personally and people that you even our side of it like a cultural context with without that tribal breakdown primitive breakdown will result again in a conflict over resources and conflict over resources is the and you can't say well we'll all get to that point and then just break back up you'll lose it over time it has to be sustained technologically that social connection has to be drainage drain dry so sorry i our phase shifts ultimately spiritual indeed a spiritual revolution but as i've said before that's not crazy that's not made up it's happened before uh the europe going from uh europe going from pagan to christian that's a spiritual revolution the medieval uh socially embedded corporate sense of self being turned into liberal um individualism that is a spiritual revolution it's the it's it's it's the necessary byproduct of a change in material relationships you have a situation where material relationships are moving in one direction and as those ferment within them and the conflict within them moves them in another if you get if you get to that socialism barbarism inflection point say within our system that is

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you know moving towards uh crisis final crisis one time maybe not now maybe not 100 years but it is uh if it breaks towards um if it breaks towards socialism that will mean a change of material relationship that will over time change people's sense of self because of it because of the change to their uh social relations to one another i mean sorry their material relations to and once enough people have had their and enough like gen enough kids have been born into new social relationships that generate new spiritual concepts if enough people have those experiences if enough people have those mysteriousnesses due to their material conditions having changed and the change keeps moving in the same direction just like what happened with the emergence of the liberal identity eventually you get a situation an inflection point of consciousness where people are experiencing the life experiencing life in a different spiritual context but it comes after because if we're going to make socialism it'll be because a bunch of people who are alienated who do not live that life who do not have a spiritualized sense who are living every day as like a raw nub working together enough to push things in a direction but they're still going to be separated but it will be through the act of working together and seeing uh results from the work that that uh those spiritual changes happen on an individual basis some people have like large scale like conversion experiences other people have just to change a gradual change in their their their emotional palate as it relates to other people and then the relationship between people motivated by that changing spiritual sense and their application of themselves to the wheel of material history those things reinforce each other until you get another punctuated a punctuation an inflection somebody says medicare for all comes to the america how i have no \*\*\*\*\* idea i have precisely zero idea the political force that moves us even in that direction is one that is if it exists now it is in a uh absolutely protein state and it is as absurd for me to imagine how we get to medicare for all as it was for marx to sketch out what socialism would look like after the not even to say that it's that necessarily far away in time but that it is that far away in event in incident in increasingly unpredictable random emergence of response to i mean hell we might never get medicare for all we might go straight to uh just national health health care like doctors are employees of the state which honestly is the superior system in the more socialist system but i understand why it's not what people push for and it shouldn't be at the political level right now but we very well might get there considering how how things how how the confrontation with capital what shape it takes and i don't know what shape it's going to take i have suspicions i have guesses i think it's probably not going to come from the democrats it's probably going to come from a dif a third party that emerges and sort of breaks up the duopoly and replaces one of the two parties as happened in the 1850s but beyond that biden's covenant plan is awesome it's wonderful it's definitely going to work is

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the thing i love most about it no money for anybody keep everything open make wear masks which people are already doing by the way basically what i mean he's not even saying they want to do a mandate he's just saying i'm going to ask everybody to do it which they've already done everyone every day tells you to wear the goddamn mask and most people do wear the mask even the \*\*\*\*\* republicans because it's like required indoors and people just sort of like okay fine i'll do it even republicans mostly do it like only the most hardcore ones see it as a culture where she will let the so unless you're talking about requiring it which would get create almost overnight 0:55:47  
a bunch of posse comitatus revolutions of like hicks in uh sheriff department saying that they're not going to enforce it and then what are you going to do you're going to go to war no you're just going to back down so nothing accomplished and then the other 100 million shots in the 400 days well there's 325 million people so good job one two yes i yeah right i'm sorry i'll believe it when i see it for a million ways even if everybody in america was dying to get the \*\*\*\*\* thing and had no qualms about it whatsoever the idea that we have the capacity to administer something like that on that scale but the only way you can understand the how can we get back to normal before we have to give people more money because they do know that it's some and 0:56:50  
republicans honestly know too at some point they are going to have to give people more money not necessarily uh like the 1200 again but there's going to have to be a stabilizing injection of capital at the demand side or our consumer-based economy will collapse and they know that but they're also with this all these vaccines coming online now they're also hoping the same way at the beginning of the thing everybody was essentially saying no we're not going to shut down because maybe it solves itself maybe it falls away maybe the transmission doesn't jump and maybe they track and trace a guy and it gets contained maybe they drop the moab on cedar creek and uh it doesn't spread and we don't have to worry about it the same way they were doing that for a while that's one of the big reasons that everything went to hell so quick right now they're like how far like just get some vaccines and people maybe 0:57:52  
we can just get this thing kick-started without having to give people more money and so right now i think biden and the whole those parties are in that wait-and-see thing that suspended animation of like negotiating not negotiating giving the illusion of forward momentum just to buy time for a miracle in the form of a vaccination campaign that reaches hurt immunity within my guess is that they will uh they will they will give in before that but i i honestly have no faith that they won't push it way too i didn't see a tweet today that said and i thought it was actually pretty brilliant 0:59:4  
uh i gotta give credit actually i should give credit because it's a really good idea is that uh the only way to deal with the fact that we have these two incommensura world views with the there's so little trust between these two factions the only way

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you can guarantee a very quick uh ascension to a vaccine protocol is if you took  
the two vaccines because there's two there's a modern one and a pfizer one and had 1:0:5  
branded culturally one of them as the democrat vaccine and then branded another  
one culturally as the republican vaccine and had the two media apparatuses talk  
about them not just in terms of saying ours is good but more importantly saying  
that the other one was terrible and the other one was going to make you either like  
what the democrats could say oh it's going to make you racist or and democrats  
could say oh it's going and that you then that and more importantly that getting  
the the one that the other ones don't like uh it owns them and makes them unhappy  
and and it would be self-generating like anything from outside it wouldn't work it  
has to contain both but uh it's it's too way too smart we are far too dumb all right  
i'm going to get off in a second but i want to i want to credit this guy because i really 1:1:6  
thought that was a smart a smart idea it would require more more cooperation than  
uh and and coherence than our government is capable of of undertaking because the  
lumpen uh idiocy that has overcome our billionaire class has predictably also totally  
taken over our political class so that not only i can capital not not only is government  
not able to like coordinate capital because capital has so much influence now that  
it's just overalls the state's managerial and coordinating capacities the people who  
could fight that within government are similarly captured by self-interest i mean my  
god nancy pelosi just admitted yes the other day that they \*\*\*\*\* refused a massive  
amount of money trillions of dollars and and another round of \*\*\*\*\* checks to people  
before the election because they didn't incentive uh john askanas thank you shout 1:2:9  
out to john esconnis that was very i'm going to read it i'm just going to read this  
thread because it's really good the solution to vaccination under hyper partisanship  
is so obvious and cynical that it will never be done we have two very similar vaccines  
pfizer modern if you want to reach her immunity fast you make one the lib vaccine  
and one the vaga vaccine give the new give the get the new biden administration 1:3:10  
to endorse the modern vaccine as the best one for science and experts have gates  
and soros team up to send out the distribution have gal gadot lead a celebrity music  
video hovering all of the soy people every one of the avengers getting the \*\*\*\*\*  
modern vaccine you spread rumors that trump is holding millions of pfizer stock and  
mush rushed it through fda approval you get newsom to ban pfizer in california uh  
have like um yeah uh have a bunch of like viral tweets about like pfizer was a nazi  
company or something uh and then you have trump go on hannity and take uh and  
they and they take the advisors back they take it together and then you have the  
booths at the rallies and uh and i just want to read these last ones because this was a  
very astute point this sounds crazy but consider that this is exactly what happened 1:4:11  
with the coronavirus pandemic itself from february on with both sides arms racing

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to maximally oppose whatever the other side happened to support that's how you go from some tentative scientific support for hydrochloroquine and a bit of trump boosterism to msnbc and the new york times writing hit pieces on it and talk show host joking about it while fox news practically begins selling it on their website and the admin making it a miracle cure that's the big part of it in the way that it reinforces each other i remember the hydrochloroquine story it was like i mean liberals were always saying well we have to say this because people are dying nobody's like one idiot drank like a goldfish cleaner or something there was no need for everybody to go all in on horrible hydrochloric we wants they were driven that way by their need to define themselves in opposition to trump and they were filtered down all the way to everybody including on the left which is supposed to be critical of this sort of mind and on the and then at the same time hydrochloroquine became the miracle cure on the right and not taking it was \*\*\*\*\* and yeah like that's that's that's the thing you put in your body all right so i'm going to leave you guys and gals with a quote a tweet that um i retweeted today that really reminded me that the ideal and i don't know i'm not really joking is that if bernie had won the nomination somehow through the grace of god uh that my ideal vice president for him honestly might have been marianne williamson and i feel like i feel that now more than i did even at the time and i was very interested in marianne at the time just because i feel like she is one of the very few figures in public life who articulates in any way even if it's from the point of view of like west coast uh new age \*\*\*\*\* the the reality of of our spiritual lack and she had a tweet today that i thought really really reminded me that we're on the same wavelength caterpillars disintegrate into a soup of imaginal cells out of which emerges a butterfly that's where the world is now one way of being is disintegrating people are imagining new ways of doing and thinking about things relating to self and others it won't stay soup for long and of course that's not necessarily a good thing graham she said you know the old world is dying the new world is yet to be born this is the time of monsters but it's also the time of miracles it is a it is a liquefied uh it's liquefied uh earth like you know during an earthquake it moves so fast that the \*\*\*\*\* ground itself turns into it has a viscosity of liquid we're there and what comes out of that is up to us as terrifying as that is to think about and as hopeless as it might make you think when you consider how far all of us are from god in a real sense from love we're also all we have and the only thing that could do it and we're here bye

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\*Music playing\*\* another headache a heartbreak i'm so much older then i can take well it comes and goes i need direction to perfection no no no no no \*\*Music playing\*\* when there's nowhere else to run is there room for one more song the strangest ain't 0:1:3 changing me the cold-hearted boy i used to be hi guys i'm not so i've got soul but damn it i'm oh full disclosure uh i've done a lot of content production today so i'm kind of uh we'll tap i probably wouldn't have done a stream today if i hadn't missed monday and tuesday i try to do like three a week if i'm not letting people know ahead of time i'm not going to be doing them so i felt like i didn't want to skip again but i'm i don't really know what to say so i might have it's going to be a loose one this is going to be uh another low uh vibe stream so fair warning ahead of time on that don't expect a lot of verbal fireworks here ah make sure a \*\*\*\*\* beats working 0:2:4 though i'll say that i saw the bob odenkirk trailer and i had heard of this movie before i i've heard like for a year now that this movie was being made because i'm reading a thing where bob owen kirk was talking about how he was getting trained by the john wick guys and i thought it was really exciting and i saw a trailer and it's just john wick it's what if basically it's what if john wick's wife hadn't died a year after they got married what if she'd lived and they'd had kids and then like after he got kind of old uh he had to come back like that's the only difference like everything else beat for b and style and aesthetics and that was disappointing i'll still see it i love bob odenkirk obviously i've loved him since \*\*\*\*\* mr show since the 0:3:6 ben stiller show which i'm old enough to remember and do have loved watching as a kid for the one man early 90s fox was the best i would say that early 90s sunday night on fox is the best network television has been for comedy because you had anchoring you hadn't married with children and then you had uh the site simpson's there for sometimes it switched to thursday but it's it was sunday it was started on sundays uh but then you had \*\*\*\*\* that didn't do nearly as well didn't last as long as those shows but in my opinion i mean obviously you know you're a kid things are funnier but in my opinion hold up and help shape my comet perspective in a lot of ways get life with chris elliot fantastic show ben stiller show which i don't think

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holds up as well just because so much of it is based on direct parodies of stuff that 0:4:7  
was happening at the time like specific tv shows and specific commercials that's not  
gonna land the same way but still you can't beat that cast you can't beat uh who  
ended up being on that show i mean that's where \*\*\*\*\* bob and david met literally  
and then helped make mr show the greatest american sketch comedy show of all time  
and in the running for it's like it's in the top conversation i mean i don't know if it's  
not mr shomani python kids in the hall i who's what's the fourth competitor there  
uh and what else oh they also had the oh they had crazy high concept \*\*\*\*\* that  
might not be funny you might not look back on i think it was funny but compared  
to the other shows on tv it was interesting and different like herman's head which  
was ripped off for uh inside out any i don't know if anybody else saw inside out 0:5:8  
and was outraged at how horrifyingly they had ripped off the show herman's head  
which was a show that it was a sitcom and the premise was there's a guy herman  
and he's trying to make it in the big city in publishing but you cut back uh between  
his like parts of his consciousness and it was uh the horny fat guy who was his lust  
there was the nerd and glasses who was his intellect there was the twerpy nervous  
guy who was anxiety and then the hippie lady who was his uh emotions and like  
sensitivity then there was a show called whoops which i was describing someone this  
show last weekend and they couldn't believe this was a real show it was essentially  
gilligan's island but the gimmick was instead of them being on a desert island they  
were the last people to survive an accidental nuclear holocaust and they all lived in  
a house together in a blasted wasteland and this was a multi-camera sitcom with a 0:6:11  
laugh track and there was one episode i saw as a little kid i still remember where  
uh santa claus shows up and he's got survivor's guilt because the elves the reindeer  
mrs claws were i'm seeing uh for other best uh sketch comedy shows chappelle show  
chappelle show is definitely in the running i'd sure i think it could probably take out  
honestly replace monty python with the chappelle show at this point comedy has a  
shelf life monty python shelf life is over the chappelle still is still funny so throw that  
out there chappelle show uh or maybe yeah i think you should leave might be in the  
discussion but you need a lot more episodes there's literally six 20-minute episodes  
that's not enough audio is low god oh \*\*\*\*\* me what do you want me to do what do  
you want me to do i've got the thing turned up i don't know what to do you want 0:7:12  
me to the state was okay state's not as good mad tv is pretty good and mad tv when  
you look back on it it was definitely uh it was willing to go places that you can't go  
anymore so it has that kind of uh going for it just as a curio but sketch by sketch  
there's a lot of dog keem peel i would say is probably better than the chapelle show  
as a like on a sketch by sketch basis because and the premises are very crisp but it's  
also a little airless it's a little over intellectualized in a way that the chappelle show

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isn't and that makes the connected but anyway this is all the way saying i love bad 0:8:13  
guy bob owen kirk like nobody's business but watching that trailer and just seeing  
him just do the keanu thing with the same guns and the same choreography and the  
same even the same uh sheen and the same lighting schemes and at one point and  
the thing where he gets the guns out that have been kept in the in the bunker and  
he's got a bunch of gold bars those are just like the coins from it's like god once they  
figured out that they could replace squibs with choreography and and then made uh  
john wick the exemplar of that they just decided like with all things they were just  
going to monopolize the entire action space and they're going to turn so i'm a little  
disappointed in the trailer but i will certainly see it although when i saw at the end  
of the trailer it says only in theaters february 26th i'm like okay guys good luck with  
that you guys and tenet goes kids in the hall i didn't say uh somebody says kids in 0:9:20  
the house better than uh better than chappelle i didn't say i because there's hell's  
shield in the top three you kick out monty python you don't kick up kids in the hall  
kids in the hall one of the things that's most impressive about kids in the hall is  
that i would say unlike any other show i can imagine any other sketchup i can think  
of you can watch an episode of the kids in the hall and you can guess who wrote  
each sketch and you will probably be right if you watch the whole show and you like  
get the comedic sensibilities of the different act of different uh performers and and  
and writers you see who's like oh this is this is a this is a kevin and dave's sketch  
oh this is one of those uh uh you know one man show scott thompson things this is  
the weird sweaty experimental film that's bruce mccullough that's very cool to me  
monty python has that too but as i said mighty python is just it streets behind as 0:10:21  
pierce horizon would say have i heard of saturday night live pretty funny i mean yeah  
i thought kevin and uh i thought i always thought that kevin and dave collaborated  
on all those old-timey like kind of avid and costello premise sketches like the one  
where it's bob and dave and they're like in a diner or something like the citizen kane  
sketch which is a great sketch this isn't cade it was it is a gate it was citizen kane  
you need a mortician sudden eruptions of bloody violence is one of the best ways  
uh tim and eric is fantastic but when i think of sketch shows i sort of like when 0:11:35  
i'm trying to think of like the archetypal and pinnacle sketch shows i think of ones  
that conform to the sketch concept you know like i honestly feel like tim and eric  
is almost a liminal thing it's not even really a sketch show like those are not really  
sketches in the traditional sense they do not have premises that play out in the way  
that sketches traditionally do but it's fantastic i mean also formatively influential  
30 uh somebody says when did snl nosedive snl never knows dove anywhere this  
is one thing that i will will uh submit it is as bad as it's ever been i will i will  
stipulate i just watched the kevin uh kevin bateman the the jason bateman episode

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from saturday i just watched that might be the worst one i've ever watched but 0:12:38  
that's not because of some sudden collapse of quality snl because it's been on the  
air non-stop for forty in 40 years has the same entropic principle embedded within  
us that everything does it's the same reason that simpsons is terrible because it's  
still odd and so the the quality degradation of snl is not some drop it is a steady  
decline with you know within it it's it's a trend downward that within it contains  
highs and lows both within episode both within sketches within episodes episodes  
within seasons seasons within tranches of seasons and that's that's anything over  
time will it show that trait because the energy and now in a specific context of a  
program like a tv show like the simpsons or snl that that big bang is like the premise 0:13:41  
you know the container the creative container for the energies of the people making  
it and that container has limitations and over time you hit the limits of them and  
the way you avoid the show becoming bad is you and when you don't stop making it  
horrifying things happen and you see this like new simpsons is an abomination and  
in fact at this point you wanted to get logicky on it i think you could make a strong  
argument that the simpsons is on balance a bad show because it has been actively  
bad for twice as long as it was good and that means that just sheer sheer volume  
of output if you're gonna keep it as one thing if you're gonna say this is one show  
and you can't really say it isn't because that's how all shows work there's a name 0:14:42  
of his show a premise of a show at last and then it's gone this you can say uh the  
chick but like nothing really changed you know it wasn't one thing it wasn't one guy  
leaving it wasn't shipping theseus uh it's a ship a thesis a schwarzwald was writing  
on like the 20th season or something like the people who made it great were there  
there's still guys who write for it now who wrote for it originally like ba what's the  
guy we had on the show me uh \*\*\*\*\* what's his name he's he's been on since the  
beginning draining's still there i i've been to a simpsons table read we got invited to  
it mike reese is his name mike reese invited us to a simpsons table read and i got to  
see them do it and it was a \*\*\*\*\* amazing and but the thing is but and they were  
all there \*\*\*\*\* graining was uh graining wasn't there but james l brooks was there  
so there is a continuity you can't say it's not the same product what happened time  
passed the thing that killed the simpsons was not ian maxstone graham or da or 0:15:43  
merkin or any whoever people blame for for or graining for selling out so if you if you  
compose the idea that the simpsons the simpsons is a program right the simpsons  
is a tv program we're not going to talk about what dividing within it it's a holistic  
thing a television series that's been on for almost 40 years now and it has a number  
of episodes within it but to have different quality if you look at it from remove and  
say is this a good or a bad show there is an argument to be made that semantically  
like in the narrowest sense it is a bad show because i subscribe very much to the

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notion that binaries are composed of infinite gradients once a certain inflection point 0:16:45  
of attributes has been reached the thing gains a characteristic that can you be used  
to describe it by other people like that's how we get to language is the accumulation  
of traits you reach you have like say x number there's x number of traits once you  
reach y you enough of them have been uh obtained that this counts as a thing we  
can say so it's a show is it good no it's a bad show it's a bad show put on the  
simpsons random episode it's probably going to be bad and that's purely because  
they left it on which is why getting mad at snl for anything or the simpsons for  
anything other than refusing to stop uh is wrong but the thing is when you do that  
you're not getting mad at the simpsons creators you're not getting mad at even lorne  
michaels you're getting mad at capitalism once again and for always you're getting  
mad because the profit engine of the entertainment industry has dictated that these 0:17:46  
things should continue to go on our favorite shows that were great a lot of times we  
were protected from them being remembered as bad because they weren't profitable  
to make anymore and they stopped making them before they got bad that's like the  
capitalist regulator that can protect our good shows from turning into bad shows  
because that's the only real gatekeeper that we have in mass culture so capitalism  
kill the simpsons and skilled snl although with snl i would argue that it started at  
a much lower quality the early snl is not that great if you put on an average 1977  
episode even given the fact that comedy tastes changed over time there's like maybe  
a couple of good sketches there it's just now there's no good sketches no and i would 0:18:47  
say that until recently you could usually bank maybe one decent sketch an episode  
and i think that only in the last couple seasons capitalism the main thing i resist  
in snl discourse is try to to um is trying to validate any previous generation of snl  
compared to the current one it's just entropy that distinguishes them and the reason  
for that is i remember most of these things like in some way i've watched a lot of  
this \*\*\*\*\* and and this the real the stuff that sticks is very rare but one thing i  
know for sure is the close the stuff you see when you're younger is going to stick  
more and that means you will never be able to judge it accurately you'll never come  
close to being able to evaluate it because the stuff you remember liking you have 0:19:49  
forgotten all the garbage all the garbage just ran through your head unless it was  
so bad it was memorable it just ran through the \*\*\*\*\* uh sewer grates into the into  
the sewer and then floated away into your subconscious what got stuck in the pan  
in the gold pan is stuff that you remember and remember enjoying and remember  
to join with the with the simple-minded uh easy enthrallment of use which adds  
all sort of color and emotion to your memory they're all positive no modern thing  
will compare to that but the thing is with most stuff you're not comparing one to  
one whereas with saturday night live sketches you're comparing the same thing and

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that means it'll never ever ever live up and so no one can truly judge snl uh sketch comedy or uh quality because their memories their comparative memories are purely uh just a collection of their greatest enjoy encounters with the show which will by i will say though that one of those things that's wrong and bad is as politics gets 0:20:54 more uh culture gets more political it's very bad for a show like that because topical political comedy is maybe the lowest form of company currently uh popular and that's not necessary and that's and that's only because of how ubiquitous politics is and i mean there's a reason that we helped create a genre of political comedy with chapo because you know we're funny but i don't know if any of us would have made it through the gatekeepers of comedy to be able to be professionally humorous what kind of gave us an entry point was that we had a relatable subject that people cared about and that we could triangulate our humor off of and that that would give us a hearing with people that we wouldn't get if we were just trying to hit people at a purely comedic register so we were essentially cheating we were stretching out the meatloaf i'll admit but the thing is like now people want that so you know they were 0:21:55 going to want it i think what you can really pull from snl is just like like a baseball team and being a fan of snl like i've said before is much more like being a fan of a baseball team than a television show you you don't it doesn't matter if it's good or bad you know it's your team and you watch it and you take you keep your eyes open for talent and you you know see it develop or whatever so the thing to remember is like uh performers like who who has stood out you know who who are uh and one of the one of the real uh signals of the current degradation is how thin the bench is talent-wise right now snl was never was never was not always this political you'd have a pl you'd have a cold or you'd have a political cold open like i don't now every every cold open is political and i don't think that used to be the case but then again 0:22:56 i don't really i wouldn't have remembered a lot of them because cold spoken like a true brewers fan indeed oh boy i didn't want him to win the cove there are were some great old uh uh political sketches though and there was some kind of uh subversive stuff there was a sketch on uh there was a classic hartman ronald reagan sketch at the during the height of iran contra where the joke was is that he was pretending to be this guttering old man but behind closed doors he was like the mastermind of a globe spanning uh and that's the kind of like coming at it from an angle thing that 0:23:57 they have never been able to figure out in my in am like in my era in my like more recent memory of the show they very much get stuck on like a a play on the guy and then they just run with it and that means it's essentially the same sketch i'd say hartman was definitely like maybe the greatest saturday night live cast member of all time in terms of all-around talent success one thing i will note that i said this before they did it on last on saturday show is that they do they do recurring sketches not 0:24:58

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recurring characters the characters are unmemorable it's the premise with a different skeleton of jokes and that's what that's how you use a recurring character it's this a recurrent character is a premise essentially and a skeleton to you for put more specific jokes on now they just have the premise without the character they have not bothered to create characters people like because they know they can't they know they can't get something over in the wrestling sense the way that you could with like uh the rich meister or wayne and garth or uh or even like one of those christian one of those 15 awful christine kristen wig uh recurring characters none of them can get over a recurring character so it's just the sketch over and over now celebrity jeopardy 0:26:2 does not have care first of all celebrities jeopardy is like 10 years old now and i'm talking about current snl so that's not even relevant but secondly trebek isn't really a character in that sketch he's basically a straight man and impressions don't really count anyway will ferrell is definitely uh one of the farrell was farrell held the same role of like uh glue that hartman did he was less of an impressionist and more of a more of a wild man but a very similar very similar position comedic point guard i guess or no i mean basketball it is amazing to me that keenan thompson is still there 0:27:4 i believe he's been there for uh 16 17 seasons i think this might be a 17 season that's got to be it's got to be a record right like tim meadows didn't stay that long and i kind of respect it because i'm assuming what's happening there is that he has just like made the zen decision that okay like this is my job i'm not going to be famous i'm not going to be a big star i'm not going to have my own franchise this is my job like somebody works in an office somebody uh digs ditches i do these sketches i like doing it i have fun it's better than real work i'll just keep doing it and i respect that for tim meadows he was there forever but it was because he couldn't get a character 0:28:5 and he needed to get a character for him to do what they all did in the 90s at the height of the like right after wayne's world went like every sk every uh uh every recurring character was a potential movie and that meant a potential movie career and when you saw what like mike myers went it was like oh \*\*\*\*\* farley even dana carvey before master of disguise that was what they were all angling for and like the last one to get it was probably will ferrell maybe andy sandberg but he was never really an snl cast member i guess i don't know it's weird because he was doing lol the same thing and they're all lonely island movies it's it's not quite as one-to-one as like i was a superstar in the girl mary katherine gallagher and now there's a movie about that but he he finally got the ladies man which had some pop in which people liked even though i never thought leon phelps was that funny and so oh god and he goes and makes the movie and they're like magruber but that was a failure uh 0:29:6 and they go okay what is this fails and then he's gotta hang around hollywood i mean he's making it he probably makes a living but it's certainly less uh stable than

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coming in punching the clock whereas keenan he knows there's nothing out there he's had projects they've failed i think he had a sitcom that like didn't go past the pilot or like a cup first couple episodes and so it's like here there be there'll be dragons i'm gonna chill here and as long as he's not tormented by that and doesn't think of it as a failure of some kind as long as he's at peace with it then he is he's the most successful snl bridesmaids doesn't count because it's not based on a recurring character that's just somebody doing movies after she had a mil it's very interesting kristen wiig had a million recurring characters she was the last person to have like a real stable of recurring characters in the 90s tradition uh you know of snl and when 0:30:8 even though she did become a movie star in some way they never made a goddamn one of them into a movie that's how bad they all were it was amazing how how she was just being put on everybody and i think like they must have killed in studio because the thing is it doesn't matter what they put on people it's there people are going to watch it that's the secret of all of this that's the thing that that uh that lauren knows that's the thing that has turned him into a demon is he he knows oh if they'll watch it whatever it is even if it's bad they'll watch it to talk about how bad it is the fact that it's on is why people watch it it has reached that level so they they just took the fact that like it healed in the studio to mean oh everyone loves gilly and everyone loves the nervous target uh uh cashier and yet nobody even thought of putting those onto a movie screen they had to do other \*\*\*\*\* because it was like 0:31:9 this stuff is poison and i'd say that's it that's been the last one and the fact that like macgruber i think is the last direct transition and it failed i i don't think ted lasso just happened was ted lasso an snl \*\*\*\*\* character was ted lasso a jason sneakers character on snl by the way he's been off snl for i mean just basic basic stuff i don't get you people unless you're not unless you're not trying to disagree with me but it's a david s pumpkins was insanely forced oh guys okay this is gonna just be the snl sketch one but uh this is just gonna be the snl uh stream but that's fine it was 0:32:11 bound to happen eventually i'm having fun uh this is a nice wind down from talking about political \*\*\*\*\* all day um so the david s pumpkin sketch was actually one of those recurring premises i talked about so like a year before that episode larry david hosted and there was a sketch where it was a bunch of fbi recruits at hogan's alley doing the uh the target shooting where you have to distinguish between uh threats and uh and uh civilians and they're like dummies that like come up with a gun and like they're animatronics basically and some of them are uh some of them are criminals to be shot and other ones are civilians not to be shot and they pop up a few and they're normal and then one of them pops up and it's larry david in a bright orange suit holding a big brick style 80s um cell phone wearing sunglasses 0:33:13 and he goes hey oh \*\*\*\*\* what was his name god damn it what was the character's

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name \*\*\*\*\* this is literally going to kill me david brian uh kevin roberts that was it he goes hey i'm kevin roberts and i'm the biggest \*\*\*\*\* i'm the smoothest \*\*\*\*\* in town and then the guy shoots him and the trainer goes where i was at he goes i was confused and it's basically the david s pumpkins thing of you're expecting one thing then it's this weird off uh like off-premise thing like oh and pray with us pumpkins isn't really funny this guy's not really either a threat but he's also a weird what and then the person kind of like fig not figuring it out uh and um and that's it that was the sketch and then david s pumpkins is the exact same sketch as just during halloween and it's popping out of the halloween things instead of popping up from 0:34:16 the target range the only big difference is one you know tom hanks he's a legendary snl host uh and it would uh and he's always going to be memorable a little bit when he's on the show like his black jeopardy sketch was one of the few that kind of had had legs uh outside of the you know people saw it in the immediate aftermath of its uh airing but uh but then also the fact that it was a halloween episode and hal and holiday episodes usually have a little more cultural resonance because it's one of those things that reminds us of the season and then we talk about it to reaffirm that memory um and then three because it actually had a punch line which is very very rare for any snl sketch snl sketches almost never have punchlines now they just set up the premise do jokes about the premise and then just stop that's that's been the the model for snl sketches for a very long time i mean it's they've never been good at ending sketches it's just not a part of the process of writing a sketch in six days like 0:35:18 that's the hard part and you don't have time so it makes sense that they just give up but this one actually had a punchline it was when they cut back to the couple after they don't see david pumpkins with the dancing skeletons he pops his head up and goes any questions and i go ah that's aha that's actually like kevin roberts doesn't do anything he they just do it do it do it and then quit and for that reason david s cumpkins popped and became a meme but it was literally some \*\*\*\*\* stepped on like these guys are literally just stepping on their own product in order to make the the runtime but i mean the main problem with snl at this point is the fact that it's written by the same college educated um soy creatures that every show is written by 0:36:19 like every show is the same voice it is the voice of twitter every show every every every topical program and increasingly even scripted like long-form stuff like for example the boys is just the voice of twitter one way or and that is very innovating and it's hard to enjoy anything like that and yeah like there's a factory that produces these people like they all go to college like they'll they all go from their middle class homes to a nice college experience or their upper class homes to a nice college experience where they learn how to express themselves and and and work together and not get me too then they go to ucb used to be a second city now it's ucb and then they

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get caught and then they either write or they perform or home combination and they're all just regurgitating the same \*\*\*\*\* cud that they've been chewing on since they uh grew up in like fuckburg uh suburbs and then went to sarah lawrence or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* i mean they're the same people like this is a big country a lot of different experiences and these people are reproducing a comedic reply to almost the exact same experiences of living a relatively unprecarious urban educated existence uh that is mediated through that is heavily mediated and that is deeply uh invested in a in a performative political self-conception which i mean liberalism which i mean and because of that nothing can be good nothing can be good you got that's why people got to go to stuff that's not going through these uh gatekeepers to even come close to anything good and i gotta say that i never really got nathan for you but having watched um how to by john wilson which apparently was it is on tv because nathan fielder discovered it i'm i'm gonna have to go back and watch that show now because uh talking about how everything is bad and uh uh that show uh how to with john wilson is and the thing is and this is where this is where singularity of vision comes in you could very easily say to me well john wilson is obviously one of the people you're talking about yes he is he is absolutely some middle class person probably who went to college and then got a professional job in the city yes and and and shares like a the same like sort of mediated version of reality that we all do like the self-created bubble of entertainment but he's one guy or like a few people who are like helping him generating a relatively coherent personalized comedic vision what all these other shows are as a bunch of people who might have that in them but by the fact that they're all having to work together on the same thing with the same parameters around it are not going to do anything other than we're down to the lowest common denominator between them which will be the most bland and tasteless and insipid version of that experience that they're all sharing whereas this is somebody who's having the same experience but is able to express it and the only reason i even found out about it is because nathan fielder another guy who that is uh true of found it joe pera is a guy like that too like none of these people don't fit the demographic profile of who i'm talking about but they ch what's different is is that they are able to articulate a personalized oh man righteous gemstones are so good i mean conor o'malley of course is another absolute king in that regard of course i'm saying a bunch of white guys because uh that's who i see online because i'm a white guy there are others i have not seen them i'm not denying their existence the thing they will share i will stipulate is a is a relatively core coherent and relatively personalized is the demiurge to the gnostics what capital is to the proletariat yes that's a perfectly encapsulated way to put it thank you then my urge in the practical sense is capitalism we don't live in the world we live in a simulated reduced bound

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version of the world that is that's physical manifestation is generated by a spirit a geist a principle that drives everything that drives the uh the maintenance and the uh intensification of uh human um of human transformation of the environment what's the code running our ever expanding reordering of the material world around us what is the thing driving us to build this world instead of the boundless world that it could be capitalism but its structures are so real that they are as real to us 0:42:34 as our bodies and as much of a a prison as the materialist world is to the gnostic as as far removed from the real world the real pandora around us as as eternal union with god in heaven is to the gnostic who lives in someone put it very well just now in the comments right now what capitalism is about is about uh exploiting uh the resources of the world using technology to produce capital to produce surplus super plus beyond the sustenance of the human race which of course is then to be held by the the holders of the capital that built it the whole the owners under communism 0:43:35 what we're extracting and trying to pile up and distribute is time it's free time free time that is not in pain like because as i say there is unalienated labor but even on alienated labor sucks like even even though uh cleaning your toilet is less alienating than being a janitor it still sucks to clean a toilet so that part that like unpleasantness associated with being alive on earth that's gonna be there that's that's part of work that is almost until you but until you have technologically removed the need for it it's still there but the less the the point of like a human species working towards its own like greater betterment would be if we acknowledge that the goal of all this technological progress that we have the goal of all this economic activity that we're doing that we're friendly doing all these scaffolds we're building shout out john wilson should not be to build up \*\*\*\*\* surplus to be held by people who by virtue 0:44:36 of a sucking literal magic trick claim ownership to it it would be to free people from unpleasant labor for the longest amount of time so that they could do things with that material world around them with that technological understanding with their understanding of other people to build something and turn work turn the time that isn't alienated and work into art into play both like living under communism living in an unalienated technologically advanced society work has been replaced by art like art can be unpleasant too like art has physical exertion and gunky parts but art transcends chores right transcends work it actually takes the things that's gross and turns those gross things into more adherence to the task more and eventually you get to a point where where labor has been replaced by people literally spending their 0:45:38 time on earth and until that point playing when that before you're able to transition the actual like working of the gears of social existence like the actual growing of food and distribution of resources and maintenance of social order through uh through coordination and you know infrastructure once that's taken care of everything else is

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play but then when you can turn the process of doing that that of extracting of giving people food of giving power of allowing for transfer of movement of people over time and place over over uh technological innovation you've turned you've turned work 0:46:39 into art that's the that's the that's the alchemy that we're seeking we are essentially alchemists and that is the magical that's the magical formula we're looking for i feel like i on a personal level have done that i have performed the magic trick on myself i have i have i have cast the spell and drank the potion but now having done that the only the only place my animal spirits can truly be satisfied is in the process of casting that spell on others casting that spell across the world as far as my my powers can go and they're not very far i will have to join my magic with others i'll have to join 0:47:40 my my my uh my want i have to say i definitely feel like i understand ellen what alan moore was talking about in that episode a lot more than i it somebody says fictional characters uh you know what this is okay fictional character that best uh reflects obama i would say the imagined viewer of a prestige television show which is a fictional character a character created by fiction created by imagination hear me out here you've got prestige shows right prestige shows because of television shows these aren't pure works of art as much as we love to talk about guys like david chase and and uh and uh matthew weiner as as auteurs it is a very collaborative process 0:48:43 that is deeply enmeshed in a capitalist matrix of profitability related to its authority how many episodes of a show you get depends on people watching it it depends on selling underwear and light beer think about that a movie is a movie here it is take it or oh a show isn't a show really until it's over and how long it lasts how much time you get to tell a story how you get to tell it is determined by how many people watch which is not determined by quality as we all know quality is merely a part of it what it mostly is is is a is an ability to hit people at a common denominator where enough of them are entertained that they want to keep watching and with a prestige audience what you do to find that out is you read the \*\*\*\*\* recaps because the recaps before twitter the recaps were how the internet like the hive mind of the 0:49:46 internet that like collective college educated urban liberal how they responded to stimuli and how they expressed themselves in the social media matrix like barfing up now that we have the internet to literally embody and reflect the mind of our like creative class we have the technology to hear the echo of the audience at a moment by moment basis we don't have to rely on \*\*\*\*\* nielsen ratings we don't have to wonder about whether or not people are filling our name out in the book that they keep for like a five dollar a month stipend from the nielsen company we get it in real time the echolocation of people responding and the com the uh the recaps and comment sections in the early uh internet websites i would argue are where people went to find out what these people wanted and then they made these shows mad men uh the

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sopranos uh well the sopranos really made it first of all but remember the sopranos 0:50:48  
could have been after could have gone off the air after one season the sopranos were  
tacking off of the media response to them almost immediately because it became this  
huge phenomenon almost overnight so they were never not captured like beyond the  
first season everything that came later is fully enmeshed in this so even the sopranos  
count sopranos brazen bad uh the person viewing it that they divine through the  
response first in the form of those recaps and the comments on recaps and then  
the twitter conversation once twitter enters into it the viewer of that is a highly  
successful because remember we're after rich college educated urban liberals we're  
not after the ones who are paying back a million jillion student loans and running  
around gig gig economy jobs we were the ones with time and money to spend on  
the kind of products that we advertise more importantly are willing to spend more  
for things like a streaming service or a cable channel then you can because the more  
of them we get the fewer of the everyone else we need so we want them as rich as 0:51:49  
they come who are still going to be sitting around watching television so then we're  
talking about people who by definition almost are professional class people people  
who work at nine to five and come home and want to sit down and kind of vape  
out and because they're not able to jet ski around the world like a very very rich  
person and also there aren't so you're talking about upper middle class professionals  
of the urban milieu and what do they create they created psychopaths they created  
tony soprano they created walter white don draper they created psychopaths empty  
vessels of pure self-seeking self-interest because that is who they saw in the mirror  
that's who they saw in the reflected response to the show to the shows because  
while the people writing about it aren't the most professionally successful ones they  
wouldn't be writing recaps if they were and they wouldn't be typing responses to 0:52:50  
recaps if they were the the people green lighting stuff and making art in television  
can see past them to the so i would say they pre imagined the people who the guys  
who created and wrote and and and directed the the creative direct the creative  
shape of those early prestige tv shows the people they had in mind subconsciously  
it's barf sack o crumble he is the he is the prestige television watcher in chief and  
didn't it work barack obama watched the show and said oh i really like that batman  
uh david chase uh show uh the wire it's uh really good it guaranteed an audience 0:53:53  
it guaranteed money in the bank so they essentially conjured into being the guy  
that they had in mind like prestige television was essentially a giant black mass to  
summon this beelzebub into existence to rule more like barf sacko crumbo that's  
what yeah trump was summoned by television as well someone trump is celibate  
trump was in a mirror process trump was summoned by those people left to fend for  
themselves in network television after cable came along who had to figure out a way 0:54:54

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to keep these \*\*\*\*\* rubes watching the over the channel uh shows well these are the people who don't have the money to watch hbo or cable that means by definition we have a ceiling on how much we want to pitch to people because all of our ideas of what smart is comes from a college experience the people who don't have the money for cable tend to not have so we can't speak to them we don't know how to talk to them we can only condescend to them well we might as well say as few words as possible let's just train the cameras on them and let them entertain each other phew and out of that process of programming towards that this the person they had in their mind the disgusting pig they had in their mind they summoned so it's yeah 0:55:59 the those are the those are now like the the warlocks those are the those are the the antichrist two now rule it's like it is like the second coming only they're both the antichrist it's it's revelation where they're both the bad guy which would make sense if you were a gnostic because that's not really god that's yellow boweth and who's this person that's probably another conjured monster that's that's it's he's there to keep you uh yeah trump was summoned into his place in the political firmament by an incantation of barack obama remember he it was him making fun of uh trump at 0:57:1 the correspondence dinner that made him decide to run for president donald \*\*\*\*\* the the hype the dark lord himself spoke unto the world and brought forth a demon for him to battle thrashings and the problem is if that's our thesis and and that's our antithesis i cannot imagine any synthesis emerging that is not uh a even more deeply uh satanic monstrosity like that would be like forming into a voltron like blurbing into each other and creating a new monstrosity not good no uh our hope can be only that that that like synthesis that that that dialectic between trump and obama is embedded within the larger dialectic of american politics and that a thesis 0:58:3 antithesis will emerge to that that is our hope i mean there is an antithesis emerging the question is will it gain um the ability to resist and assert itself and build before we are pulled off of rickenback falls into the misty waters below bye

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### *Cyberpunk 2069*

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ah did it finally go did it finally go i think i might have i know we all love the critters folks they're delightful they're friends they're they're gentle creatures of the forest deep and we all wish we could crawl up with them daily but sadly we must spend 0:1:1 our days with much less agreeable mammals namely sparking human beings whose brains have i did pet a horse in the snow when i was canvassing for bernie in new hampshire it was out in the country and there was a house that had a paddock next to it and there was a horse out there there was nobody home but i got to cut the horse and that was nice they're fun they got those big gigantic eyes oh the volume is 0:2:7 super low huh well at this point there's nothing i can do about it so i'm just accepting that you can hear it or not and if you can't hear it well maybe you weren't meant to hear it maybe hearing it would be bad for you maybe there are forbidden truths that you're not ready to absorb and as a result this it's like the world spirit awa herself is blocking the audio quality and making it so that you can't hear these these things that would break your mind and send you off into a spiral of self-destruction and destruction of others uh in fact you could say that the uh variable volume uh is is 0:3:8 the thing that saved your life so so be be thankful i did finish out too with gentleman last episode was phenomenal the whole thing was brilliant and i watched some of his videos on video and it's very interesting to see his like style change over time as he kind of refines what he's doing because like the earlier stuff is much cruder and it's like in its comedy and also in its overall art so he says that uh moralistic fables can be 0:4:12 good like avatar if the ma if the moral is good i mean that's half of it the other half is it has to be told well and the thing i would say to anyone who says that avatar isn't a good movie in any respect is that if you could tell me that you were sitting there watching those scenes where they're flying on the back of the dragon thing uh the big battle i mean think of what combat and action scenes are like in current movies big movies michael bay christopher nolan all the marvel \*\*\*\*\* think of what those zack snyders think about what those action scenes look like big battle scenes they are largely incomprehensible uh pixelated explosions of uh i can't sort it out what 0:5:15 am i supposed to do literally decontextualized uh and that are edited into a total

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haphazard slot generally i mean if you like tristan vernon movies you don't really like the action scenes right like you like the puzzle box stuff you like the clever things how many action scenes are in nolan's like uh repertoire of you know great moments cinematically maybe the hallway fight in inception but that's not really about the action that's about the special that's about the specific like dimensions although you know even there it's not shot particularly interestingly or like emotionally you watch the like the big clagmatic battle scene in avatar he sets up spatial relationships so you know where everything is where the where the uh the people are where the ships are 0:6:17 then he has them engage in battle and every shot builds a little narrative within the battle whereas modern action is kind of built around the premise of disorientation and while you might say that's good in its own way one thing it doesn't do is build investment in it as a piece of narrative it doesn't tell a story a story not the story but a story within the story and cameron's action tells stories within stories so his moral his simplistic disney moral is wedded to technical uh somebody who says yeah thank you that anyone the reason somebody said uh sort out your audio mate and it triggered me because british people i am done with i'm done with hearing anything from british people they're about to just blow themselves up and sink into the north 0:7:18 atlantic on purpose because they are too \*\*\*\*\* miserable to deal with one another they had a total possibility they had a chance to \*\*\*\*\* be a functioning country they had a guy who was standing there in front of them and saying hey you \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* uh disgusting trolls how about you \*\*\*\*\* quit being miserable for one second of your life and believe in each other just enough to \*\*\*\*\* press a button in a goddamn voting booth and they couldn't be asked to do it instead they would rather \*\*\*\*\* just pull a giant uh cork out of the the sink hole out of the \*\*\*\*\* uh the drain and just let them swirl into the ocean good \*\*\*\*\* riddance after um after birthing this monstrosity after birthing global capitalism and then being left bereft after uh the your kid ran away ran across the water seek its fortune in the west and now you're just the sad pathetic gutted emptied shell now you're going to die like an octopus 0:8:19 that has released their spores even though you didn't have to you could have had some dignity and no one can say that they did not have every \*\*\*\*\* chance to go a different direction they had one of the only decent people that hideous island has produced jeremy corbyn telling them every day to their face that it doesn't have to be this way and the miserable \*\*\*\*\* bog monsters decided ah no he's not he's lying it can't be real it's a trap because i if everyone around here is like me and i am so awful and miserable and shitty and and pale and and grotesque and and and nasty and and uh disconnected and anti-social well then none of us could ever get together on anything why not just go down pretending it's the blitz again getting national cohe like basically what what what brexit was is this is an attempt by the

british people to regain a moment that they all think they actually cared about one 0:9:21  
another and that was world war ii that was the that was the emergency that was the  
keep calm and carry on moment when they had meaning in life because they had an  
understanding of themselves that went beyond their individuality they were part of  
a \*\*\*\*\* of a country that was under attack from evil and that was fighting it and  
found and their struggle and sacrifice in that context had a virtue and they want it  
again that's why they're jacking off at the idea about all the food they won't be able  
to eat now they're gonna have to do victory gardens and stuff and ration potatoes  
because they need to get that back because they can't imagine any other way to get  
it even though jeremy corbyn was standing there right there hey if you guys want  
to have like national sense of purpose and mission we don't have to do austerity to  
ourselves masochistically you \*\*\*\*\* repressed victorian freaks how about we create  
a actual politic actual we turn this country out and we we take it from being a  
business enterprise and turn it into a country an actual like civic project a civic 0:10:22  
project of governance and a civic project of of um of improvement rather than just a  
civic project of uh dour withstanding of of of pain a dour endurance of of because  
because they can amen because that's conceivable to them because national unity  
through austerity is conceivable because in that case you're operating out of hate  
fear you're operating out of fear you're operating afraid of something being worse  
yes huddling underneath the tube waiting to get blown up yes cutting a bean into  
three pieces like in a \*\*\*\*\* uh looney tunes cartoon for dinner uh that's unpleasant  
but it's better than the nazis taking over instead of the goose step on your neck and  
\*\*\*\*\* concentration camps on the thames uh but here and now corbin's uh not anti-  
austerity pledge for national purpose that was appealing to the idea of love the idea 0:11:26  
of getting doing something better and they can't imagine that because they don't  
love anybody including themselves and of course it's not like we're much better than  
that they're just further along in this process of alienating themselves for the world  
because they started before we did and there's fewer of them which means that it  
intensifies like the generational pathogens just and so they're just all so miserable  
that they can only operate off of they can only be they can only be socially uh they  
can they imagine that they can only be socially uh um by a fear of punishment of  
some kind in the form of well all right austerity britain sucks but it's better than  
becoming uh you know a completely polish uh denatured capital uh dissolved uh 0:12:29  
department of europe which will be miserable in a different and worse way those are  
horrors beyond imagining whereas i can imagine what it would be like to have to to to  
have a victory garden my grandpa talks about it and he talks about how everybody  
was happier back then we're going to make it happen again and they said i had the  
chance they had the signpost they said no thank you we're too traumatized by our

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own we've been too defeated by victory because all of this stems from the fact that these are the monsters who destroyed the world these are the monsters who set out more than anyone they were the most successful ones anyway among the europeans the ones who set out to subdue the world and to turn it and to turn everything in it away from everything else and towards itself they started it their culture has been molded and and uh and completely driven around that central premise since the dawn of capitalism and now they find themselves a husk where they don't even 0:13:30 have the am the they have lost for many more years than us the dream of plenty that we were able to sustain because of the fantasy first of our western expansion and then the global uh bounty of the post-war dominance that we enjoyed the the empire that we held before before the borders closed off and before the myth lost its potency before we had to turn back inward and try to find a way to deal with one another having no having to develop no social bonds in like 40 years having generated no social trust in 40 years well it's been a lot longer for the brits so you can't as with anything you can't blame them but i sure as \*\*\*\*\* don't have to \*\*\*\*\* listen to them i sure as \*\*\*\*\* don't have to listen to them condescending to me with their goddamn fancy accents and they're dumb slang calling me their mate i'm not your and of course americans can't get too cocky because we're right behind them 0:14:32 we are right behind them because you know we have more we have more uh loot to to burn through before we get to the mexican standoff but it will be very interesting to see how much self-inflicted damage will come from this just because of the and maybe it couldn't have been any other way maybe they're too far gone maybe bur maybe corbin was like this thing that only could come into being he could only be the guy like he could only be the guy because he was never a real threat and if you think about it that is in technical terms what happened because corbin was only nominated was only put in as a name from leadership after ca uh after miliband ate \*\*\*\*\* because he'd been around for a long time he'd been a real trooper about all that new labor invasive rat \*\*\*\*\* which you know he was against the entire time and watched his party do from the back bench uh hey and he stuck around and he 0:15:33 was he was there you know to not to to put you know blair brown in there real good sport let's give him a little shot huh a little talk let's give him a little fun time it was like a make-a-wish moment it was like remember bat kid is anybody old enough now to remember bat kid when that little like kid by the way is he dead did that kid die or is he in remission because honestly if he doesn't die that's kind of ridiculous what they did for a kid who was just like you know basically just in the hospital i mean \*\*\*\*\* i went to the hospital and i was a kid i had i went to the i've had and through some \*\*\*\*\* stuff but anyway uh it was little make-a-wish thing from the labor front bench and then what happened is is that oh \*\*\*\*\* you know the the loss

had sort of shaken things loose enough that people were interested in a new thing and as soon as as soon as that became something that was on the menu all these labor members remember these are people who don't just vote in primaries they are members which means that their relationship to the party is much different than the relationship of american liberals and leftists or whatever voters and the democratic party and so he caught on but he caught on in a context where he was only allowed to be an option because of the fundamentals hegemonic rule of the new labor uh leadership and then the proof of that can be found in that even when he won the the the spot he was never able to actually have control of the party as we now know at every level he was explicitly sabotaged by people and was not and either because he was too much of a softy or they didn't have enough leverage and that might if if it's leverage point then this was never going to work uh they did not purge the party they did not purge and get rid of all these time servers they didn't clear the open stables of blairites and once they didn't do that they were basically \*\*\*\*\* now they might have lost anyway because of the way the entire you know media apparatus organized against them that might have been tough and brexit was there to be the wedge that inability to actually have your party operating on your behalf that meant he was never going to be able to mount a real challenge and maybe that's because they knew at a basic like basal level that even if you let them in you'll take care of them and if that's the case it's it born corbin was always just sort of this like last burn off of xx uh democratic vision like he was the last gashes output of the last little pocket of like uh human uh feeling on the continent or on that island on that accursed land like the last bit of human felt communal uh identity that transcended the personal it just that's being like burned out of all society by the drive train of capitalism and alienation and this was as as like we near the final and total alienation of britain there's and then final perhaps destruction literal dismemberment due to a no deal brexit a suicidal act of the end of the this is the dmt the corbin was the dmt basically the last spiritual sigh of the collective humanity of britain before the death now of course that means we are on that trajectory and maybe bernie was that with us but maybe we have a few more maybe there's a few more uh maybe there's a few more boxes to open maybe a few more cats are alive than we currently think no way of knowing but you can see the trajectory you certainly can see the trajectory and uh i do wonder what the brits are going to do because this looks like it's going to be something in the middle of covet i mean my god this thing was supposed to be a disaster to do it in the middle of covet my god and i will say uh also that i i know there was a left case for brexit and i know that corbin was a brexiter uh and well he should have been like like if brexit hadn't happened and corbyn had been able to become prime minister of a left-wing labor government he probably would

have pursued some sort of brexit from the left and it would and so there's a critique of of corbyn that he did not just embrace a left brexit from the beginning and the problem is that is that if you do that you do lose your right flank completely like they flee to uh to the lib dems and make it impossible for you for you probably to govern because they just got out of a coalition with the \*\*\*\*\* tories they would go back into one in a heartbeat by literally joining them if they could like get into positions of power within the party which they certainly would because they were they'd be holding the wit pan there um and you know you could argue it wouldn't 0:20:41 have mattered they would have been able to sweep them in uh they would have been able to combine like the working-class tory voter pool and the entire working-class uh labor voting pool and the scots bring the scots back from the snp and they would have \*\*\*\*\* swamped them but it was a real concern and that's because at the nexus of liberals and leftists at the nexus of right and left uh labor members on the issue of brexit was how far can we go in letting this happen without being irresponsible because there was this understanding that brexit would be bad materially for the people who live in britain in fact it would not it would it's not something to be reckless about and the left position was don't let them \*\*\*\*\* intimidate you don't let them try to spook you with this like at the end of the day you're too big of an economy for them to just completely let \*\*\*\*\* up and like uh these politics can be finessed uh by not finessing them and there was that there was that whisper in 0:21:43 the ear that like labor had to stay away from uh pushing over the coke machine to to brexit out of like a general need to preserve you know basic integrity of the british economic system and it was always theoretical because what was going to happen in brexit is unknown and everybody had a personally emotionally invested subconscious bias on how much to take it seriously like the more of a lib you were the more seriously you took the like objective economic argument about what would happen if brexit was uh got went through the more you wanted to just say \*\*\*\*\* you to this whole brexit \*\*\*\*\* and go around it and just embrace the left brexit even though that meant in practice doing a uh of a tory brexit because that's the i that's the thing is that you're not you're probably going to be doing a tory brexit then uh 0:22:44 because they're the ones who initiated it and that's where the the uh that's where the center of gravity of support for brexit was was in the late it was in the conservative party and that and that it broke against demographic currents that you need to keep together uh as a left-wing party and you don't want to fracture them so it was a live question but it was invested with which with uh your your material preferences like that was guiding you more than you even knew when you were deciding how seriously to take the threat of brexit to the economy and to the livelihood of people in britain and i guess we're gonna find out going to find out how much of it was uh

real yeah that's the thing is that uh is that the even though labor could have gotten a huge percentage of voters with a with a left brexit position and they would have eaten into some of the tory working-class vote brand loyalty is such traditional voting patterns and like social bonds are such racial understanding and things like that are such that you wouldn't get all of them or maybe even most of them you might only get a small fraction meanwhile everybody who already votes lib dem which is not insubstantial plus what what percentage of the labor vote would have voted for the lib dems in that situation it's got to be at least 25 right and if it's 25 that would almost guarantee a coalition between like there was uh with cameron and uh nick lund or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* is that jeb blonde who the \*\*\*\*\* was his name nick clegg that's it sounds like a \*\*\*\*\* horse taking a \*\*\*\*\* nick clegg uh i'll just do it again so it was a tougher spot than just saying \*\*\*\*\* it we'll we'll be legends and be left brexit uh but the thing that made it so slippery is that it all hinged on a premise that couldn't be confirmed like what is brexit really is it a boogeyman or is it a is it an apocalypse i mean it's probably not going to be either but it's going to be closer to one than to the other we might actually find out michael tracy watches the streams really how do you know are you michael drosy oh he need me bleed my boo addicted my isabel it's bloody it's amazing it's nickname they need it i think people all say honestly though people say um like oh the brits are gonna lose lose the united kingdom those idiots think about it this way though so presumably if you did get some sort of complete dissolution of the united kingdom barring in the context of just complete economic collapse i mean you know a managed transition a velvet revolution type thing who would be mad obviously the scots would not be mad the welsh wouldn't be mad some of the uh northern irish would be mad but it wouldn't be the uk's problem anymore that would be the irish's problem uh good luck with that dublin which by the way is one reason that i really don't think that they're that that excited about the prospect of of reunification in the halls of power in the republic because all of a sudden you would have to deal with one integrating a uh the uh most economically depressed part of ireland into your economy which is much smaller in general than britain's is and deal with this now active restive not quite majority anymore but like 50 percent of the population and you might say okay you know maybe only a third of them are still really uh you know poker up the ass unionists but that's still enough to mean you're going to get some version of the troubles pop up again with the reverse with the powers reversed but and uh you know it i don't think it would necessarily be anywhere near as intense as the last one but is it a really headache you want when everything's basically the same the main difference is the colors of the \*\*\*\*\* post boxes but again brexit comes in that changes the calculus and then what about the english is what i say what about the

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english won't they be sad that they lost their empire no they'll be relieved they get to be england being british only had meaning when it felt like it was part of a project of greatness of expansion of at least prestige but in like crisis uh you know eu conditions england essentially had a nervous breakdown because remember england is the only part of the uk that voted for leave and it's where labor lost because they essentially pulled the pin on the united kingdom themselves because these these are vestiges these appendages those these pissed off scottish people who want to like act like they're not us like they didn't do the \*\*\*\*\* uh you know they didn't do uh the suppression of the sepoy rebellion or whatever the hell because oh we oppressed them or something are these dumb \*\*\*\*\* welshman with their dumb fake language getting oppressed when you call them a sheep \*\*\*\*\* and these goddamn mix whining over in england even even ireland even though they were blowing us up in our own pubs only a few years ago all we got to hear is \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* it's what's the point of this why don't just be england again get quiet feel just be alone with our thoughts as good english people and not have to worry about these \*\*\*\*\* uh yapping \*\*\*\*\* so yeah i'd say everybody would be happy with a breakup except for the ulster scots of course they're going to be very mad katie bar ah yeah does that do did any uk or irish people in the chat want us want to pop up with some like uh more informed ideas of what that would look like like if there was a reunification because i could totally see it because you would not if if they voted do we to do to this new situation with the eu do we do with uh and the border being reestablished breaking the good friday agreement and like essentially ripping up the document that had prevented war from breaking out for the past 25 years now or 30 years uh 25. um if that's going to be the new order it would make more economic sense it would make better sense for my family to rejoin the republic you got basically all the all the catholics are going to say that and at this point that's what 45 almost 50 percent they're nearing parity because they outbreed the protestant but then among uh the pro but then among the protestants among younger people who didn't grow up in the \*\*\*\*\* furnace of the uh of the troubles uh the desire to you know have a functioning economy uh and and uh ease of age of movement and stuff like that will be more than whatever vestigial relationship they had to the union leaving only sort of the most you know unreconstructed paisleyite which so that's what 25 of the population what would they do like obviously the army lights are coming out again they're not going to just take that line down but like how far do they go is it is it like tea party \*\*\*\*\* they just march around with ars like and then just do random like uh uh uh violence or do they do they like go to go to war but the thing is they're mostly drug gangs now like like all those all the unionist paramilitaries they're still around but they are um they're completely dedicated since i mean you know it's like they they

they they demobilized the the war with the ira because you know they they had essentially uh agreed to sublimate their conflict into politics so they they didn't the but the so they didn't really need to exist anymore the ira needed to exist because they were the loser in in the sense that they didn't kick the brits out the brits are still there so they did not get their ultimate aim so they had to keep the weapons they had to keep the organization going the paramilitaries had no reason to exist except for the fact that they were already by that point selling a shitload of \*\*\*\*\* drugs and making a \*\*\*\*\* load of money which is way better than sitting around the pub with a \*\*\*\*\* dole check in your pocket in one of the \*\*\*\*\* housing estates so they \*\*\*\*\* are right now the the people who sell heroin in northern ireland if they change the color of the mailboxes do they give a \*\*\*\*\* enough what's up with 0:32:3  
armenian irish by john uh well uh uh a pretty astounding uh monstrous monstrous uh it's more war crimes from turkey it's more war crimes from our from our nato ally which we look the other way while they ethnically cleanse northern syria and now they're doing it in uh nagorno uh with the azires it's and they're uh essentially i gotta believe that it's some sort of deal with russia i'm assuming that on some other point in the geopolitical map and maybe libya would be a place uh putin is like has an interest greater than his strategic interest in armenia which erdogan was able to 0:33:4  
uh to arbitrage by saying hey i will give you this because it doesn't matter as much to me as armenia does and so putin says sure because by his calculus he's losing less than he's getting but by erdogan's point of view whatever he's losing whether it's in libya or with the shale oil they're trying to drill off of cyprus he is much more interested in getting back some of that territory from armenia and so it's so the exchange happened the stately continued the dirty game of diplomacy at another round and it's monstrous it's it's hideous it's orbiting they're chopping off old men's heads and putting it on \*\*\*\*\* tick tock uh i don't know what i don't what what much else to say about it i mean the fact that it's not on the news and the way that syrian civil war is tells you a lot if you didn't already know but oh yes yes this is 0:34:13  
the series the azires like they would do anything because armenia is a regional ally romania is a regional ally to russia which is right there i think azerbaijan is going to pick a \*\*\*\*\* fight at that that close to russia without backup guaranteed back up from turkey which was immediately supplied that's the context that the whole thing takes place in you can't remove that and act like oh it's not turkey \*\*\*\*\* off because azir azerbaijan doesn't choose doesn't get to choose whether or not to go into naragon everyone gets to choose therefore it's because of turkey tell me now you might have a situation where somebody overextends themselves and you have to go in but that's not what happened here that's sure \*\*\*\*\* not what happened here this is a calculated escalation to see what they can get they got noragoro because

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putin had i really don't know much about it just the broad strokes critical support 0:35:23  
for the armenians of course i mean i think that's uh yeah because some of these  
get tough you know if you want to do the campus thing of picking like okay who's  
on the anti-imperial side but this one's a pretty easy one especially when you see  
what uh what they're doing in the places that they've conquered like they're doing  
ethnic cleansing they're they're they're pulling off the like the armenian writing off of  
churches to claim that they're actually old mosques they were mosques first so they  
could do the hagia sophia thing so anyway does anybody have an idea how how how  
what kind of action would you give on the uh the udf showing up like you're going to 0:36:24  
do bombs again they're going to like do or just like maybe like shoot up a chip shop  
or you're gonna see like a coordinated uprising my gut tells me a couple of showpiece  
uh old-school car bombs like the one they did in uh dublin some people don't know  
this but the the deadliest uh bombing of the troubles did not happen in northern  
ireland or in england it happened in dublin when the uvf took a \*\*\*\*\* truck down in  
the middle of the of the the town middle of lake mcconnell street o'connell street and  
detonated it without calling in a warning beforehand which the ira did as a standard  
operating procedure once again you know you can always say another man's terrorist  
is a dice streeter fighter but sometimes you can tell who the good guys and bad guys  
are in these things broadly speaking they just drove the thing in there and let it  
blow up and kill as many people as possible they'd do a more a couple of those for  
sure but i don't think they do much more than that because well for what at this  
point none of this stuff has any i don't know what i have to say i have no idea the 0:37:27  
thing you have to remember is that the the current situation is such that like the the  
remaining structure of these paramilitaries are sustained by their relationships with  
the political structure both at uh stormont and the power sharing government which  
until recently uh replaced uh rule from westminster uh although i think it's been  
suspended for years now which is another thing that's going to contribute and is  
contributing to a likely uh crisis around brexit that they literally haven't had home  
rule for like two years now three since before brexit and then of course with the  
british government which has coordinated with them the whole time and used them  
as the cat's paw for uh extra legal assassinations and murders and bombings all it  
was essentially uh it was essentially celtic gladio it was it was a nato member using  
local uh criminal fascist elements to carry on a war against the left and they would 0:38:33  
essentially be cut off in this situation because i don't think the english are going  
to care enough to like you know take u-boats full of uh full of enfield rifles to the  
ports of northern ireland so that they can keep these guys fighting the irish because  
they don't care the english don't care they haven't cared for years uh so without  
that backing and the fact that they're basically a bunch of dumbass uh old smack

dealers i don't think they have a there would be an exodus that's the big thing like a lot of the most hardcore guys would just leave they'd go to england although it'd be funny if brexit made it harder for them to get ah i'm i've uh i've always been a 0:39:41 i've always been a student of the trouble specifically um i had a college class about nationalism and and um and it was all through the prism of uh the uh the northern irish questions so it was like one of the first like historical and political puzzles i ever encountered in uh college so and i've been there i've been ireland a number of times and it's got a great and it's also you know as you learn more about it's got a great revolutionary tradition i mean you got so many different uh movements and and uh formations of resistance and leaders you got like the white boys and the uh uh \*\*\*\*\* monster rallies with daniel o'connell and charles stewart parnell roger casement then 0:40:42 the for the easter rising wolf tone blowing his \*\*\*\*\* jaw off at the rising of the moon at the rising of the moon and arrive the voice for freedom at the horizon of the moon and then of course you've got one of the goats one of the early one of the great figures of uh of the early communist uh labor movement james connolly who is a kind of an irish lincoln in that any system where any any world where uh the post-war republic doesn't descend into stagnant uh uh \*\*\*\*\* the catholic quasi-feudal theocracy james connolly does not uh get murked because there was really nobody to follow in his footsteps and even though the citizens army that he'd founded did most of the heavy 0:41:43 lifting during the easter rising the the uh the ira that came later just had a much more deluded and by the end of the war it all got kind of stamped out of it and all you got left is \*\*\*\*\* oh man michael collins uh the big fella i mean a certified pimp one of your great uh insurgency uh geniuses you know a guy who you want to fight a uh asymmetrical war which uh hats off to them because they kind of but um he \*\*\*\*\* he \*\*\*\*\* the dog during the negotiations with churchill i think at the end of the day he just fell for a bluff uh i think they could have pushed it farther because 0:42:44 i don't think that churchill knew is they how bad they really will we're off uh but the thing is is that i don't think collins knew how little the english at the end of the day really cared like they cared because you know they had that big presence especially in all-stars like there was the prestige of the empire and i mean at the end of the day i think you like he just didn't have the the confidence so like he looked he looked churchill in the eyes and he just he blinked first and that's usually how these things end up going it's like a lot of these historic decisions the the friction ends up depending on how the turn of a coin is between individuals uh individual decisions and moments or you know the collection of those rebounding on top of one another but one way or another you went home with an unviable document which 0:43:45 of course the frustrating thing is is that what they ended up settling for anyway none of it was none of the fighting was meant anything but nobody knew that at the

time because like so many things were bound up you know like it was the left-wing position to reject the to reject the treaty but at the same time the specific question ended up being beside the point and the fact that that's the \*\*\*\*\* what the civil war ended up being i think the fact that the civil war in ireland ended up being about uh a formal question that ended up meaning nothing in the long run uh uh ended up ensuring that their post-war politics were gonna be what they ended up being literally non-ideological contests between the remaining sides of that war like after the civil war in the united states that held for a little bit you know it was just regional the southerners were democrats northerners republicans but the the fact that the war had been about some enduring question of you know means of production 0:44:46 for example and and or methods of production uh uh like so like so political economy questions that inflected those those uh divisions and then the irish civil war ended up being about an abstract principle of whether or not we signed this treaty and we we have this arrangement with britain and yes you can say things flowed from it but that was the inciting thing the way the civil war was around slavery and it meant that in the aftermath of the war as the necessity of the question receded from view all that's left is just the echo of and you can't say well and and well i understand why left-wing forces resisted the treaty look at the remnant of the pro-treaty of the anti-treaty side it was the \*\*\*\*\* blue shirts it was the closest thing that ireland had to a fascism it was the energy of that working-class movement fatally fused to 0:45:48 nationalism because the fight had been over a national question so they turned into these freaky little uh catholic integralist goose steppers who went to \*\*\*\*\* spain to fight for franco those were the only significant force of foreign volunteers that franco got other than you know hired moroccan mercenaries was and and you know enlisted men from italy and germany who claimed to be volunteers uh were these \*\*\*\*\* mick \*\*\*\*\* who came over there nobody knew what to do with them and they ended up getting shot up in a home that's why nationalism is bad folks that's why it has it has to be dealt with but it should never be organized as a principle an emotional or like conceptual principle to organize around it is an obstacle that means that doesn't mean you can ignore it it has to always be engaged with but not on terms 0:46:49 of friendliness and of course you can say that you know the the national question is different in a colonial context like ireland was and it is different but it still colors the emergence of like the political struggle to come from the the class conflict and it if it's not uh neutralized it will take over it will it will wipe out everything else capital it will fuse itself with capital again like english capital will just change this the flag of convenience to the tri-color to the red green and the green white and orange and then come in and keep dropping your \*\*\*\*\* blind and that's what happened and then they have the class of priests to keep everybody nice and docile and keep

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everybody uh just cow-eyed and indolent like the worst the worst uh parody of what 0:47:52  
19th century know nothing said about what catholic democracy would look like you  
know isn't that funny like like the know nothing said we can't let the catholics into  
this country and we can't let them vote because they will turn our country into a  
priest plagued uh medieval uh bog we will all be in the thrall of of cardinals and  
landowners uh or and and thrown into like a druidic superstitious age of darkness and  
the irish once they kicked out the british made that literal thing and it's because the  
working class had been destroyed because the working-class energies emerging from  
the class conflict that drove the national conflict were spent and wasted in this feudal  
national crusade james larkin uh btfo sadly but the reason the know-nothings were  
wrong is that they weren't coming into some like traumatized post-colonial situation 0:48:54  
they were being assimilated into a into a capitalistic machinery of alienation which  
prevents the exact kind of priest bespoke and medieval superstitious miasma that  
the catholics like that's part of like america's vastness and america's polyglot nature  
is one of the machineries that demystified europe it pulled us all it pulled europe  
through like through through a mesh screen and brought it out the other side like  
uh like gerald general ford uh henry ford used to hold uh pageants at his factories  
because he employed a lot of immigrants and he wanted to make sure that they all  
became good americans so he would pay he had he had them all take on his dime  
english classes so and and etiquette classes and like uh civics lessons and then they  
would have graduation ceremonies where they would appear on state their families 0:49:55  
were in the audience they would appear on stage in the native garb of wherever they  
came from they would go up a uh upstairs to a uh on the top of a slide and at the  
base of a slide was a big melt pot and it said melting pot on it and they would  
come down the slide they would emerge from behind the big cutout pot wearing a  
suit and then they would all stand there in the suits and get and they would be  
clapped like it was a ritual of induction into america and the thing about that is  
that's basically what america did that pageant is is an expression of the the way  
that that the alienated subject of american capitalism is acculturated within one or  
two within a few generations of coming to america into a social relationship that  
me that is essentially secular and that didn't happen in ireland they never got the  
industrial revolution they went right from feudalism to uh to neoliberalism neoliberal 0:50:57  
effect capitalism they missed the industrial development stage completely which is  
why now they have the economy of a uh caribbean tax haven the economic base of  
ireland is the same as like \*\*\*\*\* aruba or uh or um the caymans ireland does have an  
empire what do you call the united states australia new zealand can canada although  
i guess i would argue that the mick the irish catholic is the brain of the united states  
like if you're going to get abstract and say like of all the different currents of of uh 0:51:59

all the different currents of immigration that came to this country from all over the world where did their what was their cultural impact like at what level are they you know affecting the rule the the exercise of political and cultural power and i would say that you know most of the we we are mostly peasant refuse from one place or another to people someone else didn't want either because we were excess mouths from the from europe from the european agricultural economy or from africa if we were defeated uh tribal enemies who were sold away sold as uh you know uh to in return for for for produce from those very agricultural lands we are the refuse and then and then we sort along geographic lines and then we reproduce it and like some people go and fill the interior some people hung the coasts and the people who on the coast usually because of when they got there like all the good land closest to uh the early settlements was taken by the time the irish really started showing up uh and uh and by the time the west was fully opened to like a genuine expansion beyond just like the reach of the uh of the appalachians like when the west was like lake michigan that was the west and the west opened up completely by that point uh it was others uh uh by that point the irish had fixed themselves so deeply into the places they stuck those east northeastern cities that that was where subsequent generations came because that's where they knew they could get a community that's where they knew they could operate that's where they had some sort of familiarity that's where they could because they didn't have anything they couldn't come come to america slap down five ship \*\*\*\*\* shillings and buy a conestoga wagon and go claim land in the west like the little the way that a lot of uh like english and then later german immigrants could do you know i saved up all of my my uh my my grape harvest this year and i got three big double eagles with the kite with the the king of bavaria's face on them and now i'm gonna go to america and i'm gonna buy a \*\*\*\*\* hogshead of nails and roll it across uh state lines and sell it for a profit or whatever two nickels to rub together the irish were just stacked like cord wood and dumped onto the \*\*\*\*\* shores of america they clung to the \*\*\*\*\* coast which means they were there to fill in those civil society roles like that that needed to be filled as as the the cities became more \*\*Music playing\*\* more socially complex police officers local politicians uh figures uh both of uh public service and uh administration someone had to do those jobs and they were there to do them first professional managerial class were the irish immigrants who filled the fire stations and police stations of uh of the eastern cities that became the center places of american like cultural production even as we were producing capital elsewhere and we were spreading out across the country uh it was all being directed east for that's being equalized and like the political story of the last 40 years is the political story of that being equalized but it started and stayed there and so the irish they're deep in there they're like they're

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like a brain stemming they haven't they're in everything is kind of filtered through them and then you've got you know of course the american ashkenazi jews fit a very similar role and a higher level of the pmc because of their later appearance and their relative uh diversity of income because like jews of all economic strike moved to the united states all number of uh pennies to rub together moved to the united states uh 0:56:11 whereas only the poorest irish uh uh except for the one you know who were literally too portable for the ticket came to the united states at least they came in because like you got all of the uh like if there's a if there's a pogrom and there's a huge push or there's a huge conscription effort in the tsar's army you got all those jews or you got like a stretch or you got a section of all of them you got the vast majority of of the of the of the uh immigrants from ireland of the 19th century were of the lowest material circumstance which means they came to the city and they had to get a **\*\*Music playing\*\*** and that's one of the reasons that we care so much about 0:57:12 all that **\*\*\*\*\*** and and how the ira was able to largely fund a what 30-year war with the crown through donations from a plastic patty sitting around i love that steve king who was a reactionary **\*\*\*\*\*** like in every so in every in every way your like typical from marble um ulster protestant you know like just a ramrod reactionary psycho who fetishizes uh hierarchy and state violence but because uh he grew up around a bunch of weepy mix he says yeah these socialist uh the these guys trying to overthrow like uh the british control of ireland so that they can institute a uh a marxist communist government i'm going to funnel mill millions of dollars to them 0:58:16 by having having fun trying to think of an irish guy gabriel byrne at a uh a potato eating contest potato eating contest oh they denied the kraken got denied oh no oh wow the thing that we all knew was gonna happen happened damn well hearing that damn it oh i can't do it i was gonna do it all right you know what i'll say it instead i don't think you can get in trouble for saying something i was gonna play it but twitch has gotten psycho about uh about uh dc thing so i can't play it but apropos of uh trump getting murked and um and what we've been talking about uh let me just 0:59:19 sing the cattle stand by the house and the yanks they were within **\*\*Music playing\*\*** oh another good one was ribbonism they used to wear ribbons and then go and like cave in the heads of landlords there's this movie called black 47 that's on netflix and 1:0:20 it's really funny because it's like in one respect you can see why someone could say it's terrible and hate it but i kind of respect it conceptually it's a drama of the uh of the irish potato famine and the story is essentially a it's the whole thing is designed to be like a school child lesson in all the terrible things the english did it was like sitting down at baby it's like sitting the kid down and being like hey do you want to know about the irish potato famine i could explain it to you i could write it down but i could just make you sit and watch this for 90 minutes and then after having

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watched it you will get it and that means that it's sort of comical how on the nose it is like every single facet of like english uh colonial rule in uh ireland during the famine 1:1:21  
is totally is all happens like everybody it all occurs every element of it like the fact that they were a net exporter of uh food the whole time because the the vast lands of the were being held by the absentee landlords to produce food for export uh and that uh you know that there was transportation for minor crimes to australia there were mass evictions from lands where uh the like people who weren't dying were living because landlords were wanted to turn um that it was more profitable during that period when there was low agricultural prices it was more profitable to turn uh farmland into grazing land for sheep so you didn't need tenants you could turn that land in the pasture so they just kicked them off like all these things are in there and and all those things is create this story of just unrelenting hilariously miserable uh horror for this family like this guy comes back this irish guy in the midst of the of the of the uh famine comes home to his family they benefit from he's deserted from the 1:2:24  
app from the army in afghanistan his family's dead somebody gets murdered by a by a lamp uh a agent of the landlord is trying to evict them uh and then he just goes like he goes psycho mode he decides to just be a terminator of english colonialism he just starts taking everybody responsible for every element of misery in ireland up to and then finally culminating in the english land owner uh is he \*\*\*\*\* murks and it's not good in the sense that it is not very subtle it's not very uh hard to predict if their characters are very thin but its ability to just embody literally an entire sort of con historical truth and just pack it all into one thing like a just a big gumball that you can chew on for a while and like you get something i was like damn this 1:3:25  
has i i mean i don't know like is this value purely didactic or is there something uh impressively artistic about it i don't know or maybe the whole thing is actually a uh a parody like it's like there's a lot of people who theorize that titus andronicus was shakespeare's parody of jacobian uh bloody jacob and revenge theater like the blockbuster cinema of the time where it was all just people murdering each other and that was his satire of it this is like a satire of the irish catalog woe you know all the songs that you're supposed to sing about how the english came and burned my land and i couldn't need a gravity to turn up oh the fields of athenry where once i watched the uh sleepers fly uh so it could just also just uh operate as a funny funny 1:4:26  
parody either way it's it's if nothing else you'll learn something all right i'm out of here guys bye

*Christmas with the Baseball Cranks*

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um oh this broadcast is intended for i don't know mature viewers i don't know if that's true i don't know if i would say that we're ah i'm indoors because it's uh annoyingly called rainy out today it's raining all over the place can't go back to the bunker even 0:1:2  
though it's still unseasonably warm set foot outside it's quite a dismal day indeed oh god damn it are people asking about mic volume i'm gonna hold on one second i'm gonna hold on one second let me hear it again look at that hold on one second let me hear it again i literally am listening to it on twitch and it sounds fine i just listened to it coming through my at a certain point i'm just going to have to privilege my own perception over whatever the robots and potential beijing's provocateur in this goddamn i gotta say that that the fact that it sounds crystal clear coming out of the \*\*\*\*\* twitch channel as i'm watching it makes me wonder if you people aren't \*\*\*\*\* 0:2:4  
with me you uh are uh in possession of very shitty \*\*\*\*\* uh audio equipment and as robert downey senior said in uh boogie nights that how's everybody doing tonight i don't really know anything i'm uh i'm kind of cashed out actually might not do one tomorrow if it feels if i'm not getting if i don't if i don't get a little frisian but that's often happened i've come on the stream having no idea what to talk about and end up being like holy \*\*\*\*\* where'd that come from so we'll see we're gonna take the journey together uh congratulations by the way to president trump for four more years the uh the electoral college has voted and uh he has enough electoral votes when 0:3:5  
uh go when vice president pence presides over the certification that uh he will be president uh several very several very well-known and and and trustworthy websites uh and twitter accounts have said this and i have no reason to disbelieve it so man if they did that it would be the funniest thing in the world i mean and the funniest thing about it would be that all of the liberals right now including myself broadly defined who are smugly watching this flailing like pathetic non-coup happen if they just said oh uh yeah we're uh we're we're not going to certify these votes we're going to vote give it to trump and even though it violates the constitution and the letter and spirit of all law nobody stops them none of the people uh who would be shocked by it would be able to do anything about it like that's the truth of it and i think that's 0:4:7

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why they feel so insistent on making you be mad there's they note they realize that oh like their chest they imagine themselves part of a grand chess game of american progressivism stretching back to i don't know uh wilson something like that where they are battling like the behemoth of america's bestial uh like populist heart that you know they used to think was just dumb uh but now think is racist uh because like the changing uh intellectual composition of uh liberals and elite liberals who populate elite liberal institutions they've been in a chess game with reaction since world sense since the progressive movement began and they found themselves and i think they realized that after this election and they realized that after watching all the norms just get blown away by trump and now a situation where they all realize oh our our our formal uh uh barriers against just a pure reactionary grasp for power are non-existent they do not exist well that means you've lost the game that means you have been checkmated you cannot do any move other than slit your own throat if you're if you consider yourself pro part of the liberal project broadly construed and all these people do like the way they talk about politics even if they're just regular people they talk about the democratic party like they're part of it like the way democrats but voters not even people at like the media level talk about the democratic party as if they're part of a project which is of course not the case they're along for the ride to one degree or another they're along for the ride so they've lost they've lost because they know in their heart oh if we ever did try to get the kind of change that i keep insisting i want to see happen the kind of change on something like climate change or even some more emotionally like uh emotionally uh you know uh compelling uh uh issue like racism or gun control we're not going to get there without them just taking power because you've lost and because you're liberal you have discounted anything other than politics as you understand it to be the the way that we can you know battle reaction the the dark heart of america's you know white maleness you have discounted activism of any meaningful sign you've discounted the labor movement as just another interest group that's what that's what the new left in the 60s and uh and the emergent like atari democrats agreed on which was the consensus left position in amongst this new like post 60s uh collegiate liberal and left milieu uh was that the unions are just another interest group if not an upholder of racism and patriarchy and they've stuck they've stood fast with that 40 years later and now they have no interest in in using labor as a mobilizing tool against reaction they have no interest in doing anything other than voting for democrats but they know now in their hearts that voting for democrats will never get them so what they want now is they want to do the only thing that they think can work and that is because they are media creatures one way or another and they've decided in their hearts that that activism consists of yelling at people until they that all they can do

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is insist as loudly as possible that this is something you should care about so that we'll just transubstantiate people into like transubstantiate regular democrats into donors and you know uh uh uh on the fence like liberals into committed democrats and and people who don't vote but are part of um a oppressed minority that should instinctively vote for democrats will be snapped into consciousness they will be phase shifted into a consciousness as like a self-conscious democratic voter and then they will win because they'll just it'll be they'll they will have too many votes there will be too many places to steal and the only way that can come about is by yelling by getting people by presenting yourself emotionally now that's one part of it there's another more important part for anybody who's at the top of this media totem pole or rather even in the middle if you're getting money from the the political media as we understand it your calculus is different it's more self-consciously self-interested and less like psychological coping mechanism here at that level you can't just say write an article or do a tweet or do an appearance on television and say uh uh this fake coup this the continuance of this of the republicans to go along with all of these things up to and including you know the texas lawsuit and over 100 house republicans signing on to it uh that means that they will not accept another election that they lose if it's you anyone can say that that doesn't really that doesn't position you uh that doesn't make you stand out it doesn't provide value add as a part of the media hierarchy even if you're just trying to be a commentator for the bottom up what uh what provides value add is the follow-up which is and i can't believe we're track we're not acting like this is a big deal that is the move where you distinguish yourself where you take something that's banal and you say i am different from those others because i people act like bob barr resigning as a big deal he'd be gone in the middle of january anyway what what oh yeah uh on the other side of the diluted fence apparently the chinese uh army was just uh attacked uh with a with an air bombardment while trying to invade maine from canada so everybody's living in their own fantasy world us too and uh it's all about which one is is is more pleasing to you i think this is a pretty good one i feel like the vibe here is better i feel like there's that it's less anxious that's the thing i notice on all spectrums of people trying to pretend that their political participation means something the thing that unites them is the anxiety anxiety about and i felt this anxiety for a long time especially as we got closer to like the the uh to the inflection point of the pro of the bernie campaign in 2020 early good gourd still this year uh was oh god like am i wrong what if i'm wrong and that's bad you ought to be wrong for a bunch of reasons but you also want to make sure that people think that there's a reason it matters if you're right or wrong and the thing that makes it matter is supposed to be you listen to this and then you do something or you act certain way or you think a thing that makes you

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behave away and if you need to sustain that i think it it takes an emotional toll and 0:12:20  
it was one that i couldn't handle anymore that's why i kind of had to i was forced to  
reassess and break my relationship from this this machinery and also there's the idea  
that you know look at me i care more about this coup and also uh that means that if  
you cared more then we would stop it and it's going to be institutional uh resistance  
that changes the calculus of capital or the republican party within it it's not going to  
be it's not going to be us participating at the level of electoral ritual which is where  
we're happy where we're comfortable they will cancel an election if it's close enough 0:13:22  
or if they feel like the risk of losing power is great enough like real power like the  
republicans willing to cut bait on trump to the uh to the exact degree that they don't  
get is their base voters matter that's the calculus i have total interest in seeing trump  
lose at this get out of here at this point i have nothing to gain we have nothing to  
gain as a party by him clinging to power or trying to resist a peaceful transition but  
we have these voters who love him and we can't \*\*\*\*\* tell them the truth because  
they don't think there's a project beyond trump because they're dumb pigs and the  
one thing that distinguishes us from them is at the highest level although this is  
less and less true even within the ranks of government because you know i said i  
think something like two-thirds of republicans uh have either lost election primary  
or retired since trump won like they turned over almost the entire congress and that  
change was to put true believers there or people who either people who were cynically 0:14:23  
close enough to the grassroots to just mirror it for their own benefit or they believed  
it themselves but at the very high levels like the supreme court they're not there yet  
they have a greater \*\*\*\*\* investment than trump as a person but they don't want  
to get people to mad at him which is why judges have been the ones who are happy  
to do the dirty work that the republican party people can't do the electeds can't  
do they can't say move on because they will get primaried just as surely as if they  
voted to uh we talked a little bit on the show today about the whole thing about  
aoc and uh and the healthcare vote and i would i will say this i said some more on  
the show but to sum it up the question about aoc in a vote in congress for medicare  
for all versus uh whether or not to tie that to a vote for pelosi a speaker this is the 0:15:25  
pun this is the narrative media equivalent this conversation we're having everyone  
talking about it it is sports talk radio it is the exact same thing as calling in the  
mike and the mad dog to jawbone about whether the giants should draft a running  
back or a a wide receiver it that is what its function is it is it is it is off-season talk  
it's off-season sports radio because we have no influence on these people whatsoever  
there is no practical question it is purely a moral question even if you are you agree  
with with the argument that aoc needs to do this to to draw on the sander all she is  
is fairly compromised in in real terms she is only even hypothetically uh answerable 0:16:28

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to her constituents in her district and the greater progressive movement they have no there is first of all there is none and because there's none there is no pressure they could put on her so the question is purely a question of like her her worth as an individual and that's meaningless she is a tool and it's a question of who's going to wield her we the left which doesn't exist because it the left doesn't exist how could it wield a tool how could the left be a hand to hold a tool if there's so that's that 0:17:29  
you can like i said there should be sports uh political conversation that's like sports conversation it's it's entertainment it's talking about the weather with friends it's a thing to talk about but that's all it is it's just a thing to talk about and if it's a thing to talk about i find it's not very interesting so it solves itself the question of like what it is i've lost interest already the only way you can convince yourself that it's a meaningful discussion to have is if you think it has actual meaning beyond idle speculation about what the front office is going to do ah oh man fighting on that 0:18:30  
conference call is great it's perfect he just wants them to give him a little gratitude for saving their asses because in his mind he's the only person who could have won in the mind that such it exists the mind that trump biden has and that all upper crust democrats have and filtering down into the even into the party faithful they believe that this election improves has proven riyada shout this is a trump country that the average american out there in the hinderlands away from us in our cove cozy coasts and college towns is a savage is an unresolved unreasonable bang jackal of reaction uh a \*\*\*\*\* cart like from a world war one propaganda uh poster about like the hun as a barbarian with a pickle hub holding a belgian version in his hands 0:19:32  
and in that world in that america the only thing they can win is somebody who appeals to the least savage of the savages and that was that was biden and his whole lincoln campaign approach which hilariously was the same thing hillary did and lost indicating to these people they didn't do it enough and the thing about that is it doesn't matter if it's right or wrong i mean i think it's pretty obviously wrong uh and i i could i could collect sheaves of documents about voter behavior and turnout and demographics proving that that's not the case and also like make a broader a philosophical question about like the the the distorting and properizing uh social effect of of of uh the american electoral system and american politics and how it how it turns us into like the shadow that we create in our elector systems is the 0:20:34  
worst of ourselves uh and that it's a terrible measure of like america's potential as a political body and that we should engage it on those terms it doesn't matter if they're right or wrong the funding model and the organizational structure and the personnel of the democratic party means that they have to run the campaign they ran against trump when he went economic populist even though he didn't mean it obviously he didn't mean it as soon as he put down the gauntlet that he was going to

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be economically heterodox the democrats were pinned they could not go to his left economically because they cannot raise the hopes of their voters so they had to run against trump as an arrest an aberration as this monstrosity that is our worst selves and that we're all better than including republicans and it didn't work but nothing changed in the intervening four years about the democratic party's funding model organizational structure and personnel to force it to change its calculus so it had to run the play again and now we have another outlook uh the president oh president uh \*\*\*\*\* killing half of on his way to killing a half a million people while farting on live tv six nights a week for four years uh is barely defeated and even the \*\*\*\*\* popular vote uh and and sees negative coat and you see negative coattails almost no negative coattails in uh but to them they will say this proves that the country is even more reactionary which means that biden is going to have to go even further to the right as a governor than he had it's the it's the one-way crank that gets you that gets you uh eventually like the the the goddard run that we're all uh imagining of like the the trumpest republican party seizing power unilaterally and yeah like that's an uninterrupted road to that if it's a one-way ratchet and so the whole and so this is why you know the the the political uh media sphere is so often detached from real questions is because you can so easily get caught up in refuting the model refuting the democrats by their logic of we're trying to win elections we're trying to gain power we're trying to push through progressive legislation that's immaterial to the actual question of why they do it and if they're going to keep being able to do it that is determined by the array of forces and powers materially that undergird the democratic party and nothing about the discussion nothing about the argument and no correct case to be made that like even in public uh opinion changes the way people view it is going to change ugh yeah no uh no from not for me not for me how do we push president xi to the left there's the real question how do we push general president xi to the left i mean i know there are efforts i know there are like communizing efforts in china uh in fact uh it's there's a pretty funny phenomenon now in china where college kids go through the uh university indoctrination system and learn about marx as you know you do in chinese colleges and then come out and say oh uh wow all these working-class workers sure could use some representations in government and then they get arrested will i go on iglesias podcast oh god no that sounds like oh my stomach hurts i don't think he would want me on either i think he gets i think he does i think he hates me which is nice because i think most of those people don't know who i am or i know that he i know that he is a uh he is aware of online critics and is incredibly outraged by them because he's got the obama brain whereby he is fully confident that he has done the math on every question that matters and that he got the right answer and so anybody who disagrees with him

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and consistently is uh being presumptuous they're presuming to know something or understand something that he doesn't which cannot be done that is the iglesias 0:26:50  
like liberal obama uh neolib brain emmanuel macron is another guy like that um emmanuel macron by the way who is the one neo-liberal uh leader who seems to grasp fundamentally that there is a irreconcilable conflict between democracy and like the liberal project the neoliberal project whatever you want to call it and he uh has said yes there is so we got to get rid of the democracy not all at once because people are used to it but it's got to go like even the vestiges of it have to be tamed and of course he's the one who gets that because france is one of the western countries where like working-class institutional power is most resilient where uh where uh coordinated uh demonstrations and and and meaningful conflict with the state for 0:27:53  
the grassroots level is continuous and effective where their the worst of neoliberalism has been avoided of course they're still on the same trajectory of us as we are but it's from a higher point and it's going slow more slowly simply because there is more resistance to it as it's implemented unlike the brits and the americans where we are just completely whipped dogs and we have accepted neoliberalism completely and i will say the reason why they had a \*\*\*\*\* they had a real revolution you want to really boil it down to it like at a political level obviously there's material reasons that undergird that even but the answer to the same the the political like differentiation is they have a actual by which i mean an idea of rebellion against govern a rebellion against depression that that does not erroneously identify government as the only vector of oppression and that has a social conception of freedom and liberty that go 0:28:55  
beyond individual market participation and uh and so they've got a guy now who recognizes like okay this is this has got to go and i think countries like uh like our guys i think they still believe that \*\*\*\*\* even in their hearts because they can afford to because we're people are arguing about the merits of paris in the in the commentary well a bunch of bunch of gentlemen and ladies cursing about oh it's a sunday in the park on lagrange jet over here somebody says the whiskey rebellion i mean how is that even remembered as a \*\*\*\*\* tax revolt as a revolt against government and a revolt 0:29:57  
against not exploitation not like exploitation of labor or even like manipulation of uh of like a market by like a monopoly uh purchaser because we never formed up uh a a a a a uh citizenry the way that the way that uh because before even there was like fully full capitalism in in france there was uh this proletarianism of artisanship because paris was filled with artisans but they were \*\*\*\*\* starving and that was not generally common we never had that we had small cities because you could get land anywhere 0:31:2  
the land wasn't a patchwork of latifundia by \*\*\*\*\* syphilitic dukes who controlled it all and and and treated them like internal monopoly markets and had like \*\*\*\*\* tariff lines that were everywhere you went there was land for the taking and we took

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it and so that understanding of there being like a social reciprocal relationship that it was a fun under fundamental undergirding of even any individual right was absent our conception of rights and liberties were denatured we're somebody has guilty pleasures i try not to have guilty pleasures anymore i've tried to the guilty plea you the concept of guilty pleasure emerged as a way to give people who otherwise were only consuming middle brow drac a sense that they had like higher artistic as uh aspirations because like how many people talk about guilty pleasures who like would un-ironically talk about how moving like uh avengers endgame or black panther was you know like by any meaningful metric black panther or the marvel movies in general would be a \*\*\*\*\* guilty pleasure you'd feel guilty about it if the way they talk about art was valid which i don't think they created the category of guilty pleasure like awful reality shows that are even more like witless and uh and less creative than big budget uh blockbusters and then say they're feel oh that's i'm guilty about that to to essentially to elevate the crap that they take for real art if you're consuming real art your concerned and when i say real i don't mean like i'm not saying there's an objective criteria for that i mean soul-nourishing art soul-nourishing art if you're consuming that then you don't have this anxiety about dividing because you're not feeling the lack and that's the thing that unifies the entire broad middle populist brow of people who've decided that actually everything you need to know about the world everything every emotional experience you need to have every like intellectual idea every cathartic bringing together of like image and sound and and uh and uh perspective into like a a to as a little prism to view through the to view another person's view of the world through like if you see art as that like somebody creating a perfect lens of observation and craft and poetry to have you look through and then the experience of art is just to seeing through it and the clearer it is the more beautiful it is and the more you feel that if you feel a communion of spirits at some level you feel something that is ineffable in your experience of it and these people the lotus eaters of the poptimist mainstream i swear to god they don't feel that but what they do is they feel the lack of it and then they go out and seek to insist that it doesn't exist that they're not missing anything everybody who says there's anything more to art is lying to them to sound smart and fancy that is the go-to argument if anyone who who brings down the wrath who who's outraged by by uh by large-scale uh monocultural entertainment being besmirched is to say you don't really like that stuff you don't really read those books you don't really listen to that music you're you don't you're lying you just want to sound because why would you do that it's not fun well because it doesn't it's because fun isn't the only \*\*\*\*\* metric there's other things to art no there isn't because if there was they'd be missing something and they can't even imagine that because they're so fully bought into the capitalist realist

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world the and and have so conditioned their coping mechanisms to be around that sense of identity and purpose and an intellectual challenge it's essentially and so they have to create this guilty pleasure but if you want to say things that are objectively bad that i can't like argue are good that i still enjoy i guess that's more it like objective isn't a thing but things that i couldn't make a plausible case even to myself 0:36:13  
are good but i still like yeah see i guess snl would of course work but yeah i never i can't feel people are yelling about the raw meat yeah it's called a cannibal sandwich it's not even all in wisconsin by the way it's only around milwaukee in fact i was a little north like other people who grew up near where i grew up probably didn't never heard of it but like i distinctly remember having a christmas in sheboygan which is like about uh 30 to 45 minutes about 30 minutes north of milwaukee right along the wa uh lake michigan so like 30 minutes up to lake michigan shore from milwaukee county is sheboygan and i remember having a sheboygan christmas where there was set on a little table next to the venison uh uh and the like the cheese curds and \*\*\*\*\* and uh the cocktail sauce were a bunch of uh little those little rye 0:37:15  
cocktail end pieces uh and then a bowl of ground chuck raw ground chuck that was then you just take a butter knife and you put it on and then you put on salt and pepper and raw onion and they call it a cannibal sandwich and it is a leftover it's the remaining cultural food way of the germans who who made up like the first large europe scale european uh settling in uh wisconsin wisconsin was founded by uh by yankee congregationalists both michigan uh western new york uh the upper uh the case western the case the western reserve in ohio michigan uh and uh wisconsin were were just were originally settled as like american uh territories by immigrants from uh new england so like the the children of the children of the puritans the the who 0:38:17  
ended up being like the the the uh the social base for the republican party basically and the wigs before that uh settled it but then the first uh large-scale immigration to fill this the cities like milwaukee was from germany specifically catholic southern germany uh the beer drinking uh stein wielding party germans not the dower uh uh militarist austere prussians uh party germans and the one of the great traditions in party germany is ground pork raw ground pork or uh beef and actually in uh it's apparently a buffet food in germany to this day and they shape it like a hedgehog and they put little uh they make it look like a little hedgehog and then they put little slices of onion in the back to be like uh the quills raised 70s even before uh and 0:39:18  
it still exists a little bit in wisconsin like i i had it when i was a kid but it wasn't something that stuck around like that we it's not like my family family's been doing this recently uh and the reason people are hearing about this and freaking out about it is because wisconsin asked people because of the danger of the raw meat please do not eat it and there were these people who of course were all supposed to laugh

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at saying \*\*\*\*\* you i eat this every year uh take it from a gold dead hand people like are you are these guys uh what's wrong with them it is an actual wisconsin food way it's not something that's terribly dangerous uh if the meat is fresh and certainly if the fret if the meat comes from one cow and this is where things get like this is where you can see like how how our folkways are so constrained and like in our and our freedoms like these guys our freedoms are constrained by things that we don't recognize as such like so these guys who are responding in the facebook comments saying \*\*\*\*\* you uh they're probably mad at the state for being nannies and telling them don't eat raw meat but the thing is is if you do go to piggly wiggly or iga and buy a ground a pound of ground chuck and just spread it on bread you'll probably \*\*\*\*\* your \*\*\*\*\* guts out it's a bad idea don't do that but the thing is traditionally that's not what people did you would go to your local butcher and you would get a fresh ground meat and then you would eat that but the thing is over the last 40 50 years all those local butchers have been driven out of business and the only place you can get ground chuck is to go to the iga or the piggly wiggly and so fewer and fewer people eat it like i said the last time i ate it i was like eight because most people even if they like it they're not gonna \*\*\*\*\* roll the dice going to \*\*\*\*\* uh grocery store they know it's bad they've gone to school they know what raw food does it's only gonna be like the stubborn holdouts at this point i i doubt more than a handful of people still eat those things and what some of them that do probably are psychos who say \*\*\*\*\* it and go to kroger but if they but the thing that constrained them is not the nanny state the thing that constrained their ability to get to because you shouldn't be able to you should probably not get raw meat and then eat it like that from the grocery store and maybe like the state should be involved in preventing that from happening but that's not why people can't do it they can't do it because uh they can't do it safely they cannot do it safely and so you have to decide oh that's the thing we used to do and we used to like it i can't do it anymore and maybe somehow your brain vaguely thinks oh i bet it was lawsuits or something no it was the consolidation and people say it's like steak tartare but no it isn't steak tartare is a minced up steak and there's an egg on it and like i think uh like mustard or stuffing that does like acid i mean uh acid cooking the cannibal sandwich is just ground beef but like i said you can get it from a butcher fresh ground that's not that dangerous it's uh also um apparently lebanon they eat raw beef too raw ground and yes yes yes yes eating meat is indeed monstrous it is the regime of terror and blood and horror and participating in it at any level makes you a moral monster and if we do survive as a species i hope everyone is prepared for like if we do get some sort of uh space communist future we will be viewed as monsters for uh but god damn it it's so good it's so good and all those questions recede in the face of a of a juicy steak or a nice

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i will say though that the uh the fake meat industry is coming along i know it's uh soy based and uh and not based to uh want that but i'm much looking forward to that mcdonald's mcplant because sometimes i want to eat the mcdonald's flavor and i would love to do it without knowing that it involved some sort of \*\*\*\*\* hostile style monstrous but of course i think like they destroy half a like they destroy every every 0:44:29 beyond burger you eat like destroyed a football field's worth of uh mcdonald's fries do not have powdered beef fat in them they used to though like some sort of tallow uh extract on them and people do say that they were way better back then and you know what i bet they were i sadly don't remember them when they the fact is industrial agricultural production as we understand it for profit just cannot sustain itself i mean from a moral perspective but also just ecologically i mean we're creating 0:45:30 monochrome monocultural crops that are begging to be wiped out by some sort by disease and we're you know destroying the environment wherever we do large-scale agriculture destroying the water tables it can't work but you know you can't do craft farming either you can't that's not going to sustain a population you need to do is what you need to do in every one of these industries you need to take all of the mechanical and scientific development that we have done in agricultural production and then apply it to the question of use and the question of sustenance and not the question of profit man don't do so much it really would it would do a lot it would do a lot it wouldn't solve everything and it wouldn't make everything perfect but my god it would it would it would make a lot of the things that seem i uh unscalably horrific 0:46:32 in in their criminality and also in their uh the united states wastes half the food that it produces that's not that's not an exaggeration and of course you can say well you know that's it's always tough to anticipate but i mean that boils down to the fact that we have a uh that we have a food uh economy that is entirely built around profit and specifically built around profit in a uh like competitive market where choice and 0:47:34 variety are the only things that matter and the only things that confer the ability to find points of like uh leverage to extract profit what people like the way that mcdonald's the mcrib is back because uh pork uh prices went down i believe because of the trade war with china the mcgriff is back because the u.s uh because china banned imports of american pork uh as part as like a tit-for-tat thing for trump's uh tariffs on chinese goods and it led to a big glut in pork bellies and pork belly futures dropped and when that happens mcdonald's buys a \*\*\*\*\* ton of pork bellies so that's why we have the mcbritt back like an economy where that can happen you have to have a lot of food just waiting to get destroyed and not distributed because 0:48:36 that would reduce the prop the market price of the of the of the rest of it that's why they won't let they rest supermarkets have to \*\*\*\*\* it's monstrous it's a regime of monstrous waste and it is to me the fundamental rejoinder to any idiotic argument

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the capitalism is in any way efficient it would be funny though if we uh if we basically 0:49:39  
like d technologized agriculture like had just had more people farm so i think a lot of  
people kind of send them down to the countryside you know kind of i don't know like  
uh some sort of rebellion in the in the superstructure what do you call that a cultural  
revolution no never mind empty the suburbs i can get behind i don't know how what  
the what like the balance of rural and urban uh life should be that's way beyond  
my pay grade i've read arguments in both directions the need for like labor intensive  
local agriculture and you know intensification of infrastructure in in countryside and  
then arguments for no no you know and uh encourage minimal minimal uh human  
footprint outside of urban areas and create like dense density uh heard arguments 0:50:40  
for both uh probably somewhere in the middle all of it above my pay grade not my  
question not my circus not my monkeys because i sure \*\*\*\*\* i'm never going to  
see a society where i have to answer that question it is certainly my duty to try to  
get us to a point where these questions mean something but but i do wish i knew  
more i do wish i could farm i'll say that i wish i could i wish i could form isn't the  
great reset once again isn't the great reset just capitalism i i never understand what  
this especially it's very frustrating to see on the right with the q2 all of these big  
large large-scale like new world order things it's just oh what they're gonna a lot of 0:51:41  
people are gonna die so the capitalism can maintain itself right they're going to keep  
like every crisis of capitalism is going to just be met with more quantitative easing  
at the top and more like liquid money being pooled into the hands of the wealthy  
and just continue like a dynamo of consumption at the very top of the the world uh  
consumption order that just like sucks everything out out of the world literally like  
a giant straw until uh the ability of the earth to like uh actually whole uh maintain  
human life it starts being compromised and people start dying and mass and and the  
political structure uh eliminates points of descent so that it can more effectively uh  
carry out a regime of border enforcement and technological surveillance am i saying  
anything that isn't just the trajectory of us what is what is the thing that's supposed 0:52:42  
to be special about this once again it's like we see it in front of us we see the the  
creature the monster operating in plain sight there's no man behind the curtain it's  
just it is it's in front of the curtain but it's too big to take in so we vent we create  
a mini version of it a story time fun time version of it to to invest with meaning  
because it's easier so i don't even know what i'm supposed what are the main points  
about it they're gonna sterilize everybody we're being sterilized already do you guys  
know what uh what \*\*\*\*\* plastics are doing to our endocrine systems you know like  
i mean obviously you don't want to turn into a red pill psycho talking about like  
male male virility but sperm counts in the world are collapsing i don't know if you're  
aware of this and not just in the west it's not just because oh yeah you're all living 0:53:44

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next to uh you know you're living in between the plastic the you know you're eating mcdonald's and and uh just eating no in the least developed parts of the world too is because plastic is becoming complete it's becoming constitutive of the human \*\*\*\*\* body and it's disrupting your endocrine system and ability to \*\*\*\*\* reproduce we're literally already being children of men sterilized what what else do you need what else so what what's special about the \*\*\*\*\* great reset thing about it what's the difference because whether the broad thing is real or this specific version of it the fantasy version of it is real this the challenge is the same and the i mean if it's about how like they're betting on what it's like the people in power are making money off of the crisis and that in fact they're the way they're responding the crisis is designed 0:54:45 to it's about market share what you mean these people are gonna are gonna uh that the continued accumulation of capital is going to monopolize what and like amazon's gonna be the only what i mean they don't even have to they don't even have to sterilize or kill the unproductive and the unnecessary people they just have to \*\*\*\*\* 0:55:46 put up a border because they're mostly sorted by geography i guess like the thing that's most reasonable about all this need for to be like about to be eliminated is that i'm sorry if you're talking about the grace great reset you're not one of the people you're one of the \*\*\*\*\* people that they still need to move numbers around on a \*\*\*\*\* ledger and keep the the people are going to get reset are nowhere near you and they're going to be kept that way with machinery and of surveillance and uh they're 0:57:3 putting chemicals in the water to make the frogs gay once again yeah they are but not to make that doesn't kill them there's been i mean not gay but like there's been like gender mutations in frogs thanks to exposure to how many fraud genders are 0:58:10 there to three it would be funny if trump tries to now that bar is resigning i guess it'd be really funny if he tried to just appoint sheriff clark or something and just have them try to do a like order the fbi to arrest congress or something i don't think they hell yeah may clay j higgins attorney general yeah right there gordy we're going to 0:59:12 do it we're going to do that cool we're going to take back america we're going to rest that electoral call he's going to put in that gold college yep we're going to get that left home college we're going to get that good electron avatar by the way was not a bit people are now saying that uh that we're doing it is a bit no we do think avatar is great and everything you can say about how it's bad it's like yeah that's true too but it's a gestalt movies are a gestalt like the overall thing when i think about 1:0:13 the movie and i watch it i enjoy it not ironically because i appreciate what and you can like that you can do it you can like a movie that's cringey you can like a movie that has like identifiably stock or uninspiring or or uh or cliché elements you can like that you're not being tricked into liking something necessarily and i understand why people's backs are up because so much of uh like blockbuster cynicism is about

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sometimes you gotta accept some of it at a large enough scale of spectacle you've got to accept a a certain skeleton a a certain degree of stock elements because it wouldn't be it wouldn't be sustainable at that size without that without that many viewers without that uh oh man dune is gonna bite especially on tv now i wasn't too excited about it either way i really don't like that villanova look at this point of the future it's like okay it's uh yeah everything's all like it's it seems like it's very nolan asking it's blinkered understanding of like the possibilities the aesthetic 1:1:17

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um oh there we are oh my god i'm on oh i do not want to turn on notifications good lord that sounds terrible why is it now saying i'm not on there anymore i was on there no not on there what the \*\*\*\*\* what why what oh there i am there i am folks i'm indoors because the great storm has come the storm is coming q is right oh my god the storm is here it's storming out this is the storm that they spoke of and now we're having it ah yeah i'm honestly shocked i kind of thought that new york's days of uh accumulating snow before march were over got to walk through it as it started really gave me um old old homesick vibes of wisconsin freezing my ass off walking home from school nice uh we will be talking later in the episode stream whatever the hell you want to call this moment in time of uh this here book the republic for which it stands by richard white but i wanted to uh give people a chance to show up you know if they've read the book i don't want to start off because yeah you get more people as time goes on in these things generally so like in about a half an hour so uh we'll right now i wanted to comment on something that i've noticed which is every time barf sacko crumbo comes out with one of his uh absolutely banal popular culture takes where he's he talks about uh parasite oh that's a great movie or when he just talked about how well he was writing his awful memoir he uh found solace in better call saul and the boys i mean obviously part of me is very smug about being like aha here literally is our prestige tv president talking about how much he loves these shows think about trump relative comparatively does trump ever talk about an hour-long streaming dramas no he talks about watching fox news or newsmax or whatever or cnn he talks about uh cable news which is basically a reality tv channel like if you take the concept of reality tv seriously as this uh the elu the the destruction of the barrier between you know uh living in america and cable news which is very little news in it obviously it's mostly to be talking heads emoting about politics is essentially a \*\*\*\*\* reality show and all those people yelling like hannity that's just an incredibly long confessional sequence you know i can't believe nancy pelosi uh ate the peanut butter with her finger and put it back in the on the shelf that kind of thing so again we see the prestige tv president and the reality tv president and our

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prestige tv president he was loves watching the boys and he loves he loved watching the wire when it was on and one thing i see a lot is people saying how's obama watching these shows considering all of the anti-corporate anti-capitalist themes in them how is he watching them he must not be absorbing them he's either lying about watching them or he um he is not uh he's not he's somehow missing the subtext that i am able to absorb and i am here to ask uh posit this what about this what about this possibility what if barf sacko crumbo gets exactly everything out of these shows that you do and these movies he sees parasite he watches the boys he's not uh coming out with some mutated version in his head he's getting the same message as you are it just doesn't \*\*\*\*\* matter because this is just entertainment at the end of the day and his position is fixed enough in the world and his uh value system is fixed enough around uh maintaining you know his his role as a power broker within it that nothing he's going to see is going to change his mind and i think see otherwise smart people kind of like instinctively reject the notion that he could be absorbing this art at the level that they are because there is buried in all of our assumptions about artistic consumption that are now completely intertwined with our politics the way we talk about uh uh television and movies specifically is essentially is completely inextricable from politics you say it's almost impossible to have a conversation about any uh any of these products that is not inherently politicized before you even start talking and of course it's always politicized but i mean explicit politics as opposed to like broader you know ideological underpinnings of work and the pr the reason you do that i mean obviously it's because in my cynical view because there isn't a lot of art in this stuff and you've got to fill \*\*\*\*\* column inches with something you've got to fill the void with something you can't you can't uh confront with sober sense the the hollowness of all of this but also is a similar delusion that comes from the resist the rejection of that reality which is watching the right shows watching the right movies will somehow make you a better person in a fundamental way not just in your outlook but in your actions it will change you for the better in your day-to-day uh experience of life and while that is true of great works of art and the individual's response to a great work of art or even an individual's response to a specific piece of uh you know more uh attenuated art that has like a specific resonance to them that's the case but it cannot be scaled and that is the fantasy at the heart of all of this political fixation with our with our media is that we assume that there's some extrapolatable and and uh and compounding social vector towards good or evil that emanates out of a popular film or television series and i am here today to say that there is not there's nothing it doesn't do anything our moral choices are are determined by uh by interests that are far far deeper than any glib \*\*\*\*\* we're gonna pull out of a \*\*\*\*\* tv show that by definition is \*\*\*\*\* spoon feeding us if it wasn't spoon feeding us it so i'm sorry i think

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i mean i don't i mean i think obama is a smart guy i don't think he would have got where he was if he wasn't unless you believe he was a cia clone from a vat and maybe he clearly was able to apply strategic and tactical insights in the political process that allowed him to defeat to essentially jump the line ahead of a bunch of other people and that required more than just oratorical skill uh but like he's not a great mind obviously he's very uh he is he is happy in his change he's happy in the fetters 0:8:12 that he has given himself because they excuse him to do whatever he wants they give him the excuse to pursue power nakedly because well somebody's going to pursue power nakedly and i'm afraid we have to be nibury in our in our understanding that the evils of the world cannot ever be vanquished and that attempting to do so is a greater evil than even those existing evils and so therefore we are left with the question of how to live and therefore if i want to dedicate myself to rising to the top of this this pyramid of violence of monstrosity and oppression by uh by putting a a smiley fa a diverse face on a neoliberal retrenchment that's going to immiserate everybody and that is going to just continue this driving ratcheting capillary action of human misery someone's got to do it it might as well be me it might as well be the sensitive guy who reads the right books and watches to write shows and watches the right movies and comes to the right conclusions about them the ones the same 0:9:13 ones that we in the \*\*\*\*\* cheap seats come to but they don't he is able to rationalize them the way we all are every day with everything we know to be true but can't deal with because accepting one truth means dis uh inconveniencing ourselves in some significant way and we have to get to a point where that where where that truth has an emotional weight that is anywhere equal anywhere close to the emotional weight of our more embedded personalized preferences what we think we want the only way to get there is through i hate to be a broken record but through spirituality through through through the uh ritualized enchantment of ideas and enchantment of values that can give them a a motivational force that could break away from the this um gravitational pull of self-interest barack obama was able to take his self-interest 0:10:15 and turn it into a religion that's why he was able to do what he did but most of us aren't that aren't that skilled or aren't that sociopathic and we have to muddle through being pulled between what we know to be true every moment and what is convenient for us in our personal uh understandings of our our self-interest and and and it's fighting those things that's our daily battle and and art is an expression of that conflict but it is not ever going to resolve it for us and it's hard to understand or it's hard to grasp that because it really does render a lot of the time and energy we put into consuming and and uh makes it a kind of a a empty and and pathetic waste of time and and since we have no idea of what to fill that void with we'd rather avoid that that a reality altogether like i said that the the prestige tv anti-heroes are 0:11:18

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sociopaths honestly i don't think they are because then there wouldn't be a show like the shows those shows are about a deeply deeply talented in one way or another and also deeply deeply um selfish person battling with whatever fragmentary echoed half remembered conscience they might have the thing that makes them unable to just be happy in their consumption but their audience their imagined audience that guy i was talking about the one that they're all subconsciously writing for that upper middle class thriving fixed eyes fixed on self advancement professional who is the ur consumer of this stuff that's a sociopath that's a person who has fully resolved these conflicts that's why you wouldn't want to watch a show about them that's why you wouldn't want to watch a show about obama a prestige tv show or obama is the protagonist would be absolutely sterile and boring none of there'd be none of the psychological torment there wouldn't be any of the any of the strum and drawing and the and the the dark humor that you get with other with shows about people trying to like gesture towards a sense of uh morality that transcended their personal interest barack obama makes no and spends no effort doing that spending that spends not a second uh wondering about that stuff so how and that is what then that's be and and that's because television like all mass market art is about not only about but is partially about and this is one of the things that attenuates its artistic uh merit like it's it's generalized artistic value as an art form is that it's pandering it's pandering to that audience it's giving them what they think they want to see because if they didn't want to see it they wouldn't watch it and if they don't watch it you're not going to get another episode and you're not going to get another renewal and you're not going to get to make another movie and that is a compromise that is deeper even than thought with with these guys these show runners who created these programs and so they're flattering them they're taking that \*\*\*\*\* blank-eyed uh professional psychopath and they're giving them they're they're flattering them and extending to them the fiction that they have a conscience to struggle with why wouldn't obama like the boys i don't understand why it's insane that obama would like the boys like he he like i have said he doesn't think that he is he has power he doesn't think that that the president is fundamentally a a job that is about doing things from one's own volition it's about serving a mechanism that is inviolable so he what what why would he why would he be horrified by the boys why would that make him disconfided i don't hate the boys the boys is fine it's not anything to write home about and if it's what prestige tv is now then the \*\*\*\*\* genre is i mean a complete joke although honestly season four fargo should have \*\*\*\*\* put the nail in the coffin there anyway holy \*\*\*\*\* what a piece of \*\*\*\*\* what a pretentious gar i hate using the word pretentious anybody who call who calls art pretentious is just telling on themselves most of the time but for season four fargo is noah noah hawley the guy

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who created it showing the fundamental problem with him as a television creator which is that he thinks he's too good for tv remember this is a guy who has directed a film written directed to film which by the way i watched and sucks uh wrote a book that i'm not reading television is in his own mind beneath him and that shows throughout all of his work but in season four fargo it's just yeah prestige tv is is is 0:15:39 the obama of art it's this thing that is all we have like all we have all liberalism can stand on now now that it can no longer offer anything to anybody materially now that now that the the the material pitch of the democratic party that made it the natural ruling party of the united states for 40 years uh is gone and all they have left is the ability to push forward on the strength of celebrity on the strength of personality and you might say but what about biden they wanted obama again they never wanted anything other than obama the democratic electorate they would have voted him a third term overwhelmingly if it hadn't been for the constitution if he'd been able to come back for like uh like putin in this time they would have voted for him overwhelmingly if michelle obama had run she would have gotten the 0:16:40 nomination biden was the closest thing anyone had now buddhist thought i'm gonna be gay obama but he doesn't actually have the charisma that obama had and his and the fact that he is so clearly trying to ape obama's voice mannerisms means that his ability to to break out of that box is already it's completely uh abrogated just by virtue of his his transparent phoniness so there was no obama to pick what there was was obama's vp so he would talk about rap rock and people be like oh yeah rap rock what about i wonder what rap rock's doing and you saw they have a poll now what was what's your pick for uh 2024 michelle obama number one and then harris number two which is like six degrees of separation the vice president's vice president and that's why the democrats are \*\*\*\*\* because they built everything around in 2008 like obama gave them this this thought this hope oh we we can we can 0:17:42 govern during conditions of neoliberal austerity ending over wrenching continuously compounding neoliberal austerity without a material pitch to the voters with this uh narrative and they i mean and the proof of it was in the pudding in the form of obama winning big and then winning a big re-election which democrats haven't done for a while i mean even even clinton never won a majority of the vote he was under under 50 percent well under 50 percent he was at like even in his re-election where he crushed dole i think he got like 46 percent of the votes someone can correct me on that but it was not 50 because both times he was running in three-way races with perot who took you know a decent chunk for the the the best that a third-party candidate has done since like tr was uh perot in 96 and 92. maybe wallace 68 i'm 0:18:44 not sure i got to look at it but anyway one either way they really don't have a record of big big \*\*\*\*\* uh crushing victories and he got it and then he got reelected even

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though uh you know it looked closer than it should have been and even though but while this was happening of course the litany has been said a million times they lost the thousands uh state legislator seats they lost like a \*\*\*\*\* third of governorships they lost the house and then the senate and then they tried to run austerity with hillary got killed got to run with biden and a little shine of nostalgia and trump's unique uh uh unique uncouthness unique uncouthness to the nation's well-off meant that he could win um like i remember before the election i said that the reason i think after the after the first debate i said i think being's gonna win and the reason he's gonna win is because people are gonna have a choice between four more years of ever cranking political rhetoric or kind of taking the heat off of the kettle for a little bit and i said people are gonna pick that because they're still there's still relative security in this country there's still even with precarity there is enough security among voting people that that'll carry through and if you look at the electorate you look at the the votes you look how the vote broke down the most comfortable people shifted to biden from trump because they have a house they've got maybe a boat maybe maybe a ski do maybe two cars in the garage they can go they have some 401k money they don't want to be in the streets shooting it out with antifa where did trump gain he gained amongst people who have the least to lose the people who saw the ratcheting up political rhetoric and in the move towards conflict and said sure bring but they have no they're screwed the democrats are \*\*\*\*\* because it was always a fraud the whole thing was a fraud it all depended on the specific charisma of barf sacko crumbo which is now thanks to the constitution no longer uh accessible and there's nobody in the wings there's nobody who comes close there's a bunch of off-brand obamas like \*\*\*\*\* cory booker who's like a chuck e cheese animatronic on the fritz trying to do obama and then he got fake ass buddhish and then who else there's nobody there's nobody it's a bunch of fossils who who clogged up the top of the party because they do not want to hand the reins over to anybody who is not fully enthralled by the machine the way they are and they don't trust anybody else to run the thing and they're all insane megalomaniacs who don't think they can die like every other old american and this is just like prestige tv coming into the and uh oh but then lastly so this is a totally fraudulent and and uh doomed project but democrats are going to double and triple down because they don't have anything else and so they convince themselves this is the only way things can be and that actually if you criticize it uh you're a piece of \*\*\*\*\* prestige tv is essentially the same thing it filled the void of attention that people had once their attention spans have been destroyed by the internet and their ability to uh put any thought or concentration into a difficult work of art was scrubbed away by the daily abuse of like being a a screen centric human uh and also working working working more and more and

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more and having less and less time to devote to anything other than the most brain  
smoothing of recreational activities and in that but but you know hey if you went  
to college you know you're supposed to want something more than that you know  
and there is that yearning we actually have that cannot often be articulated but still  
drives us in some way and \*\*\*\*\* prestige tv filled the void hey you know that crap 0:22:57  
that slop for pigs that they used to sell commercial that they used to sell beer and  
\*\*\*\*\* uh diet pills uh it's actually uh the premier form of artistic expression of our  
time oh good and then they wrote it and they're sticking with it and they'll tell you  
that you're what like an elitist or some \*\*\*\*\* or uh or somehow racist or problematic  
for saying that uh instead of confronting it because they have nothing else there's  
nothing else because nobody has the energy of your attention to to pursue anything  
more challenging and even if they wanted to who could talk to them about it and  
that's nine that's half of it right there at least half maybe more honestly at this point  
well more than half is talking about it talking about our artistic uh uh consumption  
and if you don't have other people who have had the same experiences who can  
you bounce things off of what can you get responses to your hot takes from both  
in and so barb sack is our prestige tv tel uh president and prestige tv is our uh the 0:24:12  
barf sack of is the is that strike in india actually still happening because i thought  
it was one of because the thing about india is once every once in a while like 250  
people will go on strike but it's like a two-day demonstration that's in conjunction  
with like a communist state government i mean how many people who get freaked  
out who get very excited about indian strikes are aware of that i wonder if there's  
just a lot of semantic confusion there people get excited because they hear general  
strike and whenever anything happens politically in india the sheer number of people  
makes your hair stand on because it's hard to conceive of that you know coming from  
america which you know is hilariously small population wise comparatively but you 0:25:15  
know it's not i mean it's i i'm glad to see i know that there are continuing protests  
by farmers biden is the mad tv president that's actually pretty good we were we've  
joked on the show before by the way about how one of the good things about biden  
being president is that they'll bring back mad tv because no one's going to be uh  
the the the perpetual outbidding on wokeness and like uh um a sensitivity to to uh  
to prejudice in in media that is define the trump era is gonna let up because trump's  
not president anymore and everybody gonna feel a little more relaxed and that we're  
gonna bring back biden is is i i mean those stories like those corn pop stories and uh 0:26:16  
and uh dog face pony soldier i mean the whole thing he could be a mad tv character  
like the man he would be he would have been the president in a mad tv sketch just  
coming out and talking about you know uh taking a 57 chevy to the malt shop  
and then like he crashes come on man isn't that a great all right uh so let's talk

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a little bit the republic for richard sands which in its first three chapters sketches out the early stages of reconstruction in the south and what uh richard uh calls the greater reconstruction that encompassed also the uh the development of and the first thing we get uh in the first chapter about uh president about uh about presidential reconstruction is a good hard look at our worst president uh andrew johnson a man who is almost singularly uh catastrophic in american history because there are very few people you can look at and say almost anyone who could conceivably have been where they were would have been better and then you look at how how how much happenstance and and and total uh you know random chance went into him getting it it's it is enough to make you feel like there are other worlds than these and that and that we're in the dark one and that things like that not just that but things like that are the hallmarks of a world where you know even far farther back than that some domino fell in the wrong place and uh and they've been falling wrong ever since and man that feels like one real bad domino is andrew johnson being president and reading about the specific his specific mission which he made his uh presidency about which was to readmit the south as quickly as possible with the maintenance of existing economic structures and political structures and then seeing how much effect that had in terms of undermining the very early stages of reconstruction uh and the thing is is that you know once the once congress came back from their hilariously long uh um recess congress back then was basically a part-time job and the congress convened like new congresses convened far later like than they do now it was kind of a nightmare honestly and it's one of the reasons they changed it but even after they got back so you had a period of pure presidential reconstruction until like december of 1865 and then even after congress comes back and then even after congress is comes back even more radically republican after 66 midterms uh johnson is able to uh do an insane amount of damage and at the most critical time because even once grant gets in we haven't got there yet in the book or uh or haven't spent much time anyway with the grand administration but once grant gets in and is able to carry out you know the more radical reconstruction inc in collaborate more in collaboration with congress than fighting them uh they are trying to reconstruct now on a situation that has much less of the fluidity much less of the contingency much less of the potential that existed in april of 1865 because \*\*\*\*\* andrew johnson spent four years cheating all over it and it's it really makes me more resolved than ever to really try to pursue this as a project this idea of like if lincoln lives because it would not i i would not want to make lincoln like this world historic savior figure uh more than anything i want to make johnson the world historically catastrophic figure that he is because honestly like lincoln is assassinated and hannibal hamlin was still his vp or uh or a \*\*\*\*\* azeroth had gone through with his mission to kill

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johnson and benjamin wade the radical republican uh president pro tem of the senate becomes president you could still have had a much better outcome of reconstruction although i think lincoln is sort of uniquely suited in that moment to you know at that most protein moment to be exercising power but things could have gone better with uh and yeah like it's less about lincoln living than about johnson not getting to be there and to just god oh god breaking up the \*\*\*\*\* the the land grants that sherman had given to friedman and the coastal carolinas i mean like that could have been the bedrock of a of a the model of a redistributive uh reconstruction that could 0:32:22 have been seized upon by guys like stevens and sumner and wade uh and lincoln eventually not at first of course like but maybe over time pulled in that direction by the flow of events um we didn't get that obviously we got instead this and uh so obviously andrew johnson history's greatest monster and incredibly trumpian like just perfect the the way that he would uh personalize everything hyper paranoid the the fact that he went on a \*\*\*\*\* he went on a presidential stump speaking tour to try to whip up hatred of congress his uh the party that had nominated him by the way to be the \*\*\*\*\* president uh or to be the vice president and the only difference is he got \*\*\*\*\* uh \*\*\*\*\* heckled like crazy when he went out and did that people people own the \*\*\*\*\* out of him because he was flying in the face of northern opinion this is the other part of it is that he was his mission had no constituency in 0:33:23 the north and and honestly even in the south the constituency was pretty busted up because there were a lot of uh southern ex-confederates who wouldn't even look the gift horse johnson was giving them they were looking at in the mouth they wouldn't even accept his mechanisms because they involved too much um yeah he did like they're being very unfair to me but the specific phenomena of johnson johnson's presidency which he spent trying to create the constituency for a white supremacist third party that he would be able to head and then run for re-election with is almost precisely what happened the last time a uh non the the challenger to the democratic party in the uh in the in the second party system uh tried to um create a broad 0:34:26 tent to defeat that party which was the whig nomination of john tyler to be william henry harrison's running mate in uh 1840 one of the most catas the catastrophe that set the stage for all the catastrophes to come on other because honestly that's another point where you can get wacky with the counter factuals so and henry clay who is like the the the the intellectual founder of the whig party the guy and also the political um uh the biggest political influence on lincoln lincoln loved henry clay lincoln thought henry clay was the ideal american uh politician and he was a wig before he was a republican and his politics were always the weak notion of a um you know a a yeoman republic uh that is uh nurtured and allowed to develop 0:35:27 with coordination from central government as opposed to the jacksonian democratic

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vision of just let everybody get corn liquored up and steal indian land and then that's it there's nothing so clay essentially founded the weak party and ran a number of times against jackson lost uh in 1840 the whigs had a real good chance because the economy had collapsed during van buren's presidency because the \*\*\*\*\* uh the the the model the the banking model that had replaced the destroyed bank of the united states helped create the panic of 37 which really did discredit the democratic project and discredit the that their whole idea which at that point was the governing ideal of people north and south of voters north and south leave me alone to have my slaves or to uh to buy my to develop my land and to to um heat myself with indian scalps that was that was that was by far the most popular political persuasion at the time and it saw itself uh \*\*\*\*\* come to discredit by the collapse of the economy and by van buren's refusal to do anything about it because they're democrats and they don't do anything about the the economy that's not the government's job and the whigs really wanted to make sure they didn't \*\*\*\*\* it up so they didn't nominate clay because he was a loser they nominated a war guy william henry harrison hey war man yay he fought in our colonial wars you idiots like that right he's one of you uh and they offered the vice presidency to clay and clay turned it down because he was pissed that they had not gotten him the nomination again even though because it was his \*\*\*\*\* party and so then the wigs did a catastrophically stupid thing like i said that stupid thing that set the stage for all the stupid things to come later and that was they nominated john tyler of south carolina is the vice president because they were one they were trying to appeal as not as the party that was not the majority party of americans they wanted to appeal to never jackson basically or never van buren but really never jackson because jackson was the trump he was the personality van buren was just riding the wake even though he was the mastermind clay was both obviously but um for the wigs uh but anyway he was a never jackson democrat he had split with jackson not over internal improvements or in favor of the tariff but the opposite over the uh nullification crisis over the question of whether or not uh the south uh south carolina could refuse to uh carry out the the uh refuse to comply with the tariff laws that had been passed by congress and jackson came down hard and said i will hang john c calhoun who was his own vice president from a goddamn lamp post if these \*\*\*\*\* don't stop this and tyler and other southern democrats were horrified by that the guys who ended up becoming the intellectual uh you know uh found the intellectual backbone of uh the secessionist movement john c calhoun amongst them but also tyler they said we're horrified by this display of the absolutist power and and we don't like jackson because of his uh his grasping for power not not because of ideology necessarily but just he is too power seeking and the \*\*\*\*\* wigs who call themselves the wigs they pick that name because the whigs were the party

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in parliament in england which was you know the the most close political culture to america's the ones that americans were most familiar with the whigs were the party of parliament against the prerogative of the king were the tories because they called him king andrew and they fancied themselves as the defenders of the constitution 0:39:34 against the the usurpations of jacksonian democracy and they wanted to get as big a tent for that message as possible and so they said hey john tyler you're horrified by jackson how about you too and they say sure they put him on the ticket and then \*\*\*\*\* william henry harrison uh drinks the doo-doo water and dies and instead of henry clay taking power with weak majorities in both houses of congress and being able to carry out in the wake of the crisis of 37 carry out the american system like actually try to enact a system of internal improvements that could have knit america together and mitigate it against the rise of sectionalism uh and perhaps slow down the the breakneck uh move towards expansion across the continent instead you got john tyler a guy who had no sympathy for the whig ideology at any point and spent 0:40:37 his entire term vetoing legislation from the party that nominated him and cozying up to southern slaveholders and democrats to create a third party run as the head of a explicitly pro-slavery party and it didn't it \*\*\*\*\* up it didn't work and then they gave the and then he didn't get the nomination of the democrats they nominated polk uh the wigs obviously told him to get \*\*\*\*\* and nominated clay and then clay god damn it in 44 he came close as close as he ever came in fact if new york had flipped he would have won and there's actually kind of a uh there's an there is a uh jill stein of the 20 uh of the 1844 campaign because there was a small abolitionist party called the liberty party which was uh headed by an abolitionist named james bernie that polled somewhere around i think three percent in new york which was more than the difference between polk and clay uh in that state and most abolitionists 0:41:39 in the north voted for the wigs so it's likely that they would have if bernie hadn't been there they would have voted for paul or voted for clay and so you could blame the bernie bros the bernie bros for the mexican war because it's less much less likely that clay would have pursued a war with mexico than polk and of course if you don't have the mexican war you do not have the civil war so once again the even if you're not if you want to talk about the the the dominoes fallen the wrong way even before lincoln being succeeded by johnson you have \*\*\*\*\* harrison being so the rest of the chapters that we read are about uh the expansion of railroad infrastructure into the west and uh the way that white describes and white is an expert on that 0:42:40 specifically the westward the frontier is really his uh baileywick he's written a book that after this i might read because i'm enjoying this so far called railroaded which is specifically about the way that uh railroad uh infrastructure was built after the civil war um if you know anything about the way that the government works now the

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way that they built the railroad is incredibly incredibly familiar a corrupt handshake between uh consolidated capital the capital that had emerged from the civil war and the government uh give giving out land grants to railroads uh as an i as and pitch to the audience to the american people as a self-funding mechanism that will allow for the creation of uh of american transportation infrastructure at no cost to taxpayers and instead of course what we got was one of a ratchet ratcheting move towards full 0:43:44 capture of all government uh prerogatives by that concentrated capital because the war cr was the original dynamo of american capital accumulation and then after the war what we replaced it with which was not of course obviously not nearly the uh the intensity of the of the war but filling the same role was railroad infrastructure and then subsequent as part of but some subsidiary to that american military campaigns into and uh i will say that i'm enjoying the book so far i think that for a you know a 0:44:46 political and ideological history it is very perceptive i very much appreciate white's uh emphasis on protestantism and and liberalism as drivers at the level of politics obviously this is all on top of a material base that he doesn't really talk about but that's par for the course in this kind of history is yeah it is uh it's going to be a political and cultural history and the oxford series that this is part of which i've read several other uh very good books from like battle cry of freedom uh is is is probably the best one volume book on the civil war and that's the oxford from the oxford series what half god wrought which covers the pre-civil war era uh like post federal era that's also very good but they are fixed fixed mostly on culture and politics which is always interesting in its own right as long as you remember what this is all at the 0:45:48 level of politics and culture which you know is where the real viscosity is in any and in any political situation and uh and and where any kind of effort to direct the flow the material uh flow uh is going to find itself concentrated and directed because the superstructure does determine and change the base but as i've said as a subsidiary action as generated from originally and how that happens is much more contingent that's where contingency lies is in that super structural relationship and one of the big contingencies is \*\*\*\*\* god damn it abraham lincoln getting shot by that piece of \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* himbo and replaced by one of the worst men honestly just one of the worst human beings to ever occupy the presidency and that's okay saying a great deal because there are some monsters in there but even like andrew johnson doesn't even 0:46:50 have any like some of the personal virtues of the more charismatic or uh personable psychopaths who've been president uh and i and people have told me uh you know lincoln and anders and uh johnson at the end of the day would have been that much different they were both racist i mean yes they were both racist but but andrew johnson was lincoln was ambiently racist in the way that all 19th century white males were johnson was pathologically and personally and like nixonianly racist uh

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and that he he was in a unique position as president in reconstruction to have that personal animus shape shape the \*\*\*\*\* clay that everyone who came after one would have to build upon oh god and the thing that's important about that the reason that that matters and that's the reason that we need to have some sort of nuance when we think about these things especially historically is that racism can be part of your decision matrix but it might be subsidiary or it might be less influential than other aspects it might get outvoted in your brain by other things and whether it is or not uh is determined by the virulence of your racism like that matters at every level like there are racists who voted for barack obama you know but the more racist you are personally the more aware you are of racism the less likely you would have been probably to vote for obama so degree matters i mean voting for obama not voting for obama uh it's not the sole signal of ones like political virtue but it does signal a willingness to cross a barrier of saying yes uh black president i will be okay with that that requires that your racism not be the thing that is deciding things for you at the level of politics and and that is the thing that people are very uncomfortable with the idea that because it just suggests the idea that you might have to deal with people politically who are racist you might not be able to clean everybody's brain through culture and make them all nice uh post anti-racist subjects before they can come together and do politics you might have to do politics with people who have racism in there as one of the things that they're reasoning with but the challenge then is to overcome it and one of the big reasons that neoliberal politics and all of its flavors including this radical radical anti-racist uh like afro-pessimism that essentially says that nothing but neoliberal accommodation is possible because of how racist white people are the thing that undergirds that is you'll never be able to overcome racism and as long as you're framing politics as the neoliberal zero-sum game that we are living in the idea that it can only ever get worse and that it's up to you to hustle and learn to code and and stay on your grind one way or another in order to survive you'll never be able but anyway i'm very looking i'm looking forward to the way that uh white weaves in uh protestantism and like mass mass religious uh uh conceptions into the charac into the stuff because one of the things that any more successful reconstruction would have had to push against would have been that very protestant liberal association between uh autonomy in the market and freedom of contract and the like the the conditions for virtuous living there was a predominant sense that that by that point post second great awakening when we'd like as a nation come to terms spiritually with being these atomized market uh workers who might not even be able to have our own land might have to sell our own labor to survive or sell our wares which you know can be a similar prostrate position uh we came to the conclusion that that those interactions are what reveal

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our worth as people reveal our uh our status as saved or damned the government intervention in the economy that would have been required to do reconstruction in any way more uh viably would have been very difficult it would have been hard but the thing is it wasn't the only people people thing people thought there was there were other contending and conflicting uh values that were culturally expressed and held in different ways and that could have been brought to bear to to insist upon uh the breaking of this notion of contract is freedom because of course as white shows very clearly the post-war fixation on not allowing uh uh black dependence by not giving without uh uh without without giving to ex-slaves first of all the idea that former slaves had not by virtue of their enslavement earned anything you could give them is absurd i mean they they literally are the reason that those plantations existed and the reason that that land was cultivated and the reason that there was any uh economic activity in those areas at all so giving giving them land is in fact payment it is a deferred payment but beyond that absurdity is the compounding absurdity that giving \*\*\*\*\* to white people was the way that the \*\*\*\*\* country had been built and that's where racism comes in but once again racism is part of a mosaic of of conceptions and influences and interests that could have been arranged differently with different a different uh and of course as like points out the funniest thing about andrew johnson is that he was like many unionists in the south before the civil war uh he hated the planter aristocracy because he was not one of them he had a nixonian chip on his shoulder because he had been a low-born tailor and he became wealthy and became a political figure but he was never one of the one of those you know uh one of those planter aristocrats who were very self-consciously trying to create a european style uh a feudal uh social order on american soil like they wanted to be they thought of themselves as the cavaliers from the \*\*\*\*\* english civil war they all thought they were little prince rupert's of the rhine running around in their little hats with plumes and a guy a drunk tailor like andrew johnson could never be one of them and so one of the reasons he stayed loyal to the union was he didn't want to fight uh to create a nation where they ran things and his idea for reconstruction was to uh was to put power into the hands of the the simple white people of the south because like a lot of white unionists he thought that the real victims of slavery were poor whites of course that's half true poor whites are the victims of slavery but of course not the real or only victims of slavery and that's that the refusal to see the bigger picture is is what racism does that's its social function is to obscure the reality uh and to allow for the division of workers the vision of the dispossessed against and the reconstruction that johnson pushed for that he thought would empower the simple white people of the south what did it do it put every kudzu covered fancy lad \*\*\*\*\* in the south back in the saddle back in power way to

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go good for you i don't care about kudzu whatever i don't live down there all right 0:56:11  
so if anyone has any specific questions about what we've read i'll pop in there but  
i'm going to be wrapping up soon uh so for i don't think there's going to be a stream  
next wednesday i think i'm taking some time off next week uh i've got other things  
to attend to but when i get back the let me look here yeah let's do the rest of part  
one finish part one so uh chapters four through eight the name of the book for those  
who are coming late is white well the most cringe counter factual is the one of the 0:57:24  
nazis that won the war because one they couldn't have and two a good book about  
the cold war in africa there actually are two uh by this guy piero glacias and it's  
about cold war diplomacy in africa and a lot of it and a lot of stuff about the cuban  
intervention in the angolan uh civil war uh one's called conflicting missions havana  
washington and africa eight 1959 to 1976 and then there's another one the sequel 0:58:28  
visions of freedom is 76 to 91. the only one who ever got it right was uh the nazis  
winning the war right thing was philip k dick which when he said as soon as they  
got nukes they would have destroyed the world why won't dump all right this is the  
last question here uh why won't trump go to jail in the state of new york because he 0:59:29  
was president presidents can't go to jail when nixon said if the president does it it's  
not illegal he was right in the sense that criminally punished for anything they do  
in office or once they're president before because no political system will allow that  
precedent at least ours won't because if you start arresting them then everyone's  
going to end up in jail and that's why uh i think it was i think felix told me that his  
dad had an idea that the president should issue the presidency should be one long  
term like 12 years or something and then because if trump goes to jail some \*\*\*\*\* 1:0:34  
attorney general is going to try to put obama in jail or biden in jail and then you're  
off to the races and they don't want to start that uh precedent and i mean and that's  
just like the political grandstanding they sure as hell don't want the actual criminal  
behavior that they carry out to ever be accounted for because then how are they  
going to decide to do this the decisions these people make the monstrous criminal  
decisions they make are only they can only make them in a context of total impunity  
if there was any re potential possible uh uh consequence for their actions beyond  
like oh i might lose an election which you're gonna lose off you're gonna leave office  
eventually as in i might see my fortune taken from me see my freedom taken from  
me the way you know the rest of us have to decide to do things like we have to decide 1:1:35  
what to do in a day-to-day basis with the thing in our head of like oh if we do the  
wrong thing we could get in trouble in a real like sense in a real personal sense as in  
like forgetting like stat and i know these guys super care about status and winning  
elections there is a freedom that they need in order to operate in knowing that your  
personal security and the security of your fortune and your family and their it's

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never going anywhere it can never be challenged you're never going to see the inside of a jail cell you're not going to get executed you're not going to what maybe some hippie hits you with a pie when you're at the aspen's ideas festival that's it you can't make these decisions without that as your bedline assumption and they're not going conflicting missions and visions of hope are the two or visions of freedom conflicting missions and visions of freedom are the two books about cold war uh all right guys 1:2:38 i'm gonna go so i'll do some more streams this week but next week it'll probably be dark just a heads up and then when we come back uh and i'll give a heads up the wednesday after next bye

*Croods III - Crood, Where's My Woolly Mammoth*

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too many cooks too many cooks too many cooks too many cooks it takes a lot to make a stew extra nice wake up open something too many cooks too many cooks there we go there we go all right god jesus i really am a \*\*\*\*\* why does anybody pay attention to me look at me i am an i am a poorly groomed that's the downside of cutting your own hair is that once it starts growing out the deficiencies and uh failures become pretty uh obvious i gotta cut my ah i gotta get my hair again definitely gotta cut my beard again i will lose 10 pounds as soon as i just snip this \*\*\*\*\* thing many cooks too many cooks anybody excited for croods too i know i am i know we were all asking where's more croods we were all sitting here waiting for croods waiting with cupped hands for the beneficence of the croods to be to be lauded upon us and we sat through a horrible uh election in 2016 and and uh uh it's four years of fascist tyranny and and a horrible pandemic and the whole time we had no mother \*\*\*\*\* croods now here though at the tail end of our pandemic which thanks to the election of uh joe biden and the release of these 95 effective no problems to worry about everything's going to be fine vaccines what do we get we get the croods to bomb the soul of a nation i mean what's not to love about all of our large political and uh economic and cultural institutions that yes they might lead you in the lurch for a while and have a crazed cheeto-stained dictator ruling by tweet and then his incompetence unleashing a biblical plague upon the land but at least those systems can correct themselves and say we're very sorry we allowed that to happen goodbye trump goodbye coronavirus hello you know what the croods are called you know what the names of the characters and the croods are emma stone is the daughter of the crude clan and is sort of the main character that's eep uh nicholas cage character who's her father the patriarch of the croods and there's uh and his wife is katherine and then there's i believe eep's younger brother thunk played by clark duke and then you've got eep's boyfriend the more evolved more worldly more globalist uh cave person who's tried to lure the croods out of their cave and into some valley i.e breaking up traditional society and turning it into globalized capitalism his name is literally guy the rest of them all have just noise names and then the worldly metrosexual who comes to take the

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young girl away from it all anyway i'm very excited about the croods i'm very excited i mean we were all waiting for that's the crazy thing to me about the way that they keep making sequels to every uh cartoon franchise because it does seem to me that cartoon movies kids movies are the only films where you can have where a studio will put money on an original piece of intellectual property in the form of big big tentpole stuff but even you know like the croods isn't that old the crews came out 0:5:12 in 2015 there were two different movies about \*\*\*\*\* uh bigfoots and sasquatch and yeti's that came out like last year boss baby like they actually the kids are because there's always new ones and they're all very small and they don't really remember things because like the kids who uh you know liked frozen by now they're too old for those movies anyway you're pitching it to their younger siblings or or who who don't have necessarily haven't seen frozen so you can give them something new and yet we still keep creating these sequels when the audience is always changing zedaya is michi it's true so when the croods came out i remember just having that word just clanging around my head a non-stop i wrote i look back actually it was reminded today by the croods and i look back and i saw how many tweets i had done about the croods back in 2015 when i had no followers and no one gave a \*\*\*\*\* who i 0:6:14 was including myself and it was all of them are terrible i do not recommend looking at them uh but they definitely showed that like the the croods as a concept stuck with me uh and then having a sequel come out now at this moment of time like hey you know what else more croods the croods you love are back the rude crew dudes with the crude attitudes are back just a little too much i am now definitely uh crude pilled it definitely shows how nothing uh how how like the the logic of the cultural logic of late-stage capitalism using obnoxious term does mean like a event horizon of creativity where nothing new can be built and we just get more crudes oh 0:7:16 man a movie about operation midnight climax that whole operation they had in san francisco is pretty amazing and you could imagine would be an amazing movie but yeah uh i would like to see it that's for sure there's a couple things i've thought about trying to well i mean i don't know probably not me but movies i've wished would get made by somebody uh mk alternate in general but specifically midnight climax really interesting if anyone doesn't know what that is that was part of the overall mk ultra program of mind control and interrogation research with drugs that included lsd dosings a lot of it was in the form of grants and this is the important thing about you know the the the nature of institutions and capitalism is that most of that lsd was distributed not by you know cia agents dousing uh water tanks or whatever but by grants to universities and prisons uh oh and hospitals uh mcgill university and ca 0:8:18 uh uh had a uh their medical center had a huge uh uh grant from the mk ultra uh there uh harvard did and it was at harvard that young ted kaczynski was unwittingly

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dosed with \*\*\*\*\* tons of lsd and where a nearby prison a young whitey bulger was dosed with tons of lsd uh and i believe i'm not sure of that this is true i mean one of the of course the haight ashbury free clinic in san francisco where charles manson visited on a daily basis with his parole pro i believe the hospital that sirhan saran uh went to to deal with his uh riding injury because he had a concussion when he fell off a horse because he was a jockey uh was treated at a hospital that got mkl trip funding i'm not sure if that's true though i remember reading that a long time ago and i was more into assassination \*\*\*\*\* uh but the most outlandish way they did it 0:9:19

was they had a bunch of former uh and current uh federal narcotics agents who are either cia operatives or contract officers in san francisco uh pay local sex workers to dose their customers and it was often filmed at cia front bordellos through two-way mirrors or one-way mirror or whatever the hell they call them and that's kind of nuts when you think about it that the us government did that the us governor has like eight millimeter film of like some \*\*\*\*\* uh you know some merchant seamen from uh from scandinavia was head-butting a \*\*\*\*\* mirror because he just got a ton of acid put in his cocktail or like some uh some marin county square in for a fun weekend goes jumping out the window and sock garters so yeah that would be a good i would 0:10:21

love to see someone tackle that subject it's very ripe for inquiry but another one i've thought very fascinating is the mothman phenomenon in 1966 and 67 in point pleasant west virginia now there is a movie called the mothman prophecies that deals vaguely with that story but it's a deeply terrible film and a horrifying waste of one of the most interesting para phenomenal para phenomenal events in american history because the mothman prophecy was not simply a case where a bunch of people in the appalachian boundary between ohio and west virginia in the mid-60s saw a flying thing that looked like a moth although a lot of them did and people described being pursued by a giant flying creature with big bright lamp eyes down highways but also 0:11:22

a ton of a ton of ufo sightings that went to and included uh uh close encounters of the fourth kind see uh will be or is that fifth i don't know but uh people described being brought onto ships and like conversing with aliens who had names like and and part of it one of the prophecies was uh a rook was um and was phone calls made in a very odd ethereal sort of robotic voice to local reporters and and citizens that spoke of a coming catastrophe in the area and uh then i believe in the winter of 1966 or 0:12:23

early 1967 a local bridge over the i believe ohio river collapsed and it killed dozens of citizens it was a massive massive uh catastrophe and then it stopped shortly after that or a little while after that nowhere was everything explained nothing's ever explained it uh there was a former uh there was a military former military munitions plant in the area that is like what led to the initial town existing they like made dynamite up in the hills and it was in the on the grounds of those former uh military

munitions facilities that a lot of people which was like a make out point in the area that a lot of people saw the mothman and there's a lot of explanations for it and i think the idea that it might have been a essentially operation midnight climax on a local scale is certainly one of them what if we gave a whole town asset what would happen it sort of does seem to be the next logical step to what they ended up doing and there's no reason to believe they ever had to stop for any reason other than their own inertia because who knew what was happening and who would have stopped them if they could have um i always thought that it would make a really interesting visual narrative either like a film or a tv show because of the multiplicity oh i forgot it's also where one of them it's either where the men in black were first established as a trope in the culture or one of the most concentrated places where that was the case because one of the big elements of mothman prophecies was weird looking dudes in black outfits showing up on the side of the road riding with people coming to their houses asking them about if they've talked to anybody about any encounters with aliens they've had having weird confused reactions and when you take that whole thing into account it's this big prism of you know uh it's like it's a sort of like a micro nervous breakdown within like the greater social organism uh and what caused it you know where to come from uh i think any interesting narrative that dealt with it would want to not establish any one would it would attempt to leave to to assume ambiguity as the as as the natural state and to resist the imposition of a false i also uh the guy john keel who wrote the big book about mothman prophecies and very well might have been a huge fraudster who was responsible for the whole thing or large chunks of it which is another explanation people have proposed didn't think that they were anything had to do with aliens from other planets he essentially thought that they were mental projections of the people in the area because of the ability of the mind to interact with like the physical reality in such a way to to change it if like if through some fluke concentrated will is applied to a moment you know with enough vigor and you know that's it might not be true in some sci-fi sense but it's true in this in the sense that if enough people believe in something hard enough they can remake the world in the image of whatever that thing they believe is no matter how unconnected to reality it is there have to be enough of them and they have to believe sufficiently to and and that doesn't just mean they think it you know close their eyes and think about it it means they live and act but i would like to see something about the mothman prophecies that includes all of those elements is like keel being a \*\*\*\*\* con artist the cia or the army doping up everybody uh mental projections uh real ufos being involved in real aliens being involved or uh extra dimensional beings all of it on and all of it interacting with each other even though they're mutually i definitely do think that if there is such if ufos do carry with them an alien intelligence

it is more likely to be interdimensional than extraterrestrial but i've talked croods  
someone wants to know what superstructure is i think of i mean you can get a 0:17:39  
definition from wikipedia but the way i think of it is is the it is the flesh and muscle  
and skin that are around and supported by and in uh response support the bones of  
the means of production that undergird the social order itself so capitalism would be  
the bones of our social order the thing that actually moves around gets you from one  
place to another and occupies and you know moves space moves through space and  
touches things and manipulates reality and everything else is is the sinews that move  
it around culture broadly construed our political institutions our cultural institutions  
and the products of those cultural institutions are um our social beliefs our religious 0:18:42  
beliefs and there is a vulgar uh based superstructure argument that gets pulled that  
kind of kind of uh unfairly boiled down to saying that none of that superstructure  
stuff like matters because it's not what's generating social conditions and that's not  
true it matters a great deal and all change occurs first at the superstructural level  
like i'll i'll i'll change any way that is that can be funneled towards like you know  
human uh human freedom human humans reaching consciousness is what i mean  
when i think of that like i don't mean freedom in the western sense i mean like  
freedom from species alienation that all starts at the superstructural level uh and  
then you know within that level uh it's that is it then changes people's behavior and 0:19:45  
their interactions with the social the modes of productions that they are part of like  
people joining unions for example you know that's generated super structurally but  
the question of what superstructural elements are load-bearing and which ones are  
epiphenomenal and have no and cannot have any impact that is a question that has  
to be answered it cannot be assumed i feel like one of my goals here on this thing  
recently has been to try to say that that the critique that a lot of people have a lot  
of elements of the political structure uh that things that they have dismissed as sort  
of you know time wasters is more expansive than is assumed because it in reality  
the stuff that can't really move the wheel includes a lot of the stuff that we is that's  
all we have because of our denatured and de-socialized i love being orthogonally or 0:20:46  
undergirded boomed it's great i love it if it wasn't for orthogonal undergirding i would  
be up that squirrel that amber has in her uh is not her pet in the sense that he  
doesn't live with her but it's she has a lot of squirrels in her yard and they are uh 0:21:48  
very friendly and that is the friendliest one i guess clearly has some sort of prior  
relationship with humans so sometimes comes inside and says hello she really is  
turning into saint francis i have seen a black squirrel recently i saw a white squirrel  
i hope to still play cold war uh with felix at some point we have to we've had a  
trouble getting that gaming rig set up so it's it's made things harder and of course 0:22:50  
cobit has also restricted our ability to get together in the office anyway so hopefully

after we're all microchipped we can do it i gotta say man this vaccine \*\*\*\*\* i don't think it's the great reset and i don't think there's jeffrey epstein's jizz in them but is there any reason to think that this process of creating these vaccines would meet of of that i that you would feel i mean the main thing that makes me think that is that i've talked before about how the real problem from the standpoint of the this government you know from capital broadly like the ruling class with kovid is there's 0:23:51  
no uh ability will whatever you want to call it to suspend the economic circulation that we currently have involving uh our consumer-based uh retail uh is that that it's well they're not gonna suspend it and in the absence of suspending it with with cobit out there and with people afraid of cobid they're just no matter what they do with opening and closing places it's going to make it that much much people are much less likely to go out and spend and and circulate the capital the way they're supposed to the way the system requires them to now what the trump administration was going for was herd immunity they were saying get everybody infected and hurry it up and we'll just act like it isn't happening and the thing is is that that might have actually worked in the sense that we could have uh kept people out and about kept things 0:24:55  
open kept kept the the big collapse of the economy from happening uh now a lot of people get sick and a lot of people would die but we could accommodate that if we focused our covet response on that maybe we could do it the problem is people aren't ready to take that risk they have to be managed into it they have to be got to get to the point where they're willing to take that risk as a as a way of you know recontributing to getting back out there which everyone wants to do and the big problem for trump the trump approach is that they were governing from within the epistemic bubble of the republican party because trump only watches fox news and even his advisors are mostly totally bumbled off in that they took they assumed that their stance \*\*\*\*\* it it's not real let's just go out and drink margaritas would could 0:25:56  
be uh made the default stance through uh essentially um a propaganda campaign in this form of telling people what are you a \*\*\*\*\* you know and the problem was is that it didn't work is that the republican base is really a minority of americans like they aren't there aren't that many of them like you've got all the democrats who vote who don't like them and don't accept their framing and then you've got the people who don't vote the vast majority of whom are not tied into this stuff these resentment factories the way they are and so they could never sell to people ah just go outside who cares now when i say this could work i don't mean it's gonna save lives people will die i will mean it will work in the sense that you could keep the economy open maybe if people just accepted covet as a risk the republicans did that because most of them didn't believe it was real or that it was made up now you might say yeah a lot of them died choking to death sure but they didn't get to say anything

after that they don't get to write an op-ed saying oh by the way kobe's real they're 0:26:57  
\*\*\*\*\* dead and the ones who get it and don't die are probably too committed to  
their politics to ever \*\*\*\*\* admit they were if we're all just like dying one by one if  
we're all dying alone in america which is the only way you can die in this country  
then even as the bodies stack like cord wood it's just part it's just it's not as bad as  
it would have been if we hadn't done it this way and they but the problem is they  
could not convince anybody of that they cannot they could not convince anybody  
outside of their bubble to do that they were everyone else is like nah man i would  
rather not risk permanent lung damage to get a \*\*\*\*\* hamburger and as a result you  
have this contraption that we created the worst of both approaches where you harm  
the economy as bad as it could be harmed without actually saving that many lives  
and preventing the spread uh because we were wedded to keeping the economy open 0:27:58  
and everything started from that and so we got this dog's breakfast response but  
even for the democrats especially now that trump's in they have every incentive also  
to get people back out there and how do you get them out there if they're not going  
to be swayed by the republican pitch you give them a vaccine that and that and does  
it does it does it have to work up 95 effectively does it have to give you any of the  
outcomes that it's supposed to not really it's supposed to get people back out there  
and if there's a problem we'll deal with it then we'll build some mass graves we'll  
build some more hospitals we'll get a big machine that makes bucking uh ventilators  
but people will be back out shopping the emergency will be over the demand for  
government subsidy at the demand level will be reduced which it must because these  
people need to shut the \*\*\*\*\* up about getting more checks because if the people  
find out that money is made up and that the fed literally just puts numbers into a 0:28:59  
goddamn machine and they can they've given trillions and trillions and trillions of  
dollars to the wealthy in the form of uh in their banks the banking sector that is  
just conjured from thin air and that they could do that for the regular people of this  
country it would be a existential challenge to the existing system cannot be allowed  
to occur so every incentive in the world and of course the the financial incentives  
of the \*\*\*\*\* drug companies all run towards rushing this thing and fudging the  
numbers and maybe and then you've got an entire media which believes in science  
they you don't even have to brainwash them or bribe them they will just because  
of their naive enthusiasm for fixing things their secret but an unstated preference  
for biden over trump and the biden approach to the vaccine to trumps uh and their  
now very strong association of between being skeptical of vaccines and being a uh 0:30:2  
benighted reactionary even independent of the trump stuff if you're an anti-vaxxer in  
educated circles it means you are a uh you are a neanderthal and so when this vaccine  
shows up they have every incentive to go along with whatever pfizer modern in the

government say they have every incentive to look the other way whenever stories appear about problems with it and i'm not saying there is a problem it's it's not a very trustable i'm just glad that no normal person is gonna get it for months anyway so we can uh yes i am just asking questions i'll admit but come on someone has to 0:31:3  
with this \*\*\*\*\* like the vaccine language is so poisoned that you cannot say anything about it without becoming and it's like yeah those people are morons but also this in with biden in office this is going to be how they keep you in line is by contrasting what they want to do with the alternative in the form of the unreconstructed trump hordes who are so if everybody gets it and they're fine i'll take it and i'll go back out to eat fuddruckers here i come oh no it's gone i mean it's not gonna make it doesn't have a microchip in it that's stupid you couldn't even that technology if the technology to get a \*\*\*\*\* microchip in you with a vaccine exists guess what we're already microchipped they would just put it in but i'm certainly not gonna say i 0:32:11  
won't take it if if people are doing all right and there isn't every other every third person doesn't have permanent dream work space i'll did you just say terrified of liabilities who's liable for anything in this \*\*\*\*\* country the \*\*\*\*\* republicans are making sure that whatever meager stimulus we get is contingent upon a blanket immunity from of everybody from all of the people they killed in the public sect the private sector by making them work in unsafe conditions that's like the basic starting point of negotiations around everything else you can get enough money to prevent your child from starving to death but only if you give what wave your right to sue the person the \*\*\*\*\* institution that got her sick in the first place yeah my 0:33:12  
whole thing with all the \*\*\*\*\* great reset uh anti-facts paranoia stuff is everything you're afraid of it's already there they don't need to microchip you no one needs to be microchipped you have a \*\*\*\*\* phone you're taken care of apparently pfizer already has immunity so they are they before they even \*\*\*\*\* negotiated the terms they knew it yeah like we don't all those uh so much of this terror and and especially on the right so much conspiracy thinking is like mid 20th century john birch \*\*\*\*\* fluoride in the water and the thing is is that the stuff those because what they were 0:34:14  
really horrified by was capitalism's inexorable monopolizing atomizing grasp but they couldn't see it because they had all the american dumbass ideology in their head and material interests uh that prevented them from seeing it but what they were worried about besides losing hierarchy what they were really worried about was was the the everything solid melting into air and that happened but it wasn't the communists who did it conspiracy theory holy \*\*\*\*\* did you did you think of that bad for 0:35:15  
business bro conspiracy theory is true crime for boys wow we have a winner there somebody gets the amazon gift card of the week on that one that is correct it serves the exact same purpose it is a fantasy of powerlessness it's a fantasy of uh of being

dominated and losing control the the fantasy of a victimhood that women engage with with true crime oh she was kidnapped walking uh her dog what happened next will horrify you and for the boys for whom that kind of fear is inaccessible because we're the ones who do that \*\*\*\*\* well who could who could dominate us who could make us supine who could render us ball gagged and thrown in the trunk of a car the deep state or the reptoids or the bilderbergers or the international communist conspiracy but yeah in both cases it is a like gender-coded expression of underlying an eroticized feeling of uh that we that we that we have to eroticize in order to to live with because it is so so destabilizing and of course the the conditions that create both of those sensations are are both generated by the same underlying dynamic of social atomization blah blah you know you know the drill the whole this whole deal that we live in yeah like the conspiracy theory the the true conspiracy theory that all other conspiracy theories are are just a a sort of a blind man grasping an elephant refraction of is the international capitalist conspiracy and it's not a conspiracy but it's spoken of in language that has essentially been had its polarity reversed by the hegemonic ability of superstructural institutions like the media to define reality and to find our relationship with reality \*\*\*\*\* it ben bernanke went on 60 minutes uh during the 2008 crisis and said uh when the fed lends to banks uh they just put numbers in the machine that doesn't mean anything it doesn't come from anywhere yes it is a banal take it's true but all things are true and this is one yeah we're only able to do that because we're the reserve currency but no matter what china and russia are doing we're going to be the reserve currency for the foreseeable future we could try to fix the economy with a direct massive injection of cash at the bottom of the distribution uh curve we could do that tomorrow helicopter dump bloop and that's what mmt says they say we could do that and the thing is yeah we could but the reason we don't the reason we don't do it isn't because at the top they don't think you can they know you can they don't want to because the interests that they embody and represent are opposed to it and therefore it's not going to happen so it's beside the point whether or not it's true it does not change the calculus of those in power because convincing them is not the question and even if you're saying to use it to convince regular people i'm sorry at the end of the day this is all noise and as much as we like to think that we can meme our way and lack off our way and frame and overton window our way to something that's really us justifying our contribution to the discourse because maybe all those voices blowing together will push the sale but the sale is is not it's not there yeah mmt is descriptively true but i don't understand if it is descriptively true all the arguments about it they seem premised on something else some idea that it means something that it's systematically true that it's that it's unless unless people organize to change the calculus of power nothing's going to

change and i don't think that you do that with maybe down the line it can form like a a way to convince some \*\*\*\*\* nerds in the media to give you a chance once you have established a real beachhead of power and are pushing forward but once with all else in in in left spaces it's putting the cart before the horse i wonder do you 0:41:50  
get a choice of which vaccine you get has that been determined is it by states and one of them is one shot and one of they're both two shots damn that feels oh boy that's not great just getting people back for a second one this is gonna be i wish they were like bright green like the \*\*\*\*\* in reanimator can we have like fun how much how much would it cost just put a little food food coloring in there just get that 0:42:54  
like the radioactive green like ecto cooler looking thing from reanimator i think that would be pretty boss but speaking of putting cart before the horse a lot of people are like oh we have the vaccine well now it's going to be i mean okay fine it's good it's a great vaccine it does the job and people want to take it you don't even have to worry about the fact that what 35 40 of the population is going to resist taking it uh how are you going to get it to them do you really have a lot of faith in this country creating a transportation infra it's probably going to be like the \*\*\*\*\* uh like the like the last day of trump's administration the my pillow guy is going to get a contract to like distribute them in like the \*\*\*\*\* uh in his stupid pillows or just like a subcontractor have all of his delivery trucks right going around and his drivers are just shooting it out i mean unless we put it in the \*\*\*\*\* mcburgers if we don't put 0:44:0  
in the mc nuggets and and such i don't know how the hell it's i would be surprised if the the uh the coercive mechanism that they end up using to get people to take it is with people's jobs not the government because the same people who would say you know uh mulan labe come and take it i'm gonna barricade my family in my house and with my gun and kill you if you try to have the government forcibly vaccinate me would probably take it if their boss told them they'd be fired if they didn't and they probably would just whine about and then you've got all these guys who think 0:45:14  
that they're fighting for liberty and think that they understand with the threat to human dignity just shrugging their shoulders and being ordered by their bosses to do something that they thought was fundamentally opposed to their their identity because it wasn't the government because these dumbasses think that there's some fundamental distinction between these but the main thing about when i say like it might not be it might not even work at the way it's supposed to and it won't matter is because by the time we find out it doesn't really work are we really all going to go back inside probably just accept higher risk of dying of covid as a fact of life and 0:46:16  
have assimilated it just takes time to do it but you're at the place that republican policyholders wanted everybody to get on and then everything between march and whenever that date comes is essentially just the time it took to what undergirds the

superstructure the economic base there would be no whistleblowers sure there'd be whistleblowers and i bet they'd be dismissed as anti-vaxx cranks and even if they weren't what's the big what happens even if the story gets out there it's gonna be assimilated by people who just what do they do all day assimilate news and then get annoyed about it and do i think uh this is kind of an interesting question do i think that um \*\*\*\*\* i lost it uh do i think that covert response is like eugenics uh i think this is a perfect example of how a lot of these categories get confused and and all you know the the explanatory power getting getting removed from concepts that should otherwise be useful i would say that the covert response absolutely has a eugenic effect and that the distribution of infection and death which is disproportionately among the poor and therefore disproportionately among economically uh deprived or disproportionately economically deprived communities uh reduced any incentive among policymakers to actually deal with the virus and allowed them to do the most expedient thing which would have been harder to do if the demographic makeup of the victims had been different but it was not eugenic in its intent it was spend the least amount of money require the least amount of non-market social interaction basically uh and keep the \*\*\*\*\* wheels meaning that was the actual that was the ins and it just it just so happens though that the function of the system creates things like eugenic uh uh disease outbreaks and and a a mass concentration of a miseration that is disproportionately felt along ethnic lines but the nature is one of profit extraction and i think that that's more than penetrate because that fact suggests certain other facts about the way to organize to majority white podcasters can keep working from home absolutely i would never complain about \*\*\*\*\* what anything that i've had to suffer under covid i would never self-indulgently tweet about how miserable i am because i can't go to a bar or whatever because i am one of the most \*\*\*\*\* privileged people on earth when it comes to like actually privilege not privileged discourse when it comes to being able to deal with uh covert without not have to risk my life or or see you know me have to risk the lives of family members just to \*\*\*\*\* stay alive stay just keep my head above water and keep a roof over my head i'm insanely lucky so i would never \*\*\*\*\* complain about it i know it's it's no i'm not i don't i wasn't thinking that uh i wasn't taking offense at that i was just acknowledging it's like yeah but honestly i feel like it's more \*\*\*\*\* up it's it's less \*\*\*\*\* up that i specifically get to live this way than how how hard it is for so many others to to live not that anyone should live the way i do the way i live should not exist but the the the removal from from uh the removal from precarity and the the anxiety and misery accompanying that or physical like physical bodily uh compromise i sound disingenuous yeah probably it's just i don't know what else to say about it you know it's like i can't i mean i could i could get a real job i and and

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i mean maybe i even would do that if i felt it would help any other person on earth have anything like have their i would not last one day as a crude and i think that's one of the reasons that i was so entranced by the croods because it's it's a world that i could never live within it is fully alien and i just imagine those what's it like to be a crood and i feel like if i could ever really imagine myself living as a crood loving as a crude if i could ever find myself in that mental place then on that day i feel like i would finally have achieved the ability to inhabit any consciousness and will have truly transcended the god the croods came out in 2013. jesus christ wild seven so all the kids who saw the croods when they were seven are now 14 they don't want to watch the croods and the kids who are seven now weren't alive when the croods came out now maybe they watched the croods you know on video or something but or i guess that's it is it like you had the croods and you were a kid and now you're grown up and no that's not long enough i guess i don't know i don't know how adults aren't watching the crude \*\*\*\*\* like it's pixar anymore and by the way i hope adults aren't watching pixar anymore i hope we got over that phase collectively where you had to pretend that those are uh real challenging artistic tales for grown-ups it's fine to watch them and have fun with them but people wanted to turn them into more than they were i guess that's it it's like croods 2 is for your parents like oh croods that one's not too bad i could i could stand the croods okay we'll watch croods too in which case over time there's only going to be sequels and we're not going to even get the occasional small foot small foot that was one of the two yeti or sasquatch themed children's films that came out in the last couple years what's the name of the other one anybody see that one zendaya abominable that's it zendaya is mishu the missing link that's it damn there were three \*\*\*\*\* usually only get two in a year we do need a crude's origin story where they're where it's like the croods uh like the croods ancestors as uh like very early hominids maybe or uh the aquatic apes if you believe that theory they could have croods like the crood's great-great-great-great-great-grandparents or aquatic apes or modern-day crudes you could do like cloud atlas with croods throughout the ages like different croods at different times oh some people are asking about me about jimmy dore and i don't care uh but somebody has a wonderful quote that i want to end on because this is the only question you should ask yourself about any of these these uh left wing media flap doodles i'm a jimmy dore fan i don't care what you guys think he's entertaining if you like it if you're entertained by it then what that's all that you're actually talking about that's all you're actually talking about if you like jimmy doris because his specific like brand of like catharsis and like screaming at people and yelling at enemies like i mean i've done my fair share yelling at people that's the reason that people tune into entertainment if that hits your pleasure center fine if you find that hectoring and

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unpleasant and don't like it don't think and there's no value-add with like insight  
that you would want to be entertained then i get that too but whether he's right or  
not is not what determines any of this because it's like it's it's it's monday morning  
quarterbacking it's it's it is sports radio it's talk it's calling in to talk about the jet  
secondary there's no relationship between what these people talk about including 1:0:10  
myself and a practical traveling down the road and back again your heart is crude  
you're a crude and a if you threw a crood and you invited every crood you nude you 1:1:11  
would see the biggest crood would be for me and the crude attached would say

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bridges the embankments and cuts they blasted and dug with their sweat and their guts they never drank water about whiskey by pints and the shantytowns rang with their songs and their fights navigator navigator rise up and be strong the morning is here and there's work a few tons of this earthly delight yes we'll shift a few tons of this earthly delight and mark on this land we'll see no scene ends still away uh for commerce reverse fortunes were made landslide and rock class i got buried so deep 0:1:1 then now deep in oh \*\*\*\*\* definitely not like the peaceful they sleep hi everybody i'm back outside it rain it snowed like crazy the other day and now we've got some serious accumulation around here see those see that guys yeah yep we got we got some real uh we got some real snowfall here i'll see that in the in the door there nice gotta say very surprised at it kind of thought they stopped doing that in new york before march but it's nice not too cold it's like 30. so it's beginning to look a lot like christmas ron johnson my senator the guy who defeated my first political hero 0:2:4 russ feingold that was a tough one and then real kick of the dick when he beat him in the rematch which i kind of assumed hillary really did a number in 2016 on the democrats well obama did a number on the democrats in general but man that guy is uh as politicians go he's dumb i actually my cousin is friends with his son and was at his son's wedding like they were college roommates together and he said that he went to ranjan and he's a friend of the kid and he's a friend of ron johnson he's a good libertarian like all guys of his age and demographic cohort uh and he said that when he went to visit his house which is a big gaudy mcmanion as you can imagine there was a big flat screen playing fox news in every tv and they were all on 0:3:7 that guy is a \*\*\*\*\* senator so that's cool what are you going to do what's the bench in them in wisconsin to beat him what is that what is the weight what way can a democrat win an election now at this point how can a democrat win an election in this country given what they are as a party beyond you know house seats that are all literally written for them to govern in and um you know i tried to talk to my cousin about johnson what a joke his whole small business because he's he's one of these he was a guy who he is a beautiful boater he owns like a construction in this

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company before he decided to run for con senate and uh he got the money to start 0:4:8  
it for his uh i don't wear shorts when it's outside when it's cold on purpose as a flex  
i have done it occasionally i have i i will admit that i have done the thing where  
you wear like a sweatshirt and uh shorts i've done that but i don't i don't try to try  
to big dog my cold tolerance although it is pretty high i will admit croods anybody  
seen the croods too yet what are they what's the take it does it improve or uh on  
any does it does it expand the mythos of any in any way do we know more about  
the crudes universe do we get any uh end credit sequences where we find out that 0:5:10  
they're gonna join like a crude's avengers type situation i would like to know i've  
actually never been to the house on the rock which uh shameful for a wisconsinite  
that's one of our number one tourist traps but i've heard only bad things i've heard  
that it is a huge it's literally just a giant pile of junk that is there for you to look at  
like the most denuded type of pure uh like most photographed barn in america type  
deal but i haven't been there i don't know that's just what i've heard that's why  
i heard i have of course been to like wisconsin dells and i i'm i'm a little annoyed  
though that i have never been to talison which i think it would be cool eagle river  
of course up north i've been frequently people keep asking about the jimmy dore 0:6:18  
aoc thing i think i've made my position pretty clear what difference this is this is  
all about affect it's about there's aoc she's in office i can't do anything about that  
one way or the other i can't affect her behavior in any way what i can do is have  
an affect towards her i can think she's on my side or i can think she's against me  
i can boo and hiss at her when i see her on tv or i can clap is she a face or is she  
a heel and this whole discussion is a meta-narrative where you get to figure out in  
conversation with your favorite left media figures whether you think aoc is a heel or  
a face and like if you're going to consume political media and invest it with emotion  
that's not an insignificant question you have to have an answer to that everybody  
in this \*\*\*\*\* drama that we're experiencing this public this cafe uh political reality  
everybody has to have a face or heal uh value for you to have programmed so that 0:7:22  
you can get your your joy out of having a reaction to when they do things to get  
mad at them or to get happy when they do it both ways to root for or against them  
that is the narrative that you're engaging in and you have to know who is the clawed  
applaud and who are the people to poo and hiss and this is how we figure that out in  
the biden era without trump being there the question now is much more uh is going  
to be much more pronounced who in the people now governing are to be booed and  
hissed and who is to be cheered that's it i don't really i mean i can't i don't watch  
wrestling i mean i don't want to sound \*\*\*\*\* uh you know i that sounds very uh  
pretentious and and uh and above it all like oh you you peasants dealing with this  
it's just for me i can't i can't get enough emotional investment in it because all i can

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keep thinking is if aoc did do a uh first of all if you decide as a person if we decide 0:8:23  
there's no way to decide worst of all whether she should do it we all decide all right  
aoc yeah she should push for a medicare for a vote okay what now you called her call  
her office you email her you text her you you tweet at her you dm her okay that's  
gonna happen i mean do you think that's gonna have an effect and the argument i  
think is well it might not affect her but it will build organizational capacity no it's  
more posting pressure works when it is coordinated nothing can be coordinated by  
this media that was what the dream of the bernie campaign was that we could top  
down this \*\*\*\*\* and i don't blame anybody for including myself for participating in  
that because it was the only option that seemed available to the atomized american 0:9:26  
uh subject trying to figure out how to rebuild a political identity it was the only  
option so we took it and it took us as far as it could go but it's not it's the horse is  
dead the horse dropped dead halfway uh into town and you got to walk the rest of  
the way carrying uh the little girl got bit by the snake like the end of but also if you  
say no no that she shouldn't do that what does that mean and there's the if you if  
she does do it all right here's the people who voted for medicare for all here's the  
people voted against it i guess the question is like you as a per as a voter can say ah  
i will not support them anymore like you'll flush people but we know and the thing  
more importantly is those votes don't mean anything how many people campaigned  
on medicare for all in 20 20 20 to try to steal birdie's left wing credentials including 0:10:27  
the \*\*\*\*\* vice president-elect they can say anything and in a context where a vote  
is dead in and more importantly even if that did give you something to do the thing  
to do disappears into the wind with every other media based political organizational  
tactic work everything else is secondary i don't care about any of the \*\*\*\*\* specifics  
of any of these arguments and about weighing like jimmy dore's soul against the  
feather to see if he can go to \*\*\*\*\* the afterlife or aoc for that matter it doesn't  
\*\*\*\*\* matter you're just and if you decide aoc is a is a is not a heel she's a face  
well good now you've got jimmy dore he could be your heel you got somebody to  
boo out of it you've got somebody to invest you you know the sides so that you 0:11:29  
can you can cheer on the people that you want and boo there's no left there is no  
there is nothing to ris there's no but the main thing it is like the real like i i'm  
not saying that this is what people have in mind but this is why they think they're  
arguing but the material under reality of all this is that the biden era is going to  
be a new landscape and it's going to create audiences for left commentary and this  
moment as the uh administration shapes into being is when sides are called when 0:12:30  
audiences and uh and creators align themselves and this is what's happening it's the  
sorting mechanism these controversies in addition to being the balls of string we can  
bat around function as sorting mechanisms for who so that's that on that i'm done

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talking about it and of course that means that that to me that that's why my whole job now is has thrown me into sort of a constant anxiety uh uh cycle because i'm more and more convinced every day that this that this illusory uh political uh reality that we invest our emotions in is a fundamental hindrance to our ability to recognize 0:13:31  
the the conditions around us and to act from them but i also depend on this you know for for all of a lot of the good things in my life so how do i square that circle and that's the question i have to ask myself every day and the chat the the answer uh the answer i think it has to come every day too you know i have to answer that day nothing matters see that's the other problem is i don't want to say that i everything 0:14:32  
matters but the things that we have charged with political meaning don't but we can charge other things with political meaning things closer to us things that we can engage with more concretely and more satisfactorily and less uh self-defeatingly but they cannot be prescribed from a abstract point that is another circle that i have to the grill is actually covered somebody's asking about the grill the grill is where is it there it is look at that puppy look at how much \*\*\*\*\* snow is on that baby love it the weather outside is delightful i say really does remind me a home yeah i'm going to get old man about it right now going to get prustian and uh and crotchety but 0:15:33  
growing up in uh uh wisconsin specifically coastal wisconsin next to the great lake next to lake michigan which had always a lake effect which meant that even in a state that was already very very snow covered during the winter the lake counties would get even more uh yes it's coastal \*\*\*\*\* you the great lakes are the third coast sir if you want to get really like uh wacky about \*\*\*\*\* if you want like really wax you know like uh 19th century uh like crank historiography geographic destiny style on america it's kind of interesting that the places that vote democratic but anyway uh 0:16:34  
so coastal wisconsin they get more snow even than inland and so the winter when i was growing up was uh my memories are of huge snow banks and king of the hill and my \*\*\*\*\* jeans getting wet going into playing at recess and wearing moon boots and kindergarten it's a it's a it's a very vivid mindscape of like so yeah i'm actually kind of like being chilling out here and seeing the big piles yeah a lot of it has to do with population density obviously people live near water for a million reasons and the more 0:17:35  
people there are in the america it just requires you to break down a lot of the more uh reactionary social uh responses that really can only only maintain themselves in relatively stable population uh population densities and low power i that's why turkey is very interesting as like a middle eastern united states i know people israel isn't the american uh isn't the america of the middle east it is just america turkey is the america of the middle east and they got a big broad middle swath of sullen uh uh religiously uh fanatic or religiously devout uh uh islamist sort of conservatives uh where uh where like devotion to is to sunni islam is also correlated to neoliberal 0:18:36

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economic somehow and then on the coast you've got the uh the cosmopolitan types who uh who who still cling to kamal uh out of turks secularism and are more you know left and if anyone ever wants uh proof of the of the argument that turkey is the united states of the middle east a couple years ago there was some dumb kerfuffle about an american uh minister who got detained in turkey because they thought he was connected to the goulan network and trump did like retaliatory uh like sanctions on the lira and it's and it just the lira had a crisis it like dropped hugely dropped 0:19:38 in value very quickly uh and in response there was a nationwide turkish campaign to have people film themselves destroying american products and one i remember distinctly was a guy yelling into the screen uh cutting a promo against america with a hammer in his hand and then getting down on a driveway and smashing a line of iphones and i just remember thinking yes that is better there we are flynn did try to black bag mulan and milwaukee does not have a nice flag milwaukee has a 0:20:40 terrible flag we're talking flags a couple weeks ago the milwaukee flag is embarrassing some clip art ass \*\*\*\*\* and then wisconsin itself has a load a bottom tier bottom five flag somebody showed me uh that there's like a vexology uh society that ranks uh the american flags the amer the flags of the americas rather like all the states and provinces of the united states and canada i don't know if mexico but definitely those two and number one was new mexico which correct and uh wisconsin was in the bottom five yeah wisconsin's flags has the words 14 1848 on it not 1488 although you could do that if you wanted to that'd be a clever bit of uh culture jamming uh because that's when it was founded but that's just dumb why are you doing that 0:21:41 why are you doing that why would you do that arizona's is also good i would say that arizona new mexico the best flags both of them that's one and two for me in the united states and that's kind of amazing that they were the last two continental states brought into the union they like it had taken that long for uh like modern ideas of aesthetics to to carry on because the earlier flags are from states that were brought into the union in the middle of the 19th century the florida a very florid era you know florida pros uh over um over furnished rooms and overly intricate flags here's a miner and here's a farmer and here's a sailboat and here's some lead bricks and here's a bushel of wheat literal overly literally don't have to describe so much 0:22:42 dude i gotta say i think that there is a sign that maybe if we haven't gotten better at some arguments in america maybe we just have so many more pressing idiocies that we can't remember the old stuff but the fact that michigan's that mississippi's new no non-confederate flag says in god we trust having grown up in the 90s i swear to god that would have been a bigger deal if that had happened then putting god on a state flag because that's the kind of \*\*\*\*\* that people actually talked about in like the late 90s early aughts like \*\*\*\*\* manger scenes and in town squares and

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\*\*\*\*\* and like sure like conservatives and people still talk about that stuff but there was a while for well that was a thing that that liberals love to bat around you know 0:23:44  
this idea of really uh enforcing a separation of church and state it was during that period especially after uh bush became president when everyone on the liberal left was terrified of some theocracy being imposed and there was this this like militant secularism and then now nobody cares about nobody gives a \*\*\*\*\* nobody \*\*\*\*\* hears which is why there's that \*\*\*\*\* documentary that somebody just made about the church of satan suing to allow have baphomet go next to a manger scene in a \*\*\*\*\* city hall front yard and it's like this is dude that was made in 2019 or something like that what the \*\*\*\*\* this movie is minimal 10 years too late yeah 0:24:54  
there is no more reddit religion than church of satan which is just libertarianism with capes anton zander levy was explicit about this he basically just took uh randy and objectivism and added ritual that's it neither of those things are appealing like ritual is appealing if it if it speaks to community and it speaks to connectivity this is literally ritualizing the psychosis of libertarianism baphomet was uh this is funny that like in this yeah alpha met uh is a corruption of the the name muhammad and it was uh i think it was when the knights templar were suppressed by uh king philip 0:25:58  
i believe of france and they were all tortured into uh confessing to witchcraft so that the king could repudiate the debt he owed to the templars and seize all of their \*\*\*\*\* uh money and property uh the one they they confessed to worshipping baphomet and that was probably just that was just probably muhammad you know because these guys remember this was a crusading order and the bad guys were not the bad guy was not the devil at that point the bad guy was the muhammadian the saracen and oh we got oh there's another thing a very distinct childhood memory is this is great i can i can chew my own chew now and you can't even tell other than the when i you know leaned out so like this thing that these \*\*\*\*\* it is a reddit religion 0:26:59  
whoever said that was correct it is reddit religion it is an attempt to uh reverse engineer meaning out of the arid spiritual desert that you find yourself after you've committed yourself to the rationalist perspective that is the that was the default like uh world view of the internet at its beginning because it was begun by white dudes because it was begun by the people who pioneered and perfected that uh that de-sacralization effort that that profaning of life profaning of the world and that's the final outcome of it that's the final expression of that drive and at the end of it you find yourself alone in every sense what do you do you got to find your way back but you've cut the cord you can't find the \*\*\*\*\* the breadcrumb trail is gone so you have to make it up as you go along and what you do is \*\*\*\*\* like \*\*\*\*\* the church 0:28:0  
of satan it's like let's get some ritual let's get some let's get some magic and put it in the world in the form of a bunch of uh gross uh california people rubbing each

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other while wearing capes now you know that's not talking about \*\*\*\*\* like crowley and you know the esoteric tradition of magic which is is not doing that but church of satan is just like certainly but that's like at a higher level social strata where like social bonds remain intact longer because you're perpetuating a class project at least in the you know at the elite level of masonry but i think for most guys 0:29:1 it's just it's and then even at the top levels it's just like a kiwanis cub for the rich and powerful at which point once again conspiracy becomes uh an obsolete concept because you're just describing capitalism and how it functions in social terms like we know we know in other countries how these things work like house house how social orders are used to identify uh uh potential wielders of power at a young age or a relatively young age and allow for them to seek connections to other powerful people and create networks of trust and a mutual uh understanding of the world that can allow for you know different currents and of power to develop uh in south africa after uh the british left after world war ii and uh the nationalist party which had been like a uh the um which had been the like dutch nat essentially the boar 0:30:2 nationalist party that had resisted uh british rule before the war uh was opposed to the the like the the liberal party which was like the dominant sort of collaborationist party uh with the british and then after the war the nationalist party became the dominant party because they were essentially the the party of national liberation like the congress party in india or the anc later and it meant that you had this uh rule like the national rule within uh in south africa was by this this middle uh this tier of professional uh members of the dutch reform church basically these these these uh afrikaners because remember there are tons of brits descended people uh in south 0:31:3 africa there are also a bunch of indians of all k of all classes in south africa and jews shout out to the friedland family but the the party of post-war uh rule was the nationalist uh uh uh afrikaner party and how it ruled was in public through you know its offices the prime minister and uh and the parliament and and a formal democracy that included white voters uh but in practice it was a cabal within the greater uh bore ruling class of like uh high level uh industrialists and uh high-level professionals both political and bureaucratic uh and academic who mingled socially and through those social relationships established positions of power and in south 0:32:4 africa the uh real recruiters of people into a power structure was more than the votes in parliament uh was the membership of an organization called the afrikaner brother which is uh dutch south which is uh afrikaner for the afrikaner brotherhood and it was like a masonic society and uh and people who uh joined it early and showed promise moved through the ranks uh that's where heinrich uh reward who was like the post-war sort of mastermind of apartheid uh that's where he came up and they ran the whole thing a whole show behind the scenes but like it wasn't really

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behind the scenes you know what i mean and it's i think it's very similar with us with all these like seemingly these these organizations like the bilderbergers and the trilateral and and the masons and \*\*\*\*\* bohemian grove they might honestly they might ritually uh have \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* kids together in fact i wouldn't be surprised if they do but essentially the same way that the shriners get together and get shit-faced and used to get shit-faced and watch like stag movies on a bed sheet you know same deal blowing off steam making social connections but all they're really doing is giving a chance for uh the meritocracy as it exists to work its way through uh to work people through the highest virtue signal some more what virtues should i signal who would like to see who has a virtue let's do my cameo who has a virtue they would like to see me signal i'll signal it for you signal piety hmm this is tough doing it self-consciously is difficult you have to really have it built into your uh your online identity to just be able to instinctively virtue signal i guess it could just be like uh uh i i pray every day is it is that what it is just like saying that you do it i don't know i don't i don't really know somebody keeps asking about the silmarillion i am not the talking guy dude i'm much more george rr martin give me the horny uh the horny middle of fake middle ages not the one not the not the ins not the whole cell in cell one where nobody's \*\*\*\*\* i read i read uh i read the hobbit in sixth grade because it was a sign i watched the lord of the rings movies uh and the first two hobbit movies because that's when i saw that was when i would see basically every big movie in theaters we will not get the winds of winter that's fine though honestly the best thing that ben and off and weiss ever did for george rr martin is take the pressure off because i got to believe that people don't bug him as much about the books now that we kind of how are you ever going to be even if it came out tomorrow and it was and it was actually it wrapped the whole uh would it really feel it would it hit the same as it would have before you know what i mean that whole the whole incident with how the show ended and honestly any ending i think would have taken the wind out of the sales to some extent even if it nailed it maybe especially if it nailed it either way like the show in our minds they got intertwined at a certain point and like anything we're gonna read in the book is just gonna feel like a shadow world it's gonna feel like some some path not taken and like dimly perceived i'm i'm gonna watch the prequel show probably because i do like the lore and and you know if you get annoyed with benioff and weiss uh at least all this stuff has been written so you don't have to worry going but i do uh what's it gonna be about i think it's about the targaryen invasion i don't know like if you were gonna do a prequel wouldn't it seems like that's not the most interesting angle you take like obviously the dance of dragons seems to be to be the obvious one why wouldn't you why wouldn't you do that one that's like it's got a built-in narrative it's got drama it's got it's why

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would you do the dance dragons uh but if you're not gonna do the dance of dragons uh so you're just gonna do like aegon's conquest which is narratively has none of the back and forth action but then again i don't i don't know what this i think it's about aegon's conquest but uh but either way i wouldn't be interested in that honestly give me i originally thought they were going to do something about the age of heroes but 0:38:20 i guess not i don't know i should oh we'll see i might i might be over it by the time any of this stuff airs and i might have evolved beyond the need to keep up with who do the horsey people represent the dothraki or the mongols or like i mean essentially all step i don't have thoughts on the silmarillion leave me alone it's getting cold out here that's like karth isn't cars basically like medieval baghdad like bravos is venice 0:39:21 but i think karth is like medieval just feels a little out of the way to be constantly i thought like maybe volantis is that rome this first this person keeps asking this baffling question that i have to talk to uh when did i first realize that power is real and that my and my beliefs don't really have any of it when did i first realize i was powerless well i mean we all just we all realize we're powerless as children and then 0:40:25 we spend the rest of our lives trying to delude ourselves into believing that we aren't i guess when i relearned that i was powerless probably in the hospital bed when i was stricken with a i mean a little snow guy where should we call him what should we call him i'm taking i'm taking names grogu that's not bad grogu's not bad that's kind of funny ah i'm trying to make his head a little bit bigger crood well maybe that'll be his last name he's snow grew that's not bad i'm going to try to give him 0:41:26 a little apologize to anybody who listens to these on the podcast format because you're not going to be able to see this so this might not feel like it's stop that's good yeah maybe i'll call trying to kind of give him a face i don't think this really works i was trying to use these these uh filter tips kinda looks freaky amber frost that's funny that's good in fact i'll go with that this is amber it's too bad we don't use 0:42:28 screenshots for the intro for the covers of the youtube of these like that would be a good one that would be a good one for the yeah that's good with the eyes it's like who could have predicted that that would packing snow yeah cool this is awesome 0:43:30 having cold hands afterwards oh communism is when no funko pops i don't know if that's true but i sure hope so because if not what are you even fighting for if the world you're fighting for has funko pops in there you someone keeps asking about the submarine and swear sweater god people people i am getting trolled in the comments i keep forgetting that not everyone can be as uh much a perfect avatar of good faith interaction as i hey you know it's interesting trump has trumpet been around lately 0:44:39 he's still contesting the election but mostly just through tweets he hasn't been doing any rallies or anything he seems i think he's checked out i'm guessing is that is that he is coming to terms like he is this feels obviously this is me just pulling things out

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of my ass but you know we've had four years of this guy now i i feel like i got a  
vibe um it feels like this is him hitting the end of the kubleros cycle and accepting  
that he's gonna have to leave i mean there was that piece that said that he says  
he's gonna not gonna leave but he's a he's a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* the thing that needs to be  
remembered about him beyond anything else is that he is a \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* which means  
that he will leave the white house on that day to go do something else like a rally and 0:45:40  
then just not come back he's not going to allow something happening as humiliating  
as being carried out by \*\*\*\*\* u.s marshals there's zero percent chance as much as  
it would be hilariously aesthetically gratifying to see such a thing and as much as  
liberals have been jacking off the prospect for the past four years um somebody's  
asking how evil is george h.w bush compared to other presidents i don't think that's 0:46:41  
a terribly helpful question when you're trying to you know understand how power  
works or anything but i do think that they're probably there have to be right because  
everything has gradation so there are gradations of evil within the the presidential  
bestiary so there are more and less evil presidents like i do think that that's true  
yes they're all evil to a minimal threshold but past that threshold there has to be  
grades because there has to be grades and everything so that means you can talk  
about it it's just it's not tied to questions of you know power it's not it's not quite it  
doesn't tell us anything about you know how power operates because mostly they're  
operating out of a a uh not evil but out of what they imagine to be necessity and sure  
their evil is what makes them see it that way but it's it's not a it's not generative  
of action because because most presidents are largely constrained in their actions  
by the circumstances of their presidency and as such their freedom to allow evil to 0:47:42  
be the predominant motivator of their actions is constrained also so as soon as you  
make that assumption and you clear that and say we're not actually talking about  
anything that matters we're just talking about like idly who's the most evil like who  
just seems like their brain was the most desolate snake pit there are more and less  
ones the least evil ones i would say the ones whose brains if you entered them would  
feel like a human brain like there would be a mid there would be a similar amount  
of you know emotional uh connection to the world that you have lincoln john quincy  
adams um maybe jfk because like he wasn't a good guy but and he was very callow  
but uh or he might have been a stone psychopath i don't really know enough about  
fdr i think yes yes definitely fdr uh probably even teddy roosevelt even though he 0:48:46  
was a complete psycho um james garfield for sure honestly no i don't think either of  
them maybe eisenhower grant definitely but we're all talking about you know this is  
slim pickings and the degrees are all relatively low what about the people who if you  
went into their head uh would just find would define snakes would find reptiles would  
find a cold-blooded detachment and lizard-like hostility to to everything other than

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themselves uh george h.w bush's top five for sure 100 andrew jackson also up there 0:49:47  
donald trump personally wicked but too cowardly to do the stuff too cowardly  
and lazy bill clinton 100 percent for our sacko crumbo reagan i honestly don't know  
if you can use and use these concepts because by the time he even got close to power  
he had essentially stopped thinking in a conventional way so what can you even say  
about it maybe california how many more presidents will there be that's a good 0:51:7  
question i mean in many ways it is absurd that we're having another one after trump  
and i did say that one thing that i was repulsed by was the idea of us trying to act  
like it never happened and i have to say that the specifics of biden being president  
mean that we can't do that as much as you might want to pretend you can because  
biden's presidency will be so trump-like in so many ways and the only real difference  
you're gonna see is that the media that spent four years uh trying to hang trump for  
every transgression against norms and propriety will spend those four years trying  
to tell you actually no these are all good and don't worry about them and they're  
fine and it's not bad and it's actually uh it's actually racist for you to think that this  
is a gibbering old senile maniac profaning all of these hallowed institutions that he's  
supposedly to be charged with shepherding not gonna be \*\*\*\*\* holly get the \*\*\*\*\*  
out of here the people who say it's holly are captured by the fundamental delusion 0:52:8  
that there is something more authentically grounded in like right-wing spectacle of  
politics than there is on amongst the democrats because because if you're on the  
left and you see id paul being weaponized by the democrats and turning people into  
just these uh these people who are allergic to class politics you look to the lot right  
and you think well because they don't have these mechanisms of of coercion then  
that means that a populist message will like find some sort of real kindling at the  
grassroots that is impossible on the left but they have their own set of dumb culture  
war id paul \*\*\*\*\* that decapitates their br the brain stem of most of their voters and  
makes it impossible for you to appeal to them any more than you can democratic  
voters and so if josh hawley does make a pitch to be uh the intellectually consistent 0:53:11  
uh national populist heron volk inheritor of pure ideological trumpism he will get  
smashed and destroyed by either trump himself if he just decides to deal with losing  
by spending four years running to get it back and then winning to make it up for  
it and then hope he can die somewhere along the way so he can just stop or donald  
trump jr or some \*\*\*\*\* carnival barking clown show who can press the brain stem of  
republican voters the same way that the \*\*\*\*\* dnc cynically presses the brain stem  
on the everybody says is going to be josh hawley that because they think well if i  
was a republican voter i would vote for holly by the way i found out that apparently  
noah holly has a twin brother i believe who is a uh show runner for i like a network 0:54:13  
procedural it's literally like donald uh kaufman and uh and charlie from \*\*\*\*\* uh

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adaptation it's astounding like you've got the sellout brother who's just making shows about like horny cops and then you've got the pretentious brother who thinks he's doing elevated cuisine not flipping burgers and apparently they hate each other that's hilarious to me and it makes the third season twin plot with ewan mcgregor really make sense because twins that's not really something from holly nobody likes dan crenshaw dan crenshaw is trying to take a the specific liberal democratic cultural uh soy discord spectacle like the the language of marvel universe and use it to be and use it to appeal to republicans and there is like some sort of base to that i think i and that's just well this is a language that everybody is absorbing even if they are re republicans they watch these movies even if they think hollywood is filled with pedophiles who hate the president they still watch them because they're what's on so why not use that familiar language to your benefit that cultural costume going on saturday night live and stuff but that might get you some tv appearances and it might get you uh trending once in a while on twitter but it's not going to let you raise to the ranks of the political public establishment because the people who make decisions on who to uh send to the halls of power uh not your little bitch-ass gerrymandered uh signature district where they just took all the white people around houston and put them into a little comma for you like having to vote run statewide in in a big ass state like texas or run for a national office those people are not kids stewing in marvel soy banter those are old \*\*\*\*\* who want \*\*\*\*\* appealing to them which is screaming red-faced pissed off people like themselves so crenshaw's got no \*\*\*\*\* uh legs as far as i can see and only one eye but again don't know what can happen that's just how it feels dan crude shaw now there we go he might win something if he changed his name to crude shaw and he ran in like a uh in a bear skin like he redressed like a caveman and he and he took his uh fake eyeball out and didn't wear the eye patch and just had the hole because that's how a crude shaw that's the reboot he needs to become a president it would be funny if he ended up marrying uh marrying aoc marriage oh i wanted to say this before i stopped because i'm going to leave soon but i wanted to mention this today and i know i just talked about it yesterday but i feel like i conjured something into being uh today a bungler came out with his list of the shows and movies he liked watching in 2020 and i gotta say i felt like a baby cyclo on a diet of straight karbango cause it was just my it was everything i've been \*\*\*\*\* saying about this guy laid out there he like uh uh he likes this this perfect he is a perfect amalgam of all these middle class middlebrow uh professional class taste and people say oh he just had an intern write that i disagree that's true of most politicians like a lot of these lizards just sit in the room and stare at a wall when they're or are like doing ritual sacrifice \*\*\*\*\* they don't watch tv they don't give a \*\*\*\*\* like that's one thing that veep got very right is that most

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of these people are totally disengaged from popular culture because they're not they don't \*\*\*\*\* sit around people we do that because we we're caged little hamsters and we have nothing else to do to soothe ourselves and get make sure our fur doesn't get patchy these people have the \*\*\*\*\* halls of power and their own megalomania to \*\*\*\*\* satisfy every moment of their lives they don't need to sit there and \*\*\*\*\* watch tv so they don't know they don't watch tv they don't watch sports uh but i believe obama does when you look at what he has done since he's been president you look the way he's lived his whole life because that's why he's doing it that's why he ran for president in the first place and was president so that he could watch himself be president and then tell that story again and again to just to live as a narrative and so he has to watch things like the way that trump watches uh trump like that's the other thing politician uh like the president he doesn't watch fake uh cable news people who are actually you know in in in connection to real power don't watch cable news i mean they might have it on in their rooms to like watch it if they're on it they make sure everybody sees it and like they use it as like a as a touchstone to see like oh what's the what's today's scoop but they're not sitting there watching it the way that you would have to to to pile up the hours that trump does but trump sits and watches it obama watches those shows and he watches those movies and when he came out today with those and people were saying they were either saying he didn't really see these or they were saying he didn't get it how could he have liked this how could he have watched the boys doesn't he understand that he is the vaught corporation in that movie or whatever doesn't he understand that he's homelander how could he have watched bukuru the movie about uh rich uh white americans going to hunt poor uh brazilians for sport and it's all about income inequality is a and a global like uh racial uh apartheid and it's like a maoist third world text how could he have watched that and they think well he got he got the wrong he didn't get the right message from it he didn't get it he his brain wouldn't receive it i my my belief and i've said it before i'll say it again is that he gets it he gets everything that you get out of this show he got everything out of parasite that you got out of it you got everything out of bukaru that you got on everybody you got everything out of the boys and everything out of the good lord bird which he put on the list and that oh that got me yeah baby yeah good lord bird obama watching this show that's supposed to be about john brown and loving it but i don't understand how how could he he must not understand it no he gets it he gets it it doesn't matter because you think to yourself well i watch this stuff and if obama watches this stuff and it doesn't he if he had those beliefs he would act out of them but he is where he is because he has made certain mental assumptions about the way the world works that have essentially allowed him to take any cultural critique and rationalize it as he is

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absorbing it which is in microcosm the way that all cultural recuperated we get this  
thunder bolt of of like rel uh political uh revelation from these works of art that have  
these like creed core against a world that is unjust and we see the injustice around  
us but then we have to deal with reality because to reject the order as such is to put 1:3:39  
ourselves at risk and we don't and so we figure out a reason that we can't act now  
and for most of us there's nothing immoral about that because we don't really have  
any power anyway what we do one way or the other is minimally impactful and so  
we really do have a right to ourselves to at a certain point take our own self-interest  
first now the thing that makes guys like obama guys like obama that narcissistic  
megalomania uh makes it so that they are able to at every moment abstract and  
rationalize away from the reality of the horror of like what amer what the world  
is that a movie like bukuru symbolizes or the need for like revolutionary resistance  
to uh to oppression as such and a refusal to uh to accommodate oneself that john 1:4:41  
brown represented in the good lord bird and feel it because you're supposed to but  
then well i'm only one president and that implications of that are uncomfortable  
because it might it means then that the fact that we consume the good art the good  
media does not confer upon us inherent virtues i don't think it makes you bad but it  
doesn't necessarily compose part of your virtues and that is destabilizing because of  
how much we have built this jenga tower of self-conception out of by the way i'm sure  
it's not pronounced bukuru but i don't know it's it's it's brazilian it's portuguese  
language name for town bukaru i don't know bakurao bakarao that's not even close 1:5:44  
but he got the point he watched bukaru and said yep uh global north uh slaving and  
exploiting uh global sound uh yep race racial apartheid regimes uh inscribed uh at  
the barrel of god uh but it's more complicated than that of course you know uh uh  
there's uh there are cultural pathologies at work that undermine uh the ability of  
communities to uh resist that oppression but compromises have to be i mean it's just  
and the thing is that the thing his brain is doing is all of our brains are doing it every  
moment to allow us to do things like you know buy a phone that has literal slave 1:6:45  
labor in it every this thing here these things have \*\*\*\*\* coltan in it that was pulled  
out of the ground at gunpoint like huge segments of our ability to live are are are  
necessitated by uh slave labor because you couldn't pay someone enough to do the  
stuff that needs to be done at least because we've decided not to invest our capital  
in saving that labor because it's cheaper to just compel it but the thing is we don't  
have a lot of power over that individually and so we have to make accommodations  
or else what you're going to fly over to the drc and try to save like break people  
out of a coltan mine with a shot you would not work it would it would and so we  
may we all make these compromises the higher up you go in power the mind it's it's  
more and more compromised by essentially one's evil one's ability to uh disconnect 1:7:46

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from everyone else around them and disconnect from the world and seek decide to put themselves at the seat of uh all meaning evil so that means you just got to watch the stuff and enjoy it the same way you can listen to politics podcasts and pay attention to politics you can watch your streaming shows and watch movies i know i do but doing those things have the same uh they have the same moral weight as any other consumer action which is to say they're they they're either neutral or just bad by virtue of the fact that they're contributory to a system that is bad but they're also necessary to the maintenance of like economic function so that so maybe at the end of the day it's they're all neutral they're neutral and so anything else you get from them has to come from their aesthetic elements which are not nothing art means something art is always going to mean something but it doesn't mean what we have decided it means any more than politics does because you can't expect anything from anybody in political power political power responds to pressure that's it well our political i'm sorry political power is manifested in pressure manifested in the ability to to compel and right now the reason things are so terrible the reason that we're watching this monstrous response to covet allowing this this any chance of even minor uh economic aid to people who are on the verge of starvation being parried down to nothing and some disgusting know-nothing wisconsin cheesehead \*\*\*\*\* just \*\*\*\*\* in everyone's mouth and calling it a \*\*\*\*\* chocolate sundae is because there is no there is no fear these people have they fear nothing from us they fear no consequence from us not even i mean obviously not personally but also not even professionally or for their careers because we are not a public that can express anything other than the disaggregated individual confused selfish selfless irrational jabbering uh imp political uh uh identity of 100 million people or and as long as it's that their job is just essentially to read demographic waves and figure out where to pitch messages to to maintain a structure that is essentially self-perpetuating we have to put \*\*\*\*\* uh we have to put branches in the spokes ourselves by creating a but creating a will out of this disaggregation and then imposing it and saying you do this all right it's cold as \*\*\*\*\* out here i'm so i think this might be my la i might do another one tomorrow we'll see uh but i think it will be the last one either today or tomorrow will be the last one for like about a week so that for the christmas week i will be otherwise occupied and i don't want to have to worry about uh you know keeping up a schedule uh so we'll be back the week after and so wednesday the 30th will probably not be the first time back but but it will be i i can at least say that there will be a stream then and that we'll talk about the last half of the first part of richard white's the republic for which it stands chapters four through eight and we'll talk about that i'm reading chapter four right now uh the one about home and it's very interesting uh he frames everything he frames like the domestic ideal that i've

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been talking about that like the yeoman self-sufficiency as the abstract concept of a 1:13:4 home and he charts the way that it uh sort of constellates throughout uh political rhetoric and culture at the time it's pretty good all right talk to you guys soon either tomorrow or in like a week bye

*Snowtime at the Apollo*

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because many more things i can tell my rock sack has offend me pillow the heather is off bend me bed and sooner than part from the mountain i think i would rather be dead i'm a rambler i'm a remember manchester way i get all my pleasure lord 0:1:4  
mold and way i may be a wage slave on monday but i am a free man on sunday ah i'm doing a rare weekend rare mid-afternoon show early afternoon show because one i'm gonna be gone next week no streams two i wanted to get a look at the backyard during the day so you could see some of this cool snow because it's cool and the snow is cool and i like snow and i'm glad that it snowed because i kind of had given up on ever seeing a nice got all that guy in there delightful oh boy oh boy people are gonna start puking and it's the good stuff it's the good packy stuff the stuff you 0:2:7  
want not that wet \*\*\*\*\* that you can't do anything with this is good packing snow good i'm begging you apart and i think the i think my \*\*\*\*\* is broken here so it might fall at any moment oh no it's snowed in wisconsin it's known over thanksgiving didn't it i mean i guess this is the first winter snow but like it has already snowed in oh it mate boris canceled bloody christmas mate it's an honorable looks they did it mate they can't show bloody christmas oh god good to be able to eat me borax those freaks take christmas seriously they invented most of the \*\*\*\*\* i mean sort 0:3:8  
of the germans but they're all germans basically \*\*\*\*\* germans invented christmas one way or the other whether you're talking about the central european traditions that created the concepts of like the the uh father christmas saint nicholas and uh and uh gift giving and the tree uh which of course is a descendant of like pagan uh traditions of forest worship and then the anglos just \*\*\*\*\* uh emigrant germans created the 19th century victorian christmas that we was then codified by coca-cola it's all crouch \*\*\*\*\* all the way down christmas is crouch \*\*\*\*\* it has nothing to do with the jesus or uh the nativity or or anything that happened in uh the \*\*\*\*\* middle east it's all about it's all about \*\*\*\*\* square-headed crowds huddling for 0:4:9  
warmth uh in a \*\*\*\*\* snow banked december ah but they love that \*\*\*\*\* up there and now they're not gonna get christmas because they've created a new tier there's tier four if you're in tier four christmas is cancelled those people love it they love

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acting like blade runner \*\*\*\*\* going there are three people your tear is not your destiny you can escape your tear at any time by compliance they love it they hate their freedom and they want it to be taken away but not through like a collaborative process but through a violent domination what i think is most interesting though is that it's the conservative government that's doing the lockdowns and and then you can't really you don't have like the the federalist mishmash to give people like 0:5:11 confusion about who to blame about a lot of these directives um because like all those people were pissed at democratic governors for enforcing lockdowns and stuff most of the time it was not them doing it but they were the nearest democrat they could blame they have like you know a parliamentary government without dumb federalism in in britain and they have a conservative government and they're the ones doing it they're literally canceling christmas and i know that england has all of our dumb culture war stuff even if it's not quite as armed as ours like i know there's a hilarious deal where people are trying to put the magna carta in their \*\*\*\*\* shop windows to keep them from being closed which is just chef's kiss just the way that our idiocy like like britain exploded in the early modern era and like the dumbest parts of it flew across the water to become our base morons and now the idiocy became so dominant it's bouncing back on them like any i mean don't you know 0:6:13 enough art british i thought the british were still educated enough to know that the magna carta was just about giving the barons liberties over their \*\*\*\*\* subjects that that is that britain is a \*\*\*\*\* literal class society but anyway like they have our kind of culture war anti-mask anti-lockdown sentiment i don't know i mean there's less of it to channel because people are less psycho there but uh it's got to go somewhere are they actually doing brexit at the end of the year did they kick the \*\*\*\*\* can down the road again because if they got another extension then it's never going to happen and it'll just be this forever which is the perfect metaphor the perfect metaphor you have this thing the concept of brexit that would represent a genuine break with the current like european uh trade order and like the state system honestly if you 0:7:16 talk about ireland uh and that's essentially something the system cannot absorb at the moment so it can't happen but you can't just cancel it because that would obviate the fiction of democratic participation by these subject governments so you just kick the can down the road eternally i think that's honestly more likely than them after hitting a hard deadline is them just never just always kicking it down the road and someone joked once that in 50 years there will be a weird ritual that nobody understands the purpose from where a guy in a powdered wig has to take the \*\*\*\*\* channel over to france and then like walk like a road to canosa thing to uh to brussels with a parchment and then give it to a delivery guard in front of the uh eu parliament and nobody even knows why he's doing it but it's like a ritualized

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extension of i don't think it's like the debt but that is that is literally not real that 0:8:21  
that's not real but like the the the uh the political crisi the legitimacy crisis at the  
heart of european governance is very real and brexit is a reflection of it and the  
question like that that matters to policymakers is how much does that get channeled  
into political uh power that can no longer be contained by the rickety structures  
of the european union that's a real question and they don't want to get an answer  
because it might be the wrong one and one way to postpone that reckoning is by  
postponing brexit inefficiently all the countries on earth but two are it's like brunei  
and the vatican are the only countries on earth that aren't in debt who the \*\*\*\*\* 0:9:23  
are they in debt to aliens it's not real in the sense that it is not real the way that  
your personal debt is as if you can be like beggared by it because you're only being  
beggared by your debt because it's also it's a it's a instrument of coercion compliance  
what that means is there's never going to be some reckoning point whereas brexit  
the definition of that vote was at some point in the future we're leaving the eu so  
that has a actual timeline to it as opposed to the debt \*\*\*\*\* where they just point  
at the number and like frantically just gestured say it's so big like that meme of  
the the porn star going looking at the national debt clock and you're just supposed  
to infer that that's supposed to mean something it's supposed to have brought the 0:10:24  
end of the world for the last 30 \*\*\*\*\* years and every single time we have ever  
gotten close to paying off debt or balancing our budget the politics instantly turn  
away from surplus to getting over whatever as quickly as possible bill clinton actually  
balanced the \*\*\*\*\* budget which now seems like an impossibility and essentially is  
and honestly shouldn't be done he shouldn't have done that it was bad he did but he  
did it and as soon as bush got in there the republican the party of fiscal responsibility  
the party that was always yelling how do you have how do you pay for it there's no  
free lunch immediately set about getting rid of that budget surplus and yeah one  
of the \*\*\*\*\* financial panics that rocked the 19th century i believe it was uh uh  
happened when we paid off the so that thing is like a fiction but \*\*\*\*\* brexit is 0:11:31  
it's the knock on the door for the european project now maybe you can keep these  
\*\*\*\*\* goons satisfied with the christmas hams and and champions league soccer but  
at some point you have to worry can this be contained because there are because  
it isn't a fully uh like subordinated um political unit like the united states because  
these are are separate countries that were never really integrated at the political  
level that was always supposed to come later in the eu the eu talk about kicking the  
can down the road everything that the eu is built on was predicated on a political  
uh uh tightening of political ties that has not happened and that in the absence of  
would render any long-term crisis unmanageable which is what we've yeah they're 0:12:33  
not going to be on maneuvered by boris johnson which is why they'll just keep them

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in the eu by prolonging it forever they don't want him to leave and these dumb asses don't really have any incentive in seeing brexit complete because it would be bad i guess i assume i don't know maybe they're making it up i have no idea like i said i've said before the whole question of like how catastrophic brexit would be to like uh standard of living in britain was always the big the the big uh the cudgel to oppose uh brexit but i don't know how real it is it's it's not made up completely but how significant i have no idea no you've not left you've said that a million times shut the \*\*\*\*\* up you have not left you're not out of the eu shut up i watched somebody's 0:13:35 asking about michael caine of stalin i actually watched that when i was a kid because that was cool there was a big i think it was tnt or it might have been one of the networks multi-night series about uh like the uh the big three and the and the uh all the conferences you know like uh uh tehran to potsdam or something and uh john lithgow played fdr which great casting perfect long uh \*\*\*\*\* ectomorph uh blue blood pilgrim ass \*\*\*\*\* uh and uh bob hoskins played churchill which is pretty funny considering that churchill was a literal lord the descendant of marlboro like a high the highest of uh of of a blue bluest of bloods and bob hoskins was just a pudgy little \*\*\*\*\* uh cockney guy which is kind of cool uh and then \*\*\*\*\* michael kane played 0:14:36 stalin fun yes churchill was half american his mom all right thank you someone says i'm blonde i i know this is very indulgent and like kind of eagerly but it has been kind of weird to me to notice since i've become a public person that that people have very different ideas about what color my hair is and i think that's weird i feel like usually most people they get exposed enough you see the picture you see a video of them or you meet them enough you get an idea of what their hair color is because but i've realized that my hair is like a perfect embodiment of like the main european hair types like there's three main european hair types and it's essentially blonde red and so you know since there are three types of hair blonde red brown what type is 0:15:39 this and i think the reason that's an interesting question and not just soft solid cystic is that no matter what way you slice it right like this is if it's blonde it's very dark blonde strawberry blonde if it's red it's very like rust-colored it's not bright red but i have seen drawings of me on the internet with like blight bright white like yellow hair and also just \*\*\*\*\* pepper and pippy long stocking red hair and i think that's because you might see it as darker light or like but as long as soon as in your head you turn it into one of those if you turn you take it from you know the reality of this uh muddled red ish brown or blond ish brown or whatever ish you turn it into like the most vivid version of what that word means it's like a it's like your brain is you're 0:16:40 playing telephone with reality that's that's the transl like that's the that's like your mental translation of of ideas yeah like i had a groin somebody made a griper of me and it had like bright red hair and so i thought the best way to get an answer to here

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is i put it on twitter i said if you know if you think you can answer this question what color is my hair and the lowest was red it was only like 22. then it was like 27 for blonde and it was 50 almost i think even over 50 like 51 brown the combination of the two and i would say that since none of these are real categories they don't represent real characters it is all subjective inherently then that is the objective answer to the question no matter what i think and i thought i was blonde my whole life part of that is because i was born like white-haired and when until i was like six or seven i had you know the the uh i had that uh like village of the damned white blonde 0:17:43  
creepy blonde hair like the kind of kid you're like you like i had the white blonde hair and then it started darkening but i had i was still like a blonde blonde until i was you know in my teenagers and then after puberty it got darker and darker which is a very common thing so but it never got to the point where i felt it had left blonde but then red came out of nowhere as soon as other people like started coming together and trying to say what my color hair yes i had draco mulfoy here i don't i don't watch that \*\*\*\*\* but yes that was my hair color so i just think that's interesting and uh and i think by getting that number by doing the machine learning we can get it something that's objectively the answer it's brown no matter what i think no matter what you think it's brown because you ask what was it like 12 000 people 0:18:45  
yes 12 000 people and more than 6 000 of them say brown it's brown that's just the answer italians aren't i guess i'm talking about like the three nordic hair colors like above the above the hanseatic league colors yeah there but it was just weird to hear see people call me a redhead because that always felt very that always felt like its own thing like its own kind of identity that i never had that i was i never had any uh connection to and so it's been kind of weird yes it's very it's very angelic now it's like 0:19:47  
getting shot through and that's the other thing if like the sun is on it it looks pretty blonde no matter what like it looks blonde and like if you see it under bright lights it looks pretty blond but you know that's not that's not anything that's just that's just subjectivity you got to get like a enough people together and then the sum answer commodity fetishism someone wants to know about commodity fetishism it's very misunderstood because the word fetish throws people and they think that it stands for like materialism and being materialistic and caring about uh the commodities and wanting to \*\*\*\*\* them no it is imbuing commodities with the properties of the labor and that is how we create uh the the fantasy of the value form and and where 0:20:48  
where we we we give a value a monetary value to commodities that imbues on the things themselves what is real in reality the value of the and that is what allows for that fetish is what allows for us to uh to suborn labor and and support surplus labor under capitalism and and then essentially pay people less than they produced yeah like a voodoo doll sense like they they've imbued like a fetish a fetish object

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in in a in like traditional religion is a is a statue or a thing or some sort of made  
made object that has a spiritual imbue ment to the people who who uh like made 0:21:50  
it or or carry it and that in in marks that process of of enchanting an object is  
what we do because in in a tribal community that fetish like the god that that fetish  
represents is the god of they represent essentially the social power of that group and  
our social power is extracted off to and that means and that's one of the i mean  
and the commodity fetishism it translates into culture in the way that we imbue  
cultural products with uh yeah that's that's like that's the abstract stuff that's the 0:22:57  
stuff that that's the reason it's hard to to just read capital and a lot of people need  
help i know i've used needed help because uh because it does that stuff it doesn't  
like it's very hard to relate to specifics because it is it's it's the meta it's essentially  
the closest thing that marxism has to like metaphysics because the alienation away  
from a social production a model where people are producing for a social group to  
one where labor is abstracted alienated and and a surplus is uh acquired and then  
taken and there has to be and and you know marx doesn't phrase it in spiritual  
terms but it is a spiritual process and so it's the most abstract and hardest to sort of 0:23:59  
describe to people because anything that is that touches and brushes the ineffable is  
hard to describe harder to describe than other things yeah alienation now that's an  
important one and it's very intuitive and you can point to like for example that uh if  
you're there's an oxytocin release like there's a there's a serotonin whatever the good  
brain chemical release that is similar to that that is felt by the person getting the  
massage but if you're being paid to give someone a massage that chemical experience  
doesn't happen that's a literal measurable physical alienation that occurs due to and 0:25:0  
you can extrapolate that that response that that physicality that that physical the  
reality of that physical impact of of the wage relationship and capitalism broadly  
across every segment of social interaction and and vote phase are you guys talking  
about uh felix's vote face i give felix credit uh i might i'm i'm the best i would say  
i'm the best chapo at soy facing will is pretty good too but only one of us is on the  
front page of the google image search respon response to soy face and that's me uh  
but felix gets credit for inventing essentially taking a type of face and defining it in  
felix is definitely a shaman felix is uh if you got plugged into the internet at the exact 0:26:20  
right moment to be able to ride its consciousness essentially he's he is kind of a paul  
atreides figure like he emerged onto the the blasted sands of the internet point 1.0  
world at as a knife like i was too old i i encountered that \*\*\*\*\* when i was already  
fully formed or at least close to it or at least fully traumatized into what would pass  
for adulthood felix was still still a young pup and he was able to to march uh out  
into the dunes of of internet auracus and and \*\*\*\*\* ride the sand worm and now he  
sees uh he sees all times through the lens of felix is on there too is he on the first page

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though i'm on the i'm in the first line i'm on the top line okay i mean my god uh just 0:27:21  
off the top i had the hot couch thing like he took an experience that everyone had  
had among a certain demographic slice and articulated it in a way that created like  
a spontaneous collective prustian reverie for thousands of people who encountered it  
the since instant that they did and that's his gift and it's it's it's amazing i think it's  
because i came to it later i i saw it for more remove and there's too many layers of  
abstraction between me and the zeitgeist to do anything other than sort of comment 0:28:23  
on it uh retrospectively rather felix might be an all-time observational comic you  
know that's funny it's weird to put it that way because that is kind of what he is  
it's just that instead of doing the seinfeld thing where you just say the thing you  
uh articulate the experience of encountering the thing what is the origin of soy face  
well soy face comes like most of the good memes from the alt-right the that is the  
one complaint they have that is fully uh accurate they got ripped off everybody stole 0:29:25  
their \*\*\*\*\* and at the time i always felt kind of weird about it like yeah no it is  
kind of funny that we keep embracing these these griper memes from these people  
who we otherwise think are absolutely you know socially uh doomed losers whose  
bitterness has overwhelmed their entire uh humanity but now the way i think when i  
think now about like when i think now of the online overeducated post collapse you  
know precariate that is like the the brain of the internet as one thing rather than  
as discrete objects when i think of it as a holistic you know kind of a consciousness  
within the greater collective consciousness then those are uh those are the ones who  
saw most clearly at the time uh the horrors of the uh liberal order because they were 0:30:28  
the most ideologically alienated from it because politics as we understood it didn't  
really exist i mean obama was sort of supposed to be the abolition of politics and the  
replacement of them with uh with validation of identity and and uh things like that  
and instead we got this you know a rocket ship to hell world and people started to  
\*\*\*\*\* look around themselves and think what the hell is going on but the first people  
to be alienated the ones who were alienated on cultural lines cultural lines and so  
and that means racial that means they were alienated by all of the honestly the most  
necessary uh and uh progressive and useful parts of thesis of like globalized capitalism 0:31:30  
which of course must be destroyed must be you know challenged and defeated but  
things within it are gonna have to be absorbed into any future and like at a basic level  
like liberal multiculturalism is going to have to be because without multiculturalism  
as a base the working class cannot win the working class cannot effectively fight  
global capitalism without the multiculturalism that global capitalism brought into  
hegemonic uh cultural power that's how your \*\*\*\*\* dialect works you have to destroy  
this thing but you have to utilize structures within it to defeat it because the white  
working class isn't gonna do \*\*\*\*\* any more than the uh the american descendants of

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slave people who think they're gonna get reparations from white america by yelling at them online all day that's not going to happen either there is no version vision of liberation that is not multicultural and multi-ethnic and multi-uh uh multiracial because that numbers is are the only weapons you have if you don't have power and numbers can only be got through collaboration any politics that that demands separation uh and uh stacking privileges on top of each other will be destroyed and broken into those factions that will then be turned against one another by capitalism and then fully completely dissolved by capitalism and i saw someone on a show say that you can't get medicare for all without reparations first that was mind-blowing before you can get to a thing that could benefit pretty much every working person in this country and save thousands of i mean every working person in this country everyone before you get to that you have to get something that by definition will only help a subsection of americans and those who aren't at benefit benefited will they you have to explain to them why it's good that they aren't benefiting from this you have to get them to recognize their privilege and feel bad for themselves that a bad bad about themselves that's ins i don't understand how that could i don't forget if you're talking about it as a moral proposition i'm sorry that's secondary the question is how do you get to any of this stuff and if we're talking about them as like policies that you're trying to push through a political process then you have to start with the broadest popular the left doesn't exist one of the big faintest one of the one of the big things that undermines leftist organizing is the fiction that it does and that fiction is propagated by people even if they're not trying to sell out for the democrats even if they're not trying to be sheep dippers for some uh you know con artistry of electoral strategy uh they are still devoted to promoting the idea that there's that they are offering influence to a meaningful group of a meaningful organizational ma uh like uh or uh mobilized and that doesn't exist and so every question needs to be in how to get it to exist and a question and they are an argument saying reparations first i'm sorry that is one that because because you see more possibility than there is in the current ordering of things oh that's interesting somebody actually brought this up to me in a dm uh someone's asking what about latin america talking about the coming conflict between china the united states what about latin america like there is a genuine counter-hegemonic counter-imperial current there in the form of venezuela and uh now avo back in bolivia there's there are significant movements that have momentum in chile uh ecuador and peru are restive uh uh brazil is obviously uh gripped by reaction right now but there are some green shoots cuba of course holding it down 90 miles from florida like a goddamn like the goddamn kings and queens that they are uh the problem though is is where is the independent source of like where where can they uh where are they able to i mean i'd say amlo but like

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i don't know how any mexican president can can i it seems like kind of like being 0:37:41  
president of mexico seems like it's almost like being like a big city mayor in this  
country you can't really do anything that goes against the will of uh of the united  
states can you like realistically we have so many uh strings to tighten we have so  
many ways to make uh your job impossible maybe i think the role they might play  
is if we do get some sort of conflict between china and the united states they could  
sort of tag in and and put their weight behind china and maybe use the fact that  
they actually have an empowered working-class movements across that continent uh  
to bring working-class people to the table a little bit who knows just it would be 0:38:43  
nice though if if uh if if at our work if the united states and its dark moment is like  
battling rush uh china not like an actual war obviously but you know in some sort  
of some sort of new cold war situation and then off the top turnbuckle comes latin  
america which we've spent the last 200 odd years just vampirically sucking from and  
and massacring it would be uh recommend you a christmas movie how about die  
hard no i'm kidding die hard 2 which is also a christmas movie by the way i love that 0:39:44  
they lampshaded in that movie they have a line where uh john mcclane says another  
basement another elevator how can the same \*\*\*\*\* happen to the same guy twice oh  
well let's keep going that movie is funny because the plot of it is essentially if oliver  
north took a airport hostage and tried to like break manuel noriega out of prison  
which is pretty cool for a big budget movie it was fun it's wildly violent way more  
violent than the first one yeah die hard 2 is pretty uh intense they show a whole swat 0:40:46  
team because remember in the first movie the swat team uh hans goes just wound  
them and they shoot them all and like the legs and stuff and they show them all  
going like terminator 2. in die hard 2 a whole swat team of cops just gets murked by  
robert patrick actually speaking of terminator 2 and a bunch of uh a bunch of like  
us cia guys and also in retaliation for an attempt to violate the rules uh oliver north  
uh commands unwittingly to the people in the cockpit of british plane full of people  
and they even show inside the \*\*\*\*\* the plane they show like all these old british  
people and little kids running around just to tell you how many innocent people are  
about to get splashed and then john mclean tries to warn them off for the runway 0:41:48  
but they smash into the \*\*\*\*\* ground blow up cole meaney is engulfed in flames and  
then after it's burning mclean goes over and he picks up a \*\*\*\*\* uh teddy a burn  
singed teddy bear out of the rug rubble the ejector speed escape from the crash uh  
he \*\*\*\*\* puts john amos into a \*\*\*\*\* uh jet engine oh best of all spoiler alert but the  
movie's 30 years old so this is the best part so they got this plane full of mercs and  
oliver north and manuel noriega are about to take off for a non-extradition country  
john mclean gets on the side of the plane uh the the turncoat special ops guy played 0:42:49  
by john amos the dad from coming to america comes out and they have a fight on

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the wing the guy flies out into the jet engine gets sucked in then john mcclane fights the oliver north guy played by william sadler william sadler kicks his ass and throws him off the plane and he lands on the runway while they're flying away bad guys win wrong john mclean while he'd been on the on the plane wing had opened up one of the fuel tanks to like try to get him to have less gas and when he's on the runway flat on his ass he sees the big trail of gasoline and he just takes a zippo and lights it and the uh trail of gas zips up into the air into the plane engine uh the gas tank and blows up the plane in mid-air he murders like 50 guys like that's just that's just a murder that is that is illegal in all 50 states and the district of columbia there that is 0:43:51 like no police officer has ever done an act of uh brutality and like excessive force on that level since like the move bombing and it's great everyone's happy they use the down-burned carcass of the plane as uh landing light for all the planes that have to land because they're running out amazing and you could argue yeah sure you should have done that \*\*\*\*\* those guys and i probably agree with you but it's not the kind of thing heroes and movies generally do with uh with michael douglas where he it's one of those japan panic movies from the early 90s when we were afraid that the japanese were going to take over because we were having a nervous breakdown in fact about the fact that we were cutting our own balls off in regard to the industrial economy but because we have no way to actually interrogate our own government's 0:44:53 uh uh industrial policy because it's beyond politics we had to put it off on somebody else and we decided to blame the japanese for it even though the japanese literally their entire \*\*\*\*\* economy their post-war industrial economy was stood up by us on purpose and then in the 70s we intentionally changed uh the rules to facilitate uh manufacturing in japan in order to give them an industrial base to uh to stand up from and uh that meant that the capital was going to flow that direction we did that \*\*\*\*\* that was a choice but we decided it was the japanese ball but anyway uh michael douglas goes to japan fights this guy who cut his partner's head off with a samurai sword and he's got him like in an arm lock and then there's like a broken plank with a big spike coming up and there's a shot where like he looks at it and he looks at the guy and you think he's gonna kill him but then it cuts to him bringing him into the uh police station and booking him even though it's japan he'll probably 0:45:55 get like five years not even the warm blood of in the middle of a fight just i would love to see that in one of these i shan't be watching anime no worries about that one goodbye shannot the boy the ladies note for anime i haven't actually watched babylon berlin yet i feel like i probably should check that one out at some point is it good 0:46:56 robocop's really sucked pg-13 no peter weller \*\*\*\*\* out of here robocop 2 though is a little underrated honestly also very very uh prescient it actually has the city of detroit declare bankruptcy and sell itself to a corporation which is essentially what

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has happened detroit literally declared bankruptcy and i think the quicken company dan gilbert's company essentially owns the middle the center of detroit they own all the buildings and they have a there's also a great uh little meta commentary about the nature of making sequels in that movie so there's uh so in robocop 2 you know robocop uh he gets blown up in the line of duty and kind of taken offline and he's like he's lost a step he's sort of turned into like a big pushover and ocb ocp decides to do a new robocop hey people like that old one they're sick of the old one let's get a new robocop and so there's a very funny sequence where they show uh all of the trial attempts to do a robocop by getting another cop who'd been injured the way that murphy had been and then putting him in a robot suit and the first one they show is a guy who kind of looks like an atm uh kind of like robbie the robot and he just starts shooting he says stop and i'll shoot and he starts shooting the um the lab assistants and then blows his head off and then another guy comes out and he's got like the visor on and he just grabs his helmet and pulls it off and starts screaming and you see the top of his like bloody skull and then he dies and eventually they realize oh like murphy was a very specific special case is lightning in a bottle and not everybody is murphy you cannot do it to a normal person and they ended up having to get uh kane the evil nuke dealer and creator played by the great tom noonan to be robocop ii because they needed a literal psychopath to do it they needed a a heartless murderer to do it i know you might say uh but the cops and that is and then he ends up literally opening fire on a room full of reporters just massacring the \*\*\*\*\* out of them uh it is definitely a warning about like hey you get what you pay for with a sequel and yeah it's also could be said to talk about the nature of policing itself like if if policing is just the uh heartless uh enforcement of property rights and property rights need more and more brutal enforcement in an era of austerity then the person who does that job has to be it's also the only sequel i think ever where the title is said by a character in the movie the the great dan hurley he who also played uh connell cochran in halloween three uh introduces the psycho nuke addict robocop ii at a press conference by saying i'm going to re-watch robocop too that movie is good but obviously you don't need a sequel to why is every movie pg-13 now because only kids go to movies young people who still want to go out and do something go to movies nobody else does that anymore at least not the numbers you need to justify the \*\*\*\*\* budgets and the budgets have to be big because i'm not doing a chapel episode on the cruise i've never even seen the croods someone reminded me that the croods actually have have a netflix show so maybe the croods never went away but does anybody watch anything on netflix it's baffling to me it seems i mean obviously people have netflix and they watch things on netflix but what they watch is not what they make i mean they're going to lose the office at the beginning of next

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year how much of their viewership is just people watching the office and what are i do think the kids watch i mean they probably watch a lot of kids shows because you know press the button have your kid get pic but the whole thing seems like kind of a scam i mean the fact that they are a publicly traded company and that their numbers are only internally generated and not released to the public is that not essential how is that different than mark to market accounting that happened under enron maybe there is an independent uh uh entity that sees the numbers but i don't know is it true i have no idea it's but if there's a correction in the media space uh netflix will probably get eaten by i would guess disney at this point gonna be disney plus hulu netflix versus amazon and then maybe those guys merge at some point it's all internal to netflix they're publicly traded how am i supposed to know what the value how how accurate that valuation is if i don't know if anyone's watching the \*\*\*\*\* that they're paying billions of it's kind of crazy to me but i think that's true of all tech i mean the entire tech economy if you start asking these questions the whole thing falls apart because it only exists as a way to circulate capital that's what we 2008 we recapitalized the economy by giving the richest people all of the money that they could possibly want and then they said here use it and you know what are they going to do with it they can only buy so many gold-plated back scratchers they have to invest it in something and silicon valley exists to give them something to put their money in that's it it never has to make money it never has to generate a profit or become viable it just has to be a thing to put money into so that they can create an economy around all those uh all those corporate campuses and uh catered lunches and foosball tables and self-driving cars uh and and oh what's this you've also created a giantly overheated california real estate market out of it too all of that generated by this this uh this investment mechanism that is not actually designed to get anybody money back it's only there to to circulate money the economy and what's insane is that we could do we could do that 100 for regular people instead but if we did that we would lose crucial coercive mechanisms at a time of decline declining profits and investment and it's so sick because you see all right what do we do it one way what do we give all this money these \*\*\*\*\* what do they make they made silicon what is it done into the physical reality of living in the area that it is geographically located at and what has it done to our culture it is poison in every sense but it is preferable from those in power to give that money to people who will spend it in a way that can be predicted and pounded upon and redounds to reinforce their power power and yes the whole end point of this is that is that as state structures and state capacity declines as it is and will continue to do that capacity will be taken up by these concentrations of capital who have used that circulation of money through silicon valley to create not profits but instruments of surveillance

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instruments of technological control drones boston dynamics robots panopticon social media and uh device panopticon that will render resistance uh i just lost four people god damn it it was cringe i get it i'm sorry i apologize for the cringe and you can't even say it's good oh it's created all these well-paying jobs well it's created a new class of rent your scumbags but then below that you've created a bunch of people who are spending tons of their money and \*\*\*\*\* rent that's just getting sucked but sucked up to like existent uh uh power powers that be within the area like the landed the real estate money that then like buys off that segment of the ruling the local ruling class the local bourgeois to go and so you get just people who think they're happy but are miserable living in guinea pig uh warrens sucking soylent while coding all day and then people who can no longer afford to live in those places being forced to move further and further away spend more and more of their time commuting all right uh all right so i'm gonna be signing off for about a week we'll be coming back a week later before the new year's hopefully to talk about the last half of the first part of the republic for which it stands uh finish the home chapter it's gonna be good uh i hope everybody has a fine holiday in your respective quarantine zones your tears your tier ones your tier twos your tier threes you you poor bastards in tier four uh tier two uh uh eat your mama tom cheer bye

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okay \*\*\*\*\* this is not ideal but i don't know what else i'm gonna do i've been trying to find a good winter spot to do the streams and uh when i was trying i guess doesn't work i couldn't get the uh enough signal so i guess i'm gonna have to do it in here for now i don't really like this angle terribly much but uh we'll figure it out i'll figure ah \*\*\*\*\* i don't know sorry uh i should have done more research before i started this but what are you gonna do what are you gonna do i don't want to be a cam boy i don't want to cam it up i don't want people seeing uh my groin i'm trying to be loved 0:1:3 for my mind not for my uh my eroticism this isn't the living room anymore i didn't like that i didn't like that i don't want that trying to figure out a new space for the winner i'll find something all right quality is killer oh good i thought you were saying a killer and i was gonna have to jump out of a window i'm not going to do a jeffrey tube out you don't have to worry about that happening uh okay um so it's been a while it's been a while since i've been talking to you it's been a while since i've been uh i don't what does combing your beard mean i don't even know how that would work i do have to trim it i will i will trim it i don't have a theory on the nashville bomber because how i don't have any more information than anybody else does and 0:2:5 theorizing in the absence of information is just giving yourself mental illness and i'm trying to prevent that i've done that enough in my life i will say that the story as given seems really implausible and now we find out that the police had known about this for a year that his girlfriend said he was building bombs and they put her in the mental hospital because of it and amazingly people are taking this as an opportunity to say we need to talk about white terrorism and this is terrorism and they should have put this guy on a watch list uh as though that was the issue and not the fact that the government has all of these dudes on string apparently that they can pluck at any time the thing i can't get over and once again i have no knowledge or information i don't know what's going on i can't say definitively one way or the other what the deal is here but if you were the government or some faction within the government and 0:3:6 you had cause to blow up a uh data center and the 5g whatever the hell they did and you want it to look like a nut the nsa's access to the information of essentially every

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american is such that you could build a profile of a plausible suspect and then just find one go through social media uh chatter go through posts go through personal information until you found someone who could be realistically sold as a perpetrator and then at that point it's trivially easy i mean apparently they're just they identify this guy from some dna for all we know somebody showed up at his house one day stuck them with a syringe full of uh cyanide stuck him in the van and then blew 0:4:9  
him up or hell maybe they didn't even bother doing that maybe they dug a hole and put them in it and just put some of his like scraped skin cells onto a \*\*\*\*\* article of clothing and the that's just a terrifying reality is that the one thing that kind of pushes against uh the claims that a lot of these terror attacks are false flags or you know provo provoked by the government is that well a lot of these guys they are they do have screw they do have histories of making posts that are erratic or paranoid the thing is there are millions of people that that is true of there are millions of people who could possibly be framed as a domestic terrorist from their just from their social media posts alone and if you could do that you have you have if you can find someone and you can pluck them you've got a uh yes i am jacking off what else do you want 0:5:11  
me to do you asked somebody asked me about the goddamn thing i don't know any more than you do why why would you ask me what do you want out of it literally all you can do is ask questions there's nothing else except what i should say we should really talk about white terrorism as though the coming austerity nightmare of the biden administration is not going to be a perfect opportunity to take the totalizing surveillance uh and uh police coercive apparatus that was put uh for use and has been put for use against minorities in this country from time immemorial to now apply it to white people too and and ha and we have a and this is not going to provide a ready-made narrative to it's it's just it's a scary time that's all i know and 0:6:14  
when \*\*\*\*\* like this happens uh seeing people just pay for more surveillance and pay for a more hysterical media response to justify further you know a more what a more just distribution of police crackdown and calling that justice i mean people have been saying that that's the trajectory for years that privileged discourse leads to an argument that boils down to uh it's not you're not really going to realistically get the state to stop killing minorities when they're disproportionately economically disadvantaged but you could get to a place where we're killing more white people and then you've lost the element of discrimination and if that's the problem then you've solved it and if we're looking down the barrel of you know a nightmare austerity realignment of politics and the economy of further immigration of everyone a further 0:7:15  
dissolving of all labor relations that are not last-minute uh just-in-time gig economy survival that the idea of having security in work is becomes as much a a relic of the past it's like a pension that's going to have consequences people are going to be

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pissed about it people are going to react violently one way or the other and are we going to allow i mean we are going to allow there's no question about that but we are going to watch as uh as all of the language of diversity and justice social justice are used to justify the police doing what they've always done just more uh egalitarian a more egalitarian distribution of violence and repression i mean look at the thing 0:8:18 with the two thousand dollar checks why is all the elite against this \*\*\*\*\* when just from an economic perspective it would be good like everyone at the top they know the deficit stuff's \*\*\*\*\* they know the deficit is not real they know that the money could be spent they we've already dropped way more money than that at the top of the income level just since the coven thing happened we could do it again it's just numbers on a \*\*\*\*\* piece of paper and it would stimulate consumer spending which is the literal lifeblood the literal organ of our economy but it would also give people a little more leverage against their maximally uh uh precarious employment people would maybe be less likely to take these jobs and the conditions that uh these companies are willing to offer and that is the business model the business model of our our consumer economy uh involves paying people the minimum amount with no 0:9:21 benefits maximum flexibility and the one thing that stops people from taking those jobs is if they don't have to take them and even a little bit of breathing room and certainly if it's established as a precedent and and becomes something that could be politically activated through pressure on elected officials it changes the coercive mechanism it makes it harder to get and so precarity is one stick the other stick is our total surveillance police state and they're working hand in hand to ensure that the economy in the aftermath of covid is maximally coercive and yes that is also someone says here that's why they will we will not provide houses for homeless people because if being homeless is a condition that does not leave you in total uh 0:10:23 abjection if you are not if if being homeless if losing your ability to pay your rent does not mean well you're gonna sleep in the streets you're gonna sleep under uh of your overpass there's gonna be spikes on every uh flat surface to prevent you from doing anything other than lying in a gutter and then the cops gonna come and beat your \*\*\*\*\* head in and set fire to your tent if that doesn't exist as the the economic gun to your head that's another reason you might not take because that is the worst thing that could happen to anyone in this country is to become homeless that is the nightmare that is when you are no longer a citizen that is when you become a homo saussure from a gambin and and that is that is a fate worse than death and it is the fear buried within the mind of anybody who does not have uh control over anything other than their ability to work and that's most people in this country and 0:11:24 if that goes away if that's less terrifying if the hey you know i might not be able to rent my apartment anymore but there's social housing i might be able to get well

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\*\*\*\*\* there's another thing that's going to prevent you from taking a job on the terms of uber or lyft or doordash or some \*\*\*\*\* grocery store company that says you have to work uh in a covered hot spot getting coughed benefits like these are all choices and they're all pushed and they're all choices that are made on the same terms and to create the same situation which is people who are cowed politically and also economically cowed by their employer cowed by the political class at every steps and that's why they're trying to get us to a vaccine herd immunity situation 0:12:25 before they have to start shelling out real money they have to avoid that at all kinds at all at all costs and that is the beauty of eternal chancellor uh mitch mcconnell's position here you've got a deal where basically everybody says give people money democrats and republicans even in congress and the president and the guy who's supposed to be coming in in january at least has said his mouth the words that he wants it but because of the distribution of veto points within our system this one guy mitch mcconnell who is answers to nobody and has no uh cannot be checked uh by by public pressure gets to say no and then everybody gets to act like he's the reason it's not happening and he's fine with that he doesn't care he doesn't care about being popular he has the state of kentucky wire he doesn't it doesn't matter the same way harry reid had nevada wired these guys those guys in those positions 0:13:27 who are essentially the prime ministers like that's the thing to know is that we are supposed to have this weird presidential system where the head of state and head of government are the same person but on the domestic level anyway at them and at the level of domestic policy over the last 20 years we are now in a situ we have created a situation where the senate majority leader is effectively the prime minister and the president is effectively a constitutional monarch or figurehead elected president in a parliamentary system and so mitch mcconnell is the actual head of government but he is not in charge of some you know electoral coalition that is uh that has to rise or fall everybody gets to run individually purdue and laffeur get to run on yes we're in favor of the the two thousand dollar checks even though the guy in their party who they elected to be majority leader and of course the only reason they say they're 0:14:29 for the checks is because they know he's there it's the same reason biden says he's for the checks because he knows mitch mcconnell's there if mitch mcconnell wasn't there in this situation and there was like a real uh uh like like public accountability for a decision like whether or not to give people money in a time like this then then it would be much more difficult to avoid it but here it's the perfect structure to prevent anyone from being accountable for the decision to let people \*\*\*\*\* starve and and there's no and it's and the constitution essentially exists to make and a constitutional order will only provo promote procreate situations like this because that's the point of it that's why it was conceived and at every level it's been modified

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and changed both without through constitutional uh amendments and then through  
in within through the the evolution of uh like internal senate rules has created a 0:15:31  
situation where there can be no one responsible or the person who's responsible gets  
to take all the blame gets to eat all the sin gets to put all of the hatred into his  
\*\*\*\*\* neck waddle and everyone else gets to it's very it's it's it's ingenious and it's  
why the constitution needed to die after the civil war and the fact that it didn't is  
one of is is like the signal political uh failure of the american project and that brings  
us to uh brings us back anyway to the republic for which it stands which i read the  
rest of chapter of part one fourth of the fourth through eighth chapters uh where we 0:16:33  
really get into some good stuff with this with in these parts that we can really sink  
our teeth and teeth into uh when talking about the way that elites structured the uh  
political response to the civil war uh in such a way to prevent democracy essentially  
from taking place uh and one of my one of the most interesting parts of the of this  
section i think is in the first chapter gilded liberals which talks about the hegemonic  
uh ruling the hegemonic ideological domination of liberalism 19th century liberalism  
which in its particulars like in in its policy proposals like hard money uh la zai faire  
is what we would consider republicanism nowadays conservatism but the personnel 0:17:36  
who make it up class wise are the same people now who are progressives who are  
liberals in the in the 21st century sense and we and we we talk about how like oh  
that's like these terms have changed meaning but the liberal social position has not  
changed since the civil war like liberals then are the same people who are now uh  
opinion makers writers professionals uh uh professors theoreticians the people who  
create the ideological framework that goes around that packs just the machinery  
of capitalist accumulation and in the 19th century that their arrest after the civil  
war the recipe was laissez faire gold standard all that stuff then uh after the gilded  
age after this book concludes you get the rise of the progressive movement where  
it's the same people maybe not the same actual people but people in the same  
position who have recognized by that point that their dream of creating this small  
holder democracy where freedom is freedom of contract alone is no longer viable 0:18:37  
given the fact that oh freedom of contract alone has led to the mass accumulation  
of power by these unaccountable robber barons and huge immigration of workers  
and regular people and the death of the smallholder well then we have to adjust  
because what's important to note is even in the lozai fair mid-19th century they  
never there was never any um belief by anyone that that that meant real laws unfair  
because that's not a real thing government intervention is dif it's it's inextricable from  
economics like the government makes the context where all economic activity takes  
place so government intervention is non-negotiable it's all about degree and at every  
point what what liberals who then became progressives uh demand is a the degree 0:19:38

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of government intervention that will maintain the stability of capitalism and that changes as conditions change right after the civil war they thought gold standard no government intervention is enough of course railroad subsidies are fine that's in fact necessary i mean we might be a little annoyed by uh you know these guys getting this but you know well we gotta we gotta put this money somewhere and we just can't give it to people that's the main thing is that is that the the the imperative of like a ideological ruling political ruling class is to ensure that economic decisions are made by those who hold capital and those who hold capital are those who uh are at the at the top essentially the thought that it is concentrated in the hands of those who can be trusted with it uh white talks about how uh the fixation on the home and the ability 0:20:39 to make a home which of course is just a a filigreed and uh and romantically infused mystification of the ability to uh you know control capital uh at that point after the homestead act the the thought was that all the capital anyone would need to sustain that home is a little bit of land and so people should seek that and uh that like the exploitation of wage slave wage relationships which were now taking over from slavery after the end of the civil war were temporary uh but of course the maddening thing uh is the refusal to extend that logic to the recently freed slaves to extend the 0:21:40 logic of oh you know a home requires a uh capital in the form of land in the form of the ability to reproduce then former slaves need that they need the land and there's no argument you can make that they don't that they didn't work for it because they literally worked for nothing their entire lives but that would be government intervention in the market and we can't have that um and what that boils down to i think more more specifically than more than racism and of course racism is hugely important but because of racism but also because of the the reality of sectionalism after the war like the the domination of the south by the north uh former slaves were just not considered to be part of the citizenry and all of these ideas about home and all that they only applied to citizens and of course that's not sustainable because 0:22:41 people who these people the the gilded liberals considered citizens are considered to be like uns fit for citizenship former slaves urban catholics native americans we're still there we're still part of the american project and over time we're going to assert their rights as such uh and it's that defines the relationship between like a political ruling class and the the people who are subject to that political rule is that there has to be the maintenance of a sort of a choke point where where people are turned into citizen or not uh and that and that is necessary and in fact vital to maintaining 0:23:43 the divisions within the social order that allow exploitation to accumulate and allow uh and allow capitalists to literally set people against each other uh to avoid them coming together to assert a broad right to capital to to the fruits of their labor uh but the thing i wanted to talk about is uh the the establishment of the gold standard

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uh after the civil war the account the the union paid for the war uh by printing 0:24:44  
money just printing some \*\*\*\*\* money that's that's what they did uh and that's  
what they had to do and they they they put out a bunch of bonds and they back  
those bonds with greenbacks after the civil war though uh there was an insistence by  
the republican ruling party which was dominated by ex-wig merchants uh to reduce  
the amount of money in circulation and get the money that was in circulation over  
time to be backed not by the cred credit of the government not by fiat which is what  
we have now and which they were terrified of having uh with gold and and there 0:25:50  
was a bunch of arguments for why that was necessary why we needed gold and a  
lot of it was was put in moral terms it's it's not moral to to to back exchange with  
just force with just the promise of government you needed real value you needed  
real intrinsic value of course gold does not have intrinsic value you can't eat it you  
can't do anything with it that sustains your life which is what value is all you can  
do is melt it down and use it as an exchange that's the value is that it is something  
that is durable and can hold its value that's it it's not it is not intrinsically valuable  
the idea of intrinsic value in gold is pure ideology it's pure mysticism it has it does  
not reflect any reality uh it is just something that liberals told themselves and told  
other people as a way to increase the power of finance capital at the expense of 0:26:52  
regular americans uh and there's two things about the gold standard that i wanted  
to talk about one having a gold standard okay so it going to the gold standard gave  
a huge windfall to the people who held government bonds i'll read this part from  
185. uh the government had not specified how the wartime bonds principle would 0:27:53  
be repaid since at the height of inflation in 1864 a greenback dollar had been worth  
only 34 percent of a gold dollar redeeming the gold the bond in gold represented as  
much as a tripling of the original investment in addition to the interest already paid  
bondholders would reap a wonderful windfall if the government paid in gold taxpayers  
would assume an additional burden if however the government redeemed its bonds  
with greenbacks there would be no windfall and so the redemption of government  
bonds in gold gave people free money if they held the bonds which was the richest  
americans which was the the financial institutions and even though the need for gold  
was supposed to stop the horrors of fiat currency somehow even though now we are  
at the end nightmare state that these mid 19th century liberals would have hated  
of of fiat currency we have a similar situation now where bankers are able to insure  
money through the discount window at the fed which allows them to borrow at a 0:28:54  
lower rate than they lend out and keep the difference and it's the same people in  
charge it's the same \*\*\*\*\* institutions that made money off the gold standard when  
it was introduced and now are able to ensure profits no matter what conditions uh if  
economic what economic conditions obtain and now very few people want to go back

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to the gold standard but but the the moralistic language about debt is still there  
uh but the most interesting part about uh the the gold standard uh is and the real  
reason that it was pushed for beyond the need you know to to provide a windfall for  
bankers and the only really like non-ideological and non-self-interested argument for  
it is the fact that the british were on the gold standard and they were the biggest 0:29:56  
economy in the world at that time and trade with with the uk was vital to america's  
economic fortunes and they could essentially punish those who did not use the gold  
standards so from 187 here with the gold uh with the gold standard the united states  
would in effect seed control of its interest rates and money supply to great britain  
the world's largest creditor nation the gold standard depended on a country having  
access to enough gold to redeem its currency on demand when london controlled a  
large portion of that gold great britain and the bank of england acquired inordinate  
influence over the fiscal and economic policies of other governments the gold standard  
created what economists have called a golden straight jacket debtor nations would  
exchange control over their monetary policy for capital mobility and stable exchange  
rates although the cost of borrowing abroad would fall the united states would lose  
the ability to drive domestic interest rates below international interest rates gold  
dollars would flee abroad if interest rates elsewhere were higher now if that sounds 0:30:57  
familiar to anybody that's essentially every other uh debtor nation in the world's  
government's relation economic relationship to the united states now we cannot uh  
we have whoever is in charge whoever is the headquarters of global capitalism has  
a veto on the economic poli the fiduciary and like monetary policy of every country  
that depends on them and in the 19th century the mid-19th century it was the uk  
that called the shots on that now in our in our fiat uh world it's the united states  
or broadly the institutions that the united states basically controls and even though  
this current situation is a nightmare for the people who imagined that they were  
creating some stable system post-war and if you got him in his time machine and 0:31:58  
showed it to them they might be horrified their descendants defend it with their  
lives because all that really matters is that the bankers the banks are in charge of  
money not people so that's interesting uh i also want to just say that the book has  
a lot of great pictures of uh 19th century political cartoons which really are great  
and it does feel like they got a lot worse over time i think the reason people like  
ben garrison so much is that he is sort of almost one of the few political cartoonists  
who has like a 19th century verve to him uh part of that is labeling everything but i  
just wanted to point out this is probably my favorite thomas nast cartoon at least of  
the ones i've seen and it's in here it's an anti-catholic ad as you can see here there's 0:33:0  
crocodiles coming out of the river the american river ganges but if you look closer  
their crocodile mouths are actually uh miters because they're \*\*\*\*\* catholic bishops

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who are coming on shore to attack the children with their potpourri and i gotta say knowing now what we know about the catholic church but that's in there because nas talk because uh white talks about uh one of the signal uh conflicts of the era between protestants and catholicism uh which emerged over the fund the public funding of uh parochial schools and he stresses something that people especially people on the right who who fixate on the questions like of american secularism really miss is that we did not get secular public schools out of some drive of like godlessness it's not like people just people at the top just decided actually uh we don't like god and we want 0:34:2 to dethrone him so we're going to take god out of schools what happened was is you had a situation after the civil war where you had huge catholic uh majorities in some urban cities and and a demand for catholic schooling that would and have catholic you know social teaching and biblical interpretation in it uh and you had public schools which had bible study and and biblical uh instruction that was explicitly protestant and the catholic said that's not fair if we're we can't i don't want to send we don't want to send our kids there but it's not fair to make us pay for parochial schools when these these are public schools that are uh funded by public taxation and the uh the secular model for education essentially came out of a desire to uh to neutralize the conflict between those those two systems because the protestants did not want to pay for catholic schooling it went against their uh their they in the 0:35:4 courts anyway were not able to consist to able to coherently argue that there should be some dual standard where protestantism is enshrined in public schools and if you want catholicism you're gonna have to go to a private school the solution was let's just get god out of stool entirely and that was the reasonable compromise like what people are mad at that the compromises that come the secularism we created was an attempt to accommodate religiosity the way people talk about islam now is exactly the way that mainstream protestants talked about catholicism in the 19th century because these are just cycles these are cycles of assimilation and anxiety that recur 0:36:5 over time uh so other things from the section we read uh as much as i have a very soft spot for uh us grant and i feel like he did some good stuff as president the section on grant definitely underlines how he the job was too big for him because this was the moment this era was when like what american political institutions were gonna look like came into being and he had no idea he had he was he had no actual political convictions uh and you know that works at a time like say 1952 when eisenhower comes in there when we have like a solidified new post-war new deal consensus to operate off of but in the ferment of the post-war era grant was was not 0:37:6 really the ideal guy uh but he did some good stuff he was able to destroy the clan when he really tried to but uh the real hope of the republican elite at that time was that they could sort of let the south figure it out by itself and really only dropped

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the hammer when the redeemer violence got too outlandish for them to ignore too horrifying and too too bloody like after the colfax massacre in louisiana but it but republican orthodoxy essentially for swore any inner like consistent intervention uh on behalf of ex-slaves and if we're talking about counterfactuals and how things could have gone differently um you essentially would have needed a different you would have needed a different political coalition than the one who ruled because who we ended up who ended up on top of the political uh heap during this period was 0:38:8 a republican party that was des divided large basically between orthodox liberals who were trying to create a lazar fair economic system that would have doomed the south black and white no matter what and the stalwarts who were basically who who were more populist but had as the flip side of populism a motivation of of corruption and they are really two sides of the same coin in that the the corruption of like the the democrats under tweed or the the um republican stalwarts uh and the anti-corruption of the liberal republicans reformers were in both cases driven by uh economic incentive for the liberal republicans safely enmeshed in in in or near finance uh their drive for clean government and anti-democratic institutions was on behalf of the emerging merchant and capitalist elite there was more populism to 0:39:10 you know a guy like benjamin butler or and and they spread their uh their wealth more you know in the scent like tammany putting out patronage jobs and and giving money to the poor but they were similarly beholden to existing economic powers they were just coming in the back door like the liberals were coming in the front door all nice and legal the the stalwarts and the democrats were coming in the back door but everybody had a handout to the people who had accumulated all that capital after the civil war and and after the uh the emergence of the railroad-based economy the railroad speculative economy so any kind of counterfactual post-war 0:40:12 post-work post-civil war america would have had would have had to have created a third a different force a different coherent organized uh demand that went beyond the parochial demands of you know like this irish catholics in the city or and imagining that happening requires a lot of a lot of things falling differently uh and maybe it couldn't have happened i don't know but you know there always had to have been something else that could have happened because if not there's no point to anything now there was eventually an emerging force in the form of the labor movement and the populist movement but they came too late they came after like uh the working 0:41:13 class became a more coherent and larger and more effective self-conscious political actor and when and after you know the farmers of the west were able to sort of do a uh a smallholder version of working-class organization but by the time they ca emerged to resist capitalism capitalism has become a complete behemoth and really what you needed to change the equation the the the the integer that could have changed the

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political equation of the post-war era was the political uh awareness mobilization and coordination of of the friedman people inc in alliance with smallholding whites and the urban working class that's the only way it would have worked and by the 1890s you know the the failure of reconstruction had ensured that the kind of connections that would have been necessary to build so books good i'm enjoying it uh we're gonna talk next wednesday about let's do the first let's do the first four chapters of part four this book i love when people ask the because the republican household that was supposed to be uh the the modus operandi the the the generative motive for creating you know the the the los zai faire gold standard wildly corrupt political structure that came after an economic structure that came after the civil war uh it the people that it uh refused to recognize as as as republican subjects were the ones who needed to come together to oppose it and they were never never it was never what hath god drop rod is very good by daniel howe that's that's part of the same uh the oxford series of american history those are all i recommend all of those james mcpherson's uh paddle cry freedom is another one of those what's fun is that they all have the exact same although i gotta say i'm not a fan of the fact that they do footnotes which is another style thing for the oxford uh americans i don't know why especially like they're not there's never anything in the footnotes i don't know why you wouldn't just go but yeah i'm gonna keep thinking about it keep thinking of a way that they could have clapped they needed to just clap the \*\*\*\*\* the s the slave uh they needed to overthrow like legitimately overthrow instead of just uh like mildly inconvenience the slave holding ruling class of the south and as i still think that it's interesting to think about how lincoln would have dealt in a second term because the republican notion that we're talking about the small holder republic with the lazar fair government where where it's it's unhealthy to spend too much time as a working-class person that it actually means it's kind of a bad sign it's bad it's a sign of bad character if you work for somebody else for too long because you should be working towards a homestead and a farm of your own lincoln embodied that like lincoln believed that \*\*\*\*\* because he was the perfect example of someone like that he grew up on a literal like log cabin poor kid drunk father and he worked himself up to becoming a railroad lawyer and then the president of the united states and he believed in it but you know the thing about lincoln is is that lincoln changed as conditions changed and that's not true of most of the people who have been president now most people have been president have not presided over such a period of ferment that that lincoln did but that's one of the reasons that he was so uniquely fit for the challenge of being president during the civil war and that is why the idea of him being present during reconstruction as much as it doesn't guarantee anything because he did he was well committed to a lot of these uh notions that ended up creating you

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know uh the black codes and jim crow and robert baron capitalism and a railroad a corrupt railroad but he was also willing to adjust to changing conditions and the conditions of reconstructing indeed so anyway it's interesting uh now one thing that i think is clear though in terms of what if is that if the federal government had more effectively and consistently applied the use of troops to the south uh they would have reduced the number one factor in the collapse of reconstruction governments which was a white supremacist terrorist violence where where the where the troops went where this cavalry came in the clan was broken up and and freed people were safer it it worked they could do it if it had been more universally applied and more consistently applied it would have had an effect the thing is how do you establish a political will to maintain that investment because it costs money and those troops people who were pushing across to the west those troop those people uh they want they needed troops to protect them from those pesky indians who kept asserting rights one thing that you would need for any kind of useful reconstruction would have been a huge slowing of westward expansion which of course has again cuts against the prerogatives of the the republic presiding republican orthodoxy including what lincoln embodied but another thing you see after the collapse of uh economic precarity exacerbated racial violence in the south and undermined reconstruction governments and that those collapse that that economic uh failure was caused by all the things that the republicans had um had created as the economic and structure of the post-war era speculative railroad investment as the engine for uh for economic expansion and then austerity and uh tight money in the aftermath of the collapse it's interesting to imagine you know a a loose money a greenback based american economy after the civil war what would having england have done because england had an ability even if you weren't on the gold standard to all right so i've been talking so i want to see if anybody asks any questions if anybody was asking any questions about the book i will try to hit those but i've been talking it's hard to talk and look at the chat at the yeah that's the thing we have a greenback standard now and all the same ruling elites are in charge but that's because it came after all of the capital formations that the gold standard allowed in the late 19th century like everything all the changes gold standard then the the creation of the federal reserve that the suspension of convertibility of gold uh and then finally the final abolition of the gold standard were all done at not because of popular pressure not because of a working-class demand but out of the necessity to maintain i don't know chief i don't know anything about chief keef he's a rapper who do you think i am why do you think i know anything about rap was the panic about national debt back then more sincere i mean you can maybe argue it was a little bit just because you know ma economic economics as a discipline was relatively new a lot of the stuff was theoretical but

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foundationally if they thought it was it would have been good for them they would have been fine with it i mean that's the end of the end of the line that's that's 0:52:40  
the end of it all uh if if they thought it was and the thing is that no matter how how horrified elites are of debt they take it on as needed just in a way that never seems uh somebody's asking about the gilded liberals thinking that the republicans could just be supplanted is that like this socialist thinking the democrats could be supplanted uh i guess in a way in that they're both the byproduct of insularity right 0:53:43  
the gilded liberals uh the liberal republicans who nominated greeley and split off from the republicans uh they in tonight in 1872 they they assumed because of their totality of control over uh good opinion that they had some sort of uh purchase beyond you know writers and and professionals uh and it turns out no they didn't uh and in the same way like modern socialists one of the main problems has been the fact that because political um uh constrained by uh the like bubble the epistemic bubbles that pop up in the broader you know social media sphere and how those are not connected really to to any anything concrete and and people who aren't opting 0:54:46  
to have those conversations it gives people sort of a a unrealistic uh expectation of what people want and and and how people uh are gonna respond i still think that that the democratic party has to collapse that's for sure uh but it's not going to be because of any political formation that has made as i have said that's that's coming that's going to come along through online any more than the liberal republicans were able to overthrow the stalwarts because a bunch of newspaper editors idea apologies 0:56:8  
for the technical issues i'm figuring things out what will be the tipping point for all right this is a good way to end it what will be the current tipping point for currently constructed capitalism do you have to acknowledge the real possibility that there will be no tipping point that that that it will things will get worse obviously and fewer and fewer people will be able to find any sort of livelihood under capitalism and more and more people are going to be kind of spit out and turned into on people outside of the borders of uh of civilized commerce uh but that the structures will maintain 0:57:11  
their integrity uh until the very end uh until it's you know until it's just a couple of underground amazon warehouses uh controlled by robots but if it does uh that the end of the petro dollar will probably would do it i think the if if if the us if the dollar is no longer the reserve currency you'd have some that would cause a crisis that the system is not equipped to defeat but for that very reason it's unlikely to happen in the near future because the ruling elites of basically everywhere on earth depend on this current system and none of them have any alternative to it world systems analysis i'm a fan wallerstein i'm a fan uh i think it's it's it's a it's a very useful 0:58:13  
furtherance of uh it's essentially it takes like the the insights of the early marxists uh and like you know the leninist notion of imperialism and then extrapolates beyond

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that to the current system the current reality that none of them could anticipate  
because all right i'll see you folks later bye-bye i hope that sounded okay i'm i'm feel  
i feel a little rusty i feel like i was stammering but i hope lucid

*Flossing Towards Bethlehem*

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i hear mariachis stack on my radio hold me tighter i think i'm sinking down heroin outskirts of town all right this is good i got a new spot this is my spot now i think this is much better than the bed i'm back hi guys it's new year's eve new year's 0:1:2  
rock and eve depending on how it goes tonight not sure if i'm gonna have a stream tomorrow just letting everyone know uh gonna see some people socially distanced but everyone's of course going to be every have every incentive to uh just pour paint thinner on their brain because 2020 was an epic \*\*\*\*\* waffle of a year i should get this out of the shop don't do product placement unless i'm getting how is everybody doing how's everybody feeling about a new year how is everybody feeling about charging the essentially arbitrary calendar change with meaning as a psychic bone lack of control and helplessness that we all have how are we feeling about that i'm 0:2:3  
feeling good about it let's not pretend 2021 is going to be better because why not if it's worse what's the big deal oh you were wrong notice people are terrified of being wrong and it's because everyone's opinions are all out there now so if you were wrong people can point it out and it undermines your credibility or your virtue and it makes it it makes it people they tack away from their joy and it's sad who cares if you're wrong who cares if 2021 is worse than 2020 which it very well might be at least hope it could be better for one i'm not on the toilet how dare you i would not stream on the toilet i respect i respect the viewers too much to do that also that's for only fans that's special premium only fans content for when i start showing my hairy \*\*\*\*\* to the internet we'll see if it comes to that uh for now i 0:3:4  
do like the revolutions podcast i'm glad it's finally coming back poor mike duncan man i mean i know that he he fell off the internet for a while there and he was he missed his deadlines i had no idea what the cause was it turns out he had kidney stones my god miserable and the height of covid brutal poor guy but apparently he's better now and in january we're gonna get more revolutions which give me my slop i'm a slop piggy too just like everybody i want my content and i'm very excited uh maybe i can have my i'd like to talk to him again we had a really good uh episode a couple years ago i'd like to so i thought as the framing device for today's show i

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would take some take advice from someone on uh the subreddit that is devoted to these streams which yes i have admitted in the past i look at how could i not it'd be really weird if i didn't where they said inspired by the flag discourse if i could rate the state quarters i thought that was a great idea because i remember when the state quarters came out i wasn't i was a big fan i i avidly waited for the next ones uh and made me think yeah damn we should go through these because i remember just being very mad at most of them for just being terribly designed so i thought i'd go back so i'm gonna go through this year by year which ones we have we've got uh 1999 the first quarter is of course for the first state delaware uh which that's all they really have going for them is that they were the first state to ratify the constitution and now they're essentially a offshore tax haven for corporations and insurance companies way to go there's no reason that you should exist they should be annexed by pennsylvania or somebody and have their state government abolished have their \*\*\*\*\* chancery court burned to the ground and i mean look what they've unleashed upon the world \*\*\*\*\* the delaware method and joe biden are now going to be uh are going to be practicing their particular brand of transactional politics and boy it's gonna be a nightmare and it's just caesar rodney on a horse because what the \*\*\*\*\* else are you gonna talk about with delaware there's nothing to talk about unless you just wanted a picture of like uh a p.o box that for some you know holding company that is technically headquartered in delaware but has no offices that would be the ideal delaware quarter instead they have caesar rodney who was the founding father who most famous is most famous for riding day and night uh from the continental continental army encampment to the philadelphia continental congress to give a report on the disposition of washington's army which helped bolster the spines of the delegates who were wavering about whether or not to vote to declare independence from great britain so it's like a key moment and it's very dramatic he shows up he says the army is good we can win this thing and people said yes so cesar rodney who had a face he had face cancer imagine having face cancer in the \*\*\*\*\* 1700s well he got a state quarter out of it so guy and a horse what can you say not that good that's a c that's that's minimal effort but delaware what else do you want them to give you uh pennsylvania they just show the stupid state because they're so proud that it's shaped like a keystone oh my god they're so proud we're the keystone state our state happens to vaguely resemble a keystone of a building congratulations and then they've got a liberty lady holding a stick once again and they have an actual keystone just to remind you of why they call it that and also to remind you that the state doesn't even really look that much like a keystone and that the whole dumb thing is pretty forced so once again c terrible yeah everyone's talking about mf doom i he's the guy who rapped about food any more mask never listen

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to it don't know young mc is my favorite uh new jersey is just a it's just washington crossing the delaware which hey you can't fault him for it's new jersey what are you gonna do have like a body buried in a in the pine barrens or something uh it's a it's a classic moment from american history it's it's busy but because it's a scene of action it doesn't feel cluttered it's pretty good not bad uh georgia just the state shape and a peach i mean it kind of looks like an ass so that's funny but other than that uh 0:8:13  
pretty uninspiring connecticut gets credit because it's got that uh the tree that's it's got the tree the charter oak and it's got all the big branches and so it's at least got like a uh it's a little symmetrical i like it it's the best of those i would say of the 1999 ones the best is definitely connecticut with in 2000 massachusetts was just the stupid state first of all honestly if you have the state shape you're losing who cares state shapes aren't interesting for the most part uh and we know you should know what the states are shaped like anyway uh and it's got a minute man oh they're so proud of their dumb minute man once it's got a gun on it which is kind of cool maryland has uh just their \*\*\*\*\* state dome and it says old line state oh my god wow boring south carolina once again shape of the stupid state and a palmetto and a dumb bird i don't like the collage ones at all uh new hampshire's is actually hilarious because 0:9:14  
it has the old man on the mountain which shortly after the coin was released uh fell away and doesn't exist anymore so that has its own special charm and then virginia a bunch of colonial ships coming into jamestown i like boats boats are always good on a coin none of these are terribly good honestly i guess i go with virginia just because of the sails but other than that yeah the mountain the the old man on the mountain is like was a was a face shaped outcropping on a mountain that fell off fell off a so i give virginia that one in two thousand two thousand two thousand one new york it's uh just the state shape but instead it's just like massachusetts state shape and then instead of a minuteman it's the statue of liberty uh boring lame uh 0:10:16  
north carolina has the kitty hawk airplane which always annoys me because both ohio and north carolina claim to be the state that was first in flight because the wright brothers are from ohio and they designed the airplane in ohio in their bicycle shop but then they took it to the dunes of north carolina to fly in my mind there should be some sort of adjudication on who gets to be the first in flight state and honestly i think ohio has a better argument the wright brothers were sons of ohio they were sons of the industrious midwest they literally just went to north carolina because there was a big flat area they could \*\*\*\*\* fly a plane on uh so north carolina big demerits for stealing valor from ohio there rhode island they got a sailboat and a bridge uh reminding you that it's the state of boat shoe wearing rich \*\*\*\*\* uh vermont just literally trees and some \*\*\*\*\* getting the maple syrup out of the trees weak uh well you tell me why the hell they did it into the \*\*\*\*\* dunes then \*\*\*\*\* 0:11:17

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uh and then kentucky is just a horse and a horse barn wow these are all these suck these are terrible don't like any of them i guess because because there's a boat on it i'll go with rhode island when in doubt i'll put kentucky or tennessee in 2002 is just their musical heritage it literally just says musical heritage and then there's a guitar and a fiddle and a trumpet like try to create a a concept try to create some sort of tableau don't just throw things together ohio also has the kitty it has the \*\*\*\*\* uh the wright brothers playing on it two states with the same \*\*\*\*\* airplane on it but then they also have an astronaut on there because a ton of the astronauts including john glenn uh and i believe neil hunt neil armstrong are from ohio and honestly that uh that is a a spike uh in the face of north carolina that they don't have they they don't just have a claim to airplanes they have a claim to space travel louisiana 0:12:18 just has i love louisiana it's got uh an outline of the united states and then it has within it the purchase which the vast majority of which is not louisiana you're what that's not that's just a name man what the \*\*\*\*\* and then it's got a pelican and another trumpet just like tennessee has awful god how long do they think of these things indiana the shape of indiana which why would you want to \*\*\*\*\* brag about indiana's shape in any way and then they've got a \*\*\*\*\* uh formula one car because they have the indian fo indianapolis 500 there brutal depressing uh mississippi is the clear winner in 2002 it's a big uh a big bush of magnolias it's got it's it's it's floral it's nice mississippi definitely wins the 2003 okay illinois once again shape you're in 0:13:20 bad shape there with the shape but then they also have a barn on one side and then they have the willis tower on the other and then a young abe lincoln standing where illinois is i love lincoln as you guys know uh but i would have gone with just lincoln's face or something or like with the hat or something why do you have to do the shape of the stupid state alabama has hilariously helen keller just sitting in a chair which if you know that she was a pretty committed communist uh it's pretty funny that you've got the state of alabama commemorating a commie uh but as a design very uninspired maine's got a lighthouse and a boat which is nice i like that missouri has the stupid uh gateway arch and lewis and clark on a little canoe and arkansas bafflingly has a giant diamond and then like a swamp i guess are there diamonds in arkansas is it is there some sort of mining operation in arkansas that i'm not 0:14:21 aware of if anyone knows anyone from arkansas do they mind diamonds there it's a swamp diamond oh little rock is that the rock they were talking about well whatever uh not very good i got to give this one to maine the the the lighthouse is nice and of course it's got a boat in it 2004 michigan just the great lakes the outline of the mitten and then the great lakes themselves once again those aren't your \*\*\*\*\* lakes okay yes one of them is named after you but they're not your \*\*\*\*\* lakes there's much the lakes of everybody else in that region of the country don't don't be \*\*\*\*\*

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stealing them okay apparently there are diamonds in the ozarks okay interesting uh  
so yeah \*\*\*\*\* you michigan trying to take the whole \*\*\*\*\* great lakes for yourself  
uh florida terrible uh palm tree uh like clipper ship and then a space shuttle because 0:15:23  
that's where cape canaveral is terrible just put a big orange in there or something  
or \*\*\*\*\* mickey mouse i know they'd love to do that uh texas what a shock just  
the shape of texas and then their big stupid star i'm not the only one who noticed  
this of course but doesn't that the star on the texas uh someone's asking about if we  
talked about in the republic for which it stands uh we did talk about it yesterday  
after this i'm going to talk about it a little more because i want to talk a little bit  
more about the panic 1873. uh and how it happened it's pretty interesting uh so  
then we got iowa little red schoolhouse foundation and education dorks might as well  
just say nerds might as well just say this is a state for dorks and nerds poindexter  
state uh and then wisconsin which i have to say one of the worst there is it's just  
a stoop it's a cow's head and then a wheel of cheese and then an ear of corn and  
then the state motto forward embarrassing embarrassing all around you've got the 0:16:24  
cheese and the cow you can't commit to one or the other they're both dairy related  
uh this is a terrible year all of these are bad i hesitate to even pick a favorite oh i  
guess i i hate to say it but i guess i gotta go with texas just because that star if any  
at least is a you know is a stark symbol as opposed to the cluttered oh yeah that's  
right that happened a year after one of the \*\*\*\*\* space shuttles blew up in the ass  
california uh you got john muir looking at yosemite lame cluttered why not just use  
the condor why not just put the california condor on there they got the little condor  
in the background just do the condor lame minnesota the stupid shape and then a  
lake guess what \*\*\*\*\* wisconsin has more lakes than minnesota i don't know if you  
people are aware of that and i don't know i told this to a person from minnesota  
once and they refused to believe me look at the \*\*\*\*\* up wisconsin has more lakes  
oregon uh crater lake nice lake some trees serene not bad evocative not cluttered but 0:17:29  
hard to beat kansas just a good old \*\*\*\*\* see kansas is great because you've got a  
buffalo but then you've got a little sunflower which is the state flower right next to  
it so you get an evocation of the state you get the landscape or i mean you get like  
the floor and fauna and it's historic it's it's history you don't have to have the stem  
shape the square shape and then west virginia is a bridge over the new river gorge  
which is nice but a little cluttered but yeah nothing's beating kansas kansas 2006  
nevada nevada is very busy but i actually kind of like it it's a bunch of wild horses  
stampeding across a desert with a rising sun in the background says the silver state  
on it it's good i like i like nevada uh and then you got nebraska you got conestoga 0:18:33  
wagons and chimney rock and and some sun uh i mean it's basically doing the same  
thing kind of the nevada is but less interestingly and less dynamically because the

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the the wagon train looks like statues it doesn't look like it's in motion as opposed to the horses that look like they're in full gallop colorado you got a hill you got a big mountain of course it's the rockies kind of no-brainer there north dakota also has buffalo like kansas does but to buffalo with the sun way more busy not nearly as good so not only is it the second buffalo quarter it's the less distinctive less well-designed buffalo quarters so north dakota stays losing south dakota mount rushmore which by the way has anyone bundle up mount rushmore i mean i know obviously that it's a horrifying cultural crime it's like it's essentially we did an end zone dance to celebrate our ethnic cleansing of the black hills by taking a sacred mountain and carving our greatest war criminals onto it but forget the politics if you ever go it is 0:19:34  
insanely underwhelming you you go out onto this promontory like this big parking lot and there's \*\*\*\*\* uh bathrooms and gift shops and there's just a big flat plane and you just look across a little gully and then there's the the outcropping and then you look at it and it's exactly what you think it is and it's not that big even it doesn't look that imposing it's lame it sucks gust up borglum was a \*\*\*\*\* uh clan member uh hack piece of \*\*\*\*\* it's it's one of our least intrep impressive uh pieces of national monument realty sucks thumbs down uh of these i will go with nevada for sure with the with the horses uh 2007. montana is badass it's got a \*\*\*\*\* uh it's got a steer skull with the horns and then some mountains in the background washington's got 0:20:35  
a jumping fish and a little hill and water idaho the bird and then the shape of the state boring wyoming has is a great one it's an outline of a lady cowgirl bucking on a bronco and it says the equality state uh which of course it's known as because it was the first state to allow women to vote which it did as an enticement to get them to move there because like many western states it had a wild gender imbalance in its early days and then utah nothing not the beehive i would have thought the beehive would have been a no-brainer instead they go with transcontinental railroad and the in this and the spike uh at the cross what the \*\*\*\*\* was it called promontory point promotory point right something like that uh gotta go here with yeah i'll go with wyoming i like i like the the cowgirl it tells the story and then finally the last 0:21:37  
year 2008 um we got oklahoma we got a bird and some flowers new mexico points for their great symbol from their wonderful flag points against because it's laid up against a stupid state background which when you're a big square state there's the least reason to put your state shape on there it's a \*\*\*\*\* square who gives a \*\*\*\*\* uh uh what is arizona's oh there's arizona oh the grand canyon of course that's a no-brainer although honestly the grand canyon depiction isn't very good it doesn't really look like a so they don't they kind of bungle it alaska big old bear with \*\*\*\*\* salmon in his mouth that's pretty good i like the bear and then hawaii is i think king kamehameha holding out his arm and then the archipelago i kind of give hawaii 0:22:40

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uh i give them of any of the states they're the ones who i understand putting the shape in there the most because it's a bunch of islands but i gotta go with alaska there with the bear uh so that's so if the best ones are alaska texas maine mississippi rhode island virginia and connecticut i think my favorite honestly i think my favorite is kansas i think it's kansas i think that's my favorite one i think in a future one i'm gonna do the president quarters which happened shortly after these they did all this all the quarters i don't even know if they got they did them all though because i think they let me see if they did the whole thing yeah they did all of them they did everybody up to george h.w bush but they haven't done one since that's the last one they did let me just i'll just look through these and see if any of them are good uh the nixon one is hilarious it doesn't these are all pretty underwhelming but you know what are you gonna do it's just a bunch of white guys uh the van buren one is nice because they get his amazing haircut so there we go those are the state quarters none of them are very good it's amazing those states had a long time to think of them they often had like contests to decide and that's all they came up with was mostly very uninspiring collages which really tells you what you get from group so right but now let's talk about the panic of 1873 which led to the longest economic contraction in american history over 60 months straight of economic attraction in part because the liberal orthodoxy of the of the dominant republican party uh refused to increase the money supply uh and inject cash into the economy which led to contraction and deflation and helped kill reconstruction because the election of 1872 which saw republican governments take power in many southern states was relatively violence free compared to many of the other post-civil war southern elections was marked by a convulsion of violence and a return to democratic rule in most of them and a lot of it was because the republican project was invalidated in the minds of uh the uh small holding white and poor white population because the \*\*\*\*\* election failed or because the the economy failed and it it didn't have to god damn it but anyway what caused it to happen so the civil war saw the biggest accumulation of capital in america since the since the uh revolution uh which is what happens when you have a big war that we have talked about that before about how the napoleonic war is what created the like the capital dynamo that burst uh english industrial dominance and that a similar thing happened in the united states but after the war there had to be something to uh take the place of of that spending of that of that investment that used to go into procuring and producing uh material for the war and that was the building of railroads both through the reconstructed south and into the west and it was accomplished by the government subsidizing private corporations to essentially just take land along the route uh and giving it to them and that the economic engine of the economy the the the paper that underwrote the economy

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because we weren't yet on the gold standard uh was railroad bonds uh were were bonds that railroads sold uh in order to finance construction and expansion and purchasing of other railroads because there was a drive towards monopolization in every level of the but the thing about it was is that the more bonds you sold the more interest you had to pay on the bonds and that necessitated if you didn't have a profit if you didn't have like a profit engine under girding the business which many most of these railroads didn't they did not make money any more than silicon valley makes money now uh and that meant that they had to sell more bonds more new bonds and then new bond money from people purchasing bonds today paid for the interest in the old bonds that other people had purchased and there was a economic 0:28:57 risk a sharp stock market collapse in europe first in vienna and then shock waving out throughout the rest of europe then hitting the united kingdom which is where most foreign capital was coming into the united states and that led to a reduction in demand for american railroad bonds and once there was nobody there to buy the new bonds there was nobody there there was no money to pay for the interest on the old bonds and all of these railroads just went into receivership almost overnight and that engine that was keeping the economy going was keeping demand for steel and lumber uh and was providing speculative opportunities for wall street and you read that and you think my god how could anybody let that happen it's a ponzi scheme it's a mother someone says does that count as a kanzi scheme essentially and 0:29:58 the thing about it is that's everything now that is that's the essence of finance is that it's all paying new money it's all using new money to pay for old debts uh that was the essence of the uh real estate collapse in 2008 too the money there was there was a there was a reduction in the flow of new money to pay uh for uh all the bets that have been placed on these mortgages and as soon as that happens the whole it's inevitable boom and bust it can't be done away with with it with uh with capitalism it's an intrinsic and the funny thing about people who love the gold standard not 70 by 70 in the panic of 73 there was no gold standard not yet anyway but there was a 0:30:59 huge collapse in uh 1892 i believe which was during the gold standard and then of course the great depression happened it is amazing gold gold buggery is one of the least defensible one of the least like coherent intellectually uh compelling uh fetishes you can have it is pure and very blatant ideology and it's kind of astounding that there are still people who fixate upon it and i think it boils down to the fact that as much as capitalists like to make fun of socialists for saying oh we haven't really had socialism nothing's been tried uh that every single time at capitalism causes mass admiseration there has to be an explanation and it always boils down to well you're 0:32:0 not doing capitalism right and as i have said the same forces that pushed for the gold standard are the same ones that coordinated the move over to a federal reserve

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system and the end of gold convertibility and then the end of the gold standard in general it was it was not the government doing that it was not some sort of big government colossus that is anyway inextricably linked to finance capital it was finance capital it was to their advantage at every point and the gold standard now is just a thing a a a fantasy alternative and honestly you know the the bi-medialism of the populists was a similar thing but that's because they weren't able to imagine a economic uh reality outside of capitalism and so what if we put some silver in there and increase the money supply became sort of the signal reform but it was 0:33:1 generate it was motivated more just by wanting there to be an alternative wanting there to be something other than what was not working when the fact is that what had to go what had to get rid of it i chanted i sang a brian brian brian candidate for president who sketched a silver zion i read that vashta lindsay poem about the brian campaign like \*\*\*\*\* eight months ago now on when i was doing these on instagram i mean yes there was there was a nationalization as part of it but you know limited nationalization is still capitalism i mean like the french model is more socialistic than ours but it's still it is still a mixed economy it's just the degree of mix but no the uh the silver the silver bugs were definitely better than the gold bugs i mean the 0:34:2 gold buggery at that time was pure and has always been pure reaction uh whereas there is like a progressive motivation at the heart of was william jennings bryan the silver the gilded age bernie i mean the closest thing yeah definitely and he was a guy who like bernie started out as a third party guy he was nominated by the populist party for president and it was a deal where the democrat it was for the democrats so as not to be outflanked nominated him too which uh is also what happened in 1872 with horace greeley who was nominated by the third party liberal republicans and then the democrats nominated him too just because he was an alternative to republicanism basically and the democrats at that point in the north which is where 0:35:4 they were you know electorally coherent uh had no real raison d'etre besides you know opposing um opposing reconstruction on behalf of their southern constituents which greeley by that point wanted to do away with the liberal republicans in general wanted to sell out the friedman completely and it is funny to imagine horse greeley getting elected and they're dying i'm not sitting on the toilet good lord who were these people with uh with whose bathroom has a window directly behind the \*\*\*\*\* modern vampires somebody's asking about i've never heard of this movie attention 0:36:10 but it's amazing when you read the uh the history of the railroad specifically in the way that that they were wildly subsidized to no good end like there there was at no there is no rational justification for the way that the u.s went about funding railroad construction after the civil war the only thing the only way any of it makes sense is bribery was fraud but the ones doing the bribing and the fraud fraud were largely the

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same people who were condemning tammany and uh and graft essentially because some of that money went to the the you know jobs for the teaming irish masses in the cities and not to the not to the you know uh uh well-ordered protestant and that's why any alternative reconstruction would have required a coherent organized political uh a self-interested political coalition whose interest was not could not be bought off essentially because that's the problem with the working class uh in the united states at that point is that due to the fact that it was largely ethnically and religiously segregated and the fact that it was stuck into ghettos in cities like boston and philadelphia and new york is that they could be and were handled on a client basis and that prevented them from doing any real like class-based organizing that came later but uh by that point you know capital uh accumulation had become so successful and so had so leviathanic that their ability to fight it was uh somebody was asking about grants grant's third term he did try to run for a third term uh and i like the way that richard white puts it in the book where he says that uh grant was sort of reluctant to run for president because he didn't feel like he was prepared for it but then he needed he felt he needed to run for a third term because he wasn't prepared to but it's hard to imagine if he'd gotten that third term anything would have been better i mean the uh compromise of 1877 which formerly ended reconstruction was of course a death knell for progress in this country but by that point it's hard to imagine it anything else going the polit anything else happening uh even if you hadn't had that occur because the the political will in the north for any further expenditure of men or money to maintain black rights in the south was completely exhausted and like the thing that changes that hypothetically if we're talking about wish casting is not anything that happens that late in the game it's things that happen very very early after the war things that allow uh black economic and political power to be uh organized harnessed and asserted and in the immediate aftermath of the war which would have created a momentum of its own and changed political calculations made for example the black vote in the south something that was uncontestable something that couldn't be neutralized by terror and by manipulation by former confederates because there would have been enough at the early stages federal support and federal protection for freedmen and freed women to allow for the building of economic and political institutional power and again i don't know if that's possible in this country in with the with the material we had but it couldn't it certainly was not going to happen with andrew johnson as president and as much as lincoln was a man of his time he was also a man uh who unlike johnson could change his \*\*\*\*\* mind and his views on things like the ability of blacks and whites to uh live side by side had radically changed from the way they were at the beginning of the war and there were enough northerners who would have been changed by the experience of fighting

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the war who in the very after in that moment in that moment of triumph could have made different decisions collectively that could have had a cumulative effect uh 0:41:19  
anyway it's certainly fun to think about it's certainly more fun to think about than the future of the actual world we live in which might explain why i'm so drawn to it grant was kind of a himbo he was not as dumb as he's remembered historically he was i mean he was militarily very adept and he was and he had a uh aptitude for for military grand strategy that was superior for most of his opponents certainly more than lee lee of course wildly overrated lee was a was a pretty good tactician uh but part of that was the fact that he was mostly fighting against overmatched political hacks for a large part of the war uh and you know buffoons like mccllellan i mean my god how are you gonna \*\*\*\*\* take credit for beating george mccllellan the guy basically didn't want the union to win for christ's sake how the hell are you 0:42:20  
gonna take credit for that i mean like there's a whole theory that the uh that the howl brothers the who are the naval and uh and army commanders of the of the british uh colonial military during uh the american revolution uh who and who are both freemasons and and wigs uh were basically kind of rooting for the colonists and weren't trying that hard which kind of explains how the uh the uh colonialists were able to avoid destruction so many times most notably uh after the battle of brooklyn when uh howe had a chance to absolutely wipe out washington's army and took so goddamn long to cross over from staten island to manhattan that it gave washington time to escape uh to the mainland there's a similar thing with mccllellan i mean not only was he a democrat who hated lincoln uh posed emancipation uh but 0:43:21  
after he got to smart discharge he ran against lincoln in 1864 on a peace platform on a let the south secede platform how the hell are you going to give lee that much credit for beating him especially since he didn't even beat him that many times he \*\*\*\*\* lost tactically almost every one of the seven days battles and then mccllellan would just retreat because he was he obviously believed he was outnumbered and then of course uh he couldn't even he was battled to a draw and antietam anyway he was okay tactically but he was a strategic nincompoop he invaded the north twice who who who could look at the disposition of forces of the confederacy versus the union and the south versus the north and say we should be invading the north that's madness you are you are you are outnumbered you are vastly less resources vastly 0:44:23  
fewer popul vastly smaller population you fight attrition you make you fight until they can't fight anymore you do not spend men and material what trying to it's funny angles knew from the \*\*\*\*\* the day the war started no you win the war by going through growing from the west and cutting through georgia who gives a \*\*\*\*\* about richmond why are you taking richmond is just the capital it's just a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* buildings it's it's it's some buildings and some boxes of files you can put them

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on a horse and so so grant was definitely a better strategic thinker than lee was but he was not a great political thinker i mean most of these generals weren't like if they were they would have been \*\*\*\*\* politicians you know and of those like of those generals who take the reigns none of them really are political minds washington wasn't a political mind um grant wasn't a political mind eisenhower was not the difference between three of those is that washington essentially had he was there to lend his credibility to the enterprise and to assuage all of the wary colonies former colonies that nobody was gonna be over awed by this federal government because everyone trusted president general washington because he had had the chance to be king and turned it down he was the cincinnatis and um eisenhower was able to preside over what was essentially a bipartisan political economic consensus as like deeply entrenched in its way as neoliberalism is now uh but as i said yesterday grant was was was coming onto a scene of absolute uh protein uh liquidity and he was not really the man for it i mean i don't necessarily think that you need like a lincoln third term or anything if he doesn't get assassinated hey maybe he gets assassinated somewhere in his second term but then you need an actual politician an actual radical republican to be president and more importantly than because of their individual um you know values or anything what they represent of a coalition like the interest because grant was not uh indebted in any way to the radical republicans he was standing sort of on top this rickety collection of of uh republicans of the liberal and stalwart radical and conservative types he did not really represent any one faction as you would have needed somebody who actually did represent the radicals and not just the radicals represented the economic radicals among them because there were plenty of radical republicans but yeah benjamin wade benjamin wade would have been better so another another what if that we dodged was what if they'd \*\*\*\*\* one vote away from impeaching one vote away from impeaching \*\*\*\*\* uh johnson and then you get radical \*\*\*\*\* republican benjamin wade as president uh but sadly for him a lot of people knew that and didn't want him to be president and were betting on grant so they that was one of the reasons that he they but yeah you need to not have johnson in there at all just throwing up literally just throwing a \*\*\*\*\* spanner in the works who's the best confederate confederate confederate general i mean stonewall jackson was really good there's no there's he was a \*\*\*\*\* psycho and an \*\*\*\*\* but he was you know what he was doing and then more more even than his like tactical brilliance was the fact that he could uh he was able to master the the um rapid deployment of infantry which was very difficult during that period uh you know they called him foot cavalry because of how fast jackson could get his guys around and that was a huge i mean that's essentially that was not that was a large percentage of napoleon's innovation was his ability to take the uh increased

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mobility of a of a republican military force that had uh esprit de corps that came from a shared mission as opposed to the collection of mercenaries and and conscripts that made up uh you know european uh old royal militaries and used that to make them move much much faster so and that allowed him much more maneuverability 0:49:29 relative to his opponents and jackson had that same thing uh i like thinking i like talking about the worst confederates more though uh john bell hood might have been the very worst of all of them just in terms of how disastrously terror i mean he's more responsible for the burning of atlanta and the destruction that sherman wrought than almost anybody because he destroyed his army uh people talk about the idiocy of pickett's charge which was of course idiotic and another of on many pieces of evidence that lee was a \*\*\*\*\* overrated hack but at least pickett's charge was preceded by a huge hours-long uh artillery bombardment that was theoretically supposed to destroy uh the center of the union force and allow them to just kind of march through it it didn't work they they were firing over the heads most of the time but \*\*\*\*\* porter alexander but at least had an idea at uh at franklin john bell hood sent his army against the fixed and uh uh the fixed position of uh thomas with no 0:50:30 arc hillary from uh bombard whatsoever just sent him into the \*\*\*\*\* thresher and destroyed his whole army in the process killed like 13 generals i believe so as you can imagine he's one of my favorite confederate generals and i do think it's funny that two of our big military bases that are named after confederate generals that we're supposed to be mad about and it is \*\*\*\*\* up that they are then that's what we did name them but our hood and brag and those are two of the biggest \*\*\*\*\* army i'll tell you the one i hate hearing to hearing about it all is \*\*\*\*\* patrick claiborne people can shove that mick up their \*\*\*\*\* ass shut the \*\*\*\*\* up about that \*\*\*\*\* shanty irish \*\*\*\*\* because he is every every soft confederate apologist's favorite confederate general because he said hey let's uh emancipate the slaves and have him fight for us why would they do that i don't know i'm sitting over here eating a potato like 0:51:31 an apple don't \*\*\*\*\* ask me and of course all the other confederates told him he was an idiot and told him to shut the \*\*\*\*\* up because it was a dumb idea and it was unconnected to everything and he got murked at \*\*\*\*\* uh uh at jeb stewart uh another uh dandy \*\*\*\*\* oh he did he had some very impressive cavalry theatrics because of course the the horse \*\*\*\*\* uh uh gentry loved their horses but he was m.i.a for the first two days of gettysburg when lee needed him most which helped lead him into a blind bleep blundering in to means forces and then he got his ass killed at yellow tavern good riddance ah i do go back and forth about mead and 0:52:46 whether or not he should have attacked lee after gettysburg i mean i totally get that they were really mauled but \*\*\*\*\* lee was even more mauled and when you think of how long it took to drive them down after that and how many how many dead

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there were it's hard to william mahone is an interesting character because he was a confederate general and well uh regarded one who like james longstreet became a republican after the war a scalawag as they called them but even more so in the 1890s headed a a multi-racial populist political organization in virginia that oppose the bourbon reactionary democrats and if and when you think about guys like that and there were not oh they're not a few of them there were no there were not a few ex-confederates who who who ended up after the war uh supporting the reconstruction governments and becoming republicans i mean my god albert parsons one of the uh 0:53:48  
one of the haymarket martyrs was a confederate veteran uh when you consider how many of them there were in the context of the you know shitty and uh economically exploitative reconstruction we got imagine how many we could have had imagine how many more there would have been in a context where the reconstruction of the south was economically uh revitalizing instead of you know exploitative where everybody who was not a slave owner and a plantation owner got land and got a chance to prosper as holders the way that you're supposed to do in the north there were there was plenty of uh there was a lot of potential there was ferment things didn't have to go the way they did i really believe that they definitely should have hung uh jeff davis there's no question about that i mean they should have hung i mean you don't want to get too bloodthirsty but they should have hung most of 0:54:49  
the confederate leadership the cabinet for sure they obviously should have banned anybody who served in the government from ever voting again i mean that's a no-brainer and on obviously obviously obviously anybody who owned land anybody who owned plantation should sherman was a good strategic mind but he wasn't very good tactically he he would get he would get in his head about the opponent uh and and he would kind of second guess himself and double clutch he doesn't like his his battles uh dirt his his battles during the march to the sea and and to atlanta and then the sea aren't terribly uh impressive like i said uh a lot of it was facilitated by the fact that the the armies of the west were getting mauled by the army of the cumberland and franklin and nashville difference between strategies and tactics is 0:55:50  
so like the anaconda plan that winfield scott devised at the beginning of the war to defeat the south naval blockade split it in half that's a strategy tactics are uh like at chancellorsville for example when that was pope right yeah pope's army he split his forces and had uh uh stonewall jackson tactic but yeah sherman didn't do great like bad like kennesaw mountain and stuff he he was he was prone to sort of wasting troops and direct if i wasn't a podcast or would my dream career be i thought about 0:57:9  
that and i think i'd like to direct a movie which is pathetic because the art form is dying as all art forms are now anything that requires capital is uh is going down the tubes but i would like to direct a movie and i think i'd be a good teacher too if i i

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mean you want to talk about more realistically i could probably get a certificate or something i don't i mean probably yeah get like a teaching certificate be a cool sub well podcasting is an art form what makes it so is its low homeless alcoholic i mean possibly i wouldn't last long i don't think there might be a pot if if if spotify eats 0:58:10 the world the way they're trying to on podcasting there might end up being like a podcaster's guild or like a union which of course would be the that's the trajectory of all artisanal forms of uh proletarianized yeah my my dream project would be to write direct something about the someone is saying that having citizenship based 0:59:29 to property ownership is uh is doomed uh and dooms liberty correct uh and that's one of those things that would have had to have been destroyed by the the by the contradictions of the of the post-civil war era being heightened and sharpened faster like it would you would not have had i i really think that like a successful reconstruction would not in any sense be peaceful it would in fact be in it would be a more explicit war it would it would be a more violent it would be another stage of violence because it was the stage of violence it's just the violence was mostly carried out against former slaves and so therefore was able to be absorbed by the political uh consensus pretty easily because these were people who were not really considered citizens by most people even if they might have technically acquired citizenship by the post-war constitutional amendments you would have you would have seen violence it just would have been uh it would have in fact been more widespread it would but it 1:0:30 would have involved uh violence against uh recalcitrant former slave owners and and the people that they could whip up into militarily supporting them and it would have hopefully ended with the destruction of the constitutional order which is why i don't think lincoln would have done it because lincoln loved the constitution and i think he would have not have been the one to preside over its destruction but somebody would have because if the contradictions had been brought to the fore if black citizenship and he and personhood was more firmly established as something that a even if it's a thin majority a majority of northern whites uh supported the constitution would have been shown to be unviable and the property-based conception of freedom would have been unviable and it would have had to be replaced by something else not not socialism there would have not been any forces for that but something that had more uh flexibility to it and something that allowed for a force beyond mere bribery to 1:1:31 determine uh the shape of political economy which is what the we ended up getting uh the civil war created a new class of finance capitalists who were sitting on uh government bonds and then railroad bonds and those men bought the government as surely as the oligarchs and the only thing that would have stopped that from 1:2:53 happening is a coalition of political will that would have been asserting oh someone's asking about us uh the tryhard christmas episode thank you for liking that i know a

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lot of people don't like those because they're very inside baseball and it's all references but if we only do like one a year i don't feel like that's too much to ask to be indulgent once in a while to have a little fun you know a little reward for the people who have uh who've spent too much time listening to us over the year you know uh but we it was me chris and uh will we we sat down and we we punched out a script and then uh we basically allowed felix once we recorded it to just riff so he he wrote most of his own lines as we was as he was reading them because he is the rift master unparalleled whereas i mostly stuck to the script because when i'm doing a character or a much well class consciousness is an id some of that says class consciousness 1:3:56 is idealism idealism is the idea is the idea that ideas people have but everyone is operating off of ideas every day it's just that those ideas are shaped by their material reality people with people who are exploited people who are working class they are they are whether they are aware of it or not subject to capitalism subject to capital exploitation are immigrated by it in some way or another but they might not be aware of it coming into awareness of that will change their actions but you don't get a permanent change of conditions until people coordinate their activities their 1:5:0 role in the productive mechanism by for example withdrawing their labor collectively and then by doing that you establish new structures and new relationships and a new mode of production and then that the thing is is that you can't separate them completely you can't separate structure super base superstructure are not separate concepts like i said it's like muscle and bone if you take the bone out the muscle will just turn into a pile but if you take out pull the muscle away you just have a skeleton it can't dance it can't do anything they are fully inextricably linked and uh that's why i like trying to label things and fixating on whether or not something 1:6:2 is idealist or or materialist that gets the only reason that that happens i think is because people are mostly just arguing people are mostly just trying to argue about things and so they need labels to pick the good things from the bad things they're not applying ideas to their lives and so anything they do in that world no matter how materialistic they insist it is will end up just being idealist talking points and and and uh and hypothetical like when you say hey like marx's hagel the the head and the they're still real you know but if you turn something upside down it doesn't mean that the side that was up is no longer doesn't exist anymore it's just it's at a 1:7:3 different level of uh it's at a different point of uh it's just at a different point relative to to the other ideas like it's all it's all part of the same thing non-dualism like if we're just talking about like identifying strands to analyze but if it's just an analysis it doesn't mean anything anyway it has to be action it has to be uh it has to filter into your life and the decisions you make with do you think that psych this will be the last question do you think that psychedelics will ever have a formal position in

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society i hope so honestly uh i don't want to you know be a \*\*\*\*\* uh 60s \*\*\*\*\*  
or timothy leary or anything but in my experience psychedelics are more uh can be 1:8:5  
anyway a more effective therapeutic mechanism than like pharmaceuticals which are  
mo which mostly exists as like instrumentally to make people functional within a  
dysfunctional society like a a functional society drugs of all kinds would be assessed  
for their for their use not as to make somebody like productive but to make somebody  
actually heal but certainly not our society like if we do if there is some and i think  
there probably will be a move towards decriminalizing psychedelics but that's if but  
that will end up just being the same thing that we've seen with marijuana which is 1:9:9  
another a form of indulgence another another form of escape another way to keep  
people from feeling too much their alienation but not allowing them but yeah i would  
i would i would imagine something where you have like psychedelics you know in a  
therapeutic framework where they're taking taken like in conjunction with a uh like  
a coaching system or shamanically but not just for you know uh silicon valley \*\*\*\*\*  
who could afford to go to chile for ayahuasca experience for anybody who alright 1:10:14  
guys gals i hope everyone has a good new year's eve if you can i know everyone's in  
covet hell but uh if you can have fun try to uh and yeah you know what 21 20 21  
will probably be a veil of tears

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#### **01.05.21**

that was a young man i carried my pack and i lived the free life of a rover and the mary's green basin to the dusty outback i think they're cool my matilda all over till in 1915 my country said son it's time to stop rambling for there's work to be done so they gave me a tin hat and they gave me a gun and they sent me and the band played wolfing matilda as we sailed away from the cave but amidst all the cheers 0:1:4 and the shouts and the tears great great tune we all love it don't we folks we all love it and i'll be a normie i like the pogue version the most i like the i like shane mcgowan's voice not gonna lie i'm uh i'm a plastic patty at heart even though i'm fairly sure i'm basically not any of the i don't have any hated bogmen in me according to my pointless uh well the thing is they're all germans anyway everybody's crowds everybody's a \*\*\*\*\* crowd even the celts so i want to start by addressing a question that someone asked yet last week that i think realize on reflection i didn't answer terribly well and it was they asked me about um about idealism versus materialism 0:2:6 as like a way to approach life and history and you know everything else reality even and they said well isn't the notion of class consciousness uh idealist because the idea is it's an idea it's oh there's a class consciousness that we have to operate from and then that changes our behavior by making us join uh unions maybe or do strikes or fight a revolution that's all ideas and i kind of got hung up on the word definition and i i think and i think it's just because you know certain people come at questions from a different like uh understanding of the terms involved so they're going to like ask you questions that sort of hit you at an angle but now that i thought about it more i think the key to understanding the distinction here is to say we've got to cut for example we've got the constitution right uh yeah we're gonna talk about the book tomorrow uh by the way i'm i'm almost done with my with the section and i'm 0:3:8 very very enjoying it i'm gonna go through probably chapter by chapter on that one because there's a lot of really important stuff like uh the \*\*\*\*\* on the uh the strike of uh 1877 is very important but anyway we have a constitution in this country right we have constitutional order now why is that why do we have a constitution why is written the way it is there's one theory that says well it's because the founding

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fathers believed x y and z about natural rights and governance and that that's why it's the way it is that is an idealist understanding of history there is another that says these were the richest people in north america at the time they were fighting essentially a separatist war the same way that like the trade federation was in the prequels to get a better deal and the global uh market for their product which they saw as a local product because it benefited local ruler local uh elites landowners large landowners in the south and uh and they fought on behalf of their prerogatives to extract money from the earth to turn america into cash they didn't want to give any more to the global trade system or the demands of the crown taxation or more importantly uh reduction in the amount of trade that the us could uh carry off the boston tea party people think of of as some sort of protest against the tax on tea that's not the case there was no tax on t that led to the boston tea party what happened was that for a number of complicated reasons the british had decided to unwind or had decided that they needed to recapitalize basically the uh the uh the the east india company which was producing tea and vast quantities in the indian subcontinent and was then having to you know send it around the world as part of our beloved triangle trade uh and that uh as a way to streamline its operations the crown said look all tea is gonna come through uh not through individual uh uh purveyors that you make deals with as individual merchants in boston which allow you to act as a middleman for the global uh trade we would like you to get all of your tea from the uh east india company which you know that's a guaranteed revenue stream for them props them up essentially a public bailout of the private company but they are not really they're the same thing basically the state and these these like corporate organs are at the very root the same thing and that was a that's a conflict of interest between the the the uh like the british economy as a thing in which america's colonies like colonies are part of and the new local domestic elite the large landowners and merchants in north america to who did not see it that way and so the austin tea party was a rebellion against the uh reduction in the freedom of trade of merchants not even the tea not people who got the tea people who buy the tea and then resell it and the fact is is that the tea act that was being protested brought tea prices down it was more efficient it reduced overhead what it did is it cut the margins of the so if you understand that you understand the constitution is the way it is to protect in the interest of power to protect the people who hold capital to make sure that we have enough of a facade democracy to allow for um you know the expression of political demands that are channeled away from real centers of power and towards structural epiphenomenon like the so that's an idealist but so that's why that's the actual materialist understanding of why the constitution says what it and the thing about an idea but the thing is is that whether it's materialist

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understanding of that historical moment or an idealist one me saying it is an idea it's still an abstraction it's still an idea adhering to it is adhering to an idea but it is idea that it's generated by an understanding of reality as a material interaction not as an idealized place where ideas are disconnected from the material conditions that uh generate them and so class consciousness is simply uh workers going from believing what the superstructure of capitalist society tells them to believe because that's the beauty of that's why idealist history is reactionary that's why idealism is reactionary because it serves capital by neutralizing dissent from it all of that alienation i feel as a alienated and exploited capitalist subject gets steamed away because i believe ideas about what what like what the constitution stands for what 0:8:16  
good and bad are we how what happened in history that ripped me away from the reality of my daily capital exploitation when i've come to the realization that oh it is actually material interests that shape this stuff that the constitution doesn't have value beyond its ability to assert class rule and that therefore i am in opposition to these systems that because the content of their ideas is meaningless and you are you then are uh put in a position where you can banish the ghosts the spooks of the constitutional order of democracy of patriotism all that stuff and it's because you have adapted an idea it's still an idea that you drive through every day and that takes you know individual experience and gives an order and gives turns into an ideology and a praxis but it is generated by real experience of real oppression not 0:9:17  
by being convinced of ideas that is why liberalism will always be uh at the fund at a fundamental basis incompatible with um with marxism with socialism and will have to be defeated it can be negotiated with and used against itself because it's ruled by that non-class class that lower middle class that is the party of politics that's the political party it's the lower middle class because the super rich politics is beside the point they just sign checks and for those poor it's beside the point because they have no power all power when you have all the power none of the power in a political system you have no reason to care about it it's in that middle strata that we convince ourselves that there's meaning in this politics because we do things like have jobs that are positioned in tension between proletariat and uh and capitalist and pull us in one or another direction and that push and pull is what generate so does that 0:10:18  
make sense the difference between id uh of uh the middle class is is the political class and they and they're the ones who who assign values to this stuff and then fight over them because that's what keeps them literally paid that's why we have uh professional politicians that's why we have a professional political media that's why that stuff exists it's to keep everybody and also at a certain level you steer the ship you are able to exert pressure but it isn't a very faster move and the more removed the more it's ruled by idealistic understandings of ideas and not materialist

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understanding of but that's uh one thing that's interesting about i'm not going to 0:11:25  
talk too much about it because we're going to talk about it tomorrow but the section  
of uh the book that we're reading that i'm reading uh the section of uh the republic  
for which it stands is in the process of talk he does a very good job of talking about  
the the uh the history of the ideological war that's being fought among the you know  
the middle class throughout that period and he he essentially is able to very very  
elegantly explain to you how the word liberal went from being in the 19th century uh  
conservative classical liberal to meaning now progressive whatever we want to call  
that and he explains the process and it is one whereby the same class of people not  
the same individual people the same class people go from believing in free market  
laws fair economics to becoming so you know uh uh opposed to you know in favor 0:12:26  
of like radical state intervention on behalf of class and race discrimination right how  
does that happen and what we went from a time when liberalism was corresponded  
with the idea of positive change in revolution when it had revolutionary potential  
because remember the first part of the communist manifesto is all mingles and marx  
praising capitalism for the way that it uprooted old traditions that uh prevented  
humankind from reaching its potential that like when he talks about all that style of  
melting in the air you know uh at that time a lot of that uh cr destruction was truly  
creative destruction in the shumpertarian sense like that was part of capitalism's  
potential and it did shape things they created institutions and ideas that were going  
to go on to challenge capitalism like marxism couldn't have had it without capitalism  
emerging to to define itself against and like the idea of taking the unleashed energies 0:13:27  
of like a more rationalized economy a more technologically intensive economy which  
means a less sacred economy which means a more exploitative uh economy because it  
it abstracts human potential and human life away and makes it fungible like it makes  
slavery something like antebellum american slavery or not just the united states but  
western hemispheric slavery was uniquely terrible in the in history of most slave  
societies because it was the most uh it's the one where slaves themselves were these  
that were the most uh fungal where they were turned into an exchange they were  
like they became capital and that had never really happened before not necessarily  
because of like an evil of intent but just just a rationality and efficiency of exchange  
so that's terrible but it also has it's what gives us the technological innovation to 0:14:28  
store surplus and and allow ourselves to build like build culture which is to say  
the ability to come into recognition that we are not individuals or parts of clans or  
something but part of a human race the the the coming into itself that that hegel  
speaks about and that marx describes as like the the ideal arc of human consciousness  
not necessarily one that we will get to common ruin of the contending classes is the  
ruler in the clubhouse right now ladies and gentlemen get your bets in while you can

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but there is still there is a teleological heart to that and it requires us to harness these things instead of allowing them to totally over overpower us and overcome us so in that era liberals were in a sense revolutionary like during the civil war they said we must uproot this hoary old feudal concept of buying and selling people which was now interacting with capitalism to create something horrifying that was worse than anything ever seen before because you're taking a feudal concept of power like a mystified coercive concept of power and electrifying it with the \*\*\*\*\* profit motive and with uh with modern uh technological uh facilitations of trade and monetization and financialization of capital it was it created a monstrosity that it never but when it was harnessed the right way you had the yeoman fantasy of north america you have the small holder who is himself free of superstitions free of old institutions free of lords free of government of any kind able to exert himself freely on the land sure it required the displayation of the indians but hey eventually once they got with the program they would become citizens like us they'll all become citizens like us on the long line everybody becomes a citizen which means an autonomous being and that was an idea of liberty a liberal idea of liberty that is anglo-american in origin because that is where capitalism accelerated off of the plane and created its own thing that then recapitulated across the land through the ever tightening crank of but it promised liberation but then by the 1870s and 80s after having used the power of the sword to end slavery but then refused to use it to allow uh the former slaves to become integrated into the political system and to the the social system which could have been possible but would have required the the subordination of capital to a social end and the powers at the moment did not align to allow that to happen instead the social end was was sacrificed to the creation of a a new leviathan of public and private power that used that power to immiserate to bash away the the tendrils of connection socially that it had been allowed to uh build and also hack away at those those freedom tendrils that that's that the ability to be a yeoman sufficient farmer even who would never have to sell his labor that's gone because even the farmers are are \*\*\*\*\* working for banks or railroads and what at when what was the result uh the return of uh despoilative monstrous coercive labor and racial apartheid in the south the mass emmissionation of peasants uh in in the uh of former peasants rather who would pile up as refuse in the eastern cities the catholic uh peasantry turned into a hyper-exploited urban laboring class devoid of any ability to to raise themselves up to the idea of like a middle class american standard and then um out west the slow but steady massacre of the continent's uh uh original inhabitants the the civilized army coming in and literally destroying a people uh people who even these liberals could see held virtues in their social order that were not to be found in the in the course soil of this new society they created and what happened is that over

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time the liberals got pissed off and became conservative but the younger liberals who came up after them who started believing their the same ideas came from the same social milieu which is important and when i say that i mean the wig social milieu of middle class um polite society in the east coast boston philadelphia new york that's what we're talking about the shermer horns of fifth avenue by the mid 1880s or so the the the liberal idea had failed so comprehensively that you either became a conservative you either just decided that you were reactionary or if you were younger and you were see coming into life seeing the failure of the ideas as they're being told to you you accommodate the new reality that okay there's to be a level of state intervention greater than what we think in order to allow capitalism to exist allow individual freedom allow contract liberty the things we worship we have to have longer uh we have to have more of a state intervention or else the whole thing will just collapse into savagery savage domination like the kind we banish with the civil war we thought and that's when you get progressives and it isn't it's the same social group that's the important thing to notice and then the changeover is one of that is the one is the same sort of transition over time through attrition the one funeral at a time um progress that thomas kuhn talks about in the structure of scientific revolutions when he says that scientific change doesn't happen because people are convinced of new by new evidence the old people die and new scientists show up and they learn the right thing because they're they don't already have the wrong thing in their head it's the same thing with the social sciences which is essentially what we're talking about these po these the political groupings around the parties and the uh the institutions of uh like consent manufacturing in the mass media there are part of that same class that's in class that gravitates around the finance capital of the east coast uh cities and so they become progressives and that progressive vision over time that like eventually it has to absorb race because the the crisis becomes too deep along racial lines for them to imagine civilization that is civilized capitalism to exist they're the forces within capitalism trying to insist on social uh on a social piece that is short of the naked authoritarianism of the slave owner they're essentially trying to clothe the slave owner's steel hand with the velvet mitt of democracy and rule of law and all those things but the thing is is that that habit of mind comes from living in polite literally polite society and since the beginning of american history they have been a battle with local ruling power that is not as connected uh may be connected in the fence that it needs eastern capital but not intimately connected in its dealings with eastern capital local power first the slave owning south and then the petty barons who made up the uh counter new deal reactionary corps took over the republican party the beautiful boaters they're the unsheathed uh fist what is this for uh a theory reaches crisis then the different new theories emerge to replace

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the old one exactly you get to a point where new \*\*\*\*\* comes to light because of 0:22:43  
experimental models because of crisis is within the prevailing ideas and then the old  
people insist it's still uh wrong but then they die and the new people who become  
scientists adapt to the more persuasive model that's what happens among social  
scientists but they can only go so far because they are all committed to capitalism  
sustaining itself they are always assuming that this is to keep society functional and  
it's because they are civilized because they're in the drawing rooms of the east and  
they're connected to global capital flows and they're connect they're connected to  
the global system and they get the highest education they realize that a lot of the  
stuff that is blood and thunder in politics racial distinctions national distinctions  
are actually meaningless and that capital is the really the only thing they essentially  
get inducted into uh the room in network where ned beatty gives them the talk  
like they get that talk through their genes and their blood and through their social  
interactions you don't get that in the frontier and the american political contest is 0:23:44  
basically except for the period from like 1933 until about 1979 uh when the working  
class asserts itself as an actual force in politics they are the only two people arguing  
those are the polls that politics is argued around and that is now how we have  
the alignment that we have and what we're seeing with the non-college educated  
people entering uh uh into the electorate and voting for trump and voting for the  
republicans regardless of their race to some degree uh uh at least outside of you  
know the definitional character of black america although even there you're seeing  
a small trend it's because for a lot of those working-class people they were never  
convinced by any of the of the cultural stuff any of the cultural \*\*\*\*\* about democr  
the democratic party they were there for the actual uh working class part they were  
there for the work the assertion of working class uh uh interests but that's gone and  
it's only the shell of the democratic party that still has it and people are essentially 0:24:45  
losing their brand loyalty they're seeing like the the \*\*\*\*\* the the label is coming  
off the can and all they're seeing is a \*\*\*\*\* can of \*\*\*\*\* they're they're seeing a  
can of accelerated capitalist exploitation but with a gloss of social values that they  
were never inculcated into because they're not part of the political class the college  
going to polite class and the reason it's confused is because there was a third force  
here that broke these a lot of people regardless of where they got their culture uh  
to the democrats and that was articulated working-class influence on the political  
process which started with the great depression and ended with the crisis of the 70s  
you could even argue it it honestly ended with the purging of uh the uh communists  
from the cio in the early 50s if you want to like get real uh but it's one or the other 0:25:47  
it starts in 33 and it's over by at the latest reagan and maybe even those are the  
those are the forces that work those are the fighters those are those are moriarty in

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homes going over the falls it's urban middle class finance capitalized culturally uh progressives who used to be in the 1850s liberal in the classical sense because that's what constituted revolutionary thought at the time but the contradictions within liberalism required a new answer and progressivism emerged from that conflict and then the liberals all died off or they're their real inheritors are cranks who turned into conservatives from that position but those people are perverts so what you have now is an alliance between the perverted middle class the perverted college educated and then uh the non-perverse reactionary who both rich and poor similarly the left uh the democratic party a few middle-class perverts who are like perverted are no i'm talking about like okay no if i'm talking about like actual no no no no middle-class perverts because the thing is is that you think they're perverts because they're against capitalism but that's just it they're not they're the ones trying to keep this thing going they're the ones trying to clothe this thing in enough human skin to keep the \*\*\*\*\* villagers from fleeing they are actually working in capitalism interest so they're not perverse the real perverts are the ones who decide that they are actually opposed to capitalism in its entirety and therefore the liberal project of sustaining capitalism but they still are emotionally invested in the democratic party and people within it and root for them on a visceral emotional level so there you go those are your working middle class perverts within the democratic party and of course the gruipeers and the \*\*\*\*\* pepe types are the pervert middle-class people and then you've got the people who still think that the democratic party means something but it doesn't anymore democratic party does not mean anything the the this was there when the working class ceased to be a coherent pressure group within it oh man that google union i don't want to i don't want to talk out of turn too much because i don't actually know the specifics of the thing uh but so google has announced this union drive and from what i understand correct me if i'm wrong it's a minority union that does not have the ability and i think is actually legally enjoying from negotiating over salary right and like i think also most working what it is they've said is essentially a way to facilitate activism within google and a lot of the people who i've seen interviewed about it are inclusivity directors and the thing about that is is that those include all those inclusivity jobs that are in corporations that they like to point to like the diversity and inclu inclusivity uh director the kind of jobs that uh uh people often demand get people who get like a lot of times you'll see protests at universities that they that that are about increasing diversity or you know minority representation and minority quality of life and they will demand like diversity officers and stuff those are hr that's hr that's the people whose job it is to find a way to fire you without losing without having to pay for it that's their that's the that's what they are in the hierarchy hr departments exist to reduce liability of

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corporations these have either employees their way to union bust and reduce liability of the comfort of the company to in employee behavior and they and they are also 0:31:7 mostly used to intimidate employees they are \*\*\*\*\* pinkertons they're white-collar pinkertons and if there are people who are organizing if people organizing the google union are \*\*\*\*\* hr officers then it is a company union that will only be used to get people fired for posts that will exist so that if somebody at google is complaining about something like i don't know working conditions or maybe like hey should we be building panopticons for the ci for the \*\*\*\*\* nsa or you know should we should we be uh using weaker slave labor for uh our uh you know our \*\*\*\*\* phones or whatever hey maybe we should have more direction over the company's investments they can there's something problematic they said there's something that uh that could be used to say that they made a hostile work environment those people's job will be to find it and then when they get fired for troublemaking it will be a win for workers power that's the sickness in it that's the sickness at the heart of this this is 0:32:9 why this machine is so dastardly and breathtaking in its power because everything is recuperated within it every good instinct every progressive instinct if it's grounded in capitalism will eventually find itself ensnared within this contradiction because it cannot be defeated from within it can but anyway that's my i don't know enough about the specifics all i know is diversity and inclusivity hr people are involved and it doesn't have the right to actually negotiate over that is all i really know and therefore i'm skeptical and i feel like when news comes out about this thing do not just start salivating like a pavlovian dog because you see the work union because it's like capitalism knows that all these things they know what you guys care about and 0:33:11 they can \*\*\*\*\* create uh they are very good at where haven't we seen my god in the last few years the way that all cultural expressions of of like um of solidarity and and social uh you know the aspirations towards social justice are commodified and recuperated instantly into reinforcings of the status quo you don't think that that would go towards unions too i'm not saying it does but it needs to be considered just like don't just immediately have to defend something when you don't know the context when so much of this stuff is designed to capture and dissipate energy which is why once again broken record me disengaging from the discourse is so vital because the \*\*\*\*\* google union doesn't really concern you there's nothing you can do about it they're not going to stop unionizing because you posted that it was cringe and they're not going to keep doing it because you said go girl it's not really up to you you don't 0:34:13 have to have an opinion on it what about what about working what about where you work what about what about your relationships with other employees in your labor sector the questions there are going to be closer to the ground and easier to answer and less less confounding and mystifying by their association with the this

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inherently uh distorting matrix of information dissemination but mainly i just wanted to say this to say diversity and inclusivity offices are they don't work for you they work for the company they exist as organs of control they're not your friend and i think that's something that is unarguable and if you see anyone defending that that's us because i do believe that you should always under admit good faith you should always assume good faith because otherwise you just get into the cycle of where it's nothing but friend info and nothing is learned because you cannot dialogue which is the only way to generate new understanding and new meaning uh but man if you're if you're going to say that hr departments are not explain to me how they don't where are they getting their paychecks i mean how much of their stock is lit how much of their \*\*\*\*\* uh um by the way how much of their \*\*\*\*\* salary is literally stock options how much is their personal political wealth connected to the ups and downs of the public estimation of the company they work for and how does that put them in your corner in any dispute with oh it's a bad take okay never mind never mind if you want to explain to me how that's how i'm wrong tell me they're direct employees and also like if that's your job if your specialty is hr then you can't really work in anything else anyway so it's not like you can go outside of the system to be some sort of editorial hr some of the budsmen of employment that follow the money is usually in banali the right thing to say about any of this stuff the mothman stood at the intersection of idealism and materialism because the mothman i think can be understood at least in part as a manifestation of human mental energy literally transubstantiating ideas into that's why i think it's such a fascinating case and something that i think is due a much better much better filmic uh interpretation than that dog \*\*\*\*\* richard gere movie my god that was so clearly an attempt to just rip off the x-files let's do the x-files for a movie but going with the very dark foreboding attitude trying to make it scary which huge mistake mothman is a comedy 1 million percent mothman is a goddamn comedy if it's going to work it's going to be a comedy instead it was this like brooding scary like thriller that had like a few scary voice telephone calls that was about as scary as got like a voice going oh there's gonna be a bad disaster coming oh no they're gonna be they're gonna follow the river and then some eyes in the darkness or something dog \*\*\*\*\* terrible there needs to be a better uh mothman we deserve a better class of because i like the idea of like maybe it was an mk ultra sight you know and maybe it was at the same time as that it was a harmonic convergence of like electromagnetic fields or something that could get the human tuning forks ping to get our pineal glands juiced and maybe they actually created a \*\*\*\*\* mothman maybe they made a real mothman oh influencer watch is that that kind of uh key wiki thing where it's supposed to be public dossiers of all of the left influencers who are making your children uh trans they're supposed to be for paranoid right wingers

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to like keep an eye on us it's pretty funny i'm flattered certainly that they think i'm 0:39:30  
worth i guess that's the podcaster equivalent of 60s radicals yes much much lamer  
i know that's the point is that we're much lamer we're not we're not the men our  
fathers we're somebody asked me about the bronze age pervert i really honestly i  
get i think about it for a second and i just think i'm tired i can't i've never been  
able to will myself to to spend more than a second going like this at his profile like  
aspiring nude bodybuilder what i mean how do you aspire to be a nude bodybuilder 0:40:31  
what's keeping you from bodybuilding nude is it that like you have to go to planet  
fitness are you aspiring to the day that planet fitness drops its clothing necessary uh  
policies and allows you to go in there nude like you can't \*\*\*\*\* lift in your backyard  
or something with no pants on and after that i just stopped paying attention i mean  
anybody who wants to talk who's like valorizing lebron and jade it's like get out of  
here you're non-dialectical i don't want to redo this \*\*\*\*\* i want to \*\*\*\*\* advance  
the ball down the goddamn field i'm on the team you're not on the \*\*\*\*\* team if  
you want to just chill in the goddamn bronze age sorry you're on the team you want  
to advance the ball down the field you're will the internet ad market collapse this is 0:41:38  
a very interesting question so i was talking about this with felix on twitter yesterday  
it is obviously a fact i think undisputed by any serious commentator that advertising  
as such doesn't really work it never has it does not have the there's no proof that it  
has the relationship to production to purchasing that we think it does what it does  
though is it provides a context for purchases it makes purchases possible you cannot  
have a consumer society that buys as much as we do and associates our sad our  
freedoms as much as we do with our purchases without advertising not individual  
ads but the concept if we are not being advertised to we will not be we will not  
trade our freedom for purchases because they will not be emotionally charged they  
will not be turned into fetishes by advertising it literally does magic to our brains 0:42:41  
to associate not even specific things but categories of purchases as connected to  
pleasure as connected to self actualization they manufacture the um but the self-  
interest that that consent is grounded in which is i get this stuff why does this stuff  
matter because i'm seeing this art i'm seeing this culture that produces these values  
every second and it defines my brain my brain wants what it's given to want so  
that's what ads do but specifically ads don't do anything and what we have with the  
online ad is a situation where the only thing that drives money through the silicon  
valley pipe because we all know that silicon valley is built on powered money it's all  
really quality quantitatively ease money it's just the fed just putting numbers on a 0:43:42  
board and tip they they essentially put numbers on the board to create a bunch of  
money in dc and then they just tip the board of the united states over and it all  
oozes over into the \*\*\*\*\* bay area in the form of \*\*\*\*\* investments in uh the tech

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industry most of which are never seen again but where there is money to be made there it is in companies that are almost entirely predicated on ad dollars google and facebook the only one of these companies that actually make money and make the most money and and companies that sell and the companies that are like that and that do make short term profits that boost up mid like short-term uh interest short-term like returns for hedge funds all come from ad revenue based businesses that's where the money comes from not from selling a real thing not from a real product it doesn't do anything they just found out that uh of the 150 million dollars that 0:44:43 uh the that lift or that yeah lyft was spending or uber rather uber was spending on targeted online ads that they were overpaying by a hundred million dollars because the numbers were all just made up by these companies in terms of like look throughs and click through all like the stuff that's supposed to prove that people are actually watching it it's all ginned up it's all made up it's arthur anderson stuff it's mark to market accounting it's enron and so they just found out oh here it is it literally a hundred a hundred percent of the money we were spending no no two hundred percent of the money we're spending on ads was wasted it didn't move the but the thing about it is is that it doesn't matter no even if you knew this even if this got out in some way and it became common knowledge it wouldn't change anything because 0:45:46 the ad dollars are not there to represent value in the forms of actual value for ads any more than advertisements exist to drive purchases of a specific product they're there to create the flow of money through the system that capitalism necessitates they are the capillary action it's that is what we have that's the that is the real value it is the same as the petro dollar it is a data is the stored value where we hold the exchange thing but it's just an abstraction of our relationship to the economy our relationship to america's uh government because it's all backed on america's state capacity that is what backs all exchanges within the dollar denominated system american state capacity specifically it's military and as long as that's the case there will be a wind 0:46:47 of money pushing through as long as everyone agrees that these things represent ad dollars now that means that it's incredibly incredibly unstable and rickety and could be blown over by a gust of wind but also it is so crucial to the maintenance of the system as such and with no alternative really presenting itself in the moment means that it's essentially unmovable in the near-term future no wonder everyone is always on the edge all the time everything is in this state where you're reaching a deep crisis within these systems but they are more than ever crucial load-bearing parts of the system and the real point of the money going through the silicon valley turnpockel 0:47:49 it creates an actual economy in like the physical space a real estate-based economy in california that is essentially a buy-off to the ruling local classes of california it's like yes yes sorry sorry we're destroying the the country's economy we're turning

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it all we're turning all jobs into techno feudal surf jobs where we've stripped you of all benefits and all uh control over your labor sorry in exchange we will build it here and get your price values up through the roof so that every \*\*\*\*\* like a public school teacher who bought a house in the \*\*\*\*\* south bay is now a millionaire bottom off but then what it does for the global system is it creates technol technology of control and coercion in the form of the panopticon that they're building with our money they're literally building with our money the panopticon around us they're building the robot constructed so that's very important and then there's another one 0:49:0 too i forgot there's another thing that it's building like an actual thing that's being produced in exchange in addition to the now of course they've been doing it since the 70s this is all when this whole thing started in the 70s of course it did its roots are all over california california is when the reaction began america was this tide pushing itself towards the ocean and then when it hit the \*\*\*\*\* uh border it pushed back american modern reactionary thought its entire superstructure was built in california \*\*\*\*\* orange county is is the is the birthplace of the modern conservative movement just in terms of the political structure the defense industry that built the southern california economy is what we where we directed our keynesian spending after world war ii and which absorbed all of our social forces away from productive 0:50:1 ones and towards war towards a creating a \*\*\*\*\* empire as opposed to directing you know our surplus towards democratizing life in america by investing inward no no we had to create weapons and it all started in california because that was the end of the myth the real end we didn't get it the memo we haven't got the memo till now but the body felt it back then and it reacted instantaneously the machine app operated to its own advancement because it is an algorithm and only unless the humans get together to fight and subdue it it will consume everything because that's the difference between capitalism and all previous modes of production all previous modes of production at the end of the day were for human benefit maybe the benefit of a small click of people at the very top but there was no one outside the human race who had a say capitalism is able was able to take over the world because it abstracts 0:51:3 away from the person the violence of coercion and towards systems that led us off the hook for carrying out violence and that's why we're able to coerce each other through the machinery of turning people into modern subjects which is a violent destructive mech thing that killed everybody that machinery killed everybody from the deaths of imperialism to slavery to all the deaths under communism the \*\*\*\*\* great leap forward every \*\*\*\*\* hollow doorboard you want to talk about the \*\*\*\*\* pole pot and the goddamn it's all part of that same process of abstracting away from literal sacredness god human spirituality and turning it into an abstraction and that charged that abstraction with godhood and capital is god in the sense that even if

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you got everybody in a room together they would and they all wanted to do what's best for everybody they would be compelled not by any person in that room even if they all said what they felt in their heart they would not find the traitor because the traitor is in their head and that hat we can only by concentrating our \*\*\*\*\* energies and and coordinated our activities against it can we actually fight it i'm a libra no wait a minute is that the capricorn moon i think the capricorn moon is what keeps capitalism kind of suss not gonna lie i agree shit's wack but at the same time like like ash in aliens alien it is like it is the antagonist to humanity that we literally built to destroy ourselves it's kind of wild like our inability to cooperate our inability to trust led us to create systems that allowed us to allow our guard down enough about our hostility and our essential zero-sum relationship to reality that allowed us to sleep at night which is to abstract them away into weapons and then into systems of thought and control that act as weapons or they coordinate the action of weapons and that created something that was greater than the power of any of us and that turned us all into sorcerer's apprentices and now we it's run away from us it's captured us like you cut off a limb and it will grow back with this same algorithm unless it's and that's only by taking that which it has created and turning it into the best version of itself which is the most coordinated version which is the most spiritually charged version which is the part of humanity that is able to act really as one not smoothly not easily but socially to have the those will be the people who have broken free of of their addiction to to catharsis through entertainment which encompasses everything from uh pornography to politics to all right i'm going to wrap it up here anybody's has the last question it includes everything i'm not saying that everybody anybody can log off completely that's absurd it's impossible it's part of us and it will never be logged off like you can't imagine that any future that's going to be able to redeem humanity is going to be one where we have a luddite cut a disconnection from one another digitally it has to be re and recreated and refounded but it's it's it's part of the it's part of the flesh now it has to be worked from and through that yes the solution is that we get all we all get headed up we can cut it up and and just all have a giant chill down sesh somebody asked this is a good last question so i guess it was the best movie of 2020 honestly i don't know if i saw a movie in 2020 because i didn't see any movies in theaters in 2020 and honestly without it even as a possibility i just haven't treated any movie i've seen like a movie you know i really do think of it as a separate experience in the cinema everything's kind of blunted together into one like vaguely disappointing streaming experience people are saying first cow but i don't know man that seems like kind of a homeworky maybe croods too maybe i have to watch that unchecked gems was 2019 too 2019 was a really good year for movies it was kind of a good send-off year capped off of course by uh once upon a time in

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hollywood which is maybe that's fine maybe maybe movies are a different thing now you know vaudeville isn't a thing anymore there really isn't like you cannot if you wanted to you couldn't really go out for a night and see a guy juggle what you used to be able to do maybe maybe movies will be like the juggling guy or the fat guy getting shot with a cannon special occasion things and if that's the case fine but i feel we will have lost something and i will not really take these i just won't give as much of my attention to these streaming movies at least i hope not because i think that 0:58:59 that's only fair that i give it less attention and less emotional investment if it's going to be less special yeah streaming is too individualistic there's no group component and really art is at its most i think popular art is that it's most magical when it can be shared collectively which is why movies are better than tv shows damn it they'll always be better movies were better we can say that it's not just being grumpy old men although of course part of it is that dang it get off of my digital lawn bye 1:0:4

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i still remember that terrible day on the broad stain the sand and the water and how in that hell what we called sulfur bay we were butchered like lambs of the slaughter johnny turkey was ready primed himself well he showered us with bullets and he rained us for shell and then five minutes flat he blown us all to hell nearly blew us right back to australia got some sun coming through the window here probably look weird maybe i should go against here so it's wow so shit's popping off huh holy 0:1:1 mackerel man i knew they were going to take it hard but i have to admit i thought that once the cops shut up they backed down but then we saw it happen and that's the thing to remember about this the cops let them in that's the important thing this is not a this is not what a situation where some force just uh proved too powerful for the state uh where where where the the mechanisms of power were were somehow over awed by human concentrated now they let him in and why they let him in 0:2:2 is probably a variety of factors a lot of it probably just being that because these are people that cops are not trained to dehumanize they treated them like human beings and so you can't treat people like human beings if you're going to really dis dissuade them from doing something they want to do like if you really want some people stop a bunch of very angry people from doing something they want to do you have to disabuse them of it with violence and they weren't willing to do it that's one explanation and that's i think probably on a micro uh but i think also you know there's the idea that the cops are essentially also rioting they're not happy that trump lost either so them letting them in is sort of their way of of of contributing to the demonstration and that to and then of course you can go full tin foil hat and 0:3:4 say well they did it so that this could happen because i have to say if i was the deep state whatever you want to define that as if i was like the the elements within our government that are seeking to maintain uh the current system uh and are most aware of what that entails as opposed to being ideologically entrapped by their own \*\*\*\*\* like trump people are something like this is ideal you have an incident here that has because for anyone on the left the specter of this will be the thing that prevents it from ever being the time to say anything bad about any democrat in office because

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any show of vulnerability will repeat will lead to these people just taking and also 0:4:7  
it disciplines against even asking for too much because do you want to do you really  
want them to go wild which if we did something too big they would do biden is going  
to get to point to these guys anytime there's any big ask for progressive legislation  
sure do you want these guys go do you really want to test them and also i've said  
before that we're going to see a intensification of surveillance and police authority  
to deal with you know the continuing admiseration i mean crime is going up as we  
said as i as people said at the beginning of this crime was going to go back up and  
it's up it's happening all over the country crime's up it's going to get worse because  
things keep getting worse and the dissatisfaction is going to get bigger and some of  
it is going to actually be pointed somewhere towards the people responsible for this  
and the state's going to be very interested in uh creating a narrative that allows for 0:5:9  
uh a the culture at large to go along with massive uh increases in surveillance and  
police power and the specter of a mega uh coup is absolutely just a perfect uh a  
bloody shirt to wave whenever you want uh whenever you're you're announcing the  
next you know round of uh of of panopticon surveillance overwhelming everything  
in the world what the hell is going on i'm getting sub gift or use bits to get to the  
next level am i the only one seeing this and you know the right gets to uh they get  
to they get if they keep pushing they get to find out the limits of their uh ability  
to get what they want and the majority will still be pissed and still be uh activated  
but we'll have bet have learned you know where the line is uh but the ones who 0:6:10  
aren't are gonna go off there's gonna be a good burst of and every one of those  
incidents is going to be used the same way that uh \*\*\*\*\* bush administration used  
every real or mostly made-up incident of uh of muslim terror to justify whatever  
the \*\*\*\*\* they wanted to do so honestly like this is such a perfect thing and the  
funny thing is is you can write a story where this is just the byproduct of of the  
culture that we have of a of a society what is going on with this does anyone know  
what's going on everyone's talking and i'm very confused as to what is happening  
with these levels uh i'm trying to ignore them \*\*\*\*\* uh it's very distracting okay  
here someone said american years of lead honestly yes but anyway uh you've created 0:7:11  
a society of spectacle where politics where like the stakes of politics are grafted onto  
pure entertainment and we give politics the same passion we give to entertainment  
a country where the only time we generally riot is after our team wins or loses a big  
game if you give big game intensity to politics this is gonna happen you could write  
the story where this is just a byproduct of that and then just coincidentally it's the  
one thing that will be most gift wrapped and perfect for the use of our actual ruling  
class to maintain their dominance over us just like you could argue that 911 was the  
un inevitable result of our foreign policy and our our pursuit of oil dominance but you

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could also write a story where the reason this keeps happening in the same direction and that all these dominoes keep falling the same way is because there's some hands out there pushing them in that direction and uh for me it's a moot point because the the reality is the same either way and honestly the the recipe is the same the 0:8:13 boring no matter how outlandish or banal you want to make your uh explanation of reality the the remedy is is very boringly uh straightforward organizing the working class or rather the work working class organizing itself rediscovering itself awakening from its slumber that's the only thing that's going to beat this no matter where it's coming from no matter who you think is in charge and also how seriously you take it like to me there's no more annoying and by now conversation than the one that has been had ever since trump uh uh lost about how seriously we should take this is this re is this a serious it is this a coup is this a real serious thing and and it it's such a stupid argument because it never really it's nobody wants to make an argument about what they think is going to happen it has to be couched in well it's bad and you should feel bad about it and to that i say hey let me accept every 0:9:15 premise of every hysteric on the internet who says that this is the beginning of a fascist coup what the \*\*\*\*\* do you want me to do about it and the answer seems to be feel anxious about it feeling anxiety is literally the feeling of anxiety is is like the emotional cattle prod that they strap to our nuts every day of our \*\*\*\*\* lives to get them to do whatever we they \*\*\*\*\* want us to managing our anxiety is how they get us to be good \*\*\*\*\* compliant neoliberal subjects our anxiety is the is the the cultural manifestation of the coercive mechanisms of control and you want me to feel more anxiety about something i can't do anything about because let's say this is phase one and tomorrow the joint chiefs come up and say that because of the overwhelming demands of the american people we are blocking the further uh uh certification of the votes what the \*\*\*\*\* i am asking what are you gonna do about 0:10:17 it everyone is saying this is a big deal we should care about this uh everyone who ever said this wasn't a coup needs to be accountable okay congratulations you're taking this moment where democracy dies to \*\*\*\*\* settle online scores it sounds to me like you're just having fun that's the thing the proof is in the pudding for me if you're still posting about this stuff and you think it's a coup then you don't really you're lying to and if it is a coup and everyone who said it isn't is wrong well guess what come get me come \*\*\*\*\* come make me accountable for being wrong where are you going to do that in the camps if there's not going to be camps then what are you going to do if you're saying it'll basically just be the same thing and you're going to keep posting well then why the hell have you put so much of your emotion behind this thing that clearly doesn't matter and can't i think the only 0:11:19 interesting thing to see is how much the republican party coalesces around a position

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of re uh of denunciation of their own supporters here how much do they go to war with with the base because this had to happen the republican party had to discipline their base at some point now that's what's so frustrating about the republican party they have the correct attitude and uh approach to their uh base and that is they are terrified of them and do whatever they want but the thing is is that the base because the republicans all they want is the stupidest \*\*\*\*\* on earth specifically it cannot be stressed enough that this is all happening this unprecedented attack on our nation's electoral integrity and on the constitutional order and the peaceful transfer of power is happening on behalf of a \*\*\*\*\* game show host and nothing else there is no there's no thing these people are after they want trump that is 0:12:20 what god has gotten them to break through the doors and i would argue the reason they're allowed to do this is because all they want is trump if they wanted something more than trump if they wanted something that could actually challenge established power and could actually energize a group of people beyond those those who have basically brainwashed themselves with television basically poor \*\*\*\*\* in the internet poured bleach in their own frontal lobes courtesy of their self-narcianization online and watching \*\*\*\*\* cable news none of you no like if they're rebellion i'm sorry but unless you are brainwashed it's not going to happen now they could take over the party depending on how this thing hole breaks down but they're not there yet like if people have said like if this was a left-wing protest that never would have happened and it's not necessarily because they're bigger \*\*\*\*\* it's because they would have been met with much harsher force much more significant pushback from authority which would have made most of them realize do i really want to get my head caved 0:13:21 in today and say no and then they'd stop and they'd go home and only the hardest core would stay to fight the cops what you had here was at no point did these guys get anything other than a few haphazardly sprayed mists of of pepper spray and as soon as they realized oh pepper spray's not that bad and then nothing else was gonna happen and they were literally opening the \*\*\*\*\* doors for them but they're willing to do this for \*\*\*\*\* donald trump for the personal fixing the personal uh just the the personal ego trip of an insane man just a a a a psychic identification with the point of view essentially they've taken celebrity culture to its ultimate conclusion this is essentially the end of day of the locust by nathaniel west if anyone has read that book where the downtrodden uh star struck losers of hollywood burned the whole place down well they're burning down washington on behalf of their their appointed 0:14:22 god king uh because because in this country that that's the only thing that can stir passions no one believes anything can change no one really thinks that things can get better or different in this country they think that we are on a trajectory that is set by human nature or god or the constitution and there's nothing to be

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done about it and in that world the only thing that's going to be able to reliably politically mobilize people is going to be a purely spectacular politics of of oregon release and that is what trump has given us and now the thing is is that because it has a limited appeal but it is so totalizing in its appeal we have a situation where the system has no longer has use for trump or trumpism it got like the republican party got what it wanted it got tax cuts uh and it got a federal judiciary in their pocket for the next hundred years up to and including an unbreakable 6-3 majority in the 0:15:24  
supreme court they got now it's just about his personal ego and the whole point of a political party is that you go beyond the personal desires of any one person within the structure like that's the that's the old kingly model and like that sort of brain dead populism will create a royal figure it has to because it cannot it's it's a rejection of politics it rejects the notion that anything is being negotiated it's totalizing and so only a totalizing vision is going to get people to \*\*\*\*\* fight like that at least fight uh at least risk that but once again that's the only thing it's not because they're stronger or smarter or more or more brave it's because the state will allow that it will allow those but the thing is it's a tantrum and eventually they have to let the tantrum uh uh go out like essentially that's how those uh democratic uh democratic 0:16:25  
governors and mayors especially this last summer during the george floyd uprising that's how they treated their base essentially by saying they're there and they just let them tucker themselves out and that's what we're doing here it's just bigger and more dramatic and what's going farther because it's a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* white men mostly demanding that trump be allowed to be president forever he's not they're not challenging any of state prerogatives they're not challenging any mechanisms of power they don't represent any movement beyond their own uh fandom basically it's essentially a con out of control like that's essentially comic con on uh it's freaking comic-con on crack and that's why they're allowed to do it but they're also gonna have to tucker themselves out most of them will go home but a few of them are gonna get violent and they're gonna be encouraged to get more violent uh by the 0:17:26  
results they saw and guess what that's to everybody's advantage too that's good for democrats every piece of violence by a republican gets to be a political weapon and gets to justify further repression and gets to call for the repression uh uh black social us like we get to call that justice for black lives because it's now disproportionately going against white people like that's that's the kind of demon demonic trick you could play with that so they're happy with it republicans are happy because they know that if it's ever really close if any election is really really close like this election wasn't really that close honestly it was only the commitment of trump and and the the para reality is able to create around everything he says that is then affirmed by people who listen to him uh it wasn't that close a real close race they know they

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have it they have it and every and every piece of right-wing violence further uh reinforces their command of the space in the event of a real political conflict that they could pull some \*\*\*\*\* redeemer \*\*\*\*\* uh like the reconstruction governments of the ah so yeah uh it's wild it's wild and wacky stuff uh it is very disparating to not just of how much harder it is to get anywhere near that kind of uh threat to just you know established patterns of power and behavior from the left but that's just because the they're actually serious when they go against the left but a big part of it is is that there's no thing that gets people that gets enough people the way that trump does and that's because it can't be because it's not spectacle because it's material reality it has to be built from the ground up of articulating experience not being brought from the top down in the form of just that's the only thing they'll do it and if it's and if this is just more neoliberalism with its janus face and it's it's pulling off like a soft internal gladio or it is the first uh the first winding of a gear that leads to a fascist seizure of power some sort of uh inside out auto coup where like the the protesters like meld with the police and then and then essentially just arrest democratic lawmakers and \*\*\*\*\* the answer is the same i certainly will not try to do any predicting because if i was not swearing that \*\*\*\*\* off before now i sure as hell i was wouldn't beyond saying that i do think that joe Biden will in fact be inaugurated although i do think that inauguration day is going to be very interesting my guess this is as far as i want to get is that it they bristle that place and that there's like essentially a military occupation of Washington DC to prevent a i didn't say i moved to Oregon what the hell is wrong with you people i didn't say that weirdo i'm not going to Oregon what is wrong with you people i'm being gaslit by these people i did not say i'm moving to Oregon what the \*\*\*\*\* are you talking about am i being tr am i being trolled by the god damn i be trolled \*\*\*\*\* it i try i try to do a good stream for the people and then they go and troll me like this i don't know why i put up with it honestly okay so now that we've talked about that let's talk about we'll watch the numbers just drop here our last section of the Republic for which it stands chapters i believe 9 through 12. uh this is really good stuff this stuff and i want to go through them kind of chapter by chapter because there's a lot of good uh stuff to we start with hilariously the election of 1876 in which the disputed uh votes uh led to a constitutional crisis and a essentially a backroom deal between the Democrats and Republicans to allow the Republicans to keep the presidency in exchange for the end of military occupation and reconstruction in the South and uh this is funny because Ted Cruz was trying to during his nerd ass attempt to co to toady to the Trump supporters by calling for a calling for a commission to like rule on voter fraud that is him invoking the uh this case because that's what they did they ended up establishing a bipartisan commission where they basically just made

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a deal behind closed doors uh and then they there was a constitutional amendment that actually ended that possibility because they saw how bad it was so once again 0:23:41  
ted cruz being an oaf and a dope so there was a lot of there wasn't a lot of violence around that election there was like talk of mobilization of troops and stuff um i think i guess george mccllellan \*\*\*\*\* like wanted to form a militia to march on washington to make tilden president but nobody slam nobody uh ransacked the white house i can say that so so that's how uh that's how things are going since then so then he talks about the uh the biggest eruption of coordinated working class mobile militancy until that point in american history this great railroad strike of 1877 which saw painfully 0:24:45  
um uh symbolic uh site of troops being pulled out of the reconstruction south to abandon free people to the ravages of the clan and the red shirts to go and help put down the strike in uh and it was huge it was violent it was not coordinated very well because it was largely spontaneous and there was only a rudimentary working-class political movement in america at that point like there was the working men's association there was the international like uh uh yeah the working men's association was one the knights of labor it was it was still a very uh incoherent movement uh but they were all caught by surprise just like the all of the bickering parties in uh zaras russia were like you had currents being developed but it took an event to bring 0:25:49  
about a reckoning in the in this case it was the fact that this depression had uh pinched the profits of the railroad companies but they didn't want to stop giving dividends to stockholders because they were essentially running ponzi schemes and needed new investment income to keep themselves up so they had since profits were going down the only place that they and competition was reducing profits also the only place they could get profits was what a shock labor costs by cutting by cutting wages and increasing hours at a time when everybody was suffering because of the depression and people just realized oh this is where the line is and it came from no ideological battle really no not a lot of not a lot of posting it came from experience 0:26:51  
the experience of working near a railroad uh being having the railroad dominate your life which was something that uh the western farmers could also commiserate on because they were held hostage by railroad uh freight rates that was the margin of whether or not they and the it was predictably defeated because it was no one was really planning it and the states eventually all agreed that oh yeah no this is what we're here for this is why the state exists to suppress this sort of thing but it led to uh a lot of the railroads backing down because they found okay this is the limit okay that was chapter nine uh chapter 10 he talks a lot about uh something that is 0:27:53  
very boring but important to understand uh 19th century politics which was uh civil service reform it was the end of the spoils system and that ended up being one of the only real issues that divided the parties because they basically all agreed to the same

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laws fair politics to one degree or another and then they were voters were sorted by geography if you were and also religion well no basically geography uh because if you were a catholic in america you were probably lived in a city and you were a laborer and you were a democrat if you were a white southerner you were a democrat if you were a small holding protestant northerner which is the mean northerner you were a republican if you were a black southerner you were a republican although that mattered less and less as reconstruction governments failed to be able to defend themselves it's not a coup settle the \*\*\*\*\* down what do you want me to do just yell about how it's a coup does that help you if it's a coup shouldn't you be out in the streets like with your fellow militiamen gathering your garrisons you better have some \*\*\*\*\* uh uh and the funny thing about civil service reform is it's sold in history as this is the good guys the good the good uh moral politicians driving out the crooks well of course not it's it's of course about bringing out the ability of working-class people to get any percentage of uh of economic growth because they were locked out of capital but they did have their votes which means they could pry something out of the machine but private property regime is present on the notion that you can't do that that was the thing that the constitution was designed to prevent um and the way that the \*\*\*\*\* tammanies and and other machines were able to distribute jobs to catholics and then give them political power in exchange for it no no that just simply isn't done and that is why where a lot of the anti-catholic sentiment uh and so the fight over uh civil service reform is really a fight over democracy in a way and the rational civil service that we eventually got does not is still influenced by money it's still influenced by authority by outside of uh interest but they're purely monetary it's purely capital it's no longer anybody who is accountable to anyone you would call people who are not you know a concentrated and he also talks about another the other sort of the the the bad side of emerging working-class mobilization is anti-chinese sentiment in california because the chinese were seen as as essentially slave labor imported directly to compete with them and because of racism and racial division and cultural separation that makes it harder to get to a point of empathy that allows you to you know digest politics at that level uh it led to just a wholesale demonization of the chinese uh and that is the populist that's like the fate that's one that's one facet of the face of american populism is it is a defense of labor free labor or for uh property from cop from un uh from unfree competition uh and it's something that the political parties had to deal with when um another but as usual you know the real the real heart of the of the of the anti-chinese sentiment it really did come from fear of being economically displaced it could have been channeled elsewhere it's just uh racism is so good it's so useful that it's that chant political channels for it open up when it emerges it's it's it's facilitated it's not it's not uh uh

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challenged talked about uh convict leasing and the return of servile labor in the south 0:33:4  
because if you aren't going to turn people into citizens if they can't be coerced by a  
common social milieu then they have to be externally forced and uh when you've got  
a high labor intensity crop system like the thing is predicated almost on on and uh 0:34:5  
they talk about the indian wars how there was just no uh there's really nothing that  
the natives could really do to avoid getting their stuff just took because there was  
money to be made in it and uh there was always this kind of sad tragic like shrug of  
the shoulders about indian policy among all of the the good-hearted reformers and  
ex-abolitionists it's like what are you gonna do you know what are and the fact is  
that you know we were gonna unless something stopped us we were gonna take it all  
because you only stop if someone stops you that's that's that's the uncha checked  
imperial engine something has to stop you and that we couldn't be stopped because  
our our control of our uh then in the last chapter uh he goes into the intellectual 0:35:7  
history stuff that i think is really strong in this book and a nice through line uh  
throughout it to you know kind of understand how all these you know social all this  
social ferment is being turned into like political wisdom uh he talks about this daniel  
this dean howells guy and all this and he talks about how like as i said on the stream  
yesterday uh you you're seeing this kunian shift uh in in the social sciences away  
from lazar fair social darwinism towards uh like progressive social policy and the  
social gospel to come with it out of the protestant tradition and uh one of the things  
that emerged from this ferment is an attempt to like recap reaffirm capitalism in the  
face of all of the evidence of its failures uh by making it just and one of those ideas 0:36:10  
was georgism which was uh created by an economist named henry george who was  
a classic american crank in the best tradition uh one of our better cranks i think  
uh and he was a guy who uh saw the horrors of of the accumulating unfreedom and  
misery of america it's because we have taken land which is by definition common  
and given it to people and his he basically diagnosed land ownership and specifically  
rent on un un improved land as the the stake in the heart of civilization as as where  
all uh injustice flows and he does this by essentially redefining capital to exclude 0:37:11  
raw materials and land and why he does that is essentially so that everything can  
flow from that presumption all of his stuff froze from that presumption and the thing  
is if you go for that assumption he has a very persuasive case and he gained a lot  
of influence and power power uh they haven't gotten to it in the book yet but he  
ran for mayor of uh new york on a fusion socialist ticket like a labor party ticket uh  
against a tammany hall stalwart and republican theodore roosevelt and uh but both  
george and roosevelt lost to the tammany hack which just goes to show that you  
know whatever ideas and charisma you got it's still new york baby and somebody's  
got to pay the \*\*\*\*\* uh and so his proposal was yes a single tax no tax on anything 0:38:12

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except land and that that would remove speculation from the economy and remove concentration and it's a classic american bit of crankery where he's trying to follow an equation by essentially making up his own math because he wants to avoid the confrontation he wants to avoid the reality of class conflict because he's an american he doesn't see the necessity because in these big wide open spaces you can convince yourself that maybe we can all get along and the american expression of that one of them is georgia's because the idea was love the the sheer reality of this pitch the sheer truth because essential argument is this is so obviously true that if enough people believe it we will act like it's true and that will make us do it and that will reduce all of the capital accumulation and it will be a non-violent war of ideas that is won 0:39:13 over time through application of our minds and our passions and that's in opposition to the marxist notion that no now we're going to win because there will become a time where there is a pivotal confrontation between capital and labor and labor's superior numbers and organization will will make it win will win in the battle that and it is the numbers it is people motivated by shared material drive towards freedom that will move them towards victory it will not be that are you eventually change people's minds that's the idea is that you just have to convince them if enough people understand this both capitalists and workers will see the truth of it and will want to do it no one will act against their economic self-interest and if they do they will not be enough of them to overall and that is why i think that georgism is uh very much in 0:40:15 a tradition that we now see with mmt now once again mmt is i think correct in most of the things it claims to do but beyond that it seems to think that because this is true you can convince enough people of that and by convincing them we will act like it's true and therefore make capitalism humane without conflict i think it's the same impulse that drove georgia's now that doesn't mean it isn't true or useful i'm just saying that the messianic heart of it i think is the same as it is with the georgists it's an idea that the truth of this is so undeniable that if enough people know it it will convert them as if ideas can in the main i mean that began individual people in the 0:41:16 main demographically so that's henry george oh this is one thing i wanted to actually read this is uh this i just to any any young nervous denizen of the internet uh if any of this sounds familiar please let me know he's talking about this guy uh howells who was essentially uh he's the kind of guy we don't have anymore like a gore of a doll like a a public intellectual who like writes novels and reviews and stuff i guess the closest thing we have now howell's agonized over the industrial united states that greeted him on his return from quite personal as well as intellectual and moral reasons in 0:42:19 1880 howell's 16 year old daughter winnie vibrant charming attractive and the apple of her father's eye had fallen ill in a way so many gilded age women and men fell ill she quite suddenly could not cross a room unaided she had to drop out of school

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when he became sick the same year that george miller beard published american nervousness he you could call it anxiety maybe he created a new world new word neurasthenia to describe what he thought was a new phenomenon lack of nervous force and symptoms were baffling in various as a desire for excitement and stimulation coupled with fears that ranged from fears of being alone to fears of being afraid to fear of everything charlotte perkins gilman whose story the yellow wallpaper captured the disease was also its victim consistent she wrote in her autobiography of every painful sensation shame fear remorse a blind oppressive confusion utter weakness a steady brain ache that fills the conscious mind with crowding image of distress the end and damning result the end and defining result was the paralysis of the will that afflicted winnie the cause doctors agreed was modern life itself its barrage of information noise and distraction its luxuries and its constant demands in unmanned men and feminized women leaving both men and women over civilized nervous artificial weak and detached from real emotion and vital experience the introspection of reform reformation protestantism once devoted to monitoring the soul and the chances of salvation had turned morbid and transmuted into mere self-obsession gilman noted the significant aspect of her own case she was in effect allergic to the home although she loved her husband and child she saw the stark fact that i was well while away and sick while at home i don't know i don't know if that rings i don't know if that sounds like anyone you know but the one thing i wanted to say about uh oh right and then we got the election of 1884 when the james g blaine the man from maine the symbol one of the symbols of uh post-war corruption ran for president against uh and uh it's important to note that the whole issue basically boiled down to corruption because blaine was crooked and uh essentially cleveland was more discreet so he wasn't but he was indiscrete sexually he essentially admitted that he had fathered a child out of wedlock who he had paid for the education of which led to the campaign slogan of the republicans mama where's my paw so it was this battle of like personal virtue versus public uh public virtue but nobody was disagreeing with any of the top label stuff everybody was for \*\*\*\*\* uh strong money everybody was against strikes and working-class organization everybody was mildly anti-chinese uh and they were all essentially dragging their feet towards civil service reform it was sort of accepted that by that point the garfield assassination really set the seal that okay this is going to happen and it took them a long time they pulled that band-aid off real slow but it's because they had to you know create sync uh offload but then uh blaine was killed not by his corruption but most likely because he was accused of being in the same room with a protestant clergyman who said that the democratic party stood for rum romanism and rebellion which was not what uh the irish catholics of new york wanted to hear not that republicans ever did terribly well with the irish catholics

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but there were a good number of them who could have been persuaded to vote for a new york could be persuaded to vote for an open-handed republican a guy who was willing to was willing to grease the wheels but that didn't go over well because it reminded them oh yeah those \*\*\*\*\* uh those cabbage eaters \*\*\*\*\* hate us those those \*\*\*\*\* protestant square heads they hate us rum as in alcohol because because 0:47:34

the good protestant northerners were temperance men it was the drunken posada germans and irish romanism for the catholic church and then of course rebellion for the civil war which yes they had done and it is honestly kind of crazy that we let that party still exist after they did the civil war one of many things that probably should so i think for next week we're gonna read a good chunk because this goes very quickly i'm not that worried about not having enough we're gonna finish the second half of the second part so from dying for progress ah dying for progress chapter 13 to the poetry of a pound of steel chapter 18. and then i think next week we'll do the so i think we're seeing as we read the book you know the uh the machine the leviathan 0:48:36

of capitalism sort of stitch itself together out of the pieces of the post-war and the key thing was always bribery at the end of the day it was bribery that was what set that's what set the terms for uh where where uh the government was seeking its actual uh agenda from where it's seeking its real um uh it's real validation not from voters but for people with money because people had money more than people had more money people had more paper money after the civil war than they'd ever had before because the government had been throwing around money to build the war machine and that's what does it this is an mmt thing and the mm tears are right the us when the us has said hey we get need to make we need to build an economy like for a war like the civil war or world war ii we just do it we just make the money up 0:49:38

and then we then the economic activity follows from the money they're 100 correct about that that's but where that money goes whose hand it goes into that is all that is not uh that is very much controlled that's that the hands it's already in are the ones guiding it and they make sure that it accumulates to where it has always been and then the more they have the more they can buy things with they were able to buy the continent from they were able to buy the continent from us because they've essentially been places where money and paper have been held in the process of building an industrial war economy so if you imagine as i am an alternative civil 0:50:44

war recon post-war era the key thing is what what dominoes would have to fall to give to give electoral and political like self-actualization to the freed slaves as soon as possible uh at the urban working class and and northern smallholders and i don't think it's impossible but man it'd be very unlikely but once again it's not a either or a question it's not a yes or no question it's a deal where just a little bit more makes things a little better over time you know and just moves things in one direction rather

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than another i think it's there i've been thinking more about how i would actually want to like structure a counter narrative of reconstruction and i was saying you know lincoln being assassinated that'd be a good place to put it but honestly i would want to move it a little bit earlier and it is just to start with benjamin butler uh who i talked about the uh the conservative doe face democrat turned radical republican who was one of the first generals to free slaves that they encountered in occupying the south and occupied new orleans and became a radical republican legislator after the war wildly corrupt but also a genuine populist who became a greenback party candidate a successful governor and then a candidate for president he was offered the vice presidential slot and right there even if lincoln still dies uh in april of 1865 that could hugely affect things for the what if butler's vice president and then you know butterfly wings fly because of that and then lincoln is not assassinated because it was a close run thing he doesn't decide to go to the \*\*\*\*\* uh show that night he says \*\*\*\*\* it wait maybe maybe maybe benjamin butler shows up with like a keg and they decide to get drunk and then they don't go to the theater and then somebody from like the sarat house uh drops a dime on him and then they all get arrested and it's just a footnote in history but then i would imagine i still think that to get anywhere good lincoln needs to die and be a martyr for america but if he's a martyr in like 1866 or 1867 and then butler becomes president katie bar the door all right so i'm going to wrap up here in a second while we've been talking have they declared a mega government in washington have they seized the uh the constitution and started adding amendments trump died oh my god i could see them like dosing him honestly right now i could see them heart attack gunning trump right now because you know they're actually like sitting him down he had to give that \*\*\*\*\* thing today where he said look i know they stole it i know it's outrageous i know they literally just took your right to vote from you and shat all over it we all know that's true but you got to go home that's that's the that's why this thing has to break against the rocks it cannot uh correct itself because trump cannot correct himself because for him to actually do something about this he would have to say look i didn't actually win i was wrong he would have to say that he cannot start with look this is a stolen election but you should just accept that he can say that because it's all fantasy to him and then i'm hearing that uh the vice president authorized uh the national guard not trump did they 25th amendment his ass are they sticking him in a \*\*\*\*\* uh in like a back of a car like patrice lumumba is he gonna get dm'd by the joint chiefs is mike pence going to be our big min it was big man right who did the who did yeah man yeah big man i was correct so they that they could did they could that'd be very funny i heard he unfollowed trump and then re-followed him i think we could say safely that might mike pence will not be the the repub the president i mean i think

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we all knew that mike pence and kamala harris are very similar in that they will never be president kamala harris's only hope is that bite dies in office and these guys don't die anymore they've invented some sort of adrenochrome suppository that is like long-lasting they will not die Biden will be a gibbering skeleton at age 96 and he will still be alive so she he's not going to die in office he's not going to resign she's not going to win a primary and if she did get win a general she would get and then pence is the same way pence has zero chance to ever be president he is going to be hounded for this honestly it is pretty it's pretty fitting because i could see a thing where pence becomes the people person that they hate more than any other person in the world we're way more than any democrat who they sort of at essentially level they have to be like well you won you know you always end up putting venting your your real rage on the person on your side who betrayed you the the traitor is always hated more than the enemy so uh i could see pence being the focus of their rage like a guy getting pipe bombs in the mail every other week and well it's a tragic thing that's come to that if that occurs it's not necessarily i don't know i mean parody in the game it's it's it's chickens going home honestly it's more like pence's best chance as someone points out in the comments run as a democrat as the guy who stopped trump from doing a coup how about that no no no there's some predictions that i that are easy pence cannot be president i gotta say man if the my pillow guy was a little more charismatic and if he had run for office yet i don't know i guess that he doesn't he could go straight for the my pillow guy it's just the thing about my pillow guy is that he doesn't have trump's charisma and that's a problem he has the regular guy famous guy thing that they love like he is a famous person who they think of as themselves and that's what they really want but he doesn't have the the \*\*\*\*\* he doesn't have the showmanship and that's my only that's why if only john taffer were more famous among the mega people it would be john taffer the guy's got he's another reality show guy who's who \*\*\*\*\* pops on tv i mean i saw him give a speech at an americans for prosperity convention this is one of the first things i did as a as a tweeter slash journalist me and brian quimby from street fight this is before chapel started went to columbus ohio to see john taffer speak along with a bunch of the presidential candidates not trump but jeb was there bobby jindal was there um \*\*\*\*\* a couple more losers but those two for sure uh and i remember i saw i saw jeb speak and wow nothing just stuffed shirt just absolute zero bobby jindal also pip squeak just imagining that those guys ever thought they were going to stand to trump is astounding but then \*\*\*\*\* tafra comes out and he just explodes on these people and he's essentially demands that they all swear a blood oath to defend small business because it is the lifeblood and heart of america and of course small business is the closest thing we have to the old small holding fantasy the yeoman

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fantasy that is the heart of american popular freedom praffer would be the perfect encapsulation of that he would be the perfect person to express that truth sadly he's too niche of a figure if bar rescue had been the biggest show on network television in the in the oughts then he we honestly had a chance and that's what makes this whole thing so difficult to even think about is that trumpism is going to splinter 1:0:19 because there's no one to take the \*\*\*\*\* torch from him don junior wants it but he can't do it maybe it'll be don jr but if it's don junior it's going to be a much reduced trumpism because as i said at the beginning of the show we're going to see a confrontation that had to come between the party apparatus with its long-term goals and its commitment to the the standing system because it benefits capitalism uh and the wild lumpen uh id that has been indulged but never given but that's because they could be indulged it can't be indulged anymore the stock boys won't allow it to be indulged anymore play time is over so how does this break up happen uh that is the question and what you could see is in a very short period of time the republican party taken over by an explicit ideologically committed trumpist faction that turns q into reality from the inside of the party but that will take time it's not 1:1:21 going to happen overnight it would take several election cycles or people get to kind of get over like bite becomes president and it's not as bad as they thought it would be and the comforts of their home and the distractions of their life and maybe hey maybe oh we got a vaccine now fuddruckers is open they start going home and the the fringe are left and they form their own party that becomes like this thorn in the side of america body politic but but it's one that will be there for the prophet of both parties and both branches of the ruling elite so it's not going anywhere but that'll be that'll be the contest my hunch is that most of these people go home because 1:2:22 like for right now it's just that they cannot psychically imagine a world where biden is president but once it's here and their lives are the same it's gonna take the wind out of some sales not everybody not anywhere close i think we're i mean if we had any question about whether there's going to be a rise in stochastic violence relative to uh related to politics i think this should really throw that one out the window i think that's going to happen for sure what degree it's going to be real and what degree it is going to be literally coordinated with government agencies gladio style that might be the only real question but we are definitely lit we are definitely living in interesting times which you're not supposed to do but what are you going to do about it for god's sake i just want to grow peace out you

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i hear mariachis static on my radio and the cools they glow in the dark but i'm here with her **\*\*Music playing\*\*** hold me tighter **\*\*Music playing\*\*** i think i'm sinking down and i'm all small out on heroin and the uh i'm sitting here playing solitaire with my pearl and all that county won't give me no more methadone uh hi folks 0:1:3  
how's it going is everyone okay is everybody still practicing self-care during uh this whole coup situation where the government is being overthrown by the united states base if and i hope with a couple days a little bit of uh thought people have calmed down a little bit reflected they've seen trump go on tv and say i didn't mean it i was kidding i was kidding now of course that doesn't mean that political violence is over it doesn't mean that q or the trump base or anything like that are going to be mollified i would say that stochastic political violence is going to be a pretty much permanent 0:2:6  
feature of at the very least the biden presidency and maybe just a new feature of american political life and of course some of that will be just the native energies of these people who still feel cannot reconcile themselves to political uh uh adulthood i guess you'd say and the ones that are gonna be ginned up and supported and carried out on behalf of the government as part of their their sensuous little game of domestic gladio that they like to play their little dabble in uh in exacerbating threats in order but i will say that what we're seeing right now the beginning of like we're starting to see big time charges being filed on some of these guys that they found uh and if they've tracked down who were in the capital um they're already talking about how there's gonna be live ammo uh in the guns of the national guardsmen 0:3:9  
on inauguration day uh the male fist of the state is coming out in order to assert authority now that doesn't mean these people are going to listen they have every reason to believe that this thing is going to work out for them because at the end of it fundamentally they believe in america they believe to a religious extent in the united states and this political project that's why they believe that's why they have to believe such a convoluted insanity and have to have such paranoid politics because it's the only way to square the circle of living in this country living in this country experiencing it the way that we do the nightmare of misery and admiseration and

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humiliation that it is but that it is also everything that we are psychically supposed to believe it is and these people are the people who believe that \*\*\*\*\* because they have never been there's never been a reason for them not to they have never been confronted with the state as such telling them no in fact the entirety of the political uh reality of the last 40 years has been managing the ego basically of this 0:4:12 segment of the population by which i mean broadly the middle tier of white americans income wise uh uh and and like in relationship to capitalism not just the small petty bourgeois plenty of workers like the whole \*\*\*\*\* argument about oh everybody at the capitol was a small business tyrant and actually no they were sons of the soil obviously it was both obviously there's no way they were all boat ownership dealers a good deal of the mortar but there's also there's no way they were all like horny-handed sons of \*\*\*\*\* toil either they were a mixture because that is the we're talking about people who identify not by their \*\*\*\*\* class because nobody does that in this \*\*\*\*\* country of course they're not \*\*\*\*\* self-consciously working class or \*\*\*\*\* uh little uh petite bourgeois the whole point of america is to make those categories not something that people live with they live with other categories racial nationalist uh geographic and that's and in the 1970s the united states was we all got one way or 0:5:14 another the howard beale speech the one that not the one he yells at everybody but the one he gets from ned beatty i've read it on this on the stream before you have meddled with the cosmic forces of nature mr there are no nations there is no west there is only union carbide and int and at t that's everybody got that message in the 70s behind in front of closed doors now in the political realm what that ended up meaning is you had the democratic and the republican parties both dealing with this new reality okay the whole point of american politics which had been since the new deal about distributing the gains of america's industrial economy will now be changed the game doesn't change there's going to be no more spoils to give out uh if we're going to maintain profit it's going to be at the expense of work and at the expense honestly not just of workers but of these small business people because yes a lot of these people in washington are small business people does that mean that 0:6:15 their small businesses are doing well do you think it's likely that they're incredibly successful some of them are but i guarantee you a lot of them including the the pool uh cleaning business pool supply company lady who voted for obama by the way who got murked by the secret service she asked she had a pool owner's pool supply company how much was she in debt though how much are everyone how much is everybody who is not at the very commanding heights of capital or has some sort of culturally uh um attractive job that allows them to be independent from like the sheer exploitative machinery uh how \*\*\*\*\* comfortable are any of them even these small business tyrants who are precarious and you can say that they don't deserve

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to feel that angry they don't deserve to be that outraged because hey everybody else is doing worse nobody else i'm not living anybody else's life nobody lives anybody that's alive but their own and relative \*\*\*\*\* every belief every feeling is relative so the precarity that goes up and down through american society and has since the 70s 0:7:16 i'm sorry even bad naughty small business owners are going to feel it maybe they don't deserve to feel it maybe they shouldn't be so babyish about it but that's not that doesn't do anything to them that doesn't convince them they didn't go through the ideological car wash to like unpack their \*\*\*\*\* knapsack of privilege and say uh you know and say thanks for all the luck they have and then not try to make the world better they believe in america because when we all got that message in the 70s oh yeah no this is over america as you thought of it this land of opportunity that's over with it's going to be an enserfening everyone is going to become a thrall and we have to because because your day having a say in this is over as working people as non-capital holders so what are we going to do about it \*\*Music playing\*\* well the people who make up now almost the entirety of the democrats college-educated uh professional whites uh and and uh african-americans basically you know there's other 0:8:19 groups in there but those are the two big groups that make up the significant portion of the democrat and young people of course the younger generation but largely uh sorted by college either the older wealthier ones the ones who made sure biden was the nominee or the younger poorer ones they all went to college and then you've got african-americans and then you've got these racial groups that we treat like they're black but aren't because the experience of race in america is warped because we have black people in this country and that relationship is different than the relationship between any other uh ethnic minority and the united states it just is and trying to tack them together that's one of the reasons so many liberals are baffled by all these working-class uh minorities voting for trump so those two groups of people african-americans and college-educated whites they're the deal that the reason that they have essentially uh acceded to this condition of steady admiseration is twofold 0:9:20 because it wasn't just telling people yeah no that's over being able to just have a decent middle class life uh with a with any job you can find no that's over with that's gone that was okay for college educated whites because the new world we were going to get was going to be a knowledge economy where the fact that you went to college and the fact that you learned all this stuff and the fact that you learned the vocabulary is going to give you a chance to survive and in fact thrive you can still get a house all those atari democrats who represented the 70s uh suburban explosion the uh they represented people who could still realistically get the american dream because they had they were part of the knowledge economy and ever since then those people those democrats those people who line up with the democrats have done so

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on the assumption that well yeah things are bad in this country but honestly more than anything it's because of these backward-ass other white people the ones who 0:10:21  
couldn't get with the program their racism and revanchism are why we can't have nice things even though the reason is because the the drive train of like working-class pressure on the political um economy was disengaged and so now it's just an intercapital battle there's no working people involved in any way it's pure that seat at the table that existed and that set the table for post-war social democracy in the united states and to a greater degree in europe that's gone so now we just have this cultural culture battle but that's okay if you're college educated because you could still get a job now the younger ones of that they're they're moving into a world disabused of that notion that's why a lot of them are bernie supporters that's why a lot of them call themselves socialists because they have a more sophisticated critique of why things are the way they are than the lumpin reactionary but when it comes to shove they're going to pick the democrats because that's the only game in town so whether they are coerced by a belief that adhering to these rules and adhering 0:11:23  
to democratic norms and the democratic party's social agenda social gospel will be good for them materially or that it's just good on its own like they've been convinced they have been ideologically car washed even beyond the point of personal uh self-interest either way they have accommodated themselves to this order uh african americans they were the the the the leadership and political strata were just bought into the democratic party mechanisms and then everybody else had the unfucking gloved fist of the state smash onto them that's where you get the drug war that's where you get a a zero tolerance policy to get to say hey no \*\*\*\*\* uh yeah yeah no you know how there was that brief period where it looked like we might open the doors to post more prosperity to you yeah no that's over but don't you \*\*\*\*\* get any ideas about it we killed all the \*\*\*\*\* panthers we killed martin luther king we will kill you and if you try to \*\*\*\*\* make a dollar outside of uh this new order 0:12:25  
like drugs or something it's gonna be an excuse for us to throw all of you in prison and then put our \*\*\*\*\* dumb ass uh grad student kids into your \*\*\*\*\* houses and that left the broad swath of me white americans who did not go to college either because or went to college and explicitly rejected the whole uh deal for idiosyncratic ideological reasons or whatever those people the the the successful ones were the ones who created the post-war conservatism like they saw the deal and they spit the bit they said no we're too psychotically devoted to these uh these jacksonian notions of freedom because we're programmed that way and now though like it's increasing it's more and more people who aren't successful even though the republican party has only benefited the wealthy because the the republican party is the only counter articulation to the neoliberal status quo and the actual point of conflict is the one 0:13:26

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that's been the same since the dawn of the republic which is the conflict between finance capital which is the overall and and and at the end of the day governing form of capital in this country and in the world and uh and um locally regionally bound resource capital uh extraction industries and then all accompanying like local uh economic activity where you have local stakeholders who emerge and that's been the war since since the \*\*\*\*\* dawn of the the of the federalists and the uh the and at every point that that power source the american local baronery basically has been bought off and that a local and one way that the working class in general has been bought off is that they essentially for the white ones after world war ii gave an entry 0:14:27  
po to that broad bearing that brought american like regional capital barony uh you could get even if you worked in a factory you could get a little lot with a \*\*\*\*\* yard you could be a little lord you could be a lord of your own land even if you weren't uh the landlord of any other kind and even if and so when that 70s uh reality check hit carter shows up and says i'm going to explain to all these people in a nice quiet voice why we can't have nice things anymore and they're going to understand yes it's good for us to want the soul of america to be nourished and not our bodies and that we need to be uh you know a virtuous blah blah reagan was there to say hey \*\*\*\*\* idiots you just tell them that everything's going to be fine because you're going to cut taxes you say yes things are going to get worse but it's because the government is standing in the way of you and total economic self uh actualization 0:15:28  
and that's what they've been selling that story for 40 years and it has bought them a \*\*\*\*\* treasure trove of of neo-liberal reforms all of them on their terms now it's not like the democrats are really trying to stop any of that but the drive train of politics is this activated like small holding white uh petty bourgeois that is being uh cossated that it's not getting the reality check that isn't he isn't getting the bill speech it's just getting a pat on the back it's like no no it's just those it's just the nasty tax man that's the reason that you're not more successful how about oh how about here's some more more mortgage uh uh deductions here's some more pr like the degree to which we do uh safety net \*\*\*\*\* anymore you're going to be the beneficiary of all of it because we're going to subsidize home ownership and give you your little fiefdoms and give you free cheap credit that you can borrow against so you can open 500 different \*\*\*\*\* like uh nightclub themed vape shops and uh and 0:16:29  
uh rock and roll uh uh rock and roll karaoke bars with a lot of shooting ranges and \*\*\*\*\* ski-doo dealerships and what we're seeing since the collapse 2008 collapses is that we can't buy them off anymore they can't be bought off anymore the \*\*\*\*\* is coming to them the poorer whites the poorer whites the ones who didn't have access to the barony they've been killing themselves literally they have been literally killing themselves with fentanyl uh trying to get disabilities checks and and and living the

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lives of despair that are the usual outcome of being totally unconnected from any ability to assert political control over your life and any control over your economic condition the ones who are in the middle those middle ones those are the ones who are most agitated most anxious the most feet most afraid of falling and those are the ones who make up the republican base now and because they believe in america they even though their uh politics are totally in co-hate and they have no actual formal meaning and they don't have any it's it's an articulation of resistance to neoliberalism but it's baffled by the fact that everybody's just watched tv for the last 60 \*\*\*\*\* years and nobody actually has a lived experience to compare with anybody else's we only share fantasies we only swap and swap and share fantasies with one another and so all of this alienation whether it's from uh precarious uh petite bourgeois or precarious uh non-college educated uh labor workers no matter what their income is uh it's expressed by this spectacular fixation this emotional connection to trump as a delivery figure because what he delivers them from is this political stalemate that they are realizing will doom them but because they believe in america they have to find an answer within its structures within the democratic part within the republican party and within within the republican party the figure of trump who mirrors them in their selfishness and shortsightedness and as such is acting not for any concern about institutions which is demystifying the institutions and teaching these people that the institutions aren't real and they can just open the door and that that \*\*\*\*\* like oh that velvet rope you can just and of course that's because they've been allowed to do this because white work white uh middle strata a political alienation has only been beneficial it has only flown to the benefit of the republican party and it is flown to the benefit of the corporate democratic party by always driving the corrupt the uh the republicans to the right meaning we are forced because we're locked arm in arm like in \*\*\*\*\* uh cindy poitier and tony curtis in the defiant ones we're locked to the republicans for life so if they go right we have to go right too it's good for everybody but now you have a genuine conflict between this this uh assumed this faith in the political subjectivity uh that these people have uh and the cold heart fact that at the end of the day we're just humoring you people national international finance capital runs this \*\*\*\*\* and we will put up with this stuff but at the end of the day if you really get in trouble with maintaining these flows of capital we are going to have to give you the sit-down talk and i think what we're seeing here is going to be the beginning of the sit-down talk and i think it's gonna see big time prosecutions for everybody who went in that place and you're gonna see surveillance biden is already talking about first order business a domestic terrorism bill we're gonna have a white war on terror or a war on white terror i guess and it's going to be the same sort of color coordinated terror alerts it's going to be the same collection of fbi and uh

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encouraged and in fact uh conceived terror attacks thwarted real ones happening and the core of this group these unassimilated true believers in america who have only been able to believe in america for so long because they have been humored and their political uh their economic destinies have been have been protected from the ravages of the market the the the disruption of the global economic structure as it fastens its \*\*\*\*\* tendrils over every passive all life but now the bill has come due there's nothing in the cupboard left to \*\*\*\*\* humor you people we can't do anything about coronavirus we can't do anything about offshoring we can't do anything about anything because both of our both these parties are committed to this and the thing is is that the republicans now are going to have to confront their base in a way they never wanted to do and they're going to have to come to some sort of court uh some sort of accommodation and my guess is what it's going to be is that the more well-off the more successful the more charismatic the the ones with more to lose are going to be are going to be brought in by a claim that look yeah they ripped us off they stole the election but if you retake take over the republican party from inside you can stop it and if you're on the outside of it you can work for this the same way that the left is sheep dipped into the democratic party and they will accept it at least because there's options there you could run for office i mean my god all these congressmen are up for reelection next year every single one of them every one of these person could be \*\*\*\*\* replaced by a local beautiful boater or even a not so beautiful boater if they were charismatic enough and if you can't do that hey you can stream you can become an influencer you can you can uh you can make that grind work the less competent i guess the less the less stable emotionally and financially are going to have to find out that the government exists not as their friend that the government is not their friend and that the cops are not there to help them and how they respond to that is i'm very interested in finding out but this is all white people getting the reality check that they that we've spent 40 years the people in power spent 40 years allowing to go unchecked because it was a it was possible there were those bubbles there was a nice real estate bubble and and tech and whatever else but once you've reached the point where all growth comes from uh disrupting sectors meaning reducing income reducing uh job um security in the name of flexibility that's the only place to find any money under the \*\*\*\*\* couches and and where uh the ability to even be a small business owner is gonna go away and every and you're gonna have to be proletarianized which is to lose your freedom like we've talked about how american freedom is tied up in ownership first it was land but now it this is the end of the myth this is the closing of the frontier and these white people are gonna have to learn their lesson now it will be much softer of course than the lesson that was administered to uh black people in this country but i think it's you're going to see it

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and it's going to get coded as racial justice it's going to get coded as progressivism it's going to be what we get instead of any kind of meaningful push towards dealing with climate change or the \*\*\*\*\* the the the fact that uh that it is basically impossible to have a life that is compatible with what american existence is in the current context that's why all the \*\*\*\*\* argument about like oh are they working class are they uh boat owners what what the difference does it make this is the only political current in america that gets people out there that will get people to do this and you can say 0:24:38 that black lives matter protests but the black lives matter protests because uh uh black liberation has always been the most easy type of uh domestic uh disturbance to be repressed by the state the one that they're willing to expend the least effort doing because it costs them the least politically what's going to happen if you piss off black people if you're a republican what they don't vote for you anyway and if you're democrat what are they going to they have the fire and yes it's because they live in a fantasy america but that means they're powered by something that the left such as it exists doesn't have which is belief and i don't even mean belief in god i mean you mean belief in success belief in victory and of course that all stems for 0:25:39 them from a delusion they believe that they can win because they think this is a different country than it is because they have just absorbed america's propaganda from a position of relative privilege in america and most people unless they go to college to learn how to have anxiety are going to respond to that the same way by accepting it and only now are we seeing their lived experience colliding with their idea of america and because they're america because they believe in america they think well this is all \*\*\*\*\* up even if why they think it's \*\*\*\*\* up is wrong even if it's all bundled up with racism and and stupid nationalism and it is and xenophobia it's still generated by a very real connection of their unhappiness to the political order which many people including many real working-class people do not have and that's because they don't believe in and we see these people willing to do this \*\*\*\*\* 0:26:43 \*\*\*\*\* what uh naruto run into the \*\*\*\*\* capitol building and i i don't think there's any reason to believe that it's going to stop now uh and then you look at what the left it's not good and i think big part of it is nobody who is going to organize on the left because of the repression of the left over the history and because they're trying to create a self-consciously working-class movement they're not able to like just just go have faith in trump they can't just have faith in trump as like a symbol because they're aware that this has to be a class project and it has to have class goals but because of that they're also aware of all the obstacles they're aware that the state has a rate against them which these people don't think some of them are coming around to it and when they fully realize it they're going to get more radicalized but that's all to the benefit of the system because those are more uh enemies of the state

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that we can profitably prosecute or and so until the left finds faith in itself even in 0:27:51  
the face of uh the transparent absurdity of that they'll never be able to be anything  
effective because the argument about whether you should be happy or bad sad that  
the cops killed that lady or you should be happy you should be rooting for Biden  
to suppress them or not is all meaningless because we have no power over it the  
democratic party is going to go is going to govern from a position of austerity and  
misery it's going to try to frame it as as racial and gender liberation they're going to  
do that the right is going to attempt to coddle this movement suborn it and avoid a  
full confrontation with the state which they don't want to do and there's nothing we  
can do about any of it because there's no working-class movement to assert a position 0:28:54  
to desert demands uh opposed to if anyone has been listening to uh age uh he just  
started talking about the Asian revolution and he i i was listening to it recently and  
it's very good as is all of Everett's podcasting is uh and his description of the political  
moment uh during before the Haitian slave revolt when there was a big crisis caused  
by the French revolution back at home about what to do about the national assembly  
and like how to uh orient the the colony or towards France uh the main battle was  
between a coalition of uh white slave owners and small white laborers and like middle 0:29:55  
class people the the big whites as they were called and the small whites who both  
wanted to uh rebel against the the king for different reasons the the whites the  
big whites because they thought it would give them more control over the island and  
more authority over its economy specifically its trade so that they could trade to  
other places more profitably and then the small whites because they thought that  
they could get if they had more of an a say in like the politics of the island as opposed  
to having no influence over politics in France that they could assert their uh rights uh  
but they were in uh they the one thing they agreed on was that they wanted to make  
the government of Haiti specifically uh white supremacists like to enforce a racial  
code and to maintain like a white political uh might uh a white political monopoly 0:30:57  
on power in the in the colony and the other group was the mixed race community the  
the children of uh of relationships between relationships between uh white mostly  
white slave owners and African slave women but many of them had been because  
the French did colonialization a little differently than the Americans did i think  
maybe because of the Catholicism in many cases uh white slave owners who had uh  
black mistresses would marry them and and confer property to their children instead  
of enslave them and so you had a class of uh of mixed race slave owners and and small  
holders who and and uh bourgeois shopkeepers and stuff who wanted to uh diversify  
the uh the racial character of the political ruling class of the of the colony both of  
them agreed that slavery was staying where it was and enslaved Haitians were not  
going anywhere and the whole battle which was incredibly pitched and saw saw uh 0:31:58

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botched insurgencies on both sides and and uh the republican uh the local like admit um the local representative of the french revolutionary government kind of having to like play both sides against the other and it was in the in the context of that that the slaves and when i see the republicans and democrats it's very hard not to see it as a battle between you know that big white small white colonial coalition and and the the more progressive more racially uh uh expansive mixed race uh political movement as ours the problem is that they're where are the slaves the slaves are not marked by race they're not marked by conditions of life they are marked only by their i did the quotation marks for a reason shut the \*\*\*\*\* up god you \*\*\*\*\* people 0:33:5  
god i love being \*\*\*\*\* scolded by nitwits because i didn't use the right words when i even so that's the challenge and it's the same challenge no matter what it's the same challenge if everybody there was a was a \*\*\*\*\* uh pipe fitter uh or if everybody there owned six subaru dealerships either way the challenge is the same build actual self uh like coherent and a lot of the people who want to do that through the media and want to do that through memes and want to do that through posting they see what happened with trump's people and they want that for me as that franklin graham uh meme goes but you can't have that that is what it is because it is reactionary 0:34:6  
because it is not responding to material conditions and material exploitation it's responding to a emotional engagement in a spectacle of politics there is no left-wing version of that there can't be a left-wing version of that now you can have left-wing voices like uh brazing ideas and concepts but the organizing is going to be done boringly and tediously at the \*\*\*\*\* level of life at the level of work or residence whatever it takes but it's not going to come through engagement with this spectacle because everything gets diffused and as we said on the show and as i said on the stream the other day the reason that this is the reason that these people feel so confident in themselves and the reason they're willing to do this is because they've never been checked they've always been encouraged and that's because not even that 0:35:7  
capitalism wants them to win in any real sense like have them defeated defeat global capitalism in a battle but that they're useful that kind of political mobilization can always be uh metabolized because it's not a real threat it has no character of of organization or coherence or policy behind it it cannot meaningfully confront capital it cannot make demands the only demands these people have is keep trump president all right fine what if they did that we got more neoliberalism more misery more uh austerity they wouldn't care they'd be happy because the people they hate would \*\*Music playing\*\* and in fact they would blame everyone else for still being around still existing and and preventing trump from doing i'm not on the edge of doom or 0:36:8  
anything in anything this should be liberatory because if this can't be found here then the fact that everything looks like it's unwinnable and unsolvable isn't such a

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big deal like it only feels like this saying that this is a this is a a space where where uh product productive action cannot occur that feels like it's dumarism to people else the good news though is that if it doesn't matter well then you can find something there's something out there now probably there are \*\*\*\*\* prairie fires burning that nobody's aware of because they have not been \*\*\*\*\* turned into a quantum they've not been turned into memes they've not been turned into uh something that could be quantified and and chopped up into some sort of uh like left um i don't think i'm 0:37:20 going to build a gundam i'm not blackpilled i'm blackpilled about this \*\*\*\*\* model of engagement but everyone should be it's not the only thing in the world if it is if it is the only thing in the world that's the true black bill because i'm sorry not a single person who has doubled down on posts as praxis has given me any reason to believe that that would not be sticking your finger somebody's asking about the socialist rifle club and stuff if you're memeing it how serious can you be about it i get that you want to get people on board but when you're talking about like arming 0:38:22 yourself against the state how seriously can i take somebody who like that's a very good example like you might very well find that in your life you're gonna have to \*\*\*\*\* uh get a gun and do something i'm not saying anyone should do that for the love of god i'm just saying that local conditions might obtain where like okay say say like trump losing causes these people to go berserk and the cops are basically just let them tire themselves out but that essentially ends up turning into a number of like local pogroms i'm not saying that's going to happen but let's say it did and you found yourself in a position like where you lived that it was your responsibility to \*\*\*\*\* defend like your neighbors and and vulnerable people from them anything you have to do at that point is not anything you should be \*\*\*\*\* posting about and trying to like memify and turn into if anyone's posting about anything they're not serious 0:39:39 about it everybody posting about a coup and how this is a coup and you need to take it seriously if they're \*\*\*\*\* posting about it all day they don't really think that like none of us really think any of the stuff that we think are powering our our political beliefs what we mostly just feel is a lassitude we feel helpless that's what we really feel and then we just turn that helplessness into a bunch of different fantasies that we can but like if you think that this is a threat to democracy i'm sorry we don't have one of those we do not have a democracy you could argue that during that new will deal period that that there was something approaching a a working class articulation 0:40:40 of power at the highest levels of government it was it was coerced or i mean it was suborned and it was uh essentially house broken and when it was no longer a luxury that the system could afford it was immediately removed but it was there but since then we don't have a \*\*\*\*\* democracy are you \*\*\*\*\* like thinking how much how much emotional force are we supposed to take from the other day's events from the

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the the idea that it was some sort of attack against a sacred institution in sacred uh places this is the most profane and disgusting place on earth the u.s \*\*\*\*\* capitol building it's like it's like a giant mini saint a little st james mansion it's just that \*\*\*\*\* uh the the weird white and blue greek themed dome that he had there and 0:41:46 the fact that a incoherent jabbering old man because of our fully spectacularized lives where everything that is uh worth caring about is worth caring about to an apocalyptic degree in which more and more that includes politics was able to get people to care this much to die to \*\*\*\*\* like have to uh give themselves heart attacks while being tased and to i gotta say if you if you don't think this is funny then you are as much of a buzzkill as an sjw if you don't think somebody going to washington dc with a gadsden flag that says don't tread on me and then getting killed in a stampede is funny then i'm sorry you you are literally just a woke scald but just with different uh naughty words and different bad uh uh unthoughts that can't be but yeah i can 0:42:51 \*\*\*\*\* give a \*\*\*\*\* about the \*\*\*\*\* us capitol building the thing that should be we should be embarrassed about is that that's what did it the thing that everyone should be embarrassed about is that donald \*\*\*\*\* trump is what got people to do that and yes the fact that it's donald trump is why they were allowed to do it but uh like there's gonna have to be some serious deconditioning of people people are to have to be willing to to change their matrix of acceptable risk and this is maybe even more important uh change their uh required degree of like rational self-convincing of things because one of the things that got those people out there and is going to keep them out there is the fact that they have convinced themselves that a deep level their politics even though they're incoherent gibberish they believe them yes part of it is because they're dumb and their brains have been turned into scrambled eggs by social media and television but a lot of it is that they aren't neurotic it's a lot of it is that they did not learn that politics have to be perfect in order to be actionable 0:43:52 that you have to be able to explain everything about everything you believe in order to act on it which is a paralysis i think that infects the left and i know infects me tell me if i'm wrong like i can't act unless i know that every action i'm doing is correct and the fact that trump is just spectacle and and uh and emotion allows that makes crossing that bridge much easier getting to the leap of faith the left is harder because so much of it is intellectual because so little of it is actually connected to but that's going to have to happen people are going to have to convince themselves at a deeper level and even allow themselves to think i might not even be right about this this might not be the right case there might be somebody online who might call this cringe who might say that i'm doing liberalism or that i'm doing uh anarchism or that i'm doing tanki-ism or that i'm doing whatever the \*\*\*\*\* i might i might be wrong i might eat \*\*\*\*\* at this i might get laughed at and that has to be okay 0:44:54

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because otherwise people give up people give up look what happened in last summer people thought they had the revolution in their hands for a minute some of them did anyway and it ended up being a giant chess match just taking down statues because that was the only because the symbolic realm is the only area where you could see a plausible uh and one of the things that makes it easier to do that like if it's a question of like trump should stay in office that's a great binary that's wonderful and the left doesn't have anything like that i mean there i mean i keep saying the left there is no left but there is no left articulation of that that can be summed up in such a binary and time dependent and space dependent question as will you be inaugurating a new president but my hope is that the democratic party which is looking like it's on the road towards total uh like the fact i mean i don't honestly care if they \*\*\*\*\* try to uh to impeach trump i think i think making that the thing everyone should care about is dumb honestly like hey how about try to ring the dinner bell a little bit especially that you got joe \*\*\*\*\* mansion saying no to the two thousand dollar checks maybe like circle the wagons around an actual helpful thing that people could you know think feel good about as opposed to just advertising your powerlessness because they're not going to vote to impeach him and you will be reminded again oh yes all of these norms are just agreed upon manners and real force can decide these contests and if it does you don't have any you don't have any because well over a half the guys whose job it is to come in the room and clear it half the time got half the guys job it is to carry a gun into a room and decide who should be there and are of no commitment to the democratic project as you represent it no matter how many times you talk about how de-sacralizing and and shameful everything is that is a that's that is a balance of power where the democrats essentially exist at the suffrance of the republicans because their existence keeps everything moving keeping the democrats around allows them allows rule to be carried out because we need that illusion of democratic give and take in order to allow all the ill humors of capitalism to be vented properly but if you make it an existential question and like these people saying we're going to throw them all we're going to throw them all in jail we're going to throw all the seditious uh members of housing in jail and we're going to throw trump in jail yeah right you know what would happen if that happened or at least you know what you're afraid what happened which is all that matters all you need is the fear and the reason they have the fear is that they know that they could not marshal the same forces and coordinate them the same way because of the hostility to the of the police state to those people to their disorganization to the lack of the democratic party representing anything beyond just a a rejection of the but what we're going to see from the an attempt to do essentially like bushism like these guys are trying to talk about this as 9 11 as bad as 9 11. they want it to be their 911.

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that's the point of this this is going to be the democrats 911 that they get to wave 0:49:1  
the bloody shirt at the republicans which honestly could help them because looking  
at the polls this is not a popular thing that happened and even though there's all  
these like um well-manicured gerrymandering structures that allow the republicans  
to hold power i do not think that the uh wealthy whiter wealthy older white people  
who voted in the democrats are liking any of this and a lot of them who voted in  
split tickets for democrat for republicans might start punishing republicans now just  
in the same way all these but the thing is all these \*\*\*\*\* guys in the house who  
live in gerrymandered republican districts they can't go against trump because they  
will be gone and so they're going to get the wave the bloody shirt and use it as an 0:50:4  
excuse for uh a democratic application of police state uh technology and surveillance  
and incarceration because neoliberalism has finally come for the whites the i mean  
it came for the poor whites a long time ago but it finally came for the boaters it  
came for the people who have had a little chunk of that post-war magic and now it's  
shrinking away and it's this is not negotiable \*\*\*\*\* and their uh political movement  
is too inarticulate to challenge capitalism realistically it will be suborned it will be uh  
reduced it will be recuperated and that which cannot be will be and the republicans  
oh boy i mean they're at this point it's clear they will never they will never accept the  
results of a close election that go against them again and that means every election  
will essentially be a tip ball and that helps the democrats too though because if it's 0:51:6  
close enough and they lose it it's just bush versus gore again everything's kept going  
everybody kept getting paid it didn't break anything the system maintained itself if  
you just like slowly and then the democrats are a regional party maybe like run new  
york and california i mean somebody asked why it's bad to call it terrorism i think  
i'm articulating it right now like we already tried this with one form of terrorism  
which was a response to american bipartisan policy which the proper response to  
would have been to minimize the threat and not treat it like the end of the world  
but instead we maximized the threat treated it like the end of the world specifically  
treated it as an excuse to \*\*\*\*\* all over civil liberties domestically and carry out a  
war overseas now the war is coming home in every sense the war is coming home and  
that means that we're going to have to intensify our state apparatus of technological  
control which we're having instead of fascism and that will now start have to fall 0:52:8  
having to because everybody's going into the wood shipper and some of you will get  
lucky and get \*\*\*\*\* out into the capitalist side but the the mass majority of you  
are going to come out your kids are going to come out peasants and that's you do  
not have where with all the ability to challenge that they will \*\*\*\*\* all over you  
we're but at least there's some sort of efficiency there my god because they don't  
have to pretend that they're \*\*\*\*\* the democracy because they don't have to offer

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their stupid uh like special dispensations for their uh their their colicky white middle class and here's the important part too people say yes okay but shouldn't we treat this seriously when has the us government shown itself able to uh defeat terrorism with its uh with its control of beyond throwing people to jail beyond creating greater degrees of alienation from the people you're supposed to be de-radicalizing so saying no this time we're going to do it right because it's going to be against the right people even if it did obviously it won't it will be used liberally against all kinds of left-wing movements no question indigenous we all know that but even if it was laser focused on these these white denotification worked they just turned west germany over to the nazis that's how they denatified german that's that's how they denotified west germany they just let them stay in charge and gave everybody some a \*\*\*\*\* uh but if you're gonna talk about like we need to confront these people we need like a real confrontation with uh with like the forces of fascism in this country i ask simply okay who and who and if you're if you think that's necessary and we're and and you consider how far we are from it if you think posting there is effective then you are really just they banned uh they banned linwood from from parlor damn that's how you know i don't know about what third party will emerge but i do know that the democrats are they will be the death of us because they are in a position where they are the only force standing against just full reactionary ganglion rule but they represent no popular uh mobilizable uh or or organ or anything they represent no one they're just fully a brand trump has transcended branhood trump is now essentially in his ability to get people to \*\*\*\*\* act on his behalf religious and the democrats have nothing they have transactions they have virtue signaling that's it that means that they cannot and that that's why they cannot really force the confrontation here even though everyone's like wow they really need to get trump out of there before he just calls for another you know invasion of washington uh they know that they don't have the \*\*\*\*\* horses for it they don't have the horses so something's gonna have to fill that gap but i don't know what it is the movement for people's party all the stuff i've seen from that makes it look incredibly online to me which as you know i'm highly allergic to so we'll see but it's certainly whatever it is that's gonna have to emerge from actual experiences of struggle of experiences of conflict on behalf of of people themselves as workers as residents as as people who live in a place and want some \*\*\*\*\* dignity that's what's gonna do it later

*The Vulgar Boatmen*

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\*Music playing\*\* again i can see that now sometimes i think it's the same when i think that i'm winning and i'm losing again sometimes i'm gonna take care if i find you've been creeping down hey folks so who's president i'm not sure i don't know probably trump i'm assuming although we haven't heard from him since he got kicked off of twitter and there's been no hurt since not ominous at all of course and uh we've got a good indication that there's going to be further attempts to uh to act as some sort of web-based shock troop to uh push over the tottering coke machine of american political i don't think that's likely i think we'll see in the next month and the inauguration day will definitely be the real uh the real proving ground of this a basically a whiff of grape shot anybody knows what that is uh it was one of the things that helped cement napoleon's legend is when he was still just general uh i believe not had not even gone to uh egypt yet uh he put down a right-wing royalist revolt that was threatening to lay siege to the national assembly but with a well-positioned artillery crossfire that drove the mob away from the building and saved the directory as though and uh as a result napoleon continued his and i gotta say the parallels don't just end there and this also uh very similar is the fact that the directory was a completely transactional uh hollow cynical shell that had no popular legitimacy so that's uh certainly history rhyming again but whoever it looks i think that uh we're gonna see these these ornery whites uh disciplined because one of the reasons that they're like this one of the reasons that they could just walk into the capitol and not think anything's gonna be bad and think that they can just go home and no one's gonna get arrested is because nothing bad has ever really happened to these people before in their lives now that doesn't mean they don't feel precarity and that doesn't mean they don't feel real anxiety about their station and worries about them their future and their children's future but in terms of like getting to do what they want outside of course for the market if they're employees i mean a lot of them as we have said are our uh you know small small business owners which means they feel autonomous all the time but even the ones who uh work have ideologically you know screamed that alienation uh and maintained their sense of self-assertion

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through their purchases and through their political activities which have never been curtailed and so now it's happening if anyone saw the video of the person who was denied entry to a flight because they were on this new like i guess flight attendant insisted upon no-fly list for people who are identified haven't gone to it and the guy wasn't yelling the guy wasn't threatening to get his gun he was crying he was whining at the top of his \*\*\*\*\* lungs no what they're doing \*\*Music playing\*\* is completely different what are you talking about caesar tulum was was like well years earlier are you talking about this is the whiff of grapeshot after venomir jesus \*\*\*\*\* christ he's just crying because he doesn't it's like wait consequences and the majority of these people once they see oh you can go to jail for this oh there's actual consequences are going to back down now they're not going to reconcile themselves to democracy into the biden administration and they're not going to be chastened and like vote for mitt romney for the \*\*\*\*\* nomination next time but they're probably not going to be marching around so much with guns uh and but there won't that's not going to be all of them of course some of them are going to keep fighting and they will be at every level manipulated monitored and encouraged by uh the \*\*\*\*\* secret police so that we can keep this low running insurgency going and justify uh further civil liberties destruction and create more spectacle for people to engage with uh while everything burns but i wanted to uh i was wrong about this at every stage i mean i'll admit i never thought they were gonna \*\*\*\*\* breach the capital it's pretty amazing but i mean i'm sorry if biden becomes president i was right everything else boils down to anxiety like oh i worried more than him before we got to this point and there and by the way if i'm wrong and there is a \*\*\*\*\* civil war or or a coup wouldn't that be good news because at least it breaks this \*\*\*\*\* endless stalemate frankly that's why i don't think it's gonna happen more than anything because it would actually break open this political uh structure here that has got us completely \*\*\*\*\* costed and you know what if i'm at the \*\*\*\*\* getting firing squatted by some maggot \*\*\*\*\* or uh uh or biden is nominated or biden is sworn in and there's no problem either way if you spent more time worrying about it because you were more concerned than me and we're both in the same place we're both in front of the same firing squad we're both watching the same stupid \*\*\*\*\* state of the union where biden has a stroke halfway through and all the democrats are clapping and they can't stop clapping and they all they're like \*\*\*\*\* at a stalin speech at the pollock bureau because nobody wants the first to stop clapping even though he's up there and drool is coming out of his mouth and he's been \*\*\*\*\* stuck on the same syllable for 45 seconds wherever we are if we're there together and you spent more time worrying than me guess what i was right regardless of because none of these people who want to \*\*\*\*\* tell you how right they were about the fascist threat are doing anything other than settling scores

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online so anyway there's going to be some sort of whiff of graveshop and if not then let's stop \*\*\*\*\* podcasting if not thank god we don't have to have takes anymore nobody act like that's a bad oh no what if they overthrow the government then you gotta fight for something in once in your \*\*\*\*\* life and you can't \*\*\*\*\* be on the internet all day and i'm including myself in this oh my god you don't have a \*\*\*\*\* excuse to stand your \*\*\*\*\* ass for your entire \*\*\*\*\* life oh my god that'd be the worst thing i'm operating under the assumption that this machinery of coercion is that is so that is literally surrounded the earth is going to be more resilient than some \*\*\*\*\* yokels can put together and if i'm wrong then that is sweet \*\*\*\*\* liberty from 0:8:16  
this goddamn the steel cage of \*\*\*\*\* so i'm sorry if biden gets biden gets nominated if i can get sworn in and there's no coup then guess what i won because i wasn't spending this whole time \*\*\*\*\* my \*\*\*\*\* intestines out and scrolling on twitter non-stop i really haven't been i swear i have not been doomed scrolling and i feel better for it i win then you owe i spent all this time \*\*\*\*\* in a bucket over fear about this thing you won what did you win you get to feel smug congratulations that's the entire currency we have here so i don't like i said forget forget forget what's going to happen i just think broadly there's going to be a snap on the nose of these people and kind of for now get them back into the column although we'll talk about what 0:9:18  
that's going to mean long term and none of it is good because none of any of this is good which is why i never \*\*\*\*\* understand the argument about why you need to be more worried about stuff because well it's not going to be a fascist coup but it's still bad who in god's name is saying it isn't but i wanted to start today talking about some about like reinforcing sort of the the uh narrative of how we got to this place and how we created this class that revolted at uh at the at these people who now are fully rejecting democratic governance because they have a fully in uh fully separate media consumptive window where they didn't lose the election where all 0:10:19  
of your entreaties to democracy and rule of law bounce off because they think that there are those things are on their side like that is incommensurability at a level that cannot be resolved politically which is why people talk about civil war but like my get is this is america most people are just gonna go home especially if they can \*\*\*\*\* go to a goddamn outback in a couple of months they're gonna go home not all of them but enough to avoid a con so how do we get here with these this republican base here and i don't want to talk about whether they're that \*\*\*\*\* left uh one of the most annoying conversations you can have about is trying to understand the class character of these people oh they're working class no they got they drove there and they took planes they're rich it's not one or the other it's it's a whole strata it's 0:11:20  
the middle strata and also they're not working class no \*\*\*\*\* they aren't nobody in america is we don't have class consciousness so we don't have working-class people

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we have people who work for wages but they do not especially these people if they are technically working class they sure \*\*\*\*\* don't think of themselves as workers they think of themselves if anything americans or consumers which mean but what's more important than the class character which that's meaningless in this context is their uh demographic character specifically um the places that they live and the the jobs they do there not necessarily workers like i said a lot of small the reason that we have 0:12:21  
this now this this class of people who are in revolt even though they are as people like to point out relatively comfortable compared to people in this country who are suffering much worse but are hyper anxious and aware of their deprivation which is relative but that's the only thing anybody feels is their relative deprivation and then they feel a a bone deep confidence in their ability to exercise political influence and change that they want to speak to the manager because their entire life the manager has shown up and given them what they wanted but they're pissed how do you deal with this and then you've got the democrats as the opposition and their party made up of some of the people who are struggling the most in this country and some and most most now of the uh most educated and wellest off americans uh um ronald reagan won 80 of the 100 counties with the highest degree of bachelor degree or higher 0:13:24  
attainment trump won 12 of them that's a real thing that's happening and and this democratic alternative which is just the same thing republicans are pushing for but more culturally inclusive uh is the only alternative to it how how so let's start by just pointing out that there's two that uh two types of capital formations emerge in america while it was being settled you had finance capital concentrated on the coastal cities and then you had physical capital uh before the civil war primarily in the form of plantation slave agriculture and some uh uh manufacturing in the north uh and 0:14:25  
then over the course of the post-war era the end of slavery and then the expansion westward we get the proliferation across the country of regional economies that all are fed and then feed back into the national economy which is still cities and this sends the uh the fortunate sons and daughters of uh of the bounty of america's conquest um into spatial and cultural directions so if you are in one of those eastern cities with finance capital as its raison debt you are growing up in a condition around people who are not necessarily only uh financiers not necessarily only capitalists but also the handmaidens of capital lawyers university professors politicians people who 0:15:27  
will become the dreaded pmc that's where it's found how to coordinate a national uh economy that requires expertise and that requires schooling and it requires manners it requires civilized civilization in the european sense and that over the course of the 20th century meant that the uh both middle and working class striving uh people who were able to access our huge expansion of um access to higher education after world war ii uh had a choice of how do they want to pursue the bounty of america

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they could go east and i say east i really just mean to a city because the cities they those centers of finance and and you know uh capital they pop up across the country uh you go to the cities you go to college you get a degree and you go to cities to either make your fortune in in with the money itself or but that while that's happening while there's this flow of people to the cities like this there are regional physic uh physical capital production facilities and and uh networks of of commerce that are fixed that don't go anywhere and that don't and that only interact with finance capital and then global capital as debtors essentially as as people who the the ones who are there to give you uh liquidity so that you can expand and who you owe essentially the old banks that the jacksonians were terrified of those regional um uh capital finance capital uh economies around first and foremost extraction mining drilling fracking things like that also retail to serve all the people who work in those uh industries uh and then all the attendant you know it creates its own parallel economy filled with small business people uh and hustlers like lawyers in both places but lawyers doing different things finance like financial planners in both places doing different things and after uh the working class was brought into uh the political arena with the new deal after working class got a seat at the table as it were uh the first explosion of reactionary sentiment which is basically just a restating of the old jacksonian and jeffersonian concept of the totally unfettered uh citizen the the idea that american liberty is only real if it is if it is uh without any um any sovereign beyond the individual and that it is just the accumulated actions of these sovereign individuals that makes up the country when it exploded to as the antithesis to the sea this this the thesis that it emerged from world war ii of you know the the fortist keynesian new deal state which was a a creation forged in the laboratories of those big cities by finance capital because oh we have this industrial economy but these workers are organized and if they don't work we can't \*\*\*\*\* get this stuff out we have a war to win we have a global war over like the resources of the planet to win what are we going to do we have the money let's give it to them for the love of god let's recognize them let's get them on the board here let's get them in the center pissing out because we can afford to and they were making all these deals and the and the i'm not i swear to god i'm not uncoke i swear to christ i understand you won't believe me but so those deals are being made there within the upper ranks of both the democratic and republican parties but then at the grassroots in these places where there's like a local uh candy manufacturer robert welch the founder of the john birch society was a candy manufacturer in western massachusetts uh in orange county amongst the uh like the knott's berry farm fortune or all the aerospace engineers who came to work for uh boeing um in the sun belts you know wherever it is it emerged and and then of course in the south in response to uh uh integration in every place

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the revolt to the new deal consensus uh came from at the top regional uh ruling 0:20:39  
class people local national bourgeois types uh the koch brothers were really just a  
super super successful version of that they were like the alphas of them because their  
money is in \*\*\*\*\* oil it's in the ground and trump supporters among the billionaires  
the lump and billionaires who support tend to be who support trump tend to be not  
on the finance side but on the physical capital side and um so you know oh um fast  
food franchise owners uh car dealership owners like the buddy garrity types we know  
the beautiful boaters local gentry they are the ones who rebel because they're not  
in on these meetings they don't get they're not sold they've not been consulted on  
the bretton woods system and \*\*\*\*\* marshall plan they've not been consulted on  
integration either which is another thing that had to happen so that we could keep  
the money flowing and we could be beat the soviets but you can't talk sense to them  
because they're not in the room they're they're out in the hinterlands and they have  
their own cultures and they don't interact really with those easter ones except as 0:21:41  
something to define oneself against so there's no persuading them even though it's in  
their best interest because another part is it's not in all their best interests the more  
successful ones over time will be like brought into and by and be bought out maybe  
at the right time but the tendency towards monopoly is real and these small gentry  
are going to be crushed over time and they are being crushed over time and like if  
they don't if they're not smart and a lot of them are not \*\*\*\*\* smart and lucky and  
very few of us are lucky like half of us are not lucky at any given moment they're  
going to get crushed too and they're going to get proletarianized and they don't want  
it they never wanted it so in addition to the fact that they're culturally separated  
enough just to never buy any argument for why we should be doing this globalizing  
economy they also are very well they very well might not just like all those factory  
owners workers who are told that nafta would be worth it because hey you're going  
to have much cheaper socks at walmart and if you lose your job we'll give you and 0:22:43  
that new right was in advance for the 50s and early 60s because things were good  
times were good it was working for most people when it broke up it broke out out  
of the cultural ferment of the the essentially overheating of the cultural economy the  
cause that came from having too many young people with too much time on their  
hands because literally the economy was too good and that is where you get you  
know uh you get social ferment and activism and attempts to change things because  
you have people who are increasingly articulate and able to make demands on on uh  
the political system and are able to organize themselves and while the 60s counter  
culturals were doing that so was this local business roundtable uh lumpin bourgeois  
rebellion and it eventually took power in the form of reagan now the thing is these 0:23:44  
people were resisting global capital but they're still capitalists and also they're \*\*\*\*\*

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morons most of them and at the level and at the political level when you're not even trying to talk to people who like have looked at the sheets the the the economy or anything are just schmoes reading the newspaper and don't have any more you know understanding of the world than anybody else when you're getting it through capitalist \*\*\*\*\* media when reagan was elected it was with a promise that even though it looked like the american economy had stalled out permanently in the 70s we could get it going again not by seizing the means of production and redistributing profit which is the only thing that was going to do it that was off the table because the working class had lost its influence by that point and couldn't regain it there was an attempt the 70s saw the biggest wave of wildcat strikes since the po since the late 40s it was like the the birth and death pangs of like business liberalism 0:24:46

uh uh and our business um unionism in america were uh with the post-war strike wave and then with the 70s strike weight but it failed and what it meant was you had neo-liberal uh democrats like uh jimmy carter who wanted to tell all the people white black whatever look uh yeah we can't rely on indulgence we can't rely on stuff we buy to make us happy anymore now that's all true what he said but he wasn't doing anything to change the structure of the economy that made people have to find pleasure in goods because their lives were totally alienated otherwise he was essentially just telling him to pull up their \*\*\*\*\* bootstraps it's classic the poison chalice of liberal piety right there but who was listening who was listening every uh every white middle class and up person who had at some point either them or their parents had made the trek from the hinterland to the colleges and to the cities or the suburbs of the cities to work around the money either in the state or in its uh 0:25:47

cultural departments and they had they were going to do good because part of this deal was we got here not because of the physical productivity of the land we got here because we can use our brains to inter interface with this new data economy this post this consumer data economy now of course they weren't smarter than anybody what they were was well positioned some way to exceed to the manners and social mores of college well probably because their parents went uh or because they were like uniquely uh suited for them for reasons that had nothing to do with their virtue could never do but one way or another they were in a position to thrive regardless and so of course they said yes there's a lot here hmm very interesting uh but reagan's answer was what's restraining america's economy is all of the stuff that makes the 0:26:50

economy possible it's all the structures of uh regulation and taxation that literally allow the thing to function the stuff it took us 200 years to build because the thing kept breaking down there were like six giant depressions and a civil war in the 19th century and then we had a depression that led to massive social misery and tumult and then only ended when we decided to become the world and then we'd had this

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this thing that looked beautiful this keynesian synthesis but it was predicated on profits that over time fell as we had to build up our former enemies we had the soviets there we couldn't let japan and germany languish which meant eventually they were going to start making stuff and once they did automobile industry which had made itself uncompetitive which it essentially castrated itself to avoid being overtaken by its workforce like one of the big reasons that the big three were unable to adapt to the smaller more energy efficient vehicles coming out of japan in the 70s is that the facilities that they'd had to like um to to make a work workflows and and part you know movement like getting a thing from a uh get getting you know windshield wipers from a plant to the finishing area or whatever had been intentionally dispersed right after they've made the deals with the uaw uh in the 30s and 40s in order to make it harder for um the unions to secure crucial choke points of production one of the reasons one of the things that that led to is that when it came time to figure out what to do with the new economic order they they were unable to the chickens were coming home to roost and america was either going to have to socialize production or if it was going to maintain a profit-based economy he was going to have to dismember the very structure of new deal governance that has allowed it to thrive and if you're one of these small holders or people in their thrall people who live in the same cultural area maybe work for them but have imbued the idea of america america's good therefore my boss is good therefore if anything's wrong it's something else reagan was able to say all that that's something else that is alienation and anxiety and precarity however it's felt across the class rectum is caused by the government holding us back like fry when he's trying to drink the slurm and he's trying to get his head through the grate and he goes i could get there easily if it wasn't for these damn arms and then and that no \*\*\*\*\* was more electorally appealing than carter saying put on a sweater now of course you might say hey maybe revolution would have been more appealing but there was nobody there by that point because labor had been demobilized bought off and a so for a while though the reagan scam worked it was a classic ponzi scheme in the american sense oh yeah we're going to cut taxes oh \*\*\*\*\* our cities have destroyed themselves our cities are turned into complete bomb cells and we oh that's okay that's because of the black people they like drugs too much we'll throw them all in jail but your your places are still great because you've got mortgage uh uh mortgage deductions and we've essentially silently reconfigured the welfare state to give you silent subsidies that you don't even know are there and that make you think that you're a \*\*\*\*\* world destroying business genius and not a costed little baby being kept in a swaddled blanket because the white middle class is the center of american politics and always has been it is not driving the caboose of course capital is doing

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that but it has a crucial like load-bearing structure and it its movement can shift positions like it was the working class were able to get a good chunk of smallholders 0:30:55  
to go along with the new deal they will follow a strong hand and that can be the left but in america it's been and so well the uh the end of prosperity 70s like i said last stream what that meant for uh african americans was just base repression like you'd never actually gotten to the point of political equality and now we can keep you as essentially contained like we give you enough power and influence to maintain patronage maintain a middle class a middle class but anybody who's like falls out of that uh structure and there's gonna be a lot because we never built up any actual you know uh capacity social capacity there uh we're gonna just story in general and what are you gonna do we're gonna complain what are you gonna do you just had a big complaint you just got a bunch of laws passed all the white people are sick of hearing in it and what are you gonna do one the republican party is designed to be against 0:31:57  
you you can't go there so what are you gonna do you're captured by the democrats and it's tough \*\*\*\*\* the repub the white people is a much different problem now the democrats their new base of white people that was set they're signed up yeah yeah sure knowledge economy great go i'll go to college learn to code we'll do it and they went to college and they got the jobs now some of them now are finding out oh no yeah that's all \*\*\*\*\* now and that's the thing now the check is coming due even those costed uh regional lords and their vassals are not feeling the pinch like trump did very well very very well in counties with high uh fentanyl overdoses now of course he didn't do well against the people who suffered those fentanyl overdoses or their families they don't vote but they did very well among the wealthiest people who live there because they're seeing it it's their community and they're unhappy about it and so they have because but because this is like a petty national reactionary uh 0:32:58  
capitalist movement this is essentially a barons revolt from a bunch of of pig-headed like feudal lords who have not got it in their head that there's one team here but because they're embedded in their social structures and they're in their fake class affect of i drive a truck and i listen to country music so i'm basically the same guy as the one who is the dude who mows my lawn and he thinks that so that too because i'm dressed like him and we're all living this lie together and who's going to tell us what we're wrong the \*\*\*\*\* the the the gay jews on the television they're not going to tell me anything there's nothing they can do to break my bubble we're in here together and we're suffering together and so what is to be done and they are taking the reaganite conclusion to jeffersonian jacksonian logic which is end the state and if you like ask these people like okay what should trump do what is trump going to do to fix things now you might say some people like in the base they make free 0:33:59  
male health care whatever that's that's not that's never going to be the the um the

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place where policy is formed because remember at the top rank of these people we're talking about these beautiful boater classes this petty bourgeois these barons these these are also people who end up going to congress and be and like running for senate and becoming \*\*\*\*\* senators as their kids are so they are also the political class of the republican party like these are this the party and this class is almost fused and that means that they're going to dictate what the response to this horror is this is neoliberal capitalism rolling over everybody how do we stop it and their answer will be allow us all the unrestrained power of barons because the buried assumption within all of the few the fantasy of the jeffersonian model is well if everybody can do it and of course no it will concentrate where it always does the money and power will stay where they are but the people under it in the thrall of it within the cultural bubble of it will accept it because they could one day break out themselves if they work hard enough i mean it is a theology and they fully embrace it and it is connected and grafted onto so what is the trumpian and post-trumpian uh uh political project if there is one and of course there really isn't it is just spectacle but say they can't they actually are able to assert uh and at the state level they very well might be like regardless of whether biden gets in i don't think you see him ruling for four years without some sort of nullification crisis somebody like desantis or greg abbott rallying sabers about uh refusing to uh uh accept federal laws so you could see there like just being in the near future some sort of attempt to assert like a trumpian social vision it's not going to be heron volks democracy it will be get rid of all taxes get rid of all restrictions on pollution uh on drilling anything uh and get rid of all restraint on uh any sort of inner uh like consumer-based protection uh for any financial or uh or physical product like let lead-filled baby food whatever let the market decide um and because the pitch there is with all restrictions lifted if we assume capitalism and everything is assumed of capitalism so the alternative to this that doesn't i mean and you can't blame them too much for not believing that this could exist because no one is talking about it especially the \*\*\*\*\* democrats if capitalism is it do we submit to being turned into soy creatures do we submit to this regime and says look we're going to strip mine the earth but we're going to do it politely in an orderly fashion and we all keep voting and we all pretend to respect each other's religious and uh ethnic diversity and by the way you now don't own your business anymore you work for amazon you don't have any health insurance that's just the way it is you could code if you you want to learn how to code grandpa you want to sit in class all day junior to learn how to \*\*\*\*\* code even though like that isn't for everybody people there are people who are not uh for college and not for the kind of jobs that you're supposed to want to get and of course even if everyone was there aren't enough of them there aren't enough of them so that's what we're that's what the democratic party and

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now after the trump ban the entirety of culture the amano culture from tech industry and the tech monopolies to the democratic party to everything you see on television that is one party and it is for turning us all into uh into uh little uber eats minions there is no socialist alternative to this in the discourse what there is is this this uh 0:38:4 incoherent jabbering that uh nationalist white like uh racial nationalist version of it not purely like white nationalists because it will it will it will by definition and for its own survival except others outside of whiteness but it will just do that by enhancing the side what whiteness means but it's still part of it like that's grafted in there right there with the nationalism and the christianity they're all wedged together and they all reinforce each other what is the policy what is the proposal instead of doing that let's not let the cucks of the u.n tell us how much oil we can drill everybody gets a \*\*\*\*\* oil derrick that they can try to find oil with and everybody can \*\*\*\*\* pump every surface of this earth because hey it could be you that finds the next uh the next mother lode multi-level marketing schemes no res uh no um regulations of those anybody with enough hustle can get friends to get friends to get friends to uh to understand this incredible marketing opportunity it's okay though yes you're still a minion most of you the ones who aren't in the iron uh i aren't in compounds most 0:39:7 of you are still a rabbit-like peasant but at least you could be a lord as opposed to the the gerbil in the soy plantation who has accepted his lot in life and what despairs makes me feel with despair about more than anything is is that now that we have this like now that after they banned donald it's all out there there is one agenda there is one party there is an establishment there is an elite everything that you ever said about that is true it's just it's everybody except what is the undigestable thing what's the thing the system cannot absorb what has to be rejected what has to be denounced everything else seems to be acceptable including black lives matter including all manners of of socialism what cannot be absorbed trump and so what 0:40:9 does that say to the people absorbing the spectacle that the only alternative to the misery of the moment is trump no matter how incoherent it is and stupid and cruel it is i mean look at what is what is trump's real legacy in these last months he hasn't really been planning a coup he's just been like hoping somebody else would do it what he has been doing is making sure that they \*\*\*\*\* execute everybody on the federal death row that's the heart of this it's just \*\*\*\*\* it's feudalism like the choice is really is it's it's two brands of barbaric barbarism it is old-fashioned feudalism in the american sense like you know the plantation master and his thralls and then the pathetic overseer in the middle trying to negotiate the two and then we have techno feudalism where there is no ostentatious displays of uh public violence and sadism and domination they're all done behind the scenes they're all covered by \*\*\*\*\* ones 0:41:10 and zeroes they're all hidden we are all too polite to mention them but it's feudalism

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in both cases it's barbarism in both cases and then the alternative to that is this just yeah the alternative is just this savagery and i am not becoming post-leftified because i am saying that sucks and it is the goal the only meaningful \*\*\*\*\* point of the left at this juncture is to actually and the only thing i will say about that is it will not be by posting and it will not be by monitoring people's anxiety levels and it will about be curating ideologies in the hot house of online and building your \*\*\*\*\* uh ship in a bottle it will have to come from actual dare i hate to say it organizing and you say what does that mean \*\*Music playing\*\* it's sure \*\*\*\*\* nothing i'm seeing on the internet which thank god it shouldn't be it should be people working 0:42:12 together it's going to and it's going to have to happen and i hope it will or else all of the coming misery that's going to break our fantasy of endless indulgence the the myth that greg grandin talks about will be finally dispelled any hope that that alienation and uh and pain goes to the mid goes to fill the ranks of opposition to capitalism uh that goes away if the only alternative to the system is trump they'll find a way to absorb almost all of it all of it that doesn't go into self-destructive despair or just pure apolitical violence \*\*Music playing\*\* and the one thing that like can shine through this is that this is all spectacular politics and it's spectacular it's spectacular nature is what allows it such purchase in people's minds because because it's so easily manipulatable like half those people at the \*\*\*\*\* uh at the 0:43:13 capitol were streaming it for their \*\*\*\*\* followers or had a t-shirt on that that you could buy at their etsy store everyone was selling each other stuff it was some it's a giant tupperware party the only thing that can defeat that is a self-interest that is fused to the self-interest of others at the point of work and suffering not at the point of arguing and meta-suffering and discussing suffering and finding a cultural costume so those are the vulgar boatmen that's the class that we created we created 0:44:14 a regional bourgeois that was never forced into full political uh uh acceptance of the the system because there was never any need they were there making their money themselves it didn't matter if they sponsored the john birch society or whatever hey when they took office it helped apply pressure from the right to break up a lot of the new deal stuff that capital needed to get rid of they were very helpful they were very very helpful and they still are but only within the bounds they have to be corralled that's why i'm saying i think there's gonna be some sort of crackdown a whiff of grapeshot because they're only useful as long as everything is together but man seeing like the national \*\*\*\*\* manufacturers association and like dow and \*\*\*\*\* coming out and saying trump got to go that's not good like if you are rooting for this because you think it's going to lead to some sort of working-class trumpist 0:45:15 alternative to the status quo i'm sorry if that's how it worked if you could get the like base of a party to dictate to its to capital that at its top without like fully organizing

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around a conflict with capital uh you're not going to in you're not going to beat them you will be subord this party will be directed towards a incoherent gibberish sort of national sort of almost like uh right wing pole pot \*\*\*\*\* like destroy the city shoot everybody with glasses and then instead of having everybody farm collectively for rice like have everybody open their own like ugh but like what the button that's gonna what biden i think is gonna do i'm not gonna predict you much but if he's able to hold power and like the gop doesn't just assert a veto at like every point which they might do like this whole uh impeachment thing is very interesting because like as i said this trump energy is useful as long as it is you know maintaining stability uh because these high-level republicans have interests that are that transcend trump but if they think that there's a chance that the democrats could actually change the rules because remember the only reason that the republicans are able to be the party they are and have the appeal that they do is because they have a gerrymandered and structurally uh and structurally mandated uh handicap essentially that allows them to do that if the and that's all not and that a lot of that is based on rules that could be rescinded by a party in power uh and that could actually threaten them and especially if people are talking about like sending folks to jail and that changes the \*\*\*\*\* calculus or it could but i the democrats i don't think are gonna press it that far because who really wants them to do that besides a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* op-ed writers whose job it is to make the democrats look like a responsive \*\*\*\*\* uh meaningful resistance to uh authoritarian hell the republican party is psy tolliver and the democratic party i do wonder if somebody would ever will just slap trump like what if one of the joint ships of staff just hit him in the face what would he do because you gotta assume he's never been struck but they wouldn't do that either because they're a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* dorks and they have no real interest in seeing this like ended this should all be drawn out as long as possible draw it out right to the end then trump leaves office biden gets in there's some shots fired uh there's some bombs that go off there's some shenanigans there's a few big raids and then everybody is just too \*\*\*\*\* spent and anxious at the same time to do anything other than just be baby birds as as it's dictated to us and as i was saying i was distracted but i think we might honestly see some sort of trial ubi here to stand in for everything else that needs to change because it is the easy quick fix that's why yang proposed it and there is a basis now with the \*\*\*\*\* uh with the stimulus concept in just making a cyclical \*\*\*\*\* payment the substitute for effective vaccine distribution uh or any kind of uh health care counter measures and that would be the path of least resistance because it doesn't really chafe anybody all it does is is undermine your argument for uh deficit austerity which you need to have in order to beat back progressive demands but it's at this point that's got to be like the one inessential item in your loadout

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that you can jettison but we'll see i don't think we're getting anything else that's for sure and we're sure \*\*\*\*\* not gonna get uh any kind of uh hurt immunity for at least a year but the big thing about this is that the entire democratic cultural response and this goes for everybody talking about how anxious they have to be and everybody talking about how they need to impeach to send the message that this is unacceptable all that is premised on convincing people right you're convincing the population to for example support democrats against republicans as a stand-in to do what they always want people to do and put country first and make whether or not you support trump a defining issue of whether or not you vote for a republican like if somebody i will not vote for a republican who says trump uh should stay in office and the thing is is that they can't win that they can't make that happen they can't make that work because they're not speaking to those people they're speaking to here's the people they're speaking to they're speaking to the democratic faithful outside of the whole thing uh who are going to be yes siring to everything who take everything that's yes medicare for all is a good idea but it is impractical yes we do need to uh be realistic about what we can accomplish given republican opposition then there's the people who you could theoretically engage to change the numbers the women's who don't vote or don't identify as partisan but then it's mostly gamma rays because they don't think this \*\*\*\*\* matters because they've never seen it mean anything in their lives they have no emotional connection to the symbology that the liberals do because it is not the deal has not worked out for them the way it has for the liberals and then you have the people in the \*\*\*\*\* cut republican cocoon for whom everything they get outside of it all the norms all the norm assertions every statement by every big company none of that like makes them go oh these things i like don't like this maybe i'm wrong they say oh this is a \*\*\*\*\* conspiracy this is literally the elite telling you that democracy isn't real because remember they all think trump won on an emotional level even if they couldn't explain why they are motivated emotionally by a belief that trump is the legitimate president maybe it isn't maybe it's being deeper than than uh believing that he won the election like they might be think a lot of them that the people we have vote mostly shouldn't be allowed to and that means that they don't whatever the justification is the end result is that none of these entreaties to norms none of these entreaties to higher ideals will penetrate that bubble which means there can be no uh threat there could be no democratic uh like uh assertion of authority in the halls of congress no no ability to to cow the republicans into doing things because between now and then who knows how many people have stopped caring and the people who will who we know will care are going to be the same people who are always there and now we know a lot of these working class people who weren't paying attention are now kind

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of siding with trump i mean imagine imagine this imagine trump was your first \*\*\*\*\*  
election you never voted before think of it this way never and there's a lot of people  
like this you never voted for four but this time holy \*\*\*\*\* big stuff's happening kind  
of crazy what's going on i don't know no one seems to know the dem uh like there's  
no clear story mass are good mass are bad but now they're good and something  
about the chinese i don't know but i do know that i lost my job or family member  
died of covid or can't go to my favorite bar anymore or you know i lost my health  
insurance or something \*\*\*\*\* well what the hell is going on you've got this political  
establishment that is unified in its message like remember biden and trump didn't  
argue about any actual difference in policy about covid or anything else they agreed 0:54:41  
on the basic hybrid thing of lockdowns when you need and then open things uh when  
you can and uh mostly make it people's personal responsibility to wear a mask and  
then give people money uh some money uh to uh you know make up the shortfalls  
instead of shutting everything down and letting people stay home and paying them  
uh trying to \*\*\*\*\* cut it off no maintaining the \*\*\*\*\* economy at all costs that  
was the bipartisan answer so that's but you do have one guy there who all of the  
people other people in charge all the media all the big institutions say is bad and is  
fact uniquely bad and is beyond bad and is terrible and oh my god now what he's  
saying is mostly gibberish but what biden's saying is mostly gibberish but trump's  
gibberish is apparently dangerous then there's an election biden wins looks like you  
won but i don't know who are you supposed to know this is the media who knows  
what's who's who's \*\*\*\*\* behind any of this stuff but they're kicking them out 0:55:42  
they're uh they're they're kicking him off because remember these people outside  
of the dem enthrallment do not credit the democrats or the \*\*\*\*\* constitutional  
order or or the media or anything for any good thing in life nor should they and it's  
insanely frustrating that you've got all these people who've decided that you know  
you might actually need to have public ownership of public goods instead of having  
like monopoly capitalists being able to veto your access to crucial infrastructure  
yeah maybe think about that beyond the thing you used to post beyond thinking  
we need to \*\*\*\*\* nationalize the internet so that my grandkids are forced to like my 0:56:43  
facebook memes that is how this is why i'm saying there could be no constructive  
politics with these people because it is all the most selfish brain dead entitled dog  
\*\*\*\*\* on earth because they are the most coddled people in human history so their  
prescriptions for problems are the most self uh self uh reinforcing and uh um self  
validating self-absolving \*\*\*\*\* on earth i want to bring back uh cap i want to bring  
back executions in the streets uh and uh no income tax healthcare is by lottery  
but you know it's it's legal for me to sell um this like the culture they're defending  
the national culture they're defending against the encroaching uh globalists which 0:57:45

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is how a lot of people like to phrase it they like to say this is a national you know cultural this is an embedded cultural uh unit that is rebelling against uh encroaching capitalism you know the way like think of all those think about the plains indians and you know um and uh peasant europe and think of the enclosures no these people were already totally consumerized pringles they were already processed dog \*\*\*\*\* and so their culture is processed dog \*\*\*\*\* and the thing they're trying to well there's snow out there and the idea of oh i'm gonna direct him in the right way i'm gonna like convince them that my \*\*\*\*\* thin ass uh reed of cod marxist uh jargon college jargon is gonna be more persuasive than the \*\*\*\*\* visceral imagery of the american flag or the confederate flag for that matter and like the pageantry and uh uncertainty 0:58:47 and religious fervor of this your \*\*\*\*\* nerdy ass \*\*\*\*\* poli-sci \*\*\*\*\* is gonna cut through that especially since all of the money will be right against you all the money that is within those you know remaining sectors dumbass like it's hilarious watching people who make fun of aoc and people who take aoc seriously and say oh you're a \*\*\*\*\* rube i can't believe you idiots and then make fun of all of the high-pay media hacks who pretend to criticize the democrats but actually she dipped them back into voting for democrats how many of them are are \*\*\*\*\* convincing themselves right now well maybe not right now we'll see that like josh hawley is it's like the the guy who's going to uh you know awaken the sand worm and and bring class politics to this like gibbering reactionary petty bourgeois tantrum that's a fantasy as rich and 0:59:49 you have to be either well paid or hoping you'll get well paid by by uh flattering an audience that wants to be reinforced in their worldview already uh there is no hope in either of these parties my friends the the things they represent are two flavors of \*\*\*\*\* sickle i mean like i mean that's obviously a very glib thing to say oh the turd sandwich and the \*\*\*\*\* the ship taco or i don't even remember the stupid south park but you know the truth or falseness of that is never in doubt they always were by definition they are but whether or not that matters to determine is determined by the context of their of the contest like i'd say like a 64 election like that's a real 32 that's a real distinction even if you're both talking you're talking about real 1:0:50 uh you know a bipartisan capitalist super structure undergirding it but right now everything is accelerating towards \*\*\*\*\* every all conflict is in the benefit of both parties exacerbating conflict is in everyone's best interests at least to the point that they think that they can overtake it like the democrats they're aware there's a point where they might bluff beyond their capacity and then we could see them get slapped out and they don't want to risk that and that's why i doubt they'll impeach trump because they don't want to be shown to be holding a weak hand because what they want their fantasy and the fantasy of all liberals is at this moment those guys in the guy with the horns at the at the rostrum that image is the 911 during a moment of

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national catastrophe the same way that 9 11 did for the republicans that is the dream of the democrats and the signal and the evidence of that is going to boil down to how many republicans break ranks how many republicans denounce trump how many republicans say yeah no this is too far and signal that they're willing to you know uh cut towards the democrats which has been what they've been trying to do break the regular republicans away from the base that's been the goal since uh clinton and got the nomination and trump was running against trump and this is another chance for them to do that but if they do a vote and the republicans are essentially uh unified all of that all they have demonstrated is that the democrats have no actual ability to govern and that biden will in fact be being having his policies dictated by mitch mcconnell i just don't think the democrats want to find out i think they're too afraid so that's why i doubt they'll do it they might not going to say they won't it's just right now my guess is they don't want to see they don't want to show how weak their hand is they want to leave it in the air so that scared republicans could like start really freaking out oh get some of those polls out there showing how many people were opposed to the to the uh attack on the thing thing is though all those \*\*\*\*\* all of those almost all of those republicans in the house are in gerrymandered districts where the majority of voters there supported all this \*\*\*\*\* and think it's awesome and will vote for any \*\*\*\*\* used car dealer who runs against you saying he voted to kick the president out or he voted to certify the whatever and they don't want to show that they don't want to have that out there they want to have it out there as a possibility yeah it's like the republicans after the civil war waved the bloody shirt and it worked great because most people like who lived in the northern states which had the enough electoral votes to determine the president if they stayed unified had been shot by southerners uh or had shot a southerner who was likely a democrat so that bloody shirt was real this is all just a spectacle this is all just pretty funny and by the way i wanted to say this too anybody who after trump got uh permabanned was like this is really serious yeah but i'm sorry i treat that the same way that i treat the people who say you have we let the tech companies take over everything that already happened this is just the validation of that having that having it come in the form of president donald trump being permabanned is hilarious and thinking it's not hilarious doesn't change the facts on the ground just like thinking that the uh duffman going rappelling from the roof of the congress and stealing aoc shoes isn't funny i'm it's so funny because i remember from the bush years it has been a long-standing uh project by the intellectual left liberals uh the op-ed columnist types and and the the nation writer types that that the republican party is an existential threat to democratic uh governance in america and that therefore it has to be destroyed in its current form you see this a lot many

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people have made this argument over the years it's only gotten more intense than the last few but the way but that is impossible given the current uh uh lay given the current layout of like american political power the big empty places in this country were all of those the smart all of the smart ecology uh like sensitive types departed all the ones who went on to become the the debate the the white middle-class base of the an upper-class base of the democratic party that when they went out there the ones who stayed they stayed in places that are the democratic party with its play 1:6:3 towards the same base of middle class like understood forgetting their actual jobs self conceived of as middle class white americans mostly white americans with like black people as this permanent adjunct to the democratic coalition and like uh latinos and asians sort of being in in the in the middle strata you can't and then a bigger bigger chunk of people deciding the politics doesn't matter and checking out you cannot have you cannot destroy the republican party in those conditions any more than the whig party or any more than the democratic party could destroy the wig party the whig party had to be destroyed from outside it had to be destroyed by people withdrawing their support for it in concentrated organized ways and then taking that 1:7:4 uh power or taking that uh else what am i talking about the only place is the midwest where am i wrong about this is the rural parts of this country are filled more and more with reactionary white people of all job descriptions whether working college educated and most these people disproportionately not college educated by the way uh and then disproportionately college-educated urban whites and then black people as a hegemonic part of the democratic coalition and then that's and then those places where those votes predominate those white middle-class votes predominate are it's 1:8:5 a 50-50 it's a 50-50 split you're never going to be able to overthrow the democrat republican party within this uh array of courses something has to come outside of it and break through both parties support bases that's the only thing that's going to do it and in this current moment which activate a vast chunk of people who do not \*\*\*\*\* vote and the key the reason that i think that means that we cannot be thinking anything that exists currently online is going to work is that i really do feel like this is all a poisoned well this is all this is all a mad language we've taught each other in this self-imposed sanitarium and then once we try to go outside into the sunlight we're going to sound like jabbering mental patients you gotta get the normals to start and you and if you can be normal with them then by god go and do it i know 1:9:6 that's ableist but guess what i get to say ableist stuff because i'm actually disabled unlike a large chunk of the people who consider themselves disabled activists who a lot of whom have self-diagnosed conditions i have like four distinct disabilities

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oh down \*\*Music playing\*\* baby if i live without you i live without hank honk honk everybody talk pill time again uh are people doing sh sea shanties on tick tock this is 0:1:1  
a cultural appropriation honestly from uh from coastal uh salt dogs and i will not i'm  
triggering people by drinking a white claw i'm embodying becky hood i have become  
becky destroyer of worlds that's me so apparently people are starting to post out  
of context uh clips from the streams to try to cancel me but my takes are just too  
strong and correct to uh to be cancelled so once again uh cannot be defeated sorry  
you're not going to get me because my every word and sentence and expression is a  
perfectly crafted conceptual uh item and none of it is going to be you can do nothing  
but try to squint at it to try to find out to try to make up something and sorry  
sorry folks for the discerning online denizen there's just no way so i'm i'm always 0:2:2  
uh i always feel validated when people try to own me for my posts and my correct  
statements but they can't because they're correct and uh that is the defense they  
say the best the the per the pure defense against reliable is the truth right well there  
we go i cannot be hold accountable can't do it of course this quote will be great  
pulled out after i've been held accountable somehow could happen but right now i  
don't think so right now there's no way i could cannot hold me accountable cannot  
hold me to account cannot be held accountable cannot hold me to a count i can't 0:3:3  
be held accountable you cannot hold me to account i will not be held accountable  
you cannot you cannot you cannot you cannot hold me you cannot hold me you  
cannot hold me to account there you go i'll make that my ringtone so apparently  
they might impeach him actually on the 19th which would be hilarious and that  
would mean that would make sense because the whole argument for impeachment  
right now is that it is symbolically important to show a line that you can't cross and 0:4:5  
i could definitely see republicans getting behind establishment republicans especially  
getting behind making that a bright line because it does it looks a little dicier and  
less controllable than a lot of them are probably happy with but they're one they're  
going to want to string it out as long as possible and they're going to want to reduce  
antagonizing these people as long as possible so doing it symbolically like an hour

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before he leaves office would be perfect the perfect sort of thing that looks like action and people can convince themselves as proof that our democratic structures work but is in every respect just stage managed bit of public relations yes yes i know impeachment and removal are different but they could remove them too like an hour before he's supposed to leave anyway although that's a lot of senators that's a lot of senators and yes the senators are less uh less vulnerable obviously but you know a third of them presumably a number of republicans although not that many because it's a very bad map for democrats next time on the senate and honestly the fact that they they had a great map this time and the fact that they were able to what get to 50 50 was honestly a disaster for them and it means they're definitely going to lose the senate in two years unless of course you know they're able to hang this around their neck and everybody cares about this and it becomes the new political litmus test for uh you know seriousness and i don't know we'll see about that but you don't want to have to run for re-election in two years having voted to kick him out of office guaranteed guaranteed you're done and you know a lot of these senators it's like that's not the worst thing in the world oh you lose you just you lose your spot oh no now i have to get a pay bump if we do get i gotta say though as i said la out last time if you're worried about this whole thing breaking down then you clearly don't get it because they're sort of bad news everything is on a trajectory to \*\*\*\*\* and i mean a world where you don't feel like there's nothing to do but post isn't that a more isn't that a more vital life even if it's scarier at least you're scared of like real stuff you're not just scaring yourself about computer narratives but like i said more than anything that's why i don't think that there's going to be some sort of catastrophic confrontation because it would be too destabilizing and i don't think that there's any real reason to believe that uh the choke points and the coercive and seductive mechanisms of power that currently exist are in any way been undermined or compromised to a permanent end by uh the \*\*\*\*\* fit and the capital last week i'm not blaming anybody for posting i'm uh i'm a poor i'm a i'm a pure posting machinery took all of my uh energies and put them i don't recommend it for everybody r.i.p to a real one sheldon adelson uh you know my first gig opening for him at a uh at a massage torture cave that he was visiting that he had funded personally yeah a real rest in piss sheldon adelson but of course you know he's got the world he wanted he got he got a untrammelled israel that's able to do uh yakubitsky uh congratulations they got their iron wall and now he gets to go to uh he doesn't even get to go to heaven right there's they name a bunch of stuff after shabatinsky that's it they name a bunch of stuff after him in israel so he gets that instead uh there's one thing i wanted to say about elaborate on yesterday that i forgot when i was talking about the beautiful boaters and it's talking about the the regional barons who make up

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our you know lumpin ruling class out in the hinterlands the real divide as we know  
now like demographically and electorally and politically and culturally is between 0:9:13  
urban and some rural areas and the suburbs are the liminal area between them and  
like the democrats uh gains for biden mostly came in those suburbs where those lim  
those people those those knowledge economy workers who aren't the hipsters who  
fill up gentrified neighborhoods who want to be out in the suburbs and want to have  
a house but work in a professional capacity uh are moving towards the democrats  
because of how unhinged and um and ira erratic and irrational the republicans are  
being of course that's not every one of these white suburbanites the ones who work  
in things like i don't know law enforcement they are hardening in their other and  
their position otherwise but anyway that's the liminal space and the thing about  
these rural areas is you know um they they have towns in them they have cities  
but they're just they're smaller they're more provincial uh and \*\*Music playing\*\*  
the people who live there are really cocooned in this culture and what they all have 0:10:15  
in common is that those places used to be where people farmed and where people  
where farming and agriculture still occur but not on the family plots that used to  
be there the the yeoman small holding farmer would that was the model american  
citizen and and uh and for whom america was created ostensibly that survived as  
obviously it survived as the mental idea of freedom that that reactionaries have to  
this day in america but it survived much longer than a lot of people think in the  
country itself you didn't see the real collapse of smallholding farming in america i  
mean obviously you saw a big move away from agricultural labor to urban labor as  
technology decreased the amount of human inputs that were required to farm but  
you still had family farms and it wasn't until the 80s uh and the work of uh guys like  
ed butts who was uh reagan's racist agricultural secretary earl butts rather not sorry 0:11:16  
earl butts uh helped create a a modern agricultural subsidy program that doomed  
the small farm for the most part there still are small farmers around the country and  
they are as smallholders everyone are deeply reactionary but the people who used  
to have those farms got they didn't all go to the city and learn how to code they  
stayed around and became sort of a resentful uh and unmanned you know removed  
from like the matrix of of sufficiency and uh self-sufficiency and self uh you know  
actualization that they used to that used to be a possibility uh for agricultural uh  
for people who owned farms people who were able to buy some land and work it now  
that's mostly conagra and archer daniel's midland and monsanto and and a lot of  
it is and a lot of the actual labor is performed by immigrants illegal many of them 0:12:20  
illegally uh illegally employed and the people who used to farm that are still there  
and the only story they hear is the story of the mad little crimson kings who run  
those little fiefdoms and they have all directed their psychic energy towards the big

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crimson king in the white house i guess he's in the white house okay this is actually something that's trip uh freaking me out a little bit it's about how trump has not been heard from since they took his twitter account away he's the president he could just step out under the rose garden and there'd be reporters there in five minutes and he could just start riffing he hasn't demanded to go on tv he hasn't done a press conference has he made a public statement he i know they're saying he's gonna go to the alamo or apparently alamo texas which is a town just the stupidest people on earth they don't know what the alamo is they know alamo that's where they fought the mexicans alamo texas building uh town we don't know so did he say but the fact 0:13:24 that he's having it in san antonio or in alamo really shows you that he has run up the red white flag and it'll be interesting to see how long it takes for these people to get it that he has thrown in the towel because he'd stay in washington if he really wanted to press this thing you might do it in an alamo rental car a lot that'd be funny like the i mean the four seasons thing in philadelphia will still not be topped for pure ioducci that is pure uncut yanuchi the four seasons oh four seasons lawn supply i do wonder if somebody slapped him like i wonder if one of the joint chiefs just i would 0:14:25 not somebody's asking about who would be the protagonist of the mothman movie i would not really want it to have a traditional protagonist i would want it to be more um more removed and more uh pointless i guess like incidents not really a and like with a cost of characters that maybe has a through line like keel would certainly be in a lot of it but i wouldn't want them to be like have an interiority necessarily i'm not gonna apologize not gonna happen it is amazing when they try to get me canceled i'm just such a nice boy you can't do it i'm a nice boy with correct takes you can't get too mad at me or end up in the when you do you just look unhinged everyone who gets mad at me just looks uh like they i saw that red letter media is gonna do a review of the blob people are saying more and more folks the blob 0:15:27 tremendous people the horror the sci-fi horror people talk about a lot like the thing is obviously now i mean i'm sure john harper would have john carpenter would have really appreciated it if people back then liked it as much as they do now but the king is the thing is a towering achievement and it's one of the big reasons that i cannot credit anybody who argues that ridley scott isn't a hack because oh he made alien i'm sorry the thing is better than alien and it came out like two years later it's not even the best sci-fi horror movie of like the year period that it came out in i am not \*\*\*\*\* interested in hearing about alien compared to \*\*\*\*\* the thing and of course cronenberg's the fly great movie be afraid be very afraid snapping the arm puking on the donut shotgun to the head can't beat it but the \*\*\*\*\* blob man written by frank darabon doesn't have i can't even remember who directed it not a uh not a auteurist thing that has been uh recaptured but in my opinion as good as those movies and

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in terms of its special effects maybe a little better the blob in that movie is so \*\*\*\*\* 0:16:28  
good and my favorite thing about that film narratively is how nasty it is how it kills  
several characters who are set up as the protagonist of the movie early on it's a pimp  
movie and it rules it lost money it's another movie that failed so i guess the only  
one of those that succeeded at the time was the fly yeah frank darabont and chuck  
russell wrote the screenplay who and the director was chuck russell who made uh  
he made nightmare on elm street three dream warriors which i have not seen since  
i was a kid he directed eraser with schwarzenegger your luggage and the scorpion 0:17:30  
king wow that is a that is an interesting career uh he directed the mask too oh and  
he directed fringe the tv show fringe i am wrath that terrible travolta ripoff of uh  
death wish which i watched with will last year i don't think we even got through  
the whole thing god damn how the hell do you how do you make one great movie  
and then never hit the hit it again you probably don't know why your movie is good  
honestly but i feel like somebody says the mask is cringe now i don't know if that's  
true i feel like the mask has made a comeback because once you get through all the  
levels of irony you are back to looney tunes you're back to a guy hitting himself on 0:18:33  
a car with a head on the head with a cartoon mallet it's the only thing you can do  
once you've you know got too sophisticated in your eraser came out the same year  
as mission impossible and has the same plot as mission impossible it also has some  
amazingly terrible cgi crocodiles which coming from chuck russell who made one of  
the great practical effects movies of all time really does tell you that the intro when  
they brought in those computers it really was the death knell for craft your luggage  
your luggage god i saw i didn't watch that whole schwarzenegger video i saw that it  
was seven minutes long but there is an alternative world alternative america where  
we did not where we did not have a constitutional requirement of uh citizenship or 0:19:34  
of like native born citizenship to run for president and schwarzenegger not doesn't  
replace trump as like the republican party because that is go that was going in the  
direction it was going no matter what but as like some sort of um like high charisma  
spectaclized codification of like democrat neoliberalism because at this point he is a  
democrat schwarzenegger is a democrat i don't care what he calls himself he would i  
mean by the time he left office he governed basically as the same way newsome and  
and brown do uh and he could have and he could have been like the the counterweight  
because now we're in this dangerously un uh balanced situation where trump is this  
you know this \*\*\*\*\* all all father who is able to summon the \*\*\*\*\* the the the 0:20:36  
thunder from the depths of the earth with his voice because he's able to connect to  
people at that level of you know fame and american um the classic american con  
artistry and hustling uh a charisma schwarzenegger has is better than trump at all  
of those things and he could have provided a alternative now not an alternative

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to you know neoliberal hell just an alternative public expression of like spectacular politics that could have given something for uh for the non-republican base to care about and for non-republican non-voters to care about as it stands now we have this totally vapid uh democratic party that stands for nothing and isn't able to replicate the spectacular uh figure of barack obama that was the whole point as i said before of that primary why they let it go so long and why they risked bernie winning is because they needed to \*\*\*\*\* like throw people out there and have the \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* and i 0:21:37 the taste makers in iowa and new hampshire find the person who could replicate the the the obama magic couldn't be done there's nobody there schwarzenegger could have done it but without now he can't run for president he can't run for president here so sorry not gonna work too bad too bad but they would just it would be more likely that the democrats could actually like discipline the republicans and their base which we'll see how much they're able to do it because like i said i think they're terrified of seeing of pushing against the republicans because they're afraid of them making a decision to just not accept their intimidation which when you're talking about the democrats trying to intimidate people it's very understandable oh 0:22:55 no cuba back on the state sponsor of terrorism list it'll be interesting to see how much of this stuff uh biden rolls back and how much they just let there and act like they have no control over because remember guys oh those florida cubans and and florida someone's asking about uh the persian gulf everything everybody has sort of been failing including me to notice that there's been a very significant buildup of uh u.s military and israeli military operations there some israeli subs running around israelis they've been stepping up bombing into syria uh they assassinated that \*\*\*\*\* uh iranian nuclear scientist and the u.s nimitz is out there \*\*\*\*\* tooling around just waiting to crash into some boats and this is all after the secret meeting between 0:23:57 pompeo and mbs uh right after which the they declared the houthis a \*\*\*\*\* terrorist organization which is completely idiotic and is gonna just get more people killed once again we'll see if biden bothers to lift a finger on that one but it seems like what they're trying to do is uh essentially like lash the tiller to the to the uh uh to the door uh and in such a way that ensures that biden is doesn't have a free hand to reset u.s policy towards iran away from the brinksmanship that it's currently being defined by and you know to which degree biden even wants to do that is up in the air but they're ensuring that it won't be up to them that there will be no way to reverse course by the time they take power another great another real reason uh another reason for uh why it's absolutely great that we have a what almost three months 0:25:00 yeah two and a half months no almost three months yes almost three month period between the presidential election and the inauguration of the winner because we have to make sure everybody can get their \*\*\*\*\* horse cards to washington in time what's

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amazing is that it used to be longer it used to be march they didn't change that until  
uh as until they passed i believe the 25th amendment uh and they just moved it up  
to january just i guess it's like well we you know we want to give them the whole  
calendar year can you imagine if it was march if that the 20th yeah it's amazing how 0:26:4  
many of those amendments are just mess are just actually fixing just bureaucratic  
elements from the original constitution that's how hastily and shittily drawn that  
thing was such an insane idea to federate it fetishistically but of course it must be  
pointed out that there is no ideologue there's no content to the uh constitutional  
fetishization in this country nobody does it because it's just such a great document  
they do it because they imagine that it exists to and they're correct for the most  
part that it exists to maintain their privileges in rat respect it is very similar to the  
magna carta which we which is thought of popularly by dullards like the ones who  
try to say oh the magna carta says you don't have to wear a mask give me chip  
shop those things are not law rules those things are not the prerogatives of regular  
people those are privileges of the barons and the one and the constitution exists 0:27:5  
to maintain baronial privileges in in in this in a vibrant context of like democratic  
demands from below here's your democracy but here is the guard guard rails on it  
well that will prevent it from expert actually becoming democratic you can't right  
now or don't have to wear a mask it says the king can only tax my wall exports once  
a fortnight how many wool esports do you have you \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* i do love that they  
have a constitution in the britain that is not written down which makes sense when  
you consider that the whole thing flows from the common law tradition which is all  
just laws made up literally as they went along which meant that at every level they 0:28:7  
were attempts to accommodate power as it currently existed because that's how you  
make decisions it's oh here's a new thing here's a new challenge you're not finding  
some platonic concept you're not fully persuasive legal reasoning you are saying okay  
how do we accommodate this conflict with the system as it exists with the that  
is why napoleon was the good guy i'm sorry i mean obviously he was a he was a  
megalomaniac and he caused a lot of deaths but in the battle between the british  
and the french i'm sorry this is interesting someone says in the chat there uh his dad 0:29:8  
is a const my dad is such a constitutional fetishist he thought the designated survivor  
in the line of succession was in the 1783 document that's so funny because all it says  
in the constitution about the state of the union is that once a year the president will  
be required to deliver or to deliver to the congress a um like a statement of of the  
nation or whatever it's it the content of it is is totally tbd the the way that it is  
presented is completely dbd it was originally just sent to congress written and then  
like the sergeant-at-arms or somebody would read it out loud uh i believe it wasn't  
until wilson that the president started delivering it in front of uh both houses and

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then only after that are people like oh \*\*\*\*\* they somebody might blow them all up somebody might uh somebody might guy fox their asses there's nothing in the constitution about anything it all had to be made on the spot that is why the only reason it worked is because george washington was around george washington in an era when the the elites of the 13 colonies were all divided by state which had to have changed but at the moment it was not they were individual like ruling elites political and economic ruling elites and they all made wanted they needed to come together under a federal government if they were going to get their \*\*\*\*\* money back that they put into the war effort more than anything it was it was a bomb the beards talk about this and the origin of the american constitution it was a bunch of bondholders wanting to make sure that they didn't get left holding the bag which means it was the richest people in all the \*\*\*\*\* parts so they needed a central government but the thing they were afraid of was not their precious liberties in the way we get told it to us they were afraid about their prerogatives their ruling class prerogatives being in any way uh take it away from them and like abstracted towards a state interest an interest that was beyond their narrow specific interest which of course in their minds was the interest of all mankind because they were good enlightenment uh psychos and so there was a mexican standoff the and and this whole document it got a lot of resistance there was a whole anti-federalist movement against the federalist papers had to be written to propagandize the thing because these local power uh holders especially the ones who were most distant from finance capital like southern landowners for example except for guys like george w washington by the way who had a ton of \*\*\*\*\* uh uh sitting on a ton of bonds and was actually very cash poor after the revolution and had a very insignificant uh economic incentive to get behind central government and he um was the man of the revolution he was the man who beat the british and most importantly did not become king after that who went home became cincinnatus and because he'd already done that he'd already turned down power everybody who was making the constitution assumed that you could trust him with this position and so he just made it up he made up what presidential powers were as he was president and because he was like self-consciously trying to knit together a national interest out of the state's interest he did what they wanted but the problem for especially the southerners was oh no he's actually creating a central government no oh we didn't like the federalists were in like a marxian sense the progressive force in the early constitutional era and you can point out the fact that they were ripping off the the veterans of the revolution and the small holders in order to you know feather the bed of bondholders correct but they were also making it possible for capital to concentrate which if you don't have it you have a a uh decadent uh stagnant society which is what uh antebellum slave culture became and which is

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the inevitable byproduct of of of uh allowing capital to accumulate individually and not allowing capital to become something accumulated and uh dispersed like from a central perspective instead of by you know the million \*\*\*\*\* individual \*\*Music playing\*\* river and uh that but that anti-federalist notion of unrestrained baronial power that is the engine of american reaction ever since and it has manifested itself 0:34:16 in different places and at different parties over the history of america but now it is firmly ensconced and in fact like the governing ethos of the republican party but it was the original motive force of but it was i would say it was the democratic it was tammany really more than anything it was the democratic subordination and uh and client relationship with the emergent working class of the cities that ensured that over time the democrats would essentially become the federalist whig party of uh the anti-federalist thought because we have all the land we have basically unlimited 0:35:41 land we don't need government all these the government exists to to like um over see disputes over resources like and uh you know police uh labor relationships but if you have self-sufficient farms and slave plantations although you know guys like jefferson will assure you over time this incredibly lucrative uh uh labor relationship that creates its own completely contained like cultural context where it's it all of its like worst deficiencies become like load-bearing psychic structures it'll just go away over time that's because they didn't realize how much more profitable cotton would get but if you have that if you have like thralldom where you don't have to worry 0:36:42 about politics because politics is the master's whip or sufficient smallholders who don't have to worry about working for a boss or disputing a paycheck just getting goods to market then you basically don't need a government that was the theory but you never have all the land even if you did you still have to \*\*\*\*\* like if you want to be a small holding sufficient farmer you have to be able to sell your surplus product of your farming otherwise you're just a subsistence farmer and the whole point is that you can go beyond subsistence to improve land invest capital into your land and buy finished goods that's the most important thing exchanging your agricultural surplus for finished manufactured goods where do they make manufactured goods 0:37:45 jefferson's hated cities literally a a literally um symbiotic relationship between city and jefferson says yeah but but it's bad so it shouldn't exist okay good that's that'll that's that has anything to do with anything well haiti uh somebody asked about napoleon and haiti i mean one it's not like the british were better guys at that point they didn't they didn't ban slavery until the 1830s so all of those caribbean uh like the difference between jamaica and haiti is haiti had a \*\*\*\*\* rebellion if jamaica had had a rebellion and jamaica had several very violent uh uh and partial and like momentarily successful slave uprisings that were brutally suppressed by the british they would have they would have done just the horrible stuff that the french did uh

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but his decision to uh try to retake haiti made probably in part because of his the 0:38:47  
fact that his wife josephine was a descendant of the planters of the big whites of the  
island was a terrible decision and not and like morally obviously but you know in  
the context of early 19th century uh morality he's probably about uh on average for  
europeans understandings especially since so much of the uh the wonderful luxury  
economy of british of french cuisine and and uh and indulgent life was fueled by  
agriculture but more than anything it was a \*\*\*\*\* mistake as taliran said about uh  
about the execution uh oh what's his name it was worse than wrong it was worse  
than a crime it was a mistake uh because he there was a a figure of comparable skill 0:39:49  
and like mastery of the moment in haiti who could have collaborated with napoleon  
in the form of tucson and he wouldn't have known that you know toussaint wanted  
to meet napoleon and honestly if he'd if he if he had done that who knows what  
he would have gotten out of that conversation because one of the big reason that  
napoleon tried to reconquer haiti is because at that point he thought the only way  
that he was going to be able to change the balance of power with europe after uh  
trafalgar was by reinvesting his strategic situation in the caribbean and like turning  
the caribbean like into a french lake uh because at that point you know everything  
past the mississippi was technically france's and new orleans which is a major port in 0:40:50  
but the real answer to that strategic question is but to give uh but to give napoleon  
a little credit he did admit when he was on uh saint helena that that was a boner he  
shouldn't have done that and yeah that's one of the reasons they sold us it to us and  
that's a big what if we want to talk about contingencies and counterfactuals what  
if that what if that back door that free real estate back door was closed because  
we weren't in a position to fight the french for maybe we actually have to record 0:41:51  
with our political problems instead of fantasizing them away and turning us into this  
nation of fat toddlers who cannot reckon with political conflict because we've never  
been forced to uh resolve any we just find the people who can take it because they  
don't have political representation in the system we give it to them hard be they  
black be they native american be they immigrant uh and and or poor just poor in  
general and then everybody else gets a lollipop but we're out of lollipops and now  
we don't know how to deal with politics but yeah you want to talk about alternative  
north america how about one where napoleon makes a deal with tucson recognizes 0:42:52  
haitian independence and then has him invade uh like uh mississippi has toussaint  
lead a black army into the heart of mississippi liberate all those plantations and give  
probably not likely but you know you can napoleon wanted to invade britain he made  
several attempts the the they attempted to uh land troops in ireland during the the  
the 98 revolution that was before napoleon but there was a long-standing french uh  
plans during that whole period to just invade britain because it's just it's it's so

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frustrating if you're napoleon how frustrating must it be like you marched across all of continental europe and you just dust the the greatest armies of thousand-year dynasties and you just battle away like \*\*\*\*\* chess pieces and then there's island full of wool merchant cheese eating \*\*\*\*\* these \*\*\*\*\* bad tooth uh chinless freaks these lidless uh huns who just like eat boiled beef on a little shitty collection of islands you can't just walk over them because they ruled the sea they ruled the goddamn waves and what's interesting about the british domination of the sea is it really didn't even come down to technology or anything it literally came down to the fact that because they were like the premier uh naval power i mean they were a \*\*\*\*\* island and they had invested in naval uh development for a long time whereas like big continental powers like france were inward-looking they were able to develop a store like a a soros of best practices and um and skill distribution that just made their crews better they were better at being semen they were better at boat \*\*\*\*\* they were just better at it didn't matter the resource distribute this distinctions nelson somebody says nelson was a psycho nelson is one of the most despicable figures i've ever read about who is traditionally thought of as like a military hero because obviously you know every everybody who is venerated by history is some sort of criminal or scoundrel and that's fine you ha if you're occupying history stage you are in the sense you have to be operating beyond concepts of good and evil or else what are you doing there so you have to judge them that way but nelson was just a glory hounding psychopath who was willing to risk the lives of everybody uh for pure personal glory like he is the exactly type of showboater that you know traditional chivalrous masculinity is supposed to look down on but they got a giant \*\*\*\*\* uh he did \*\*\*\*\* he was a notorious uh cocksman who had a very uh public uh scandal about involving improprieties with society ladies uh but he was just a complete vainglorious the kind of character who is um historically like if you if they were accurately portrayed you know in a in a film or something would be like a stereotype of of narcissistic vainglory very much like custer custer is a similar figure to nelson custer of course was not anywhere nearly as good a cavalryman as nelson was a sailor i mean nelson was actually very good at what he did custer was a complete buffoon but they had a similar uh just psychotic narcissism yes they did blow up the pillar in dublin which i gotta say that's good on you that's that's just good form in my opinion that's the thing that people who hate on statue destruction don't get they say you're destroying history like just pulling a \*\*\*\*\* statue down is making history now of course it should not substitute for politics and one of the ways you knew that the summer demonstrations were going to peter out without real uh long-term impact was when they started doing that but like as an isolated incident and as like a specifically targeted event it it is it is historical in his own way like blowing up the

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\*\*\*\*\* nelson statue in dublin that is a historical event if that thing was still there how much more boring would that be uh then uh then having the story of it being blown up in his \*\*\*\*\* head landing in custer's one military exploit with any kind of uh meaning or uh behind it like any any the only real credit in his record is the third day of gettysburg when he prevented the cavalry uh attack on the union rear that was supposed to coincide with pickett's charge and might have changed if it had been successful might have changed the outcome there but that's about it best civil war general i mean that's a weird category i don't know hmm there's different ways so many different ways to say best there's certain ways to like define best my i think that one of the most like uh i mean it's it's annoying that like stonewall jackson was genuinely brilliant but i hate him and i don't want to talk about that but like thomas i'm a big fan of george thomas the rock of chickamauga uh i mean he destroyed uh john bell hood's army but john bell hood basically gave him the hammer but you know he did a good job at it nonetheless save the army of chickamauga along with august wilch and ambrose beerus were all there defending snodgrass hill or i don't think they were on snodgrass though but that's where thomas was but they uh i'm bringing a cyber chalmer to uh well i mean first of all statues are almost never uh like as historically meaningful as like a cathedral i mean especially when you're talking about american confederate statues those things are mass-produced bronze schlock they're basically bob's big boys that were all built in the early nineteen hundreds by the daughters of the confederacy like that there's much as there's much of like a historical you know there's as much historical value to them now i'm the last south broken man on a halifax pier the last of i like george thomas uh uh i'll always have a soft spot for grant just because he's such a uh he's a hard guy that to not sympathize with for me anyway he seems like essentially a proto-fail son he seems like the kind of guy who he's like a model for a guy who was so here you go he was given the same lively he was given the same chances that everybody was in like the fertile uh early uh the fertile um the the fertile middle west you know or at that point it was like the northwest uh in ohio you know his dad was a relatively successful uh a tanner uh you know he didn't it was he was his family wasn't as poor as like the uh the lincolns were even uh but he didn't want to be a tanner tanning sucks and then he he went to west point because it was a thing to do he didn't really want to be a soldier and then he fought in the war he found out he's good at some things the mexican war he hated the war he fought in but he learned some things he learned how to ride a horse he was good at that and he learned he was cool under fire but then they sent him to garrison a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* forts in california in the middle of nowhere and he just drank himself out of a job and then he went back to the midwest and with the same opportunity that millions of americans were given to make something of himself he

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\*\*\*\*\* ate \*\*\*\*\* at everything just ate \*\*\*\*\* at everything which is why he is third 0:52:6  
of the the mirror image of mclellan a guy who had you know visioned himself as a  
military genius since he was a child and was finished very top of his class at west point  
as opposed to grant was a middling student and then won a few early engagements  
in west virginia which helped allow west virginia to essentially secede from virginia  
and was heralded in the eastern press and essentially bought his own hype and went  
insane like in uh that kids in the hall sketch where uh kevin mcdonald gets promoted  
to head uh the head male clerk and immediately snaps and like buys giant gold rings  
and beats people to death this guy thought that he could march on washington and  
over-pro the government he wrote that in a letter i think to his wife after getting  
some good early newspaper clippings and then he went to confront lee and he was  
so terrified of losing he was so terrified of failing that he was frozen grant had failed 0:53:7  
his whole life somebody wants me to talk about the english civil war i might talk  
about it future because it's a very interesting subject that gets undertalked about but  
somebody in the comments is saying it's that 1688 is more interesting and you know  
if you really think about the english civil war like periodization is more important  
i think than trying to keep things pithy and the same way you could argue that  
like world war one and two are part of one larger process uh that the same is true  
of the english war and the glorious revolution and you don't it's really one event  
and it is this prolonged crisis of authority in like a budding capitalist system that  
is emerging out of like a decaying feudal husk and it was a battle over like what is 0:54:10  
the um actual like proper place for um you know authority to reside in a merchant  
social order that is uh breaking away from the the feudal bonds of you know just  
the old feudal aristocracy and creating a new class like the people who overthrew uh  
the king and cut his \*\*\*\*\* head off it was a class there was a class character like  
parliamentarians were urban merchants broadly there were of course big landowners  
who were parliamentarians but the base of the new model army was that east anglian  
people who were engaged in the new immersion economy that was emerging out of  
there england in the low countries what became modern capitalism at least where i  
put it like after some fits and starts and early creations like the thing really kicked  
into gear there and they wanted essentially to wrest power away from this old feudal  
order represented by the king but it was premature because the \*\*\*\*\* social basis for 0:55:11  
that kind of government didn't exist yet you still were dealing largely with the feudal  
uh a feudally organized society even though feudalism had been obviously in crisis  
and collapsed for centuries it had not yet created a alternative like social mechanism  
of authority and so the attempts to stand up parliamentary democracy without  
an attendant social formation immediately collapsed and cromwell kept having to  
\*\*\*\*\* step back in i know that there's it's obviously very self-serving the way that

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he always acted like oh i've been forced to intervene back here but i honestly do feel like if they could have put together a viable parliamentary order cromwell would have washingtoned it but he couldn't he couldn't washington was able to walk away because the social base existed to stand up a parliamentary democracy in america that didn't exist in the 1650s and so he just had to basically be the king with no 0:56:13 without a name and that was not gonna last and then so they bring back the royals but they bring back with the royals all the old questions about the catholic church as a stand-in for medieval bringing in those dutchmen because the dutch people actually were the ones who invented the \*\*\*\*\* uh like concept of a uh of a merchant-based uh capitalist economic order like that's where the stock market first opened that's where the first joint stock company was chartered and the british essentially just took it from them like when the \*\*\*\*\* uh royal fleet uh uh sailed into new york harbor and went up to peter stivets since one-legged ass and said hey \*\*\*\*\* we're taking this and so they say hey you guys you know how you guys actually were forming these structures before us even can we just borrow your king your king who's been like kind of capitalized kind of soifed as it were protestantized and we'll we'll take him 0:57:17 we'll we'll take him from you we'll take him off we're their ruling class or whatever their their their what are the what is the chat fighting about someone's fighting i need to resolve this chat fight before i log off one of the packers playing i haven't really watched the game this year i will not i will apparently there's one dumb ass in the chat god damn them all i was told we'd sail the seas for american gold we'd fire no guns shed no tears now i'm a broke man on a halifax pier i might watch 0:58:29 we'll see people seem to be talking about what's cringe you i think that as well i am guilty of having used that word and trafficked and cringed talk but you really have to kill that concept if you're ever going to be able to act because all action is cringe all acts can be abstracted away from the context where they make sense and turned into something embarrassing and if you worry all the time about your actions not being cringe-worthy you will never that's basically what uh what david foster wallace's entire how cringes is uh is essentially social the most essential post-modern 0:59:31 ah the putney debate oh we love it folks we love the putt we love the diggers we love the levelers too don't jiren winstanley was the spiritual founder of the diggers in the aftermath of the english civil war or the inner regnum i guess before the final glorious triumph of of anglo-dutch protestant capitalism over uh anglo-irish uh but jared when stanley uh he wrote uh a pamphlet where he essentially prefigured marx's theory of class struggle as the engine of history uh what 150 years before marx did 1:0:34 uh or 200 years yeah like 200 years 16 yeah 1650 yeah and he says that as long as as long as some labor for others like his basic premise is that like as long as some what labor for others they will be in conflict because that relationship cannot be one of

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equality it is one of uh coercion and mutual animosity and distrust that come from that and of course his answer was you know a kingdom of god where all where the need to accumulate is removed by the desire to uh the desire to live in communion with everybody and of course you know that's essentially what communism would have to be and i would argue it will have to have some sort of spiritual component i don't think it can be anything connected to a his existing structure of faith though because they're too culturally segregated but it's going to hap there's going to have to be an infusion of meaning into public life in order to allow people to make a new deal essentially where you and people don't want time instead of stuff unless that time has as much value as the stuff does and because our time is completely uh useless to us our time what our time to what look at our phones our time to be miserable and be anxious our time to worry our time to be disconnected from one another our time to pursue pleasures that lose their enjoyment with every indulgence that time why would we want give me stuff give me stuff the time has to have you have to be able to to spend that time meaningfully in order for that to make it be a good and that's what's so heartbreaking about q anon is that in many respects q anon is the sort of popular grafting of alienation and uh and disillusionment with the current economic order with a spiritualized like will to power you know they're able to do what they do because they believe they will win they believe they're right and they'll believe they win they can win which is something that no one on the left believes either of those things they if they're right they don't know they're in a constant contact a constant personal crisis about whether or not they're right and not knowing if they're right inhibits their actions in every move uh and they certainly don't think they can win uh and the left needs that the left needs that but i mean what they don't have to go to to lean on that the q people do is the i mean q was made by a combination of honestly at some point at some point the government got involved in queue there's no question i don't know who started it but at some point the government got involved somewhere at not maybe the level of distributing the actual proofs but at some level of of of psyopping around it because why wouldn't you it doesn't make sense i mean especially when you consider the hilarious number of actual literal deep state psyopers who are deeply enmeshed in the q anon at one but it was also a consumer response it was a consumer demand being met by the market and leftism can never be a consumer demand left met in the market that is the problem and a lot of the people who get mad at the left like the left they don't want to win it's a culture of narcissism it's a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* babies that's all true but if you're making that point to condemn people and judge them is you're just wasting \*\*\*\*\* breath because you're operating in a much more constrained political context you cannot depend on the spectaclized gibberish the

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people's power wash their eyeballs with 24 hours a day to reveal a path towards like effective anti-capitalist action at least absent like a real coordinated effort you know like a ground a grassroots and like a movement moving towards one another which we don't have if it's just gonna like emerge spontaneously from engagement with the media in the marketplace you're just to end up at q because q is like every good pyramid scheme and cult which are basically the same thing and in many cases are literally the same thing in this country uh you need to get people to get involved through their self-interest and what motivates these people to become q evangelists is yes meaning yes belief but that's only going to get people to commit so much what they also get is a chance to market themselves or their products apparently 1:5:42 one of the biggest cue uh decoders is some failed screenwriter from new jersey the q shaman is a failed actor people all have res they all have cvs and head shots or they've got a \*\*\*\*\* uh trunk full of uh herbal supplements that they want to get you to sell for them those motivations reinforce one another but only towards the direction of madness and uh jibbering uh uh savagery because it's it's america's broken psyche looking in the mirror the only what has to emerge to counter that has to be coherent and it has to be in opposition to the existing \*\*\*\*\* sewer grade of information that people swim in it has to be counter hegemonic and what i argue against people like the uh those mmt kids who interviewed me for their podcast is 1:6:43 that that counter-hegemonic uh uh like feedback loop cannot be built from within existing media structures and the existing social media structure most specifically because they are designed to produce the opposite i'm sorry i put that white claw right there looked like i was doing sponsored content i swear to god i'm not uh it is somebody somebody said i they were chilled by the sight of me drinking drinking a white claw because i embodied i think that uh like status anxiety about white claw really tells you that everybody is just on here making themselves nervous like victorian housewives like i read from uh the book last week who all had nervous exhaustion because they were too they were too bored they were bored house cats 1:7:44 who gave themselves anxieties and things to worry about we are similarly restrained in our ability to express ourselves and but we have the internet to give us uh anxiety and fainting spells and and nervous exhaustion and so what do we do we like oh people like me drink white cast white claw but i hate people like me because people like me are me without any of the extenuating circumstances everybody else around me is just me and my worst so i can't uh i have to like allow create some elaborate justification either for drinking white i just enjoy it because uh beer is a little too hoppy usually for me i like a sweet treat i like it a little sweet all right folks i'm 1:8:46 gonna sign off it's been real uh don't do any honk pilling that i

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\*Music playing\*\* did they do it did they impeach him did they do the impeachment do they hold him accountable that's what's mad really matters i watch some of it i watch the speeches one real ugos in congress some of the ugliest people i've ever seen in my life a couple of cuties but by and large beasts hideous just freaks uh 0:1:2 also just the stupidest \*\*\*\*\* dollars just absolute both sides mouth-to-gate losers just dumbasses like half of those guys look like panicky they sounded like panicky uh auctioneers uh uh or like they were they were they recited their speech in front of the mirror for 50 for an hour beforehand and like we're practicing all their stupid hand gestures but beyond that one thing i did get is that accountability must be uh must be attained we have to have accountability the president must be but of course the grim comedy of that is that the job description of the president if people who reach that level of power and that level of criminality which go together are accountable to 0:2:5 the system then why would anybody and they need these people they need the faces so that president can't be held accountable very notion is absurd the very notion it's like it's like holding uh it's like holding a hurricane accountable can't do it the title is a peaches reference yes remember those remember her but apparently whatever they vote and i guess they're probably going to do party lines that like four republicans voting for so it's gonna pass and then it will be taken up i think in the senate by mcconnell like an hour before the inaugural so they might on i'm wondering they probably won't do it at that point like they're wait they're essentially waiting like for the thing to uh calm down one thing i will say that i feel like i'm being vindicated 0:3:7 on for everyone who says uh you don't know what you're talking about you've been wrong about everything is that they've already said that there's going to be 20 000 troops in uh dc for the inaugural they're bedded out they're bunked up in so they're they're going to be polite but firm you had your little tantrum now how do you feel bad still well at this point it's tough shift tough \*\*\*\*\* we really cannot afford to but of course that doesn't mean the end of stochastic violence it'll only be the beginning and at every level as i have said and will say it will be encouraged by the state security apparatus and what fighting fascism will mean will be backing the

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biden administration as they extend the war on terror domestically that's it that's all that will have like this impeachment thing you can argue all day about why it's necessary but who is this convincing if it's about isolating the trumpest uh rump 0:4:10 from regular americans who care about the country shouldn't there be something and it's kind of amazing seeing people who have sort of laid in the cut when asked to do stuff about uh you know progressive actual you know deciding that now is the time for symbolic action and that this is symbolically important i mean i think symbolic stuff is jack off all over the place it's all jack off oh it's gonna let people know they're gonna say who's gonna see the same \*\*\*\*\* web battle \*\*\*\*\* who are already all alive all on their own side all have decided that uh you know posting is practice on both sides or have decided that if they're on the q and outside they're they're gonna bum rush state capitals because they have the \*\*\*\*\* uh the fear of god and the love of god in them that none of us have even if it's delusional and 0:5:12 it's based on just watching too much tv but it's it's a real motivator nobody on the left left like that's even a thing has a motivation democratic voters are by and large absolutely cowering and holding the hems of everybody every democrat because they're terrified of being of the republican mob being let loose on them and so since there's no left like symbolic actions don't mean anything but it is interesting that people will say symbolic actions why are you wasting your time on this stupid stuff with medicare for all and then say that this impeachment this is a symbolism that matters so the thing that might i don't know drain the swamp a little bit by giving people an idea that there is something else the government can do other than punish people now that can go on the back burner uh holding the president accountable and reminding people about the the fascist menace that that needs to be a priority it's 0:6:14 uh it's all very it's kind of it's all going in a way that is very easy to see you know i mean if you can see this turning into this anti-fascism now this popular front that we're supposed to have with the democrats if you can see that creating anything other than like patriot act 2 uh uh you know patriotic to electric boogaloo literally because it'll be about the boogaloo boys this time then i don't know what to tell you because there's no other forces at play there's nobody in those rooms other than democrats and whatever the specific desires of any members of that caucus are they are overwhelmed by the structural incentives of the party itself and the people who run it and they kept talking about liz cheney as the good republican one of the most bloodthirsty narrow cons there are the daughter of a dynasty of blood i get why people want their feelings to be validated because that's why they go online to get their feelings validated and they even get it in their head that like sticking up for the 0:7:16 validity of the feelings of members of congress is somehow an important thing to do because it what it establishes the stakes it establishes how dangerous the moment is

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as if our anxieties do anything for us but give me a break give me a break i know people are being mean to me on twitter but they're all losers and i certainly am not accepting any uh any insults of my appearance because i know that i'm looking uh fresh to death lately i know it's all it's all coming together and yes as many so enough of that \*\*\*\*\* let's get here let's talk about what's really interesting what we're all here for the republic for which it stands baby the biggest chunk we've read yet second half of the second part when the \*\*\*\*\* really hits the fan when we get the great upheaval of 1885 we get the hay market we got a homestead strike and we have what is in my mind my favorite part of the book so far and i've enjoyed the book a great deal uh one of my favorite parts my favorite part so far has been a part where white uh carries out a examination of the political economy of the western cattle uh uh cattle drive and that makes sense since white's area of specialization is actually western expansion he's written books about uh the the the establishment of you know markets and and political entities in the west and a movie a book about the railroads so this is his wheelhouse and so talking about the cattle very very interesting uh and in fact let's start just talking i want to read a little bit from uh uh am i back on somebody call my phone i guess you're supposed to stop it but i don't know how oh my god am i gone i'm back okay good sorry somebody called my phone uh so the stuff that's in the first chapter we read dying for progress which is all boils down to statistic that white points out which is that throughout the 19th century a time of america's rapid expansion its economic its economy exploded over the course of the 19th century the average american got shorter and not and this is screening out recent immigrants from you know the benighted uh bogs of ireland or the shtetls of eastern europe native-born americans over the course of 19th century got shorter lived less uh and lived uh and had shorter life expectancies and got frailer and got weaker they literally got less healthy they couldn't they weren't thriving because industrial democracy their industrial uh industrial capitalism was literally and filling them with adulterants and and uh gim cracks and and uh tainted meats and and rotten food is terrible in such small portions basically so the whole rest of the half that we read is sort of reckoning with it's it's about the country reckoning and specif with and the liberal elite reckoning with the fact that the smallholder democracy that had apparent supposedly triumphed after the civil war the the land of freedom of contract and individual liberty uh and free labor where the scourge of slavery had been removed was not creating the prosperity the broad prosperity it was supposed to it wasn't recreating lincoln's springfield which uh white points out in the beginning of the book is the model of like republican uh political economy a small town surrounded by industrious farmers yeoman none of them terribly poor very few of them very rich uh many of them moving from one field to another most of them ending up with

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a home and property that was the idea and then by the by the 1880s and 90s you had uh south where uh slavery had been reinstated under another and another name and the economy had completely stagnated you had uh the eastern cities that were filled with uh just stockpiled with wretchedly poor uh immigrants uh you had 0:12:26 everywhere that industrial capitalism was being consolidated you in the railroads and in steel you saw massive numbers of injuries and deaths and terrible working conditions for and even those farmers who had been given the land after with the homestead act and all that came after it were in many places struggling especially in the west where unbeknownst to a lot of people when they started moving uh people out there oh no once you get past the hundredth uh meridian uh it basically dries up and there's no water and the agriculture that we assumed was going to be the basis of this economy is not really possible and so you end up with this uh economy of you know ponzi ski railroad ponzi schemes propping up real estate speculations that usually ended up with people going broke because you can't \*\*\*\*\* grow up there so one way or another it's not going the way it's supposed to and we talked about how the liberals kind of made their transformation we're in the process of 0:13:27 making their kunian transition from from uh mid-century los angeles to a uh a more interventionist model and i want to actually go to the very end of the last chapter of part two uh and read a little bit here to uh bring us back to where we were last time talking about the sort of cri the the ideological crisis at the heart of like the liberal elite who became the administrators of the administration the administrators of the bureaucratic state in the 20th century and also the people who made up its media class his intellectual class and its political class and who had instituted after the civil war a a easy piece on the south with the promise of prosperity for all smoothing over um well when you know it the opposite happened everybody's 0:14:28 shrinking forgot they're \*\*\*\*\* shrinking oh my god that's not great so uh i just want to read this a little bit about at the end about how the economists who had gone from being you know classical ricardo adam smithians uh to involving to absorbing like german ideas and then finally the the marginal revolution that would end up shaping the response of the bureaucratic state academics here we go most academic social scientists held back as labor and vanguard anti-monopolist pressed forward in the 1890s urging on cooperativist and state-based solutions to the long economic and social crisis the academics by and large were not willing to join the assault but neither were they willing to accept a set of liberal doctrines and social arrangements 0:15:29 that they had spent their careers in overthrowing instead they fashioned a new position which emphasized consumption over production corporations and large-scale production over competition and bureaucratic expertise over democratic control it was a position that some of the older liberals whom anti-monopolists had opposed

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could also embrace it jettisoned the laws affair reduced the scope of individualism and abandoned small government but it left private property capitalism natural rights and elite rule within a restricted democratic framework intact so that is a perfect little capsule description of liberalism as we have understood it since the progressive era which was that class of people coming to terms with the failures of uh contract freedom to generate the country that they wanted it to but the basic premise was because these were people in the property or near property classes who were around the finance capital who were not who were invested in the maintenance of capitalism the assumption is all that all those marxist notions all those socialist ideas that 0:16:30  
oh the real root of this is a class conflict that we cannot resolve democratically the difference between someone who wants to work as little for as much money as possible and somebody who wants them to work for as long for as little money as possible that that is a conflict that can only be decided by force and in a capitalist system no matter what we tell about democracy that force is monopolized by capital and they didn't want to change that but they did want to keep it if not more humane more stable because this is the aftermath of as we talk about the 1885 of people would saw the largest out up almost like spontaneous eruption of strikes across the country um caused by uh the the knights of labor basically getting in over their head because as happened with all of the big labor eruptions in america and most other places honestly they were out of the hands of the formal organizations that they came from the types of labor did not want a full-scale confrontation with the state at that point 0:17:31  
they were they were still very uh they were still new and they were still unsure of themselves and they were still very cowed by capital and but they were in the middle of this extended economic depression which all of the employers were using as an excuse to even if they weren't suffering their profit suffering to reduce and so how do we how do we deal with this well we get rid of some of this laws i fair \*\*\*\*\* we regulate the trusts we distribute some of the the uh profits publicly but we keep the structure intact and that has been the model for liberalism ever since and in the section we read that there are two great examples of how liberal reformist instincts operate in this context where there are people who are embedded in capitalist relations find self-conscious uh identification with capital over labor but also have uh this the sort of sophisticated social uh self-conception that comes with acculturation and civilization uh being refined meant having some sort of or more importantly than being refined that's for the gentleman being um being useful being someone who could contribute to the public debate someone who could be uh administer a state apparatus uh or work with a reform organization i mean what what what they pride it out more than ever and always have is their own virtue and they sought to affirm their virtue by solving problems that were caused by the system they supported which meant that 0:18:32  
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their solutions would always exacerbate the problem and two great examples that white talks about here are indian policy and prohibition temperance as it was called back up uh and he talks about how the allotment system which was the single like most brutal assault on traditional native american folkways that was ever done out within the confines of like admit like the administrative state and the legal process as opposed to just you know uh genocide uh was a reform move yes of course it was allowed to happen and encouraged because it meant land would be allocated to hungry white settlers but for the people who pushed it they saw a future where native americans indians would be physically extinguished from north america if they kept their ways carlisle the founder of the carlisle indian school famously said kill the indians save the man and for those guys as cynical as it might have been and as as i said it was only allowed to become a a policy because it helped uh it helped the interests of those who wanted to uh exploit nato in native lands it did point to a real conflict which was the native way of life was incompatible with turning america into the rationalized checkerboard of uh private property that we were going about doing and so the solution for a good-hearted christian indian reformer is well make them have farms make them settle down make them farm and be like us and then they can live as citizens and we don't have to worry about them getting wounded knee and in the narrow parameters where the choices extinguishment versus assimilation assimilation is the more refined is the more civilized response even though it is in its own way genocidal but that's because it could not and and it's in action destroyed many native that is the end result of reform within a system where the reformers are not part of a broader press against capital but are within it trying to direct it it will only compound all the contradictions that are that are they're responding to and prohibition temperance is a similar thing these middle class uh victorian evangelicals were horrified by the drunken uh rabble of the cities who the irish germans and uh catholics or the irish catholics irish germans who would just get shit-faced all day when they weren't working you know 20 hours a week or 20 hours or 12 hours a day and instead of recognizing that the rise of saloons and the rise of drinking was a direct response to being hyper-exploited which was an untouchable assumption that to to to work to change that would be to violate sacred concepts of free enterprise and private contract no you just uh pass laws so that they can't drink there's a example that white gives of uh the reformers who are able to win temperance in um iowa but then with a with a coalition of you know the more uh the more refined catholic elements and the middle class protestants but then immediately as soon as soon as uh it was interacted and enacted lost their coalition's control because the the immigrant the immigrants didn't they wanted to drink and the response from those middle-class performers was to say actually you know what the problem isn't alcohol

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it's the \*\*\*\*\* catholics it's these \*\*\*\*\* immigrants they're not they're not acting 0:23:41  
like we said they should well they can't act the way they should you act the way you  
are because you were cradled in the bosom of the lincolnite uh freeholder america  
you got in you are there they can't act like you but then instead of recognizing  
that because recognizing that we recognize the inherent contradictions within the  
system that you're supporting you have to find a solution that only exacerbates the  
problem and the thing that hampered all levels of reform everywhere anti-monopoly  
soft money temperance all of which had virtue within them even the temperance  
movement was a genuine attempt to reduce things like domestic violence at every  
level they were undermined by uh the fact that there were there was some segment  
of the population that was uh opposed for one reason or another to that reform and 0:24:42  
that would cause the reformers committed as they were to the system as such to  
decide to condemn them as demographically and divide within and that has been  
that's been the story of america more than anything is that our our polyglot nature  
has meant that at every crucial moment of conflict there has been more that breaks  
up the labor half the labor side of of the equation that and now and what is all this  
for what is all this to defend what are all these reform uh pretzels what is andrew  
carnegie going oh we're gonna buy we're gonna give everybody libraries and they can  
go read and not be sorry we shot the hell out of all of uh your your family members  
and are making them work 12 hours a day but here go read a \*\*\*\*\* book uh what 0:25:44  
what um what is this system producing culturally it's producing mass entertainment  
and mass amusements that are horrifying the middle classes but are the only thing  
available to poor people i mean they literally want these people to have middle class  
tastes when they are don't have the money of the middle class they think that middle  
class means something other than at that point other than \*\*\*\*\* income in a social  
relationship they think that it's it's a state of mind that they need to impart and  
if you can't take it then you need to be kicked out of the country basically um so  
it creates a culture that they hate even though it's being generated by the logic of  
capitalism that they endorse uh it's creating alcoholism it's making people smaller  
and economically and i want to talk about i want to read a little bit and talk a bit  
about what i was saying my favorite part of the book so far white's description of 0:26:48  
the political economy of the cattle drive i'm going to read a a section here that'll be  
relatively long but i think it's perfect because it describes so the description of the  
economy of of cattle investments in the old west uh and the cattle drives from texas  
into is essentially the same model that you find at every juncture of finance capital  
and the physical economy in america or any kind of economy in american history so  
let me just start by saying uh the whole reason that the cattle drive happened all  
those fears going up through to abilene was because texas longhorn cattle carried 0:27:49

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a tick that made them uh dangerous to be around other types of animal because they had a fever that from the tick that they mostly became immune to as chi as as calves but which if the tick got to a different cow that hadn't had that would make the cows sick perhaps kill it so longhorns could not be brought to local rail hubs and shipped with other cattle like domestic breeds that people brought to texas they couldn't take them to local rail heads because they were not allowed with the other cows so they would have to go basically around to isolated uh rail heads that were sitting there doing nothing because one of the marks of the railroad infrastruc the railroad investment of the post civil war era is that a lot of it went towards building railroads that never saw much action and never got much uh traffic because they were all speculative white points out the railroads went first in most of the west it was not people showed up uh as uh settlers that oh here's the railroad the railroad went first railroad the army went first and then people followed now in a lot of places they didn't fall they didn't not many not very many of them followed because oh we can't actually grow anything here so you had a lot of just \*\*\*\*\* uh rail uh heads just sitting empty and so that's a place you could take a \*\*\*\*\* ton of diseased longhorns to take to the east and so they drove these \*\*\*\*\* uh up into the uh into kansas and even uh and the thing that funded them this was like the people who were this was the single most sort of uh rationalized financialized and and industrial uh elements of the western economy which is what makes it so ironic that the cowboy mythos goes around it cowboys were not sodbusters cowboys were not independent uh settlers out on the planes huddling in their cabin against indian attack they were employees they were workers they were hired by big firms to prove so and of course the irony of ironies is that they had to kill all the buffaloes to fill this area with these \*\*\*\*\* cows which many of them were uh miserable mistreated died starved in places that the buffaloes had thrived for millennia uh because because they were domesticated and you could move them and you could ship them and you could turn it into profit you don't have to go up to one buffalo shoot it and eat it for a year texas cat i'm going to read this here texas cattle gave an init this is page 595 if anyone wants to follow along texas cattle gave an initial boost of to beef consumption beef from longhorns was tough but it was cheap the grass on the public lands and for that matter railroad land was free always desperate for things to carry the railroads touted the great plains as a place where cattle effectively cared for themselves it spawned a separate genre of boosterism pretty much summed up by the title of general james s brisbane's beef bonanza or how to get rich on the plains great name for book by the way in the late 1870s and the early 1880s cattle raising spread steadily north i have to say he should have just stuck with um he should have just stuck with beef bonanza you don't need the ore there beef bonanza is so much

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fun uh okay by the 1880s cattle companies and corporations created by eastern and british investors dominated the western ranges uh and then he talks a little bit about 0:31:56  
how uh teddy roosevelt went out east or went out to the dakotas to play cowboy and it was all made up uh british and scottish investors alone pumped 34 million worth of capital declared book value into the western livestock industry in the united states during the last quarter of the 19th century what attracted investors was an industry heavily subsidized by the federal government a set of economic calculations too good to be true and promises made by promoters that amounted a little more than a modern ponzi scheme john clay was a scotsman who remembered much of his adult life in the catalan who spent much of his adult life in the cattle business it was clay remembered a crew business at the beginning and that remains saw until the end the subsidies as with the railroads were enormous the federal government had opened up the public domain by evicting indians whom roosevelt despised and whose removal he saw is both inevitable and commendable uh the federal government provided roosevelt another cattlemen with free land and nature provided the grass and water that the cattle consumed the federal government and state subsidized the railroads that promoted cattle raising and hauled cattle to market for all practical purposes the producer in this industry was the product itself for cows and steers got precious little help from humans in surviving on the great plains their owners branded them rather than with when ready for shipping and sent them off to market a fairly simple set of calculations made profit seem inevitable catalin calculated the price of maintaining a steer at between 75 cents and a dollar 25 a year when stockman reported they could sell a four-year-old wyoming steer for between 25 and 45 with costs exclusive of capital and transportation being between three and six dollars a steer how could they lose if corporate reports were to be believed always a dangerous thing to do in the gilded age invest and not i'd say also now elon musk hashtag how is that \*\*\*\*\* company still around hashtag how do you not think that this is a gigantic bubble that is going to collapse on all of us tesla is one of the biggest 0:33:58  
it's like enron on freaking crack folks okay anyway investors were not losing anglo-american cattle corporations produced dividends of 15 to 30 percent between 1881 and 1883 the dividends as it turned out actually came from new investments and loans not profit from cattle the corporations actually had little idea how many had they owned because actual cattle are hard to find during roundups so to estimate their herds cattle companies created a book count book count cattle existed only in the ledger in an age that was perfecting actuarial tables and life insurance policies there was nothing remarkable about making educated guesses based on the average survival and reproduction of large numbers of cattle but men seeking investors do not make good actuaries in the book counts the west was a land of perpetual spring and

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toothless wolves real cattle died had accidents and failed to calve book cattle book  
cop cattle reproduced at a dependable annual rate usually 70 percent book count  
calves matured it begat more book cop calves western cattle corporations borrowed  
on their book count cattle which were immune to the vagaries of western life as a 0:35:0  
cheyenne saloon keeper told a group of disconsolate cattlemen drinking at his bar  
while a blizzard raged outside cheer up boys whatever happens the books won't  
freeze now of course that whole thing eventually collapsed but it was uh everybody  
was bailed out you either lost or if you knew the right people you got bailed out  
and that for that right there that model that is the model of the american economy  
since uh essentially its inception but certainly since the civil war and it's the same  
thing as the railroads the railroads operated on the exact same way the railroads  
thrived on continued investment and gave people gave uh investors dividends to  
induce further investment those dividends not coming from the profits from often  
unprofitable railroads that have been speculatively laid out for free because the  
government just gave them \*\*\*\*\* money and capital to do it uh but from more loans  
and investors how much how much how much freight are you actually moving how  
many how many uh people are paying you to \*\*\*\*\* travel on your rails or how much 0:36:2  
uh wheat is going on it that doesn't matter look at these returns how many cattle  
are you actually moving to \*\*\*\*\* ability it doesn't matter we have them right here  
and what and all of these have in common is that you have a things that are common  
necessities like transportation infrastructure like agricultural production that are uh  
established through direct government intervention clearing the land uh uh providing  
in a real sense the capital and then private actors whose proximity to the plate to the  
uh interaction to the transaction is luck in the sense that it is personal relationships  
it's not \*\*\*\*\* wisdom and vision and genius are then able to essentially act as as ticks  
uh creating fake propaganda and uh and fraudulent book uh keeping to keep a flow 0:37:4  
of investor money in as long as they can paying themselves as much as possible until  
the thing falls apart that's the \*\*\*\*\* housing crisis that's netflix netflix's numbers  
oh 70 million people watch the king's gambit that's just that's like the \*\*\*\*\* cattle  
that's exactly like oh i've got 500 head of cattle headed to abilene look at this look  
at these notes look at so so social forces produce uh industries and then are then  
and then the uh the the product of them is is kept and privatized and nor should  
they and of course they say the reason you can't trust people with it it's because  
they're a bunch of uncultured swine who will spend it all on booze some of them 0:38:5  
are but the one thing that is definitely sure is that if there is uh worker control of  
their actual like the capital they work with as opposed to just uh a wage the the  
super fluidity of the capitalist becomes very very quickly and very readily apparent  
and that is the last thing any and one of the signs that the working class uprisings

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that you saw with the 70s the 77 strikes with the haymarket and the eight-hour day movement and homestead were uh being met with enough brutality enough unified violence and enough resistance at the highest levels of both parties because as much as you have this efflorescence of anti-monopolist in both parties and he talks about the budding populist party emerging out of kansas and moving through the country and challenging republicans and democrats by the late 1880s the demands of labor symbolized by the american federation of labor and samuel gompers it emerged as sort of an umbrella organization of the emerging labor unions moved away from demands for control of workplaces and towards wages towards consumption okay we cannot be owners of the means of production because you will kill us if we try to do that and we're too su we're too we're not unified enough to fight you and win what we can do is especially since it's good for the damn economy is get more of the surplus in the form of wages which we can then spend at our discretion we can become consumers and that's what they became that's what they are now that is why so much of the hair splitting about who counts as working class is incredibly tedious and pointless and honestly i think it's mostly about people uh just looking to sanctify themselves morally like i think a lot of people who who go to college to learn about things like class oppression filter a lot of the stuff through a middle class morality and they hear working class and they think good and they think anything else is oh those are the bad exploiters and so you have all these people insisting i'm working class like well maybe maybe in terms of your your relationships and means and production but the reason that that was supposed to matter in the marxist conception is that people in those relationships generated social relationships with each other and generated class consciousness out of that we're in a situation where we have 100 330 million consumers there's nobody has a class character and so seeing people argue about it is very baffling unless you realize oh they're just trying to have someone validate that they're yeah i saw that hispanics and uh young people believe in q anon the most and of course they do because they have they have not invested in any of the \*\*\*\*\* that we tell ourselves about this country what i mean by that is i mean like that these institutions have like a secret a sacredness to them in themselves like a lot of the q people they imagine that there is you know some america some ideal america that they're representing but the actual institutions of government and media uh to them are this disgusting corruption of that and that is a reasonable thing to think if you're just observing the world you turn on the tv and there are all of the major tech companies and every awful giant corporation telling you that donald trump is a bad man and he has to be stopped and he's not american and stuff oh and by the way here's uh you're not getting anything uh you're you are you are left to the devices of the market good luck in the middle of a pandemic there's

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nothing for you but you're supposed to care about this stuff and you're supposed 0:42:17  
to be concerned about america's democracy as though it has ever done anything  
for you as though it has ever done anything for you i think q and on started with  
boomers you saw that in the early stuff but it's i don't think it's the same thing i  
think that those first generation of popularizers were facebook grandmas but once  
it became viral once it became just a shortcut for the system is filled with criminal  
lizard pedophiles which is a a sensational narrative hook for any young person who's  
disengaged from politics but is aware and also that it's a good way to get paid like  
that's the other thing is that the the the original like q anon uh conceptions and and 0:43:20  
like the original uh proofing and stuff i think was done by a bunch of house-bound  
old people but once it hit tick-tock once it hit social like uh young people media it  
could be something that could be turned into a a hustle and all of us are looking for a  
hustle every one of us because that's the only escape route if you unless you have the  
money unless you are part of unless you're sitting on some of that \*\*\*\*\* uh hoarded  
cash from the mid-century bonanza if you are even the cha like not e and and i'm  
not saying working class like maybe not a a boat ownership dealer but the bone  
ownership dealers like second son the boat ownership dealer second son especially  
since that boat ownership probably doesn't make as much money as it used to and  
it's probably got a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* uh leveraging you're not getting anything nobody  
is getting anything and no jobs have any kind of promise of stability or or certainly  
stability at all let alone the kind of creative satisfaction that the knowledge economy 0:44:21  
was supposed to provide the labor for people who went to school and got it and got  
and learned there's nothing there's there's \*\*\*\*\* uh there's gig economy uh gerbil  
work unless you can monetize your own self somehow like i have i am i'm a perfect  
example and like the the bernie thing was essentially a q-esque phenomenon in that  
sense and that it provided a common vocabulary for alienated people online to talk  
with and then to talk to each other and let's see if there's anything else i wanted 0:45:25  
to talk about from this section uh i did like the detail where he points out that  
when teddy roosevelt went out to dakota after his wife and his mom died on the  
same day in his house uh that he bought a gold-mounted bowie knife from tiffany  
and company trump tr really was a trump type in that he was a tough guy who  
people thought was a tough guy but who was actually a fancy lad but the difference  
between the late 19th century and the early 21st is the difference between having  
to actually do something to think of yourself as a tough guy and just tell selling  
telling everybody that you're a tough guy wisconsinites are built differently oh i  
wanted to uh quote this little ditty that uh nativists in massachusetts said the irish  
and the dutch they don't amount to much for the mix have their whiskey and the  
germans guzzle the beer and all we americans wish they had never come here it's a 0:46:28

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reason that those people did not the middle class protestant american beef with the catholic urban immigrants was that they didn't have culture but they were the only ones who had culture nothing uh oh yes i wanted to bring up uh good old frederick taylor the founder of taylorism and scientific management of of uh work movements who brought mechanism mechanization to the actual act of performing work human mechanization uh people probably know a little bit about taylor but i think what's most interesting about him is that he was a laborer he was a foreman basically and he essentially made his own job he created of being a um mechanical engineer out of nothing he just bullshitted it and that's how when we talk about the formation of you know the bureaucratic class that interposes itself between you know the purely exploited worker and the capitalist uh a lot of them are you know these men of letters like uh like howell that uh white talks about but some of them are just hustle their way to bluffing people into thinking that they have a certain um a certain expertise and as long as that expertise can be profitably sold to capital it will have value and taylor no matter how spotty and non-existent the scientific basis for any of his theories was he was able like edison and other people he was able to sell himself to capitalists because he was telling them something they wanted to hear and he was a guy who had he got to go from the factory floor to a nice office because essentially he made his own job with \*\*\*\*\* and that was a big part of building okay uh they talk a little bit about the i want to talk a little bit about the knights of labor uh so the knights of labor were like the first they were the before the afl they were the first attempt to create an umbrella organization for workers that would be able to coordinate across geography and across industries and they were not modeling labor unions really they were modeled on um originally the knights of labor were modeled on uh the fraternal orders like the freemasons and the odd fellows that were blowing up in america to fill in the gap of that social connection that you know they didn't have here and then a lot of them had had in europe and the sons of the knights of labor were were a explicitly working class uh fraternal order that over time was able to do things like collect money for strike funds and coordinate action and and move against workers and assert workers uh prerogatives but it was this jerry rigged system uh and it was it's apogee and then fall came at the same time which is that it precipitated the great uh 1885 railroad strikes and then it was uh once those were broken it sort of was on a slow decline and eventually was supplanted by the afl good old samuel gompers samuel gompers we'd love to hear about samuel gompers one of those names i remember writing down in my book in like ninth grade history there's i thought about this a while ago that there are certain things that i just get stuck in my head from never and because you know you mostly you don't learn what's going on or why you just learn discrete events that you're supposed to memorize it's the worst

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way to teach the subject and it's the reason most people hate history and i don't think anybody in power is unhappy with that turn of events but i remember samuel gompers zimmerman telegram wilmot proviso absolutely the gadsden purchase it's another one teapot dome t-bot dome is so funny teapot dome is hilarious the 1920s were an incredibly important period in american history i mean it set the stage for a catastrophic economic collapse and then the the reforging of a new political economy out of the wreckage of it it had the prohibition it had the rise of gangsters that all said the only thing you learn about from the political strata of that era is the some \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* siphoning some oil out of a hole in the ground that's it which in like the the panoply of of corruption one of a very low-tier thing i mean like i hate talking about like trump is as you know some horrible crook because they're all crooks but trump's personal corruption dwarfs anything like that and yet teapot dome because you gotta talk about something right and you can't talk about any of the actual stuff going on like the fact that the clan took over half the country example seaward's folly is a good one stewart's folly is a good one the cross of gold speech william jennings brian but if you're anything like me and you went to public school when you learned history it was just a collection of these things that you just had to remember why any of them happened what any what connection any of them had to each other sinners in the hands of an angry god absolutely oh you got to talk about jonathan edwards if you have a milkshake and i have a milkshake and i have a long straw here it is i go across the room i drink your milkshake i drink it up i drink the blood of lamb from abandoned tract all right let's see if there's anything else i want to talk about here uh that's pretty much it so for the next next wednesday we're gonna finish it next wednesday we're going to read part three which is the last part we're going to go through presumably the pullman strike the second cleveland administration uh and the fact that cleveland let another economic collapse happened and did nothing the democrat broke this floaming strike and then refused to provide any uh uh aid to suffering people because at that point it's baffling it's amazing and it reminds you it's not baffling really it's it's just it shows how over time the party system exists essentially to mask the confluence of interests at the top of both parties and they were divided sectionally for a good chunk of america's history as after the civil war the divide was regional it was not ideological the parties had basically the same structure in many ways regardless of the fact they had different demographics of support at the base you had a variety of people including a i would say a by this period in time i would say the the base of both parties is composed of people who are in favor of uh anti-monopoly action uh soft money to increase the the currency supply and and uh increase uh and help the position of debtors uh but at the top were hard money men maybe the only real difference the only idea the only actual issue difference between

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the two besides of course the administration of voting in the south was um was tariff was the \*\*\*\*\* tariff was industrial policy but in both cases the preference for one or the other was not driven from the bottom up it was driven by the interest of the top which at that time were still divergent because of the regional differences because all that finance capital and specifically all of that industrial capital that needed the tariff to maintain uh to be to protect it from foreign i find that i'm always learning new stuff like i obviously am fairly familiar with this period of time but re reading this book a lot of things pop up like because people are always going to find interesting and and fun uh and insightful juxtapositions that you wouldn't otherwise know even if you have a general understanding also you get great names like one in this section there's a discussion of a corrupt indian agent which is of course uh a redundancy named valentine mcgillicuddy wonderful 19th century name and what's known and that reminds me of one more the last thing i want to say about this section and the book and that era reminding me of the indian agent thing is the fee for service model of public uh administration the thing about the united states at the civil war is that it had theoretically a vast amount of power over the continent a huge amount of land that had theoretically dominance over but its administrative capacity to carry out that authority was limited by its its uh undeveloped infrastructure over such a large sized country and part of that was technological we just didn't have the ability to really coordinate and so what filled the gap was self-interest in the form of fee-based services if you were a cop if you were a judge if you were a uh indian agent if you're if you had any role within the government as a uh as a regulator or or official you were not necessarily paid a salary so much as you were paid fees for the people who you work for which of course that goes against the idea of a public it should be provided for free but that would not have allowed for the motivation factor that wouldn't have not gotten people to do the work you've got a bunch of uh we've got a bunch of people fleeing the authorities for example into indian country from missouri like in uh true grit nobody's going to go and get them unless they know it's going to be worth their while and so you got to have bounties and that extent that logic extended throughout all of the administration for everything uh and that plus the spoil system was the basis for like the wildly corrupt nature of public administration uh but the thing about the spoil system and as i pointed this out last week which we we're told if we learn at all about it in history as this was a corrupt uh non-democratic structure and that civil service reform eventually like uh cleaned it up uh in reality there was the um the spoil system the parties to assert some independence from capital because they had independent funding sources because the deal with the spoil system was say you're like a bartender or a ward healer or a popular guy in the neighborhood you get a bunch of people to vote for the democrat

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or the republican you're rewarded with like a sanitation job or you if you get a salary or fees you give a percentage of it to the party so it's personally corrupt like you had to give money to the guy the your patron but also it built the party capacities because and that was necessary because the stupid constitution by assuming that parties couldn't exist ended up creating a vacuum for administration of elections that ended up having to be filled by the political parties and meant that political parties ended up being a load-bearing member of a a load-bearing element of a structure 0:59:48 that was designed not to wild and what of the consequences of getting rid of fee for service and specifically getting rid of the the spoils kickback system is that the parties became even more dependent on large money donations from capital because who the hell else has the money all right so let's see the last part for oh yes and also he talks like i said last week henry george ran from gov mayor of new york against teddy roosevelt uh and he talks about that in this section and it was a three-way race between a liberal democrat who was running uh with tammany support even 1:0:50 though he was not a tammany man uh teddy roosevelt running as a republican but as a sort of quasi-populist republican and henry george running on a labor ticket and the and the working-class irish who were the tammany base they they liked what they heard from george and the way that tammany was able to win that election was by replacing the votes they lost to george with because because they recognized the threat where they saw it and that's the thing about tammany and the urban machines is that yes they were more democratic than the bureaucratic state that would come later certainly but they were still uh at the they were still structures 1:1:51 that served capital and that got a better deal for their uh constituents their clients than you know the raw market would have but that when push came to shove would coordinate with capital to prevent a real challenge to emerge to so they impeached them huh john morrissey yeah i uh i did a a dollop episode i guess not a dollop episode about john morrissey fighting build a butcher it's pretty fun third party win yeah that's a good question i don't know i mean honestly it might not even be a party we might be beyond that by the time it gets organized but uh depending on the whatever i don't know i don't know man but it's it's at some point presumably there would be a party expression of of challenge to this this dead conflict between neoliberal 1:2:55 inclusive capitalism and white nationalist this petty pooch temper tantrum because they will only reinforce each other and that to me more than anything is why i have no obligation to to supply any kind of rhetorical support for a campaign to raise the alarm and to demand a a defensive line supporting every hysterical argument about from democrats because none of it is going to go you're saying well we got to do it we have to fend off the fascist threat well when will that ever happen it'll never go away the \*\*\*\*\* republican base isn't going to change their mind they're always going

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to be there and the only response to the democrats will be hysterical clapping and punitive police state measures because they sure should have no interest in draining the swamp by making life in this country any less miserable for anybody who lives in it biden today says we're not going to do a big uh reckons we're not going to do a big reconciliation stimulus we're going to go through the regular channels and work with the republicans and maybe in the end they won't do that but it's the same scam it's the exact same scam these guys are a threat to democracy these guys are existential enemies of the republic also though they are the and you will have to support that even as it makes everything worse even as it creates more yahoos more people willing to compete violence on behalf of their \*\*\*\*\* orange god emperor more people uh violently alienated from society willing to carry i mean it's not people are worried about q anon violence and that's going to be a thing sarcastic political violence is going to be just a feature of politics but as i said crime in general is up and going to keep going up because this \*\*\*\*\* is falling apart the social coherence is collapsing to the degree there never was any because it was all held together by plenty it was all held together by the promise of more that's what kept people together even though we never melded into an actual uh national identity and the answer to all these is going to the only answer that liberalism can give is suppression just like those it's it's the exact same thing as those reformist evangelicals trying to break up the indian reservations into allotments it's like we're caught in this death spiral global capital is un unleashed uh the only place for profit is at the expense of labor every job has to be uh proletarianized every person has to be proletarianized if they don't have access to enough capital and um you can either learn to code uh or be or just if you can't then you just have to take it you have to take it and remember that this is a good country and there's a lot of shows on netflix you can watch and you know that's only 10 bucks a month that those are your choices and if you don't like it the answer is going to be the \*\*\*\*\* stick and there's going to be a lot of leftists a lot of leftists whatever that \*\*\*\*\* means who are going to be cheering along the entire time because we have to stand strong together even though it will be the policy of this \*\*\*\*\* party these democrats in power that will make everything that these i will never be held accountable how dare you even suggest how dare you even suggest that i will be i mean these people are how is it like the thing i was supposed to have been canceled for when i said that the \*\*\*\*\* capital is not some sacred institution it's a goddamn uh it's a it's baphomet's uh ritual altar place um that's bad because it like lets them off the hook for the riot how how at this moment in time with these democratic institutions showing themselves every day to be frauds showing us every day that yeah in a class society democracy is impossible there is no such thing as democracy in a class society because one class has the \*\*\*\*\* power and they're

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going to exercise it and your ability to to influence them will always be channeled and uh and reduced and dissipated and you might get you might get a little more pie now but eventually you will be put through the \*\*\*\*\* shoots into the goddamn slaughterhouse if and in this moment we're supposed to be re-sanctifying this hollow ritual with meaning that it does not deserve sure \*\*\*\*\* doesn't benefit anybody but the people in the political class who are trying to keep this \*\*\*\*\* charade going as long as they can like the democrats think that they have the whip hand now at least in terms of public opinion they think that those they think and this is the important thing they have no way of knowing because they're caught in the \*\*\*\*\* bubble just like everybody is like they can make fun of cute people for being delusional but i'm sorry if you're a democrat you're as delusional you live as much in a filtered reality that does not tell you anything about the average sentiment or uh like will to act in any way of the mass of the american people and so i watched that debate and everyone's saying america the american people are horrified are they what happens you hope that's true how do you know though you're just gonna bluff it and hope that enough winging the alarm and waving the bloody shirt will discipline these people but they're all they want to do all they want to do that with all they want to do with that with hand it's not push policies it's not oh here we got him on the ropes we're actually going to institute medicare for all no it's we got him on the ropes we're going to reaffirm uh the america's trust in our sacred democratic institutions and then launch like a uh domestic drone program to combat i think you're ignoring the fact that some lawmakers were explicitly targeted and probably would have been executed if the bob was more lucky this isn't funny i mean it's funny i'm if you don't think it's funny then log then you should not be on the internet my god uh but like was it terrifying for the people in it yes what's really weird to me is people who insist that like i haven't i have i have we all have some sort of um duty to affirm like the lived experience and emotional response of members of congress like their posters like their other posters their other like online friends of ours who are trying to validate they're members of congress they have more in common with each other they have more in common with kevin mccarthy and the q people as the new anti-masonic party that's a good that's not a bad comparison actually because and in a sonic party was a similar impulse it was people looking around at the at the bounty of of of the american of the virgin america finding uh roadblocks to the advancement that they thought that they would have in it and decided that it's it's that that couldn't be in this land of plenty that that couldn't be in america with its constitution and its and its founding heroes it must be in this secret of bunch of uh people hanging around and wearing aprons and who knows what in their they even had like a uh their own um like epstein case their own sort of woe or i guess

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seth rich would be better that there was a murder there was a famous murder of a former mason who was threatening to publish a book exposing masonic secrets in northern new york which helped spark the animasonic party coming into being and the anima sonic party was part of that uh drive towards it was it was a middle-class 1:12:7 movement much like the know-nothings ended up being uh in in the upper upper north of the country of the united uh of the northern tier uh it started in upstate new york but uh i believe there were eventually anti-masonic congressmen elected in maryland uh uh so like up through the through the mid-atlantic region uh but not the deep south uh and it looked it's a horror at the jacksonian democracy and the slave power that but could not find any uh it could not put any faith in the whigs as an opposition to it because it was filled with masons and q anon is a similar thing when you're just trying to make sense of this world and you're looking for bad guys they're everywhere in both parties now it takes a certain sort of american brain poisoning and uh essentially mental like suffocation to decide that donald trump is the person 1:13:8 who's going to defeat them but by the same token why wouldn't it be like the idea of a uh of a lone hero stalking the halls of injustice is is an american archetype and it's built into the way we think of the presidency like you can go why do these people believe in donald trump but of course he's donald \*\*\*\*\* trump but he's also the president and we have decided that the president uh embodies something as opposed to just essentially being a vessel for interests far beyond his personal ones and that they're their adherence to the job is predicated on the understanding that they will carry out those will that will and that they're like self-actualization will the power is more a matter of embodying the moment and embodying the interests and powers and uh constituencies of the moment than of shaping anything but that's certainly not how we think of them like how could we put that much emotion behind it how could we invest so much of our sense of ourselves as democratic participants in it if 1:14:10 that's all the presidency was the presidency has to be some guy with a \*\*\*\*\* anime sword who can cut through the gordian knot of injustice if he's not oh \*\*\*\*\* it's pretty late damn i went fa i went long all right uh well we'll see what happens next won't we next week for example we will have all this and uh also by the way 20 000 troops in the capital so my prediction is still solid that it will be a orderly intense transition of power uh and then you're going to start seeing some people pop off and then you're going to start seeing the the fists of the state come to smack whitey in the face and tell them no no you thought it was one way

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the legend lives on from the chipotle down and the big lake they call you chico me like it is of november at the end of it with a load about or 26 000 tons more than the edmond fitzgerald the wreck of the memphis gerald that's uh indigenous midwest culture right there might not be terribly long today i might not go the whole hour just warning you depending on how how it goes but i wanted to show the flag today since 0:1:1 we only have a few days left of the trump residency i feel like i gotta put out as much content as possible since you know we're going to be entering the biden zone soon which man it's going to be weird at this point having trump not be president is going to be very odd because how is the press the media press i sound like a 90. the media how's the media going to deal with that because like they've all clearly decided at the top level that this guy is a threat to democracy they've cut him off from twitter but are they gonna be able to maintain that uh that unified face in resisting the urge to just cover him like he's still president because my god who wouldn't want to i mean you're gonna have otherwise what you're gonna have joe biden sitting in a rocking chair like grandpa sawyer and \*\*\*\*\* texas chainsaw massacre give me a \*\*\*\*\* break the inaugural i can't wait for that speech that's going to be a good sign of how much 0:2:4 fun we're going to have is how good that speech is how much one how much gibberish the problem is is that he's been pretty good on on prompter lately he was good at the convention i'm assuming at this point that they do have a special suppository or something that they give him that adrenochrome and \*\*\*\*\* molly popping and then of course as soon as he finishes talking he just powers down completely and they have to put him in a \*\*\*\*\* uh they have to put him in a sensory deprivation chamber for 12 hours to minimize over stimulation otherwise his brain will just completely uh implode it'll be fun though you know we'll uh we'll find we'll make it fun if we'll make it fun damn it we'll make this guy fun too this i mean he's he is by far the 0:3:5 most mentally uh out there out of their president since the like second term reagan got to be some humor there got to be some hijinks new radical song that's not a good one to me that's not a good 90s song to me i'm sorry um sex and candy these are the 90s one hit wonders where i wonder how i wonder how the hell they ever

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became because there's plenty of 1-8 wonders that are intuitive to me oh i get why the macarena was a big hit there's a periodic craving for a big a dance number big dance song people can do together but why the hell i'm too sexy i get why that was fun and popular i mean if you know it's it's it's fun uh if nothing else but what the hell is going on with some of these songs steal my song song still my sunshine is not 0:4:7  
a bad song it's a fine 90s song certainly in the bucket of 90s one hit wonders where i totally get why they were hits dude old town road somebody's talking about old town road old town road is weird in that it's almost less a one-hit wonder which is a genre that has largely disappeared completely oh god how bizarre i hated that one that guy's voice was so whiny why who liked l-a-f-o-l-e uh lfo or whatever it was uh 0:5:9  
girls of summer a terrible terrible song i get why it was popular though that was one i don't like but i get why it was popular some of them i don't like and i don't understand how anyone could like them but i definitely got why i mean they were a boy band oh man somebody mentions alien ant farm i was thinking about this the other week how much worse is it being what's worse what's all right i mean first of all there's a question if you're a musician is it better to have been a failure or a grinder or something or to become a one-hit wonder where you get one a little moment in the sun and then you're a punchline is it worth it i mean in past generations but monetarily it definitely would because in the old uh cd and album era i think if you had one significant hit you were going to make enough money there if you didn't you know do what mc hammer did and buy a bunch of race horses and solid gold pants you'd be sitting pretty but you know you'd still be now i don't even know if you get 0:6:10  
that but there's got to be a special sort of sadness that comes with being a one-hit wonder where the one hit like alien ant farm their big hit was a cover of smooth criminal also in the 90s urge overkill from the pulp fiction soundtrack had a big hit that was a cover of neil diamond's girl you'll be a woman soon and not only does that sting from a from a monetary perspective because you've got to split royalties but you don't even get to be known for a song you wrote you wrote a bunch of songs you're probably proud of and nobody's ever heard them at least the one hit wonder can say hey people heard a song i wrote and they sang along to it and they liked it you just put some \*\*\*\*\* rock guitar instrumentation behind a michael jackson song that's gotta suck i mean it's certainly a case like that some of them the one that 0:7:16  
wonder is more popular version of the song that was covered in which case you sort of are the winner there no matter what but nobody's gonna forget \*\*\*\*\* michael jackson because some \*\*\*\*\* bald a bunch of alien and far people died in horrifying no one's going to make me understand who ariel pink is you can't do it who let the dogs out was a cover probably but there's no way that anybody did it as well as baja man i refuse to believe it they took every potential from that song yeah even mitt romney 0:8:18

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had heard who let the bugs out one of the greatest politician moments of all time something you couldn't script start shirt white mormon reading a bunch of black people and just immediately yeah i got nothing today uh kind of waiting to see what happens on inauguration day honestly pretty excited about it uh i'm predicting one thing massive overwhelming national guard presence and what else is happening at the same time everybody who idiotically filmed themselves in the capital is getting arrested by the fbi some of them are tick-tocking filming them tick-tock filming themselves and those two things make it seem like they are in fact bringing down the hammer to let people know all right we're all having fun with this and you guys are useful to a degree but you are not um you're not calling the rodeo you're not calling the tune the piper calls the tune and you don't got the \*\*\*\*\* scratch you are a bunch of uh atomized streamers and real estate agents and a small engine repair company owners and parts distributors uh and you are not a coherent political force that can upend our very very useful democratic structures i'm not saying that they're august or virtuous i'm not saying that there's anything sacred about them they are useful to power so they're not going to be turned over to these yahoos because because they believe everything they see on the internet including that donald trump is anything other than a complete \*\*\*\*\* fraud i mean the the reason they all did that is because they thought they were being told by the president to do it and that he was going to then use their actions as a part of a plan to take power and he didn't have one he just went home and watched tv he told him he was going to march with them and then all these idiots filmed themselves because why wouldn't they that this is the this is the overthrow of the old regime this is like why wouldn't you have filmed yourself breaking into the uh the american embassy in tehran or or stasi headquarters after the fall of it turns out oh yeah no uh everything you think you believe is \*\*\*\*\* and uh and and more importantly than that there are consequences for you believing this \*\*\*\*\* and i think that a lot of these people are going to uh go back to posting some of them are going to become apolitical and get into really weird \*\*\*\*\* which i'm very much looking forward to like deciding oh politics politics they're going to follow the rabbit hole into like some sort of esoteric religious \*\*\*\*\* and if that happens i'm down i want to hear about what that what that is and then some of them are going to probably uh get get violent but they're not going to although now you've got uh the democrats terrified that some of the somebody in the in the national guard is going to kill biden because they know that this is a huge there's a huge percentage of people in this country including disproportionately white males in positions like the military who even if they aren't cube believers are broadly sympathetic to the idea that trump is better than biden and that probably even that they stole the election from them how much what are they going to do about it what are they prepared

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to do about it one that where one thing we can all say is that everything is going fine and there's no problems whatsoever i mean that's what's so funny about the people who insist on you being upset or you personally showing some sort of uh fear of fascism it's to say that your particular pet fantasy is not based in reality is not to insist inherently that things are good or sustainable that sure \*\*\*\*\* is not true i do realize though that there is a real uh congruity between republicans under obama who would insist that obama say the words islamic terrorism and people telling me that i need to say fascism and the only difference is at least the republicans were asking you know the president of the united states to do it but the underwriting logic is exactly the same the under guiding logic is is that if enough people hear the bad scary word they will with the republicans it's agree with us on you know a policy and with the fascist thing in practice it's the same deal it's agree with democrats around a policy and i cannot i'm not going to sign up for anything that does that because the democrats have nothing good to offer anyone just they are people it's amazing the number of people who insist that they're like look i'm as left as anybody i understand the democrats are bad but you know strategically supporting them for x y and z uh one they don't care about your help really you're just some \*\*\*\*\* on the internet you don't really have any power uh and two everything terrible that you're worried about happening all of the the the ratchet of nationalist and white supremacist violence uh and and cult-like savagery and like an unrestrained police state that's all \*\*\*\*\* that they are encouraging at every step because they are locked in the death spiral the mitigating uh any attempt and any mitigating any popular opposition to a program of austerity i mean that's what both parties do they pitch it to different audiences but they both exist to predict project a alternative to what people don't like uh and then they believe naively uh or desperately that that's what they're gonna get when really what they're going to get is a bipartisan collaboration to bring about worsening conditions for everybody i mean it's going to be worse and they're both going to make it happen and the anti-fascist agenda that you're supposed to be signing up for in practice is just defending the democratic party as they create what a domestic terror organization a new uh uh intelligence agency staffed with like the the kids from uh captain planet who aren't gonna be see no this isn't like an evil unaccountable uh um repressive state institution like in the past this one is uh has a staff of uh diverse millennials it's like the burger king kids club here's a kid in a wheelchair here's a blackhead here's the latina these guys possibly couldn't abuse their power and try to suppress uh resistance to uh so if that's what the whole point of it is and that is it it's that's that's what that's what everybody everyone is disingenuously arguing for either because they've convinced themselves because they're too addicted to fear and too addicted to to the idea that they're in

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a cataclysmic moment in history where they could be defined by their resistance to evil in the form of posts or they really just want people to shut the \*\*\*\*\* up and let biden do his job and this is a good way to uh go about that it's a good rhetorical cultural i saw eric levitz claim broadly claim explicitly the whole point of the fascism thing is to get people to not like them it's a it's a uh it's a messaging tool but who are you messaging the only people who care about these terms are people who are already in your discourse bubble they're already they're already sorted you're not bringing any new people into the fold you're not convincing any new people that's really what what people seem to be unwilling to accept probably because it shows how a functionalist they are how unable they are to do anything meaningful other than just fill a role is that our political discourse is pitched to the same group of of people who who consume political media and vote and that is a relatively stable pool of people whose opinions are made up the only way that you're going to break the dynamic we have now the only reason the way you're going to destroy the republican party the way that so many uh liberal leftists demand is if you radically change the the uh the demographic and size of the political subject in this country corey robin has been 100 right about this the whole got it i was i said this on a previous stream but robin has gotten the trump thing way better than a lot of other uh intellectuals who you'd think would be able to see what was in front of them but uh but you know are blinded by the same spectacular politics that ensorcel as i left like to say all of us so give him credit for holding strong one thing that uh one element of fascism that is totally absent in the current variety and i don't think anyone even argues otherwise is the uh territorial expansionism and you can say oh you know sort r saber rattling with iran or increasing bombings in yemen or somalia that's all terrible but it's mostly part of the machinery of or of of of of it's it's maintaining the machinery of the empire we have and that's just it we have already taken everything where is to expand and that's because fascism was the la the late piglets to the trough of colonialism the places that went fascists were the countries that because italy and germany were the european countries that because they became modern polities the latest were able to access the spoils of empire last at which point most of it was already taken the monroe doctrine uh uh had shut uh western hemisphere to any kind of expansion and africa and china were carved up between the uh the british and the french how the \*\*\*\*\* portuguese and the dutch had more \*\*\*\*\* stuff than the germans and the italians had and the thing that guys like mussolini and hitler realized is that in the world of the nation-state if you take as a premise nation-state competition as existential which europeans had for generations and which had been you know violently and horrifically and monstrously demonstrated in world war ii or i'm sorry world war one uh which was you know uh in many ways exacerbated

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by the colony the great game the colonial game um they saw oh we don't stand a chance in this contest the japanese military have the same epiphany we don't stand a chance unless we can access some \*\*\*\*\* raw materials if we can ex get some of those new markets going if we can reach that next higher stage a higher stage of capitalism that lenin and the moral of horror that the allies saw that were able to 0:21:48  
provoke at the uh at the axis was essentially that they were doing that stuff or they wanted to do that stuff one in europe at least uh hitler did germany did in the with the host plan where they were going to turn the ukraine into as a neo-feudal uh like a neo-feudal agricultural colony with like little communities of ss officers and their families as as colonial barons and then the the remaining uh slav population that hadn't been starved to death would be working in agricultural serfdom basically um so they did it to the wrong people and they did it after uh the rest of the european empires had uh to a degree or another civilized themselves by virtue of time passing there's nowhere to go now the we're not creating political there's no movement in 0:22:51  
america at least of all trumpism that is trying to create a a polity i mean it's trying to create a national project and i think the reason that that matters and the reason it's not just uh \*\*\*\*\* pedantic academic \*\*\*\*\* is because it all goes to the question of well what do you do about it which is the only question that actually matters right obviously the academic definitions are meaningless the question is what do you do about it and the the the the emotional reality of the factions of question is that what 0:23:55  
it means is what you do about it one support the democrats in everything they do because they are our only alternative and because they are a meaningful anti-fascist force even though as i've said we're actually operating a system where both parties move the ball forward in tandem inching towards \*\*\*\*\* uninterruptedly and that they are like symbolically connected and that the democrats are as responsible as republicans are for the drift of things and so therefore supporting them obviously the degree that it's in any way you know effective is effectively helping everything get worse including the rise of whatever the hell kind of fascist demon you think is being conjured here and then otherwise if it's not that what is it punch nazis spectacles of violence i don't that just seems like more uh more personal expression 0:24:58  
replacing political organizing uh or or posting a lot of it seems to be posting to try to get everybody to your level of anxiety and then make thinking that that will make people move forward and that might work if we had a situation where there was emerging in the land a a or a coherent nationalist movement to fill a a political space but there's no space there's just a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* people milling around and people filling up carrying out uh individualized fantasies of violent redemption which is what we've been doing now for generations and if that's the case then the implications are that the goal or the the um the goal needs to be the project needs to be building 0:26:0

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a left building a coherent uh expression of a class politics in order to challenge the democrats and republicans and by virtue of doing that challenge this drift towards like white met white violent fantasy which is a real and so if that's the case and i think it's true regardless of where you fall on any of the semantic questions the the need to fill the public space with real class politics is still in the set the necessary goal regardless of anything if you take that fact and add to it the fact that the uh the the lesson that many people seem to want to take from a explanatory model that involves words like fascism and and stuff is is to just do more clinging to the coattails of the democratic party and hoping that they protect you from from the mean bad people but uh and while they not the democrats might not be as as malicious they might not be as sadistic they might not be as racist they are as committed to the machines that produce not if not the feelings those feelings the willingness of people to act on them god elon musk being the richest person in the world right now i mean if whatever histories of the era like of the roaring 20s before the big collapse uh and i don't mean necessarily a collapse of like civil government but a economic correction which i think is inevitable just you know you know who the hell knows when it's coming the fact that the richest guy on earth was someone who didn't really make anything who did not have any basis for his wealth that made sense in any intuitive way bill gates made computers people bought the computers jeff bezos delivers things to you in computers and other computers also other products what does elon musk do he makes like 10 000 shitty electric cars that cost a ton of money and kill you a year and and lies about building tunnels that are that that and says they're going to replace uh like mass transit and they're literally their their theme park rides and he doesn't even build them i mean he's just he he games tax breaks and incentives uh in the green sector and uh and in space and stuff just to get his name out there and associate it with a vision of uh technological deliverance from this moment that we live in and then exploits that to absurdly overvalued absurdly world historically overvalued stock nothing has ever been as overvalued as tesla i know i'm not a bunch of an expert on this \*\*\*\*\* but it's not i don't think a lot of people would argue with that i mean the underlying financials of that company are non-existent and what it is is the reason this has happened one because we are in this gigantic bubble where the money is just swashing around there's no there's nowhere to get profit so everything is just pure speculation the fact that he has become the cultural avatar for capitalism saving itself because everybody knows everybody can sense that this \*\*\*\*\* is all in a bad trajectory unless you're a completely i mean unless you have your own fantasies of cue where we're all going to get eaten by reptiles and you're still and everybody is feeling apocalyptic whether you believe in global warming or not but if you do believe the global warming is real you do believe that we are

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going towards a condition of significant ecological crisis and and de ins uh instability but because you are an american more than anything and you're ideologically uh struck your ideological understanding of the world is structured or especially if you're somebody who invests in the stock market and you have a literally vested interest in capitalism is maintaining itself the conclusion you might draw from the crisis we're 0:31:7  
in of oh this system doesn't work is not appealing because you don't want to do away with the system it does well for you and you have you have you also have faith in it ideological faith in it elon musk is the figure who has embodied the notion that capitalism can fix itself through innovation uh and through uh through brilliance and uh and dedication uh all the all those stuff that has brought us all of the greatest technological innovations in history that will also solve the present crisis whatever however form it takes whether it's energy or environment it can all be ameliorated by brilliant menovision menovision mostly uh applying their brilliance to the the thorny technological questions because if you cannot accept that there is a uh fundamental 0:32:8  
problem with this the system that is producing these outcomes then the uh so the only solutions you can accept are that something is broken within it and that that can be technologically fixed that there that that there is some sort of application of engineering somewhere along the line that can uh bring us back onto the beam and elon musk's pitch to the world is that he can do it he's gonna get us all electric cars and batteries and underground tunnels that will soothe all of our social ills and buy us more time and people are willing to spend a lot of money to believe that and especially since at this point it's only an upside because the \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* guy was 0:33:9  
on rick and morty for christ's sake and so the fact that you have this significance this overlapping series of deepening ecological and economic catastrophes and crises that are compounding one another across a global economic system and the richest person to um to emerge from the system that exists to create giant \*\*\*\*\* fortunes is this paper billionaire whose entire wealth is predicated on ludicrously overvalued stock that is entirely pumped up by pr stunts uh back room deals with a government and a worldwide self-delusion and need to believe in capitalism at the end of the day we just have to believe because the alternative is too unthinkable and and musk is 0:34:10  
someone you can actually believe in not just from the sidelines but from the position of uh a investor and consumer you can make it happen you can buy a tesla you can buy tesla stock or you could go online and argue in people's comments about how he's a genius even though he today suggested that they build tunnels under miami which is in florida a state with a water table that is about three inches below the surface of the water of the of the earth and is entirely limestone i mean just a bimbo but and a and a classic carnival barker and it makes and it's perfectly fitting that he would be our avatar of global capitalism this scam artist and then look who is the

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avatar now of trumpism in the absence of trump mike lindell the my pillow guy who is another perfect avatar of middle american petty bourgeois reaction uh i'm gonna see if i can find the quote but rick pearlstein's first book before the storm the one about barry goldwater um features in the very beginning an extended description of this type of people who would make up the the first um generation of funders and organizers of the the right-wing reaction to the new deal consensus that emerged after world war ii all right here it is this is from the very first chapter uh before the storm the man unites imagine you live in a town of 20 or 50 or one hundred thousand souls in indiana perhaps or illinois or missouri or tennessee with a colonated red brick city hall and center a main street running its breath avenues rimmed with modern bungalows named for trees and exotic heroes and local luminaries interrupted at intervals by high steepled churches on the outskirts of town or factories it is june 1959 and three shifts a day they throw up great clouds of smoke churning out vast pools of cement cords of lumber spools of rolled steel machined parts of every size and description although no one who doesn't have to would ever venture inside one of these factories local points locals point to them with pride because they are what make their little town prosper and because all over the world foundries use machine parts inscribed with the town's name imagine you are the proprietor of one of these concerns your father founded it perhaps to start things he caught a loan from the father of a man you bank with now probably by dent of their shared membership on any number of company boards and fraternal orders community chess and church committees the bank let it slide when your father who had made sacrifices to expand his plant in the hopes that the town's grandchildren too might enjoy its fruits was late a time or two paying off a note you grew up reading the adventure novels in the kit mark tid series by clarence buddington keilan an author prominent at the national republican party and your favorite was the story of a group of boys taking over a rundown sawmill and getting it to turn a profit up till then a river didn't mean anything to me but a time thing to fish or swim in the narrator says but before i was many months older i discovered that rivers weren't invented just for kids to monkey with nora yet to make a home for fish they have their businesses just like anybody else and they're valuable just like any other business getting more valuable with more business they do calvin coolidge once said the man who built a factory builds a temple the man who works there worships there you agree you like kelvin coolidge by the time you took over the plant uh the additions you built were too expensive to finance through any of the banks in your town which was now a small city more and more you found yourself trudging to new york hat in hand for money new york after all controlled over a quarter of the nation's banking reserves your letter had soon bore an address in manhattan as well as the one in your town but it

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called you that it took what it took to get the wall street boys to take you seriously you would work much harder than any of them when they went you went to college with them back east when the union rep come by just try to sign up your men there are hundreds but you know most of them by name you told the workers stories of the sacrifices your father made for their fathers you reminded them of the times you kept everyone on the payroll when business was slack of how you were always ready with an advance to help with a new baby or a sick mother for 50 years they seemed perfectly happy without a union but when fdr signed the wagner act the organizers came again this time with a slogan the president wants you to join a union this goes on for a while but i highly recommend anybody reading it and burgers the small bourgeois in in the nation's interior that were the original fonts of new anti-new deal reaction at the cultural level and how over time they became more influential as more people came to agree with them but they were at first very very limited in number because there weren't that many people who were feeling that the bet the deal was bad because that was the time of the great prosperity but as things got worse as cultural differences sharpened especially and then after the neoliberal turn it only got bigger and bigger uh and now you've got people who have no financial stake and like the small regional economies are in fact as much serfs to them as the rest of us are serfs to global finance but who don't see that who only see because they've been their politics have been totally filtered through just the cultural affect that uh that they recognize and either accept or reject and that there's no real underlining politics but the reason they're doing that the reason they're listing that the reason they're they're responding to those cultural cues is and the reason that they want an answer that is that bloody and is that confrontational and is that apocalyptic is because things are worse for everybody and even if they are worse for you you can see them getting worse and honestly for a lot of these type of people they are getting worse but the ex the the modern version of this guy that that he's talking about here personally is talking about is mike lindell but of course he is the version from now not from them he is the version who was a crackhead for 40 years uh and then decided that oh uh actually jesus loves me more than anyone on earth and has told me that it is my destiny to become a billionaire pillow salesman and now he is a relative to the fortunes back east uh bourgeois factory owner like there's a factory that makes those goddamn pillows in in minnesota and now he is they're them he is he is the small holder the one from that that or small factory owner the small business tyrant uh overblown and now a cultural figure and potentially a political figure as well i don't know if he's got the charisma to be trump but he fits the pattern very well and the other thing that he has in common with trump and i think this gets underrated is that and this is also one of the things that undermines all the fretting about oh

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what if a competent trump what about a smart trump what about a trump who has a plan that's the contradiction in terms because trump's incoherence and idiocy are the things that people like about him because what got trump through the door more than any policies was that other dumb people heard him and knew that he was also dumb like them the reason that you're not going to see the reason that he was able to bowl just bowl over all those regular republicans and why no regular republican will be able to get his base no matter what they say is that regular republicans are for the most part smarter than the people they're talking to or imagine they're talking to and that comes across as condescending there is a degree of falseness and condescension to political communication that your rustic dumbass recognizes and sarah palin broke through because she was a genuine rustic idiot and trump picked up her baton because he is also a genuine rustic idiot but the thing they als but but because they were both genuine rustic idiots and because their rustic idiocy is what endeared them and made them popular it also guarantees that they could not create a political uh movement of any coherence to pass on and to exploit because they're too dumb to do that they're too dumb to care about that stuff they sarah palin is more ideologically committed to like conservatism as a concept than trump is but just barely she is a instagram \*\*\*\*\* and she only ever cared about herself and so as soon as she got the national spotlight she blew it on reality shows and tummy tea endorsements and is now a \*\*\*\*\* laughing stock trump was able to take that movement get to the center of it and take it to the presidency but as soon as he lost it's over he wasn't even this his attempt to to foment a coup and i mean yeah of course he tried to overturn the election there's no question he tried to overturn the election but he did that by just calling people and say overturn the election please and then just tweeting to his followers overturn the election please and then go in front of people and say overturn the election please if you're at the center of a \*\*\*\*\* political conspiracy you actually have to have some agency especially when you're the president of the \*\*\*\*\* united states and he had none because he is a rustic dumbass who is just interested in himself has no object permanence let alone a a vision of an enduring political legacy he doesn't care about passing on anything to anyone else because anyone else isn't him like talking to him about a legacy is terrible because you're making him think about the fact that he's not going to be here someday and he can't conceive of that because he's a dumbass and if he hadn't been that dumb they would have picked up on it and mike lindell is as much a rustic dumbass as but palin or trump which means his dumbass-ness will come off as authentic and it will mean that he will be as incapable of building an actual movement as any of them have been they will all get led around by the nose by \*\*\*\*\* actual political operators who are keyed into interests of above and beyond the narrow \*\*\*\*\* ego

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of these rustic dumbasses and they will make them do what they want to do which is why trump governed as a \*\*\*\*\* republican the only big thing he carried out the only big domestic policy he carried out was a \*\*\*\*\* tax cut he had a chance in that election even with covet and his horrible botching of covet he had a chance to win that election if he had fought harder for checks that was totally in his control to do even if mcconnell was going to hold him up even if pelosi was going to hold him up he could have fought for them harder he could have fought to put his name on him more instead what did he talk about in the run-up to the election he talked about how he couldn't get his giant shits down the toilet he talked about how cher was mean to him because he was too stupid even to know what he was to know where what he was actually like the buttons he was pressing or how where how much did trump talk about the two about the checks and how he wanted more checks he tweeted it a couple of times did he put it just front and center anywhere no because his advisors also didn't want those checks they also probably wanted him to lose honestly they were sick of him and he and he had no ability to push against that even though it was in his power because he didn't even he wasn't even aware of it because he wasn't even able to keep the thought in his head long enough to pursue it he was distracted he saw a \*\*\*\*\* squirrel out the window or \*\*\*\*\* uh he was watching the william devane for gold line commercial again that's and if he hadn't had that if he hadn't been that rabbit brained he wouldn't have gotten in that position in the first place where people would think he was a god emperor and want to \*\*\*\*\* charge into the mouth of congress on his behalf the stupidity the idiocy the authenticity is what they're responding to more than see people say napoleon iii but napoleon iii spent his whole life fixated on becoming emperor of france he thought it was his birthright he got arrested several times and spent time in prison years in prison for trying to overthrow the government in his prison he wrote himself not have not just have a \*\*\*\*\* ghostwriter wrote books where he imagined what like the political economy of a restored bonapartist empire would be he was actually pursuing all along a goal and then when he got himself elected president thanks to the potato sacks in the countryside and the sausage addicted soldiers and the lump and proletariat he was able to ex exacerbate the conflicts within the ruling class in order to overcome them and defeat them in turn and supersede them because he was actually the trade war is the closest thing they did to any kind of like economic populism and it \*\*\*\*\* failed it blew up on their faces all it did was \*\*\*\*\* popularized a bunch of soybean farmers in the midwest that was and because it's like we're getting killed in trade he's not doing it as some sort of attempt to create a new industrial policy and like create a bring back the jobs whatever the hell that means he's thinking in in pure terms of uh of of like state competition even though these are interdependent economies and it

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ended up just being a button-bashing disaster that helped nobody it did bring back the mcrib though i think i'm not sure if that's true but i think i read that one of the reasons they brought back the maghrib is is that china's retaliatory tariffs on on uh pig pork bellies led to a glut which meant that mcdonald's could swoop in grab them 0:49:45 like trump only cares about his own brand and not even like brand beyond himself like to his family him because he cannot imagine himself dying he cannot imagine himself not existing that's why he has to watch tv all day keep the focus on himself at all times and keep the volume up because he's got to drown out that \*\*\*\*\* voice in his head telling him he's going to die one of my favorite trump moments ever just as a pure tableau of just monstrous uh crudeness was during the campaign i think he was on an airplane the campaign plan being interviewed and there was a big tv on and it was blaring this guy's supposed to be a billionaire running for president and he's just glued to the tv like all like right like like your grandfather which is why they love him because he's the same he's there is a identification beyond politics beyond even words 0:50:46 and it's a recognition just think how many times he has heard the \*\*\*\*\* celino and barnes jingle and uh the empire carpet jingle in his life how many times has he heard uh the uh it's my money and i need it now you have a structured settlement and 0:51:48 you need cash now the people whose have those songs in their head all the time are unemployed loser types and failed sons such as myself uh and old retired people and the pres the literal president of the i was always wondering about the jd wentworth thing how many calls do they get a day of from people going hey i want one of how many times does the does the person at that uh hotline number have to say no we can only restructure an existing settlement we can't get you one i would probably to have fun kind of be like well if you want a structured settlement here's what you do 0:52:49 you go down to the grocery store you find a nice recently uh mopped piece of uh floor and you just eat \*\*\*\*\* and hopefully on camera uh in front of witnesses if possible make sure to just go totally ham on it though you can't you can't \*\*\*\*\* foot you got to really really really commit to hitting your call jd wentworth that's something guys no damn it well that's gonna be in my head for the oh god vaginal mesh ooh that's got to be one of the grimmest jobs is at the call center the vaginal mesh 0:53:50 lawsuit number caught people calling in to tell you about their mesh mishaps their vaginal mesh mishap their vaginal vaginal mesh mishaps vaginal mesh mitts vaginal mesh mishaps vaginal mesh mishaps vaginal mesh mishaps there we go did it three times yes please clip that that should be a clip clipping is disabled maybe because uh i'm getting canceled too much i don't know i never just said i never disabled it i 0:54:51 don't know how i wouldn't know how to i still don't know how they get these little pictures of me in the in the chat i don't know how that works like hey there's a little me what's hey there i am hey i was hoping someone would post that my little face

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there he is hey adorable jimmy wentworth a77 cash wonderful it's wonderful what you have in your brain instead of memories and feelings and connections to other people you just have this these broken toys of jingle shards and slogans and context-less phrases pontipo really was really was this prophetic film so much of our uh our berserk moment i think obviously at every level it's being forced and exacerbated by the continual you know pressure of worsening conditions of worsening of greater precarity remember it's about precarity it's not about absolute conditions sense sense of felt precarity and lack of control on top of that just everybody's head being filled every day with more like we used to have three memes a year there used to be three memes a year and two of them came from super bowl commercials now you get three memes a day how are you supposed to be able to think with that noise in your head at all times but some of the older chokes will remember the pre-internet era not even pre-internet pre-like social media era there were very few uh things in a year that like would become a cultural reference point and a lot of them were commercials specifically super bowl commercials you'd sit and you watch the super bowl is you would pay attention for the big ad was up budweiser frogs and then that would last you for six months the bud bowl does anyone remember the bud bowl they had the little bottles play football and we were supposed to get all excited about who was gonna win oh man doritos did a number of them the dally larder no i know that was her name i can't remember her name but there's a a woman who like got an acting career because she was sexy in a it was not ali larter i think her name was allie something she married uh she married mario lopez i think and then that yep that was her she sexy ate a dorito and became famous for it different time so yeah if i have any advice for anyone it's uh limit your own meme intake because if you just let yourself indulge in memes willy-nilly you are going to get meme diabetes so it's up to you to limit your meme intake no more than i'd say a meme you know what a meme a week you get one meme a week see if that can handle if you can handle that

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with the new where the bars are arrested now billy shot cut that i had him in the knee together upset for the five hundred dollars me that could probably be having any family hey where are you oh won't you know that we need you now with the raw town the old hotel one time ready billy went away with the peacekeeping horseman loved a bloody good fight of course went away the big gun commander of accidents literally jordan did saw the arabs and he had another run when he had him in the rangers come machine gun hey billy son where are we now don't you where are billy bombs resting now one night billionaire time laughing singing on the lebanon nine came into camp not looking too pretty never even got to see the holy city now billy's out there in the desert sun and his mother cries when the morning comes and there's 0:1:2 mothers crying all over this world for the poor little barren boys and girls oh i want i want to find the remarks i want to find trump's i don't watch his speech because when he does four years ago we launched a great national effort to rebuild our country to renew its spirit and restore the allegiance of the government to its citizens in short we embarked on a mission to make america great again for all americans as i conclude my term as the 45th president of the united states i stand before you truly proud of what we've accomplished together we did what we came here to do and so much more now how could anyone anyone i mean i'm not even talking about uh actually 0:2:5 there's all these people who died from covet well uh that's because of democrats next question uh well what about the economy going bad that's democrats next question the economy was doing great before china unleashed the virus next question you lost you lost and the child eating you let them steal it from you according to his own claims if you take him seriously at his word none of this holds together as a justification it's astounding i mean i can see why he accepts this and thinks it makes sense but why anyone else who is supporting his agenda would think that it's wild 0:3:6 ah man it's really going to be something tomorrow when they swear at biden and he is not immediately arrested and shot the head on live television although i have to say that if that does happen boy will my face be red i will have been certainly owned that's for sure how's that is that better looks fine on my \*\*\*\*\* screen \*\*\*\*\*

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let me see what else it says here uh this week we inaugurated new administration and pray for its success why would you pray for its success it's filled with child eating murderers and global psychopaths you want to wish them success at eating children's brains that's the problem is that this is all this is old this is the way politics used to work the idea they're all on the same team and at the end of the day you go home and it was a hard fought match but you respect the other team and how hard they play because everybody knows at the end of the day this is an intramural scrimmage and we're not dealing with existential conflicts because both parties have accepted the terms and conditions of being a political party in the heart of empire the the thing that trump has done with his person not on purpose in creating an army of people who are now uh existentially alienated from all these institutions that they used to think were enduring means that all of these appeals to bipartisanship are genuinely uh idiot incoherent and and frankly insane uh and i'm frustrated seeing it because that alienation is a good thing i know it's scary because the people feeling it are the most heavily armed americans the most reactionary socially and mostly economically and that it sucks that they're the ones realizing oh yeah i know these this is a rigged game but everybody needs to come to that conclusion at some and so i would do wonders if you haven't invested yourself completely in the in the idea of trump as a person how do you absorb this i get how you were able to absorb everything else that happened because he was still fighting he was still claiming he wanted to win and he was telling people go fight but like ever since the sixth and specifically now i just don't know how the hell you square any of this and of course the real true believing like the people who are too committed spiritually because q anon is a religious movement more than it is a political movement people who are religiously and spiritually committed they're going to have their own they'll do what the millerites did after the great disappointment they'll figure something out which means there's going to be some q on david koresh in the near future because david crush was a was a the branch davidians were offshoots of the seventh-day adventists who were offshoots of the millerites and i know that that took you know like 100 years but nowadays with this with the caffeine and the drinking water and uh all of the internets and such things move much faster so we'll probably get q on david kresh within uh six months but if you're a regular republican who has over the past four years moved towards the psychic identification with him what do you do with this he sold you out when did it happen did he get replaced by a hologram was he lying the whole time and if he was lying the whole time what does that we extend our best wishes and we also want them to have luck a very important word i think that's him some people are probably freaking out thinking that that's a coded threat i think it's him saying that if it hadn't been for the unlucky event of coronavirus

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i would be re-elected and of course that's true although he also doesn't seem to absorb and never could that he did \*\*\*\*\* it up worse than it had to be he kind of spectacularly \*\*\*\*\* it up and more than even his actual \*\*\*\*\* it up he performed \*\*\*\*\* it up like andrew cuomo \*\*\*\*\* up just as badly as trump did at the state level newsome too the big democrat governors that are supposed to be our saviors awful huge butchers built complete incompetence but they took it seriously in front of the camera and trump never took it seriously because he's too stupid like i was talking genuine rustic dumbass to understand that he couldn't just insist it was gone and then have everybody agree with him you could get your supporters to do that but his ego wouldn't allow him to understand how few people that was relative to the population if he had pretended to care even it might have been enough and of course 0:8:14  
i'd like to begin by thanking just a few of the amazing people who made a remarkable journey possible like he's see like he's talking like he's writing in someone's yearbook at this point have a great summer remarkable journey i thought this was a war to the death with a pedophile elite let me express my overwhelming gratitude for the love and support of our spectacular first lady melania and let me also share my deepest appreciation to my daughter my son-in-law jared and the parent don eric tiffany and lara you fill my world with light and with joy this is a \*\*\*\*\* this is the oscar acceptance speech that he has dreamed of giving and never gotten a chance to i also would like to thank vice president mike pence his wonderful wife karen at the entire pets family the guys the guy who you have put in jeopardy for the rest 0:9:17  
of his life mike pence is going to have to hold his breath when he turns the \*\*\*\*\* engine on his car every day for the rest of his life \*\*\*\*\* secret service agents or not i also want to take a moment to thank a truly exceptional group of people the united states secret service even though his wife even though his daughter and uh her her husband wouldn't let them uh also wasn't it a secret service agent who domed one of his supporters uh in the capital he literally is thanking the people who killed one of his supporters who was trying to save the republic on his behalf like he told them to do most of all i want to thank the american people the service president has been an underpant description thank you for this extraordinary privilege and that's what it is we must never forget that while americans will always have our disagreements we 0:10:22  
are a nation of incredible decent faithful and peace-loving citizens who all want our country to thrive and flourish and be very very successful and good man maybe he did write this himself we are a truly magnificent nation either he wrote this himself or like stephen miller or whoever it is one of the people who's been able to figure out what he likes has figured out how to write like him at least how to use words in a way that he will find familiar and authentic which is small ones and a lot of intensifiers because you know vocabulary is pretty small but that's one of the things

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that supporters like about them that they don't feel all americans were horrified by the assault on our capital political violence is an attack on everything we cherish as americans it could never be tolerated now more than ever we must unify around our shared values and rise up a partisan what is this this is the most complete surrender 0:11:26  
i have ever \*\*\*\*\* seen he's run up the white the \*\*\*\*\* white flag with the \*\*\*\*\* brown streak on it \*\*\*\*\* i mean obviously this is what he was always going to do and everybody it's funny the only people who didn't know this is what he was going to do are the q anon and and mega die hards and the biden sucking liberal psychos those are the only ones who thought that he had some trick up his sleeve where he was going to somehow cancel democracy even though he is a \*\*\*\*\* toddler all right i'm looking for some more good stuff in here yeah he left he left he was a outsider he wanted there to be summits hardworking patriots america first uh we 0:12:27  
achieved more than anybody thought possible all right let's hear the list tax cuts and reform well done once again all for rich people uh regulations once again job killing regulations that's the thing that maybe your average dumb ass might think helps them but in reality helps their boss broken trade deals with drew from pacific partnership uh that's all either they either just changed the name or it's all going to go back uh left the paris accord they're going back into the paris accord immediately uh replace nafta with usmca basically the same thing uh tariffs on china a terror war that we lost we got our asses kicked in the chairs in the chinese trade war uh billions and billions of dollars were pouring into the us and then the virus forced us to make a we prefer we hur we america outperformed other countries during covet 0:13:30  
because of our incredible economy this is a good one america outperformed other countries economically because of our incredible economy and the economy we built if he didn't write this if he didn't write this that there is somebody in the white house who has mind melded with him our economy outperformed others because it's incredible without the foundations and footings it wouldn't have worked out this way we wouldn't have had some of the best numbers we've ever had of course he's talked about the stock market and what he's talking about economic build what we built is the \*\*\*\*\* federal reserve system and the empty the endless flow of quantitatively eased cash to \*\*\*\*\* banks the exact same stuff that the most hardcore reactionaries in this country hate the people who love him the most hate that's what he's \*\*\*\*\* following back on it's almost as like there is no alternative to this within the political system and even a guy who appears to be such a pseudo-generous maniac and a 0:14:31  
guy who is in many senses a complete def uh completely defies all all conventional political arithmetic and is able to draw on a leveraged network of support outside of the traditional political you get you get cheap money in one end uh and neo-surfed them on the other end that's what everybody's doing with different flavors

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regardless of how much of an outsider they are and i know and that's why while i was supporting bernie and i really was invested in that campaign more than anything i did not have a lot of hope that his presidency would be in any sense successful as in getting things accomplished if there was going to be any any forward progress from a bernie campaign it would have been in building a constituency for policies that could do the work of uh pressuring existing systems from outside that was the hope and what we got instead was this we got trump and q lower middle class i guess i would say revolt with no political coherence to it and no political point a pure demand for the tv to be turned on to what they want to watch that's it they want to make sure that the tv is on their channel it's a fight in the living room for the clicker we also unlocked our energy resources and became the world's number one producer of oil and natural gas by far and that right there honestly is like the closest thing to uh a uh like a america first policy that is outside of the consensus which does recognize climate change is real and recognizes that there has to be a adaptation of uh of the the energy market if we're going to you know avoid catastrophic destabilization but you have to have read something to know that you have to have understanding of things happening outside of your \*\*\*\*\* air-conditioned office and what's on the 75-inch television that's blaring the empire carpet jingle for 20 hours a day and that's that's why there's nothing to engage with with any of this \*\*\*\*\* because as i said when we were talking about like what the actual politics of this trumpist movement is one of the keys is it is how are we going to unleash prosperity just let everybody dig for any oil there is on earth the on american earth anyway any any any anything that anywhere there's a natural gas pocket or a thimble full of oil you should be able to go and get regardless of how wasteful or pointless it is because if you recognize the trap that we're in we you recognize that we are in fact as a as a world but like that specifically the the downwardly mobile middle classes of america are trapped in a situation where there is no hope for them or their children having long-term stability career-wise economically uh home ownership a thing of the past health care access to health care on more than like a patchwork basis probably a thing of the past if you recognize that but you have also rejected any kind of socialist uh alternative if you have committed beyond anything to capitalism like capitalism is the bedrock that everything else flows from which is true of these people then the only way to get around that is well everybody can be their own little jr ewing with their own little \*\*\*\*\* pump going in their front yard and what the hell does that do for anybody because i know that's neoliberal to talk about climate change because it is like an abstract question and most of the answers to dealing with it just so happen to also benefit uh you know transnational uh capital accumulations and people like elon musk but it is a real thing that really has to be calculated in your political projection

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and a political project that is premised on rejecting the very concept in order to to support this um this re-emergent fantasy of the american smallholders striking it rich below the ground income sword wages boomed not income did go up a little bit 0:19:42  
incomes went up a little bit but it was a little bit the american dream was restored and millions were lifted out of poverty in a future no that's none of that's true it was a miracle the stock market did get very high but that doesn't mean anything and i love the argument that a lot of these people make that well sure the stock market is mostly stock is mostly held by rich people but what about 401ks first of all half of those \*\*\*\*\* things all your all your gains are going to be caught away by fees from the scumbags who are interposed themselves as middle managers of the thing and also not that many people have even those anymore we went from pensions to 401ks to nothing in like we rebuilt the american manufacturing base opened up thousands of new factories there is no way that's true i'm not even looking it up and brought back the beautiful phrase made in the usa and there's another problem with your any attempt to turn uh trump isn't into some sort of coherent populism that's an 0:20:44  
alternative to what we have is that if you just uh if you incentivize manufacturing in america but from like a supply side perspective the way they do tax breaks or whatever what that ends up meaning will it either means you have to lower american uh wages to make them competitive with foreign countries or allow for or and in fact incentivize uh uh automation to offset them and that has been where a lot of the decline in american manufacturing comes from uh a significant percentage of it is not necessarily from outsourcing it is from autumn's automation that if if the gains of that automate automation are all privatized which none of these people have any interest in changing then you have done nothing oh there's a factory at the edge of town filled with robots that belches \*\*\*\*\* toxic sludge into the river congratulations oh yeah they're paying another ten thousand dollars a year in taxes to to uh what uh 0:21:47  
stage of \*\*\*\*\* showing of hamilton in our nation was hit with the terrible pandemic we produce not one but two vaccines with record-breaking speed and more will so quickly follow they said it couldn't be done but we did it i don't know if anyone said it couldn't be done i think everyone assumed there was going to be something to be a \*\*\*\*\* vaccine they called it and that's what they're calling it right now a medical miracle no one no one is saying that zero people another administration would have taken three four five maybe even ten years to develop a vaccine we did it in nine months one you didn't have anything to do with it this was all once again out it was public research outside of private \*\*\*\*\* companies and secondly uh i really don't 0:22:49  
think that that's true i mean 10 years come on uh he brags about uh the covet intervention uh economic intervention and honestly even though it was obviously very insufficient it was still so much more than people are used to that it did have

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a very significant effect just that two thousand dollar check the first one did drop poverty even as employment was collapsing that's how on the edge people are in this \*\*\*\*\* country and that is why you saw such a bipartisan effort that and the election to make sure that it wasn't normalized because we don't give people the idea that you can just get rid of poverty that way and you can't obviously you know by itself but you could really get the \*\*\*\*\* boot off a lot of people's necks that way you can't have that uh va choice accountability right to try criminal justice reform none of his justice is the supreme court i mean that's what but like these justices just betrayed him these three justices ruled against him they did not do it they didn't save him after the \*\*\*\*\* democrats stole the election from him we give the borders we gave him the ball well we gave him the wall we did it he didn't even say anything about the wall oh god he says he achieved the more secure border in us history did not say we built the wall because they didn't build a \*\*\*\*\* wall four years they got like what how many new miles of a fence were built it was it was like something like what i think a couple hundred miles something like that 450 miles it's a 2000 mile border i mean you know you don't need a fence for all of it and we stood up for america at the united nations withdrew from trade deals we rebuilt the american military already the usa bragging being an american president bragging about increasing the defense budget is so funny like oh uh wow that you had to really fight a lot of uh vested interests in congress in order to stood up against china recognize jerusalem as the capital of israel a thing that suffering people should really care a lot about principled realism got p minus peace deals i have to say that that has been funny watching them try to ring good press out of making the back room alliance between the gcc and israel public and that's why they did it hey trump wants to \*\*\*\*\* win we're gonna yeah okay we like israel now historic change like oh yeah the uae in israel they were really a daggers drawn before trump but nobody cared that's the flip side you don't get nobody cares about this \*\*\*\*\* anymore either way he says he started no new wars give him credit on that one i mean he could have although killing suleimani was a wildly irresponsible action the fact that \*\*\*\*\* uh the new secretary of state is saying that it was it was like a good idea poorly executed wow we're in for some great times by gonna be wonderful uh we have asserted the sacred idea that in america the government answers to the people no you didn't you didn't by your own argument by everything you have said and done you have not reasserted that because you lost the election in a scam where the elites stole it from you and then you let them take it how is that reasserted you have had that the sacred idea for millions of americans has been this is actually uh very much reminiscent of kenny powers autobiography i was a as amer as president my top priority my constant concern has always been the best interest of american workers in american families

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i did not seek the easiest course by far it was actually the most difficult i did not seek the path that would get the least criticism i took on the tough battles the heart fights the most difficult choices because that's what you elected me to do your needs were my first and last unyielding focus they put american people back in charge of 0:28:6 our you put american people back in charge of the country even though the godless child eating pedophile is now going to take power tomorrow after having had the hammer and scorecard supercomputer uh drop dump rather millions of illegal votes into the system and guarantee that you'll never see another \*\*\*\*\* free election in this country wild the key to the national greatness lies in sustaining and instilling our shared national identity that means focusing on what we have in common the heritage that we all share that's always been america's crisis we don't have one of those all we have is money all we have is buying \*\*\*\*\* all we've had is free real estate and uh consumer purchasing power that has been the shared american experience and 0:29:7 that's what shared american culture is it's a culture of convenience and consumption that's it and now everyone's brains are exploding and we're we are reaching record for the modern era levels of of polarization in part because that uh bomb has been taken from us our future is bright i'm looking forward yeah what a loser man what a loser and i got to think that some of these people who've been \*\*\*\*\* investing in 0:30:9 this guy feel like losers now too although who knows who knows the ability to self-deceive is pretty uh somebody was asking about the 1776 project thing i only scrolled some of the highlights man just the most middle school not even middle school book like middle school student \*\*\*\*\* on earth and of course what's really frustrating is the whole thing it was just this childish response to the 1619 project which is also wrong but and and this is like the horror of being locked in in this chamber of idiots in this fake uh this fake cultural conflict that has very high emotional stakes for everybody but which actually doesn't penetrate any of the deeper crises and and uh 0:31:10 issues we have in this country so you get the 1619 project which is this and this this is advancing this new understanding of american history that uh essentializes race as like the founding engine of america's institutions from all uh both political and economic and wouldn't you know also means that capitalism is uh is only is it can be a tool to root out the the most egregious base issue which of course in this frame is a is a concept racial animosity that is uh totally evanescence and subjective wonderful but it's written by real scholars and it's got footnotes and it's done is put up in the nice house style of the new york times and it gets the imperture of academia it hits all the right buttons of left liberal historical understanding and of course it flatters all of the very uh well-meaning well-off white people who read things like the 0:32:11 new york times magazine because it gets them to remind it gets them to think man sure would be nice if we could get some social justice in this country oh well all the

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other white people are too racist to let that happen and then what do we get as a response what is the reply to that it is this government-funded book report where a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* crayon eaters go the constitution was written because to protect the liberty and with about freedom and protecting freedom and there's america it's about doing good freedom and that there's a bad not freedom and we fight against those so that america is fighting the bad freedoms with the bad not freedom with the good freedom and that is your argument and of course unmovable with sorrow more than with sorrow from the 1619 project and with of course you know exaltation from 0:33:13 the 1776 project but both of them committed to the same basic attitude towards our fundamental political economy and then that's the argument we get to have and then you get to watch that play out and pick your side essentially based on which one gives off the cultural signals that you are more amenable to not any underlining arguments because there aren't any i mean especially with the 70s 76 it's just pap it's all circular nonsense the constitution balance the need for government to do the things that we wanted to do with our needs for individual freedoms without defining terms without without talking at all about on whose behalf these freedoms exist for it's it's it's america is good because argument and then yeah it's grim i'm gonna find i gotta 0:34:15 find one of those 1776. i remember reading a few of the quotes from it and just being blown away by how banal uh it was like how could anyone above a middle schooler read the thing and find it compelling as an argument as opposed to just the thing to smile and read and feel good about which is of course why it exists i understand and people talk about how you know oh it's racist and stuff you know like it says that the civil rights movement is bad because it goes with for group rights which makes it as racist as john c calhoun yeah of course that's terrible of course that's bad but 0:35:18 it's all in the service of such vacuous non-argument i don't even the principles of the american founding can be learned by studying the abundant documents contained in the record read fully read fully and carefully they show that the american people have ever pursued freedom and justice which are the political conditions for living well to learn this history is to become a better person a better citizen and a better partner in the american experiment of south government like that's not a that's not an act that's not an academic argument it's not an intellectual argument it is a slogan it's just a bunch of slogans to get you uh head up and it's in response to a challenge from the the 1619 project boil down exist to comfort one segment of the 0:36:21 people who read this \*\*\*\*\* which is basically college-educated people from the from the excerpts and from the city center that's what distinguishes which one of those you believe and neither of them have anything to do with the the truth or falseness of the statements that they're making considering especially that most of them have no i've had a mcRib that sucks i get the mcRib every time because they only do it

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every 10 years so i'm like maybe it's better this time i had it for this last time it is not i saw the bill oakley uh review and that kind of made me want to try it because he said it's basically the same mcdonald's flavor but for pork instead of chicken or fish or chicken or beef and i like the mcdonald's flavor i'm a pig i know that it's programmed i'm programmed to like it and they they dot me i think got me like the things that taste like mcdonald's to me tastes good which is why i'm looking 0:37:22 forward to the plant-based versions because i guarantee you whatever they \*\*\*\*\* whatever tire treads they find to replace the big mac burgers or the mcchicken it'll taste basically the same because it'll taste like mcdonald's so i had it and it really does not taste like that it's got this and it's not really even the taste it's for one thing it's the barbecue sauce which is not the mcdonald's flavor it's something else and secondly the texture it is not like pork it is like the only thing i keep coming back to when i taste it is like cartilage it's like a it really is like cafeteria food in a way that even regular mcdonald's isn't i do not think a henry wallace presidency would have necessarily changed the trajectory of america too much because to have him be 0:38:27 the president of an effective president you would have to have different conditions to that he could then utilize as president and by the end of this war the american left was was in retreat it had been co-opted into the into the the democratic party and you could argue that they didn't really have a choice considering that there was a \*\*\*\*\* world war with nazis to deal with and yeah all those decisions were defensible in the moment but the accumulated the result of their accumulated uh momentum is that by the end of the war there really wasn't a constituency for pushing moving far forward and the real the real nut cutting came with the strike wave after world war ii but not because there had been a no strike pledge throughout the labor movement 0:39:28 during the war so that they wouldn't have to worry about um production problems undermining the war effort so a lot of grievances a lot of arguments a lot of complaints that were pushed off came to the fore again and there was a huge explosion of strikes both authorized wildcat and in that environment there was the uh the 1946 elections and then 48 where the by by the end of which even though truman held on the republicans had taken uh congress which is how they were able to pass the \*\*\*\*\* taft-hartley bill which put a stake in the heart of the american labor movement even though it took a while to work its way through to the uh to the killing point and it's 0:40:29 hard to imagine wallace by himself changing that trajectory especially considering the fact that he was kind of a sap he was he was like an upton sinclair type he was a a naive um idealist type the classic to the forces of capital i mean maybe his soviet advisers could have helped him because of course the fun thing about wallace is that by the time he ran for president in 48 on the progressive ticket he was being handled by soviet uh uh soviet agents there were actual communists among his uh his highest

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levels of advisors but even with that even with them in the white house with him 0:41:31  
leading him around by the nose what do you do to with a country where the uh  
where the energy has sort of gone away where the urgency of the early thirties and  
the in the in the bite of the depression has has been eased a bit and where the the  
the ritual of a patriotic war that included the entirety of the american uh social order  
coming together it's hard to see where absent any other change you get the uh the  
momentum and the organization and the will to challenge uh capital's reassertion of  
control see that's the thing why it wasn't easing the pain good it is good it's you're 0:42:33  
work you're working always to try to make people's lives better but part of the part  
of the deep dilemma of being a like moving towards leftist politics and specifically  
working class and labor politics in a putative democracy is that by making things  
better yes you should demonstrate your worth and value but you also make people  
comfortable in america specifically that comfort was expressed by after the war the  
uh project of taking that restive working class the white part of it anyway that had  
been so threatening there in the early 30s and that fdr had been able to ride like a  
tiger for a while uh and making giving them middle-class livelihoods and lives even  
if you know they're still working for pay in a alienated life even if they still don't  
have control over the the conditions of their labor they get to live the way that the 0:43:34  
middle class have traditionally lived and if they're living the way that the middle  
class traditionally live it's only a matter of times until they start thinking the way  
that and the fact that you move them away from each other they scatter them into  
these suburbs and then replace social life with a synthetic spectaclized that process  
it's it's designed in many ways to diffuse radical energy and diffuse working-class  
mobilization and militancy and that was the context where uh the the purging of  
the communists and and the leftists from the cio happened where the second red  
scare asserted itself there just wasn't the will to resist it amongst the working class 0:44:35  
broadly thought because it was splintered along racial and ethnic lines and was part  
of it was in the process of being of having a lot of their material uh someone's asking 0:45:42  
about if the original robber barons were the beautiful boaters basically they were  
and the process of turning like we've talked about in the book and we'll talk about  
more tomorrow when we finish up uh the republic for which it stands the process  
of creating like the modern liberal managerial state that the progressive movement  
enacted was a largely a process of domesticating our nouveau riche because guys like  
carnegie in rockefeller they really were they were a new type of rich person and the  
they were and they were creating fortunes that were unheard of in their size and  
they commanded the lives of way more people than like a \*\*\*\*\* feud lord could have  
dreamed of and that and they acted in pure self-interest uh they competed like crazy  
against one another to destroy their rivals and in the process caused destabilization 0:46:44

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caused prices to drop caused a run towards lower wages in these industries that led to labor unrest and violence and the political class and and the in the intellectual class saw this and realized last night fair was insufficient and the progressive movement and the creation of like a professional managerial class interceding between ownership and labor had to be built in order to channel their the the the sort of lump in base interests of these individuated billionaires and millionaires into a coherent uh class interest and creating the trusts was a big part of that because competition was one of the things that really stirred up uh labor unrest more than anything because competition is one of the things that drove wages down you could have if you had like a larger market share you could afford to negotiate more with labor at least not 0:47:45 do things like andrew carnegie did with homestead and refuse any deals and break the union and end up having a shooting war on the allegheny river between pinkertons and strikers which was very bad pr and gave energy and and win to the sales of a work labor movement that was truly radical and terrifying to so by the end of that process by the end of that that managerial process you create the fortis state by the end of world war ii where the ruling class has truly been professionalized turned into stockholders turned into chairman of boards and stuff and that and and expected to have come through education into these understandings of what it means to be a capitalist but that was only at the highest levels of wealth at the local level you 0:48:46 have these mini carnegie's many many uh many rockefellers and they never got out they never got the speech they never got the disciplinary and instructive uh social process they're still wild ornery wildcatters out there and uh like uh one of the first format formations of that was the texas oil millionaires to emerge uh around the middle part of the 20th century the guys who a lot of people think got the hunts and the richardsons and such they got people who were uh who were the subject of dallas and that's just like one version of that but like the waltons others like that people are giving me the business more about moving to oregon you guys are giving 0:49:54 me given me give me my comments giving me business i would like to say also just while i'm here that everything i said about the democrats trying to take this the capital uh insurgency as uh as a new 911 and an attempt to recreate the war on terror domestically it's all happening according exactly as that was said to happen there everyone is they got the media rounds going national former national security council members former military leaders uh democrats saying we need to reorient our intelligence agencies towards and we ins and there's even now a trial balloon 0:50:56 being launched about creating a domestic uh spy agency because technically the cia isn't allowed to spy domestically and the fbi is not an intelligence service the nsa of course and the pitch will be this is justice this is justice not making anything better for anybody making everything equally bad for everyone which of course is ironic

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and hilarious because that is the reaction conservative critique of socialism right oh it doesn't make everybody uh conservative capitalism is about spreading wealth and socialism is about spreading the poverty around you know making everybody equally poor and of course that's dumb but it does apply to the logic of liberalism logic of liberalism because it has a ceiling on how much you can offer normal people 0:51:57 anything other than subsistence and uh and alienation and more than anything the knowledge that they are disposable is is to alleviate their sense of felt differentiation and treatment from others that's it i am also very much enjoying people saying that because biden and such are talking about a big stimulus that it means neoliberalism is dead or or that like the left has won the policy another thing that you could see coming a mile away an attempt to uh push off as far as possible any day of reckoning between biden's actual policies uh and the expectations that people might have had but i will say that on this is that last day of president that uh donald trump was 0:53:7 uh was bad he was a bad president he was very funny which obama was not obama was a very bad president too but was very unfunny so in that respect alone trump is actually very good you can clip that trump is actually very good because he's definitely funnier than obama and i do not i will not accept any argument that he was a worse president than obama i'm sorry if you mean worse in terms of worse better in terms of worsening the conditions for people on this planet i mean if you want to talk about you know oh uh in bigoting america's values or whatever \*\*\*\*\* people like to \*\*\*\*\* spew to ignore talking about the actual real consequences sure you can have an argument that that obama was better or something that he you 0:54:9 know he didn't otherize people and he made people feel safe to live an american i mean yes i can understand why that would but when you look at the actual numbers the numbers on the graphs going up and down the human misery indexes i'm sorry all terrible all committed to a system that will grind us but the important thing to note about both of them trump and trump and obama uh obungler autonomy within the system is pretty limited like we can say that obama and trump are both awful presidents but it really wasn't either of them who made that made the awfulness and when you consider how different they are as people and how their differences are so stark that they have created like these competing social categories that people invest with meaning but one of the reasons they do that is because their actual ability to effect change is very much non-existent they both came through a partisan political 0:55:11 process that selects for if not uh beliefs than willingnesses to go along with things as they are ensures that no one in a position of being anywhere near them in any room they might sit in is going every time a bungler sat down to talk about what are we going to do about this \*\*\*\*\* housing crisis or any other question everybody in that room was on the same demonic team so no matter how smart obama was or how

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much he had pondered the the fundamental uh questions of american democracy and the contradictions at the heart of the american dream we sat down everybody is already on page on the same page and every question is comes down to a range of options that and then by the difference and the same is true of trump trump gets in that room it's people with the same stuff maybe they're maybe they're uh their domestic political imperatives are different and the structure is different there but the underlying fundamentals are the same and the difference boils down to one of them can you know make a public show of of wrestling with the powers of the office and write us two 700 page self excavating memoirs about how they did the only thing they could possibly do and then if there was anything wrong with what he did it was a tragedy beyond his ability to remedy and then trump who is just going to uh presumably build a 700-foot statue of himself with uh a running video of himself in the grimace and the in the that's the difference what is why people talk about vouch again i don't like why do people want to hear why do people want to deal with he's got more hair than me i'll give him that he's got like a top knot so he's got more hair than me so i'll give him that tip of the cap i sound like him i haven't heard his voice i mean we're both government issue \*\*\*\*\* bearded white beardos so i wouldn't be surprised if that's true i understand that i am not a i'm not a unique specimen in any respect bread tube my god what an embarrassing term anarchism well i'm going to sign off in a second i hope to stream tomorrow we'll talk about the book like the end of the book and uh also we'll talk about the executions that will be carried out on the capital steps uh presumably i'm i'm from going what i've read on the internet that's going to happen around noon eastern so we'll have something to talk about but we're still going to talk about the books that would be very funny and i and you know what i will do it if the if the plan really does happen and trump comes on tv and says i'm president forever it's me and then he just cuts uh uh biden's head off with a scimitar i'll still talk about that \*\*\*\*\* book because it's the la it's we said we were uh has anyone seen any of these like attempts at creating at doing local protests in state capitals when everyone goes home when everyone goes home to post and to watch football after tomorrow what are you gonna do if you were a q person but also if you were one of the mirror q people who thought that the revolution was at hand and that you were gonna get executed for uh 25 000 troops in the nation's capital kevin baker wrote an article i think for harper's like \*\*\*\*\* 20 years ago now i remember reading it it was right after 9 11 and it was about how the military is the only institution with any kind of bipartisan trust in this country how it's the only organization with any kind of infrastructure or capacity to respond in crisis and i remember the last words of it were at the end we'll beg for the coup and we've already got half of the voting population in this country

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literally begging for a coup and that's what they were doing like they weren't doing a coup when they went into the capital they went in hoping that someone else would do a coup because that's all anybody including trump can do because nobody has any kind of nobody's part of anything so everybody was just hoping a coup would happen and now you've got the national guard coming in and securing the exchange of power and securing the biden administration and finally ensuring that the dastard trump is removed from office you get closer to that other half of the which means 1:1:32 that the next crisis that comes the most realistic outcome will be someone coming forward speaking the neutral technocratic language of the military at a regis at a register that is heard neutrally by both sides which is now impossible between the political sides anything a republican says is filtered because they're saying because they're saying it because they've been trained to say it they know what works with the people they want it to work all their vocabulary their presentation everything is designed to make one group of people very uh happy one group of people very angry that's true of both sides neither one of them will be able to come forward and say we have a new uh we have a new government that would be read with anything less than instant resistance from the people who hear those dog whistles because it's dog whistles each way they'll hear those dog whistles negatively only the military can 1:2:35 speak with words and in and with symbols that both sides read as neutral both sides read as not part of the enemy both sides uh read maybe read as as sincere read as a friend in the friend so thailand does anybody remember the thai coup from a few years ago when there was when the president got or the prime minister got removed from office and his supporters flooded the capital and they got into a big uh public battles with the uh opponents because the the prime minister was incredibly popular among the rural population uh but hated in the cities uh and could and that bridge that could not be bridged and then when the urban uh parties were able to kick him out of office it sparked this massive resistance which was only resolved when the 1:3:38 army came out of the barracks when the tanks came down the streets and everybody went home alright folks so we'll see if i haven't been neutralized by a q wet team i will hope to stream sometime tomorrow after the inaugural uh i would say that uh i'm looking forward to trump's our biden speech but we know that they got some special adrenochrome for him when he has the big moments and it'll be boring and it will be mostly competent but hey who knows teeth could still fall out of his head anything could happen all right

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oh stop sign speed limit hey mama look at me i'm on a hell way to hell on a highway  
to hell bow on a highway to hell on a highway to hell all where is my money i dm'd 0:1:8  
one of the people who's still active who i bet two years ago q anon would not result in  
the arrest and prosecution of any top level pedophiles he's still online he's retweeting  
he hasn't tweeted for \*\*\*\*\* days or weeks he's just retweeting other people give me  
my money he bet me a grand it's over trump left not with a bang but a whimper  
and it does look just from a cursory glance that uh the q people aren't are actually  
absorbing that it's over and that the whole thing was a lie which wow i don't know  
how the hell you pick up the pieces after that i honestly think there's a good chance  
that a lot of these people because if the one hope that you've ever seen to change  
things turned out to be a \*\*\*\*\* con artist and the one thing that ever made sense  
to you turned out to be a big lie how are you supposed to move forward with any 0:2:9  
confidence some people are gonna recommit of course but uh i think a good chunk  
are gonna are gonna become quiet to some sort or another which is good take it take  
a minute take a breath i mean when you swing in a miss that bad you can't just  
get back in the box you got to limber up a little bit you're clearly something is off  
in your swing mechanics if you are going after this \*\*\*\*\* there is the i mean it's a  
it's funny how little we've mentioned we've seeing donald trump seeing the person  
of donald trump and thinking that guy cares about me and wants me to be better  
he cares about america and wants america to be better that is the greatest piece  
of like self-deception i can imagine that you willingly stabbing yourself in the brain  
with a \*\*\*\*\* knitting needle and cutting out the frontal cortex because it at least 0:3:10  
provides you with some relief from the itch and the torment well \*\*\*\*\* those people  
irrelevant where's the violence where is the insurrection where what happened what  
was where why the stuff i'm supposed to care about i was supposed to spend the last  
two weeks since the sixth gnashing my teeth and all those other people who did that  
were in the same spot now and who had a better time who had a better time in the  
intervening two weeks honestly they probably had a pretty good time too because  
the key thing to understand about these people is that they like it so it really just

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boils down not even to whether or not you're enjoying yourself it's what gets you off  
and worrying about that kind of thing does not get me off worrying and fretting and  
making sure that i'm presenting enough concern is not anything that gets me off but 0:4:11  
for these freaks they love it poor at poor uh dan besner and uh amber co-host amber  
uh did a totally reasonable cogent well-written piece about humanon for jacqueline  
and these \*\*\*\*\* people lost their \*\*\*\*\* because it did not do enough to condemn  
them as if what's written in the pages of jacobin is going to determine the contours  
of the q on movement in the next years absurd but i will say the funniest thing about  
it is people insist that you can't talk about q in in the context of causes you can't  
talk of the immiseration or more specifically the uh destabilization of formerly secure  
economic positions that makes people more vulnerable to this stuff you can't talk  
about that because that lets them off the hook for their racism and their hatred and  
their evil which is exactly what conservatives said about terrorism when you would 0:5:14  
say uh hey how about we make it so that fewer people in the middle east want to  
kill us by i don't know scaling back our imperial designs on the region no that is  
uh giving virtue to these people this is not focusing on their wrong and sinfulness  
it's the exact same approach which makes sense because they're trying to create a  
\*\*\*\*\* um a internal white terror 911 context for them to uh to stave off critique of  
biden and justify expanded um uh expanded internal surveillance and uh repression  
i don't think it's gonna work and i said this on the show but the big reason that  
we're on terror went the way it did is because the republicans had a willing partner  
in the democrats like they were both on the same they were uh in wrestling parlance  
after 9 11 the democrats were happy to play along to be the to admit their weakness 0:6:17  
basically to admit what was that they were wrong to admit that the republican view  
of the war on terror the republican view of uh foreign policy the republican view on  
what it meant was the correct one and that the only difference between the parties  
is that the democrats do a better job of it the democrats are going to try it but  
here you've got an opponent who will no sell you the republicans as we saw in the  
impeachment hearing none of them what they got 10 votes they were not falling all  
over each other to say look we understand this was a huge deal we're so sorry we have  
to look into ourselves nope they said uh actually you guys said that uh riots were  
good last summer so uh you're hypocrites \*\*\*\*\* you and without a huge it's like uh  
like when uh what's like roddy piper would do a a a chop like slap the chops of hulk 0:7:20  
hogan and he would just start going and he would no sell it that's the republicans  
here so that means that the dynamic is not going to uh persist and they're not going  
to be able to wave the bloody shirt the way they want to but man the media and  
their handmaidens are going to try as hard as they can to do it holy \*\*\*\*\* it's going  
to be non-stop banging this drop but i think i think that that was the high water

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mark maybe wrong and if i'm wrong i'll apologize but even with only a few weeks retrospect it looks like that capitol hill thing was a was the high water it was the picket's charge it was the it was the culmination of a movement and then when trump disavowed it immediately got kicked off social media and then slunk away with his tail between his legs and then biden got in there with no problem uh i think that it's that the momentum will be dissipated that doesn't mean that violence will go away like i've said stochastic violence stochastic political violence is here to stay i think but the idea that there's a uh genuine trump threat to our horrifyingly banali evil mechanisms of democratic government uh is is gonna become more absurd as although man i 100 percent get how if you are just like a regular person who doesn't have like a political critique of the system as such but is aware somehow that the system is bad watching the media i understand how it could turn you into a trumper i could understand how it could make you ins start thinking well these guys are all in charge you got the guys in charge and then you've got the media all saying the exact same thing i mean the people the the press the media during this uh inaugural was north korean in its supplicancy the george they might as well have \*\*\*\*\* had people come out you know in a giant um a coordinated dance move and like spell out corn pop on the national mall they they talked about how biden is a good and just and and kind-hearted man who's going to bring uh who's going to bring back uh uh unity and uh respect and all of every good thing he is a harbinger for its return and when things are just as bad as they were before he became president and the media is still talking like that on behalf of one party how do you not think that the whole thing is \*\*\*\*\* rigged and that therefore the only person who is on who is not on the side of this evil status quo is trump because he's the only one trump is anathema none of the the republican party is gonna be brought back into the fold mitch mcconnell and roy blunt were out there and the irony and the fire funny thing about this it's really ingenious how this works so i really do think that everybody in the media everybody who's on there for all those networks talking about how biden is light itself and he's going to bring back civilization and he's going to banish the demons and how our long national nightmare is over uh they think they're helping they think that the trump movement and and the capital storming is sign of a uh fundamental undermining of necessary crucial american institutions of government and media and that by going all in for biden they're helping they're like uh they're it's sealab 2021. i'm happy i'm having you but they're just pouring \*\*\*\*\* sand on it there's pouring salt on everybody because having everybody talk like that having this universal \*\*\*\*\* uh uh hosannas for this guy when you have to know it's not it's things are still gonna suck and it's all just that you're feeling better because that um because the images are more pleasing to you than the images of the trump years but

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the fundamentals will be the same by doing that you are ensuring that anybody who is just watching this and is not invested in the symbology that you are is going to take away from it that you're all in this on you're all in on this together and the trump 0:12:25 is the only one who stands against you although maybe not trump honestly trump might have \*\*\*\*\* this thing who knows we'll see but man he really did just \*\*\*\*\* all over everybody didn't he he just went out there and said have a nice life goodbye oh and i'm gonna just i am going to uh pardon all of the most corrupt political scumbags on earth literally swamp denizens and no no assange no snowden no manning no uh \*\*\*\*\* reality winner uh nobody who is threatened nobody who threatened the the state apparatus celebrities and fellow celebrities and fellow politicians people who he could identify with personally because that's all he ever could do because he's a \*\*\*\*\* psycho and yes you're a chump forever believing in him but i think a lot of people we'll see are coming to the conclusion that oh the challenge of there being any 0:13:26 coherent post-trumpism is how do you fill the void of trump and i don't think you do i think it's going to be a splintering i think you're going to see a a wilderness period here but what's going to keep the republicans uh in play and likely get them back the house even with their being a pretty much open civil war now within the party i mean liz cheney has already had some local yahoo announced that there's challenging her for the house next year anybody who spoke against trump in the last two weeks will get a \*\*\*\*\* high profile primary challenger how that boils down though but man it was really nauseating watching the news just people can people manufacturing a reality right in front of you but you're watching something that by any objective 0:14:27 standard is a hair-raising nightmare just think about this stripped of the ornament on the national mall surrounded by 25 000 national guardsmen and 12-foot tall steel barriers they led this \*\*\*\*\* nearly 80 year old senile man out to bump into things uh swear allegiance to the flag get his \*\*\*\*\* uh drool wiped away and then read a \*\*\*\*\* speech off of a teleprompter and in well everyone's wearing masks and there's no uh actual crowd because of a rampaging pandemic that's killing thousands of people a day that's the reality of that \*\*\*\*\* inauguration but what we were told we were seeing is some triumph of american democracy and the return of of values insanity 0:15:29 and and uh and everyone doing that thought they were thinks that they're shoring things up but what they're really doing is undermining it even faster by ensuring anybody watching that yes this is exactly as rigged as it looks like this is exactly as uh the last section of the republic for which it stands huh let's finish this buckler up so r.i.p to the gilded age you were a real one uh so let's go through this chapter by chapter the first chapter is about urban poverty uh and immigration we get all the 0:16:30 good jacob reese stuff about the tenements and the the horrible conditions within and the reform movements that attempted to ameliorate those conditions uh all of

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the all of them headed by people who thought that the immigrants who lived in those conditions were barely human anyway which obviously complicated the process uh and he talks about the assimilation of those immigrants into the american experience and this is where he really emphasizes that uh like the people who made american culture what it is like actually gave it culture were the immigrants the middle class protestants who were who were trying to turn their lives into everyone's life uh that 0:17:32 was where culture went to die and the degree to which that model prevailed in the 20th century is the degree to which american culture because that protestant home that they were fixating on this middle class home is is the place where the middle class expectations for values morality constrain behavior and thought to such a degree that impossible like yeah where what what american culture is is black it's jewish it's uh catholic uh and and poor poor protestant poor white protestant middle and upper class white protestantism created basically no culture and uh he finally talked 0:18:35 about baseball and how it became a a and how it was in fact a immigrant sport it was played mostly by german and irish immigrants uh the next chapter we got lizzie borden uh and which is although he said he claims white claims that she is guilty uh baseball statistics dork uh i keep i want to say rick james what the \*\*\*\*\* his name last name is i know this guy is bill james bill james in his book about american crime claims that she was innocent but anyway uh he uses her as a good example of how white womanhood which was this thing that these systems were designed to protect uh was being uh undermined from within and the anxieties that that created in the people who saw everything going wrong people saw that all the things that uh 0:19:37 that the contract labor the contract uh freedom individuated citizenry individuated liberty notions that they had built uh was creating the opposite of what they wanted and but the main thing i wanted to talk about here uh is the populists because in this section we talk about the rise of the populace in the west i think of the populist movement as the last gasp of the conception of american liberty politically expressed before it was subsumed in the 20th century by broader ideas of like the working 0:20:38 class uh because at this point working class political organization is still incredibly in kohei you had things like the knights of labor and you had things like the uh the afl but there was very little political expression there was no amer there was no labor party nationwide labor party of size there were a few uh there were things like the greenback party of the 1870s that that were attracted working working-class votes we saw how uh henry george attracted working-class votes when he ran for mayor of new york but there was no single uh labor party workers if they were catholic uh mostly voted for the democrats if they were part of the urban machine uh if they were protestant in the north anyway they probably voted for republicans because those sectional uh distinctions mattered more than ideology and it is and white

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points out that one of the things that has \*\*\*\*\* american working class political 0:21:39  
effect efficacy is that partisan formations emerged before the working class became  
articulated as a self-conscious notion uh in most in the european countries that got  
pushed the ball of socialism further mass uh universal manhood suffrage came at  
the exact same moment that the working class was coming into being uh here the  
the the party system that they were dealing with emerged in the 1820s uh when  
the model of employment was uh if there was employment was uh uh artisan based  
mostly where wage labor was relatively rare and usually a condition a and so when  
these western and midwestern farmers who had followed the railroads out west as  
the they've been told to by the republican uh forbearers vote yourself a farm party 0:22:42  
and told you can find freedom with land property will be your liberty you don't  
have to worry about politics just vote for the republicans we'll keep a nice uh lid on  
inflation with the gold standard and will allow you to bring your crops to market  
but with the infrastructure that we've invested those tariff monies into and allow  
you to uh live freely well by the 1880s many of them were finding out oh financing  
and the manipulation of freight rates by railroads uh and the deflationary nature of  
gold standard is actually making that making it hard for me to be free even though  
i have land and the populist party was an attempt to articulate that politically to  
articulate a a producerist idea of american freedom and after the defeat of william 0:23:43  
tyx bryan in 1896 and the subs and the transfer of uh like the reformist drive into  
the two political parties from outside of them where the progressive movement did  
most of the uh the work that they demanded but not through the expression of a  
like a coherent political party like the populists uh that dissipated and was replaced  
by what we got by the end of the but certainly by the end of uh world war one a  
political concept that was consumerist in its conception where people's freedom was  
not a freedom to make uh it was a freedom to buy and fundamentally the nature of 0:24:45  
political contests in this country and ensured the working class when they did become  
a more coherent and effective political uh force would be amenable to exchanging the  
demand for control over the conditions of labor for more purchasing power and that  
is what we ended up getting in the 20th century we got a working class that over and  
over again in its political expression traded uh autonomy and power for consumption  
and that turning point for that i think really was when the populace were broken and  
one of the reasons they were broken is that they were unable to link up effectively  
with the working class as white shows uh the uh brian brian's democrats actually 0:25:49  
saw their share of the urban working class vote go down even though the urban  
working class the catholic ones anyway were by and large democrats because this  
was a rural protestant dry movement evangelical in nature and that and was not  
like culturally amenable and keep honking i'm consuming are people saying there's

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a problem with the oh boy it's choppy oh no oh man that poem was dog \*\*\*\*\*  
i'm sorry man but that \*\*\*\*\* poem was terrible just awful all right well let's just 0:26:53  
move through this then quickly i'll okay we've got the uh the depression of uh the  
panic of 1893 another uh another this time caught started in argentina but uh once  
again causing a significant collapse in credit and liquidity and there was nothing the  
government could do about it because it was committed at the top of both parties  
to the gold standard the gold standard was invaluable even though the base of both 0:27:56  
parties was probably broadly in favor of at least bimetallism if not full fiat currency  
the upper echelons were completely controlled by gold bugs and that speaks to the  
the way that uh the democratic impulse in the in the american political system is  
will always be dissipated and uh diverted away from the like load-bearing structures  
of whatever those in power at the moment think constitutes the the governing status  
quo uh like it turns out that you can actually do a lot with fiat currency and you  
and you can still have capitalism and you can still have uh banks and you can still  
have credit and you can still hold your citizens enthralled to the moneyed interests even  
with fiat currency but nobody knew that back then uh and more importantly the  
people demanding uh currency devaluation uh and and more currency in the markets 0:28:57  
were almost universally people hostile to existing power structures so just by that  
virtue alone uh it was not going to happen and while you might have the votes at  
the grassroots to push for uh expanding the currency at every level higher as you get  
towards the senate and the presidency you're getting to points where uh electoralism  
is diffused more and more away from a um i hate to use the word but accountability  
and that accountability is replaced by uh systemic incentives and that's why you  
had in the middle of this depression you couldn't get one of the two political parties  
to come forward and say hey uh what do we do something about this until william 0:29:59  
jennings bryan shows up at the convention in 1996 and gives the cross of gold speech  
which cuts through all of the malarkey cuts through the bossaries cuts through the  
existing structures and allows the uh this demand to come forth but it is rather  
than the beginning of something it really is the last gasp of this producerist sort of  
jeffersonian jacksonian model uh when it comes back again after uh world war ii in  
the form of you know the small government conservatism that and libertarianism  
that is now uh you know the dominant ideology on the right uh it is in the it's not  
it is been fully consumption and i do think it's interesting that one of the last things 0:31:0  
that he talks about is the role of the courts in establishing corporate personhood  
and a substantive due process system that made it very difficult for uh workers to  
strike but made it very easy for corporations to do almost anything they wanted and  
that is another example of the constitutional system doing what it was designed to  
do which is to dissipate points of responsibility away from democratic accountability

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because the judicial branch is of obviously the least uh democratically the the branch of government least sensitive to democratic pressure uh and the people appointed to judge ships are most likely to be amenable to people at the very top of the party structures that might be in power which means they will reflect those interests and 0:32:1 the period of the late 1890s or the late 19th century that that brought about the progressive movement it was a creation of it was a self-realization on the point of this middle strata of political class judicial and legal media and corporate managerial that the competition that had been the the bulwark of uh the early capitalist system in america was counterproductive and disruptive and needed to be reduced and that's when you saw the rise of the the trusts and that's also when you saw the assertion by the judicial branch of the prerogative to define the constitution to essentially make 0:33:2 effective working class political organization almost impossible and it's only when you have those things in place that the progressive movement which but that's for the next book in this six in this uh series uh i know is that one in there let me they have i don't think they have one for the whole thing yet in the it looks like there's no oxford history for the years from 96 to 29. so there's like a 30-year gap so someone's got to write that that'll be interesting oh it's called reawakened nation i'll so the next 0:34:5 book uh uh we're not gonna start right away i'm gonna think about it i'm thinking it might be fauner's reconstruction or maybe dubois black reconstruction not sure yet i'll take uh recommendations if anyone has them if anyone likes wants to dm me or something i have read late victorian holocausts that's a great book mike davis is absolute king there's no am i still like skipping or is it good i don't have just so you guys know i have no way of changing any of this i like people say switch to a different numbers and p's or whatever i don't know what any of that means i'm good now okay good it's skipping oh \*\*\*\*\* i stopped skipping 20 minutes ago that's good but like that poem just back to the poem thing that poem is a perfect example of this you watch the poem it's dog \*\*\*\*\* and then you see 500 people getting a line to tell 0:35:6 you how it's the most inspiring thing they've ever seen what are you supposed to think about that how are you supposed to think like am i wrong they assume that you will just go with what they want you to say but like the whole point of media fragmentation is that people can go to what is amenable to them people can find the voice that is agreeable to what they think already and what we're getting from the \*\*\*\*\* state media about this inauguration is i can't imagine agreeable to anybody but fellow bubble members other democrat not even democratic voters but democratic self-identified voters people who identify emotionally with the democratic party the way that republicans identify emotionally with not republican party and that means you see that and all of your efforts to try to you know reinstall these values about 0:36:9 the sacredness of these american institutions is just going to further drive people

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more than anything it's just humorous because you know they're so excited they're so excited to be able to do this to be able to go on tv and assert that that we are in the best of all possible worlds now but what that means is they're going to keep being surprised as things they don't want to happen happen as and as people keep acting away what was the poem about i have no idea i mean i know it's mean to make fun of like she's a kid she's like 22 years old there is still something off-putting about being expected by a unbroken chain of people i will be checking out the new adam and one last thing i want to say about that biden speech which was just an absolute snoozefest he annoyingly he didn't have too many fuck-ups they really know how to keep him gassed up during the big speeches but the thing itself was incredibly boring and it's and uh soporific which of course is the idea you're supposed to soothe everybody back to sleep uh but there is the part where he quoted augustine and said something about you know a community is defined by and the sec and what he said was some \*\*\*\*\* about like the common la our common love is i don't even know i don't remember it all sifted through my brains but whatever pablum it was whatever abstract principle it was it was incorrect the actual common object of our love is free refills that more than anything is what has spurred a lot of the political violence of the last year is being kept away and the \*\*\*\*\* soda machine is running out the syrup is almost gone the bubbles are dissipating and all they have in in all they have to replace them are words and the words are supposed to do the job and they think that should work because it works on so many people but more and more it's working on people who are the least affected who have the most all right i think i'm gonna probably stop soon and the comparison between the way we the the rhetoric of the war on terror one of the things that seems to make people really mad when you try to really talk about the rep the trump phenomenon as a social phenomenon is that if you do not emphasize at every moment racism uh and and authoritarianism and fascism that you are letting them off the hook that if you talk about a material uh conditions creating the ground on on which these things emerge that you are undermining uh you know the the the rhetorical case against these people which needs to be made yes that is mirror to the way that the wright talks about terrorism but what i think is really interesting also is that when people say that when they say oh economics economics these people are just racist well sure and they're delusional and you're not going to get them and their argument you shouldn't court them you shouldn't think about what they want because they're raving maniacs and they don't even know what they want that's true but when you talk about addressing any kind of pathological social condition terrorism cue whatever by addressing the material conditions that spawn it it's not really about doing anything about the people you have who are currently part of that movement it's about stopping the flow of people

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to it it's stopping people who otherwise would not do that do it and there seems to be this idea that the q thing is like a dormant dna strand like just pings after a certain moment and then people will just flood its ranks and if that's true if there's something just in the dna of like lump and white uh culture that drives them towards conspiracy and white nationalism the activator is precarity and so the way to deal with an immersion phenomenon like that is to reduce the amount of precarity that is felt by these people who might be triggered that way but people resist that because if you could ever become that in their mind that means that you are irredeemable and you don't deserve better material conditions the very thought that you could be tempted into cuteness means that you don't deserve them and that is the liberal logic that underlines uh the whole project the the whole liberal left uh social project because we can't make things better for anybody we're going to punish the deserving and the emergence of this mega movement and q is a chance to beat the snakes out of the grass and punish them which is exactly what the bush terrorism huey long every man a king when no one i think i've talked a bit about humiliating in the past hugh long is what you is is is the southern expression uh it's not a coincidence that the huey brown came from the deep south because the deep south was the least was the area where uh where like working-class politics was least able to find purchase and was replaced instead with real demagoguery uh the kind of stuff that uh you know the the brahmins are always afraid of but uh at every point though that demagoguery is abetted by the very ruling class who claim to be afraid of it uh in this section of the book they talk about how the the adherence to white supremacy and specifically the democratic party as bulwark of white supremacy meant that the populist party could not make inroads among the uh agrarian workers of the south of the small like sharecroppers and stuff who were or the white ones anyway the ones who could vote and were uh also exploited by the crop lean system and railroads and everything and that's why the populists had to nominate brian in 96 because the southern populists are i mean sorry they knew that they would lose in the south that they would not be able to compete that they would end up giving the presidency to uh the republican which of course is always the problem that third parties have to deal with and one way you deal with it is by not caring and there were populists who didn't care in fact it was mostly the southern populists who didn't care because the real southern populists had been fighting for years against the right-wing bourbon democrat aristocracy \*\*\*\*\* hated them because they were happy to use intimidation and violence and fraud to keep them out of power just as they had the republicans before them but it was that partisan adherence of southern democrats of southern small farmers that ensured that the populace could not uh how is the australian ballot causing voter suppression the australian ballot is the

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secret ballot it is the written secret ballot in the north a lot of recent immigrants didn't write or speak english they were able to vote because tammany for example in new york would give them a ballot that was filled out already and say go and vote uh 0:46:35  
having had to have people go into the room and write the ballot themselves meant that people who couldn't read english were unable to who is the second funniest president uh somebody asked first of all somebody asked was anti-immigration the left position i honestly think in the 19th century if you're talking about popular politics left and right are kind of inapplicable they're a little they're a and then you 0:47:37  
had like the establishment and populism was anti-immigrant because immigration was a uh complete cop because immigrants competed with native labor and that has always been an issue uh that sort of and but it is also self-defeating because immigrants are still going to come and if they are denigrated and uh and ostracized by uh the populist forces the same way that black free labor was in the south you create divisions within the labor pool that can be exploited by the ruling class at every point so it is self-defeating in the long run but it is also uh if not moral i guess inevitable would be the word when you have a situation like in the late 19th 0:48:39  
century of a stagnant of declining wages declining standard of living and increased immigration uh but the kind of uh but and it was not universal like the knights of labor were anti-chinese but they made significant real attempts to try to woo uh southern black workers because they could they could identify uh southern blacks as american and and amenable to like the american producers ethos that they were trying to protect in a way that they could not imagine the chinese were and those kind of stuff those kind of distinctions can only be broken down by by the sort of cosmopolitanization that comes with uh capitalism but anyway the second funniest president i guess george w bush was kind of funny although looking back on it the 0:49:40  
stuff that was funny about bush just seems so banal now it's kind of amazing i think biden honestly might end up being in the running depending on how senile he is or at least how senile they allow him to be seen as but we don't know yet in terms of ones who haven't yet george h.w bush was kind of funny just because what a dork he was i mean he puked on the japanese prime minister talked about how he didn't like uh broccoli he had dan quayle as his vice president another guy where you look back it's like oh that's adorable that people were amused by that uh but no like if he if he was if you could have seen him every day and if you could have heard him every day andrew johnson would have been the answer because andrew johnson is the president who's most like trump in person and not coincidentally andrew johnson is the last president to not um appear at the inauguration of his successor because he 0:50:41  
was like trump an incredibly bitter little \*\*\*\*\* who was all consumingly narcissistic and viewed the entire uh pageantry of like the american political um the entire the

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entirety of american politics uh through a personal lens through his own validation of himself like uh johnson claimed that he was doing what he did imposing an incredibly lenient reconstruction on the south uh to protect the small poor whites of the south who he thought because he'd been a unionist uh before the war and opposed to uh the slave power because he thought that slavery hurt poor white people the most and of course slavery did hurt poor white people the lack of the concentration of wealth in the hands of the planter elite meant that the south was wildly underdeveloped 0:51:43 compared to the north it had almost no public schools of any kind uh and very little infrastructure that poor people could have access to because why what what's that do for me as as a as a grand d of the \*\*\*\*\* mississippi delta to have these \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* going to school i don't \*\*\*\*\* care it doesn't well there's no skin off my ass it's not like the northern capitalists who you know needed this \*\*\*\*\* to facilitate the flow the capital flows that they were interested in in uh facilitating so it did hurt them but to johnson that was the only hurt that mattered because it was his hurt because he had a trumpian nixonian resentment of people who were higher up in social so even though he was pursuing what he thought was justice for the small poor white of the south the system that ended up coming out coming about at least in part as a result 0:52:44 of his actions and re-enthroning the planter class after the war was one where poor whites were by the end of the century in the thrall of a democratic party that was ruled by bourbon aristocrats who had no interest in seeing those poor whites advance and who maintained the disinvestment in public uh infrastructure the reconstruction governments that came in after johnson left office the ones that were often headed by carpetbaggers or in some cases freed slaves were the only governments during that whole period that actually invested in public infrastructure in public schools for whites and blacks and you had a figure like tom watson who emerges to be a populist to and at first tries to create a coalition between poor whites and blacks in the face of the persistent uh racial hierarchy ends up saying well if you can't beat them join them and becoming a fervent racist and democrat which might have helped 0:53:45 him sell magazines but didn't help the poor white do i think trump or his family will suffer any legal action i don't want to predict much anymore muggs game i would be very surprised i'll say that if any of these people go to jail or are even charged with anything i'll be very surprised because presidential impunity is baked into the cake we're looking forward not backward remember lbj was pretty funny that's a good choice called his dick jumbo that audio of him talking about his uh his bung 0:54:46 hole to the guy from hagar slacks that's just funny there was also a when i went to the lbj library uh they have a replica of the oval office and they have a phone you pick up the phone and they'll just play random parts of the lbj uh presidential tapes and i i put it up and one of them was him talking to catherine graham the

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publisher of the the washington post who i believe he had an affair with uh and he is just coming on to her like a maniac he uh i believe at one point he says bob was a steer and you were in a if i was a steer and i saw you in the paddock over i'd jump over and of course he talked to his aides posture and he also said i had more 0:55:48 talking about lbj or talking about jfk who of course has a reputation as this lotharios lothario he said i had more women on accident than that boy had on purpose and i absolutely believe that he had a bigger dick than jfk just for the simple uh uh james 0:56:59 buchanan was apparently a very erratic uh and touchy like a prickly guy like an unpleasant person uh and kind of like a fussy sort of school army type guy and yes was the first well he was the gay president that we can say pretty definitively exist i mean there might have been other gay ones but buchanan was definitely gay which that's tough for the gays because he is definitely a \*\*\*\*\* bottom five president not bottom one that's \*\*\*\*\* johnson but definitely one of the worst ones his predecessor franklin pierce was just a hardcore alcoholic which says a lot because it was hard to become an alcoholic in the 19th century because everyone was shit-faced all the time anyway garfield was a \*\*\*\*\* nerd garfield was one of our most uh uh uh he's like he was an a real uh book i'm gonna maybe go in a minute here see if there's 0:58:1 maybe one more question frederick the great was so gay that he wouldn't look at 0:59:2 women like you actually wouldn't like set eyes on them but he didn't he also after his boyfriend got his head cut off in front of him the brits are freaking out about biden in what sense because he's going to reunite the 32 counties i don't think he's gonna reunite them i think they're doing that themselves \*\*\*\*\* irish she's barely irish it's yeah apparently now for the first time in american history we've got irish a catholic president catholic speaker of the house and catholic supreme court chief 1:0:4 justice which would have made thomas nast's \*\*\*\*\* head explode remember this \*\*\*\*\* uh remember this one one of my favor my the \*\*\*\*\* uh the bishops coming out of the ocean like alligators they did it they conquered people who in the 19th century those \*\*\*\*\* uh bleached out brahmins thought were incapable of republican governments are now our governance are now at the top of all of our institutions really does show that uh that the stuff that people fixate on is uh rarely the \*\*\*\*\* that matters but that's exactly why they fixate on it because it allows an illusion of progress an illusion of issue uh addressment addressment an illusion of progress 1:1:6 towards policy towards a better republic towards the shining city on the hill when in reality you're just you're just treading water while the machinery continues to grind

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roland was a warrior from the land of the midnight sun where the thompson gone with her heart fighting to be done the deal was made in denmark on a dark and stormy day so he set out for biafra to join the bloody fray i'm 66 and seven they fought the congo wars with the fingers on the trigger knee deep and gore for days nights they battled the band two to their knees they killed to earn their living and to roll in the thompson gunner howdy folks this is a muncher only stream if you're not a munch head if you have not accepted muncherism as the only meaningful ideology of the 21st century then you need to log off this chat this is for munch heads only muncher number one munch munch house the munch is loose uh people don't know what i'm talking about uh it was revealed that the new slimer for the sequel slash reboot of ghostbusters just have to stop myself from doing some miming something that might get me taken off of the stream uh he's been is out and his name is muncher uh and he is if someone wants to put a picture of him in the uh in the chat here it'd be helpful uh or you can google him yourself he is uh i don't have a way to show it i'm sorry i guess i should draw a picture of him or something he is green he's blue instead of green he has six arms instead of the two uh and then he has a face of pure misery he looks just an embodiment of agony he looks like one of the damned souls in a bosch painting he is pure anguished existence he is begging for a death that has already come uh as opposed to slimer who's like just a big fat party animal who enjoys putting a lot of hot dogs in his mouth and what's interesting about this to me and the reason that i muncher speaks to me uh is something that a friend of the show josh androsky said he said that muncher is gritty for people who know that it's over uh muncher is a mascot of of true hopelessness because think about the trajectory that you have to do to go from slimer to muncher what is the distinction here how how are we to how are we to place the mantra in context so first we have in the original crush busters we have the ghost himself this slime and what is this slimer this slime up is a being a pure desire the the slimer he seeks to consume he cannot not for digestion not not for nutrients but purely for the pleasure of consumption and he is presented as such as as as a being of of a pure expression and desire at lust the

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the the lacanian subject what is mantra muncher seeks the same out outcome the muncher seeks to consume the muncher they are quick to point out he wants to eat the corn there is corn behind the monster and the muncher he wants to eat the corn this is key that the muncher also much like the slimer he wants to eat the corn but 0:4:6 but this is the crucial distinction the monster does not enjoy the consumption of the court the muncher is at no point in finding his pleasure even momentarily satisfied because she is the simulacra he is the the copy of the copy of the original slimer his his consumption has consumed him his failure to wrecking realize his desires has consumed him and left him unable to enjoy anything much as we the consumer of the programs of the films are left to watch the ghostbusters film but have to have none of the pleasure of first watching the gauche buster the original busting of because the muncher is slimer emptied of any reason for being because muncher's there because 0:5:7 the ghostbust slimer was there because he was part of the concept of ghostbusters that genuinely insane man dan aykroyd thought of and he was a part of that muncher only exists because a certain segment of the population has heard of ghostbusters and therefore an investment of money into the ghostbusters franchise has some degree of probability of being recouped at some degree of level that can be put on a piece of paper to mark the market accountant to keep the flow of of bonds circulating through your your corporate entity that's it that's why muncher exists and so even though he's doing the same thing that slimer was doing consumption from beyond the grave this literal hungry ghost a literal hungry ghost uh his pleasure has been robbed of him and also the other reason that he is divorced is of of pleasure of of any 0:6:10 satisfaction is because he truly is slimer after 40 years of being slimer much as we collectively are slimer after 40 years of being slimer like america in its post-seventies form is a place where all questions of democracy of autonomy control over one's life and circumstances of life have been seated in exchange for credit basically and with that credit the ability to consume cheaply so what has that left us it started the go go reagan 80s we were the bright green goblin stuffing hot dogs in our mouth exalted in the pleasures that come with unlimited access to cheap goods anything we can imagine it doesn't matter that industrial capac industrial policy and employment policy and wages are no longer democratic questions that uh our control over the 0:7:11 pace of and conditions of and substance of work has been lost unless you can make it through the gauntlet of uh post-graduate education and get a uh get some job that gives you some illusion of meaning even though even there you are fully at the whim of what we've given that up that section of human self um self-realization self-actualization has been seeded in exchange for consumption and what have we done we have consumed and where has it left us it has left us at muncher it has left us covered in arms to grab to grab desperately and a face wrapped in to quote myself

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referring to the baseball crank another signal of the time and that is why i believe 0:8:12  
that muncherism is 21st century marxism and must be supported against we love  
muncher don't we folks we love him we love the box look at this guy look at him he's  
blue he's got the arms man he's gone can you guys have you guys been able to get  
your head around how fast trump disappeared after being the only person in america  
in some significant ways for four years he is now an unperson we just like kaiser \*\*\*\*\*  
jose i gotta say i did not see that one coming and i think more than anything it boils  
down to them get it taking away his twitter account uh and i think something about  
getting the twitter account taken away and honestly deutsche bank pulling the plug 0:9:14  
uh disciplined him like deeply as much as he wishes he was still out there screaming  
into the void so that he could fill the void with himself he is he's finally for the first  
time maybe in his life feared a consequence and as a result he is allowing himself to  
be forgotten because remember he has the choice he could be out there he could be  
continuing himself like twitter and account or no twitter account he could just say  
hey i'm going to a rally you want to come problem is he would have to do that stuff  
himself now the machinery that existed before to allow him to say i want to go to the  
alamo and then they go to alamo texas because even the people he surrounds himself  
even the professionals are morons he can't just press a button and have he can't do  
anything it really does tell you and it really should tell more than anyone the libs  
that he was never in charge of this thing whatever you want to call it he was never a 0:10:15  
puppet master he was never a string puller he was always being allowed to do what he  
could what he wanted because it served the interests of other people and that's  
the thing that people who like to point out like when you're trying to argue about  
fascism oh god they'll say it doesn't you can't point out that trump is incompetent  
the real fascists the original fascists were incompetent yeah hitler and mussolini were  
a couple of complete fail-son \*\*\*\*\* fuck-ups they were guys who were in politics first  
and foremost because they couldn't get any other \*\*\*\*\* work and they were too lazy  
or uh lacking in actual skill to support themselves any other way than getting on  
a stump and bullshitting to people i should talk i'm in the same phylum of human  
i mean i hope i'm not as evil and i'm honestly not as charismatic but they were  
fuck-ups and when they took power they didn't become any less fuck-ups they were  
essentially gamers i mean d-day succeeded in part because they were the german high 0:11:17  
command was too afraid to wake up hitler because he slept till noon every day during  
world war ii and mussolini was like banging 15 of his mistresses a day in his stupid  
palace while looking at a giant globe like they were they were just they were lazy  
\*\*\*\*\* the reason that they were able to take power is because they were given power  
by powers that saw use in them and trump was useful and he no longer is and we are  
seeing that absent those supporting institutions operate which is why uh it would be

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hilarious if they oh god no i'm just saying if they're gonna do it this stupid \*\*\*\*\* impeachment oh my god the dumbest \*\*\*\*\* on earth absolute i mean honestly you can't get mad at it or demand they stop doing it they're democrats that's what they do but it's \*\*\*\*\* about holding him accountable i'm sorry he left he lost the election 0:12:18 he's out of office what you're going to double kick him out of office and this idea that oh you're going to banish him from future office we've already seen how much he is dependent on all these exterior things to keep him in power and secondly hey if you don't want to \*\*\*\*\* face him in 2024 how about you do anything to deserve another \*\*\*\*\* term how about that and that goes for the republican party too how about you like become coherent in some way to oppose just being pushed over by this guy and i honestly think the reason they're doing this impeachment trial is because they know in their hearts he's not going to get a criminal trial because we cannot hold anyone who's ever held real power in this country criminally liable for anything nobody can even imagine that anything they do either in or out of office either enter having to do what they're being president or not seeing the inside of a jail cell oh no no no 0:13:20 no no no no because as soon as that taboo breaks then the politicized prosecution of political enemies and losers is on the table and these guys are all criminals so and so instead we're going to get a big stupid trial in the senate that will waste everyone's time and do nothing and we'll just further emphasize to anybody casually paying attention to to proceedings that these the biden administration these \*\*\*\*\* democrats don't give a \*\*\*\*\* about do i go for it on fourth down of course i do that was one of the most absolutely i mean i can't get too mad i haven't really been 0:14:22 watching this year i haven't really cared about football for a while i really more at this point just want my boy aaron rodgers to get another ring because i think he's such a such a pretty quarterback but i did watch that game and that last that was about one of the most baffling just i felt the spirit of mike mccarthy and now he's gone he's definitely gone bye-bye apparently he took a flight to dc to talk to dan snyder which hilarious if it happens and you know what he i it would be fun if he did like a tom brady and went to another team and immediately won a super bowl but we'll see bye bye yeah no that was baffling that was that was really not great i do not buy any game stock stock game stop stock game stop stock no i didn't buy 0:15:23 any of that because at this point it feels like it's too late right i mean obviously they can keep going for a while but i don't want to be the last money in there i'm never i'm not on reddit and this truth maybe i should be on reddit more get on the ground floor for some public criminal behavior this has to be there's a there's a \*\*\*\*\* hedge fund that had to get a private bailout to the tune of two and a half billion dollars because these \*\*\*\*\* taquito eating \*\*\*\*\* on reddit decided to buy a bunch of game stock stop the game stop stock with their stimulus checks wall street cannot

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allow that to continue there will have to be prosecutions or some sort of regulatory crackdown just because not because it's wrong or even illegal but because it is too disruptive to the flow it's too it's adding too much unpredictability to a system that is already of course one thing they could do is crack down on short selling which 0:16:27 is what this whole thing was premised on but can't do that because that's that's how yeah we're certainly definitely not in a in a bubble people asking about glenn greenwald or uh \*\*\*\*\* jimmy door people are very frustrated by all these arguments one way or another or having or they're frustrated that they're being had this is the outcome of losing and having trump gone like if you have invested in you know politics to this point if your politics have been shaped by this online discourse and by the underlying assumption that online discourse can provide meaningful guides to action or meaningful coordinations of behavior that can affect politics then this moment 0:17:28 where the democrats are in power there's no real plausible way to pressure them now uh and because the dem republicans are right there that 50 50 senate oh god perfect for them to get to push off uh to for each dem for each base to be placated with uh accusations against the other for not being unifying enough we get back to the obama years in every sense but now with a fully developed political social media subculture which didn't really exist under obama or it was like it was it still existed but it was it was in this weird transitional period between the blog era and social media like that whole obama years you didn't really get until the second like the last uh the last two years of obama's term before you get something really like the even early 0:18:29 emergence of a self-conscious online like left-wing uh movement to use and so now you're gonna have a fully developed one with the same dynamic the same dynamic of powerlessness at the bottom and a republican part a democratic and republican party dedicated to you know bipartisan austerity in the face of misery uh at the top and that means that you know uh there's gonna be a lot of hate to be made and a lot of incentive for people to create big fl sparky fights with each other to simulate forward movement to simulate power and authority more than anything that's the really important part is that this stuff is about creating the illusion of momentum forward because if you're fighting with somebody who is on another show on another 0:19:30 uh has their own you know click and you can criticize them have them criticize you that dynamic that conflict can simulate a like a movement finding a direction like it becomes our virtual reality version of you know like a floor fight at a convention only there is no convention and there's no party and there is no um power and then no one more importantly none of the people represent anyone they don't represent anyone in the sense that there is a coordinated group of people who have like certain demands they don't have a block all they have is uh viewers and the thing about viewers is that there's a lot of reasons that you watch something or listen to something they 0:20:32

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don't always they don't correspond politically because it's not really and i'm not really condemning this i'm not saying it's bad i think the argument that's bad is premised on another misconception which is if people weren't doing this they would be doing something more productive and maybe if they were online less they would find something more productive in their lives but as long as they're gonna be on here anything they do uh the i guess i just i just personally cannot invest but it's 0:21:33 because people feel frustrated i mean my god we're we're in the middle of a \*\*\*\*\* pandemic the \*\*\*\*\* economy is teetering on collapse they're uh they're got their thumbs up their ass about everything uh there is there is essentially an admission by the power the party that just took power in a huge \*\*\*\*\* of self-importance this absurd spectacle of inaugural the return of sanity and unity and decency and then immediately said yeah there's really nothing we can do about any of this stuff the \*\*\*\*\* up vaccine rollout the massive increase the the the massive the numbers of deaths oh more strains coming uh we're gonna see about we're gonna listen to the science but that still means reopening stuff because there's no alternative to keeping the goddamn economy moving keep the money circulating because we have no large scale uh capacity or interest in doing anything else anything that could actually be a meaningful check on uh spread instead fauci's out there today saying you know 0:22:36 what maybe wear two masks so that now when you're out you can feel better about yourself for having two masks and you can judge all those other people who only have one mask and then the people with one mask now have like a nice precarity where they can feel superior to the people who don't wear any masks and then feel like a weird hostility and uh resentment of people who show off by wearing two and so you get another layer of resentment field uh self-expressive politics to make up for the complete lack of any coordinated \*\*\*\*\* uh ameliorative project here and in such a context why wouldn't you be pissed why wouldn't you want to see someone to blame and if you really have spent the last four years convincing yourself that these debates push the wheel forward in some way then there's a lot of emotional 0:23:37 investment in picking the right leaders and holding the wrong ones to account i mean the people a good example of this is the boogaloo boy thing with jimmy dore how many boogaloo boys are there in this country realistically how many of these guys exist what difference does it make and either way and i'm sorry people say this is like monstrously dangerous because oh people are gonna flood into their movement no no it's all \*\*\*\*\* it is it is you are you are you're talking to this and you're talking to and about a incredibly self-selected group of political maniacs people who have driven themselves mad by politics one way or another and are invested in like public performance of politics that is a thin slice of the population that cannot and will 0:24:39 not like uh spontaneously regener like expand its size and the idea that well these

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people are being funneled into it who is being funneled where everyone is just online and you have to be a certain type of mindset to see this whole \*\*\*\*\* thing playing out and go yes i'm gonna wear a hawaiian shirt and carry a gun around in a protest and that that combination of stuff the very last step of that is whatever they see on the internet that's the last thing that gets someone there it's and honestly the least consequential step of all of them i am not the most soy person ever thank you very much at least uh at least i have an actual beard i did used to have a neck beard i will admit but i do have an actual beard i always annoyed me when people would say call me a neckbeard after i got a real one i was like i'm sorry sir this is not a neckbeard oh good thank you someone asked about that hilarious uh american uh conservative piece saying that we need a salazar ma i love that because it really does show a lot of uh the very the pathologies we're talking about here um if people don't know salazar uh is like the he should really be more loved amongst like the the dork right you know like the book nerds like the guys who uh uh the insult types because he is of the 20th century european dictators he didn't come out of like the military or anything or even politics he was a professor he was an economics professor and when the military overthrew the government in portugal uh they no one really knew what to do and the only competent person in in who got a a portfolio was salazar who because of his technocratic uh uh economics economic uh skills was made finance minister and he did such a dang good job that they made him prime minister and eventually he was able to consolidate power around himself and away from the military uh and then he had like a franco-esque run as a super as the guy as pres as prime minister of the estado novo the new state which is like the syncretic thing that he created there uh and there's a whole and him and uh franco also shared the fact that their deaths were very prolonged and in salazar's case kind of comical because salazar had a stroke uh and everyone thought he was going to die and an opponent and a successor was appointed and was already ruling when he came out of the coma uh and they didn't want to i mean they'd already done the transition it was going and nobody knew how many marbles he still had so instead of putting him back in charge they just told him he was back in charge and gave him like a little desk and a little phone that didn't connect anything until and then waited for him to die and then after that the uh his successor was overthrown by a communist-led military coup well very rare thing indeed the carnation revolution which as i have said is the closest thing we really have to anything we can hope for so this is sort of like the right wing flip side of that like i'm i'm pinning for a uh a a american carnation revolution and the american conservative is pinning for an american estado novo but one thing that really exemplifies is what i'm saying and refers to that i was talking about the total boutique uh irrelevance of all of this online argumentation like i would say one in a

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thousand americans knows who \*\*\*\*\* this is just a thing for nerds to talk about and then even in the but even on its own terms it's a failure because i read that piece and obviously it's garbage and he soft sells salazar's brutality because they were brutal it was a brutal police state they tortured and murdered communists they had concentration camps and also they carried out horrifyingly brutal uh colonial wars long past the point when it was pretty clear to every other colonial power in europe that it was no longer viable to have these things he was one of the last supporters in europe that the illegal white minority government which he didn't talk about but what he did say in the article is he created this beautiful syncretic thing this paternalistic traditionalism that gave everybody like security where they were and prevented the market from like totally destabilizing everything and prevented most importantly politics from poisoning every relationship and that since we're all too politicized now to really deal with one another and that is true and this thing that we have to deal with the fact that like the the basic premise of of um like political collaboration that has to undergird even partisan conflict has dissolved like that's a real crisis that we need to deal with but his res but the idea that the way to solve that is state shows you how just how much people don't understand what america is because even if you accept his description of the salazar regime of this i don't know on face value the thing that allowed it to work is that it was it truly was like a barely post-feudal hegemonically catholic country that actually did have like social traditions that could undergird a political order the idea that america could ever duplicate that is insane because there is no social betting social um restraint to individual desire everybody in america like the american traditional uh uh the ideal that the that that would have to undergird whatever he's talking about our version of that like catholic individualist which certainly couldn't be catholic because you know there aren't that many catholics in america and most of the ones who are protestant we have what we have as like an embedded social tradition is i get to do whatever i want and that's true of conservatives as true as it is of the most licentious liberal and i think the last four years have shown that pretty clearly any argument that that that there's that the patriarchal uh capitalist protestant order that like woke capitalism is overthrowing is in any way more like uh that is is any more more socially restrained any anyway less maniacally committed to self-satisfaction at the expense of everyone else like i get to do what i want when i want and and limitations on me are in fact limitations on freedom conservatives believe that just as much as you know the decadent bushwick uh witches that they hate do there is no involves uh a idea of social expression and liberty that is like it is not maximally committed to personal for personal satisfaction and for americans that means uh more than anything resource consumption and if that's what it is you cannot have any stable

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uh non-political order overrule that uh and and and coordinate that because figuring out who gets what is politics and if there's nothing in your social framework that even suggests that anybody else but you get everything then you need you need either a strong like alienated technocratic uh you need a strong if you have a government that's gonna work at all it's going to be it's going to necessitate as much access to resources as possible and our crisis is a crisis of resource access and the reduction of it the reduction of the expectation of it more and salazar could tell to the the hungry masses of the 30s go to mass stop stop wanting to tell what stop wanting a car go to mass or they wouldn't even consider that the most part you're talking about incredibly poor people in portugal they just wanted to \*\*\*\*\* eat but you could say hey the the \*\*\*\*\* you know the bishop doesn't want you to do that think think of everybody else there's nothing doing that there's nothing to to ground us there's nothing to work from even if the uh the the uh normal americans even if our like white middle class the white middle-class base of conservative reaction in this country took power there'd be nothing there to ground them because everything i want when i want it is the sum total of american culture and america's expectation of and the only way that maintains itself is uh domination and extraction at home and but yeah it reminds you that the right is just as out to like the the online intellectual right is as out to lunch as the left is is this committed to building their little ships in a bottle and fantasizing about autonomy and ability to to influence the market and politics people want me to talk about australia day i have no idea why you would what what about australia it's is that like the fourth of july for australia basically i'm assuming that every year it's a big culture war thing because of the whole i don't know why they \*\*\*\*\* are so what wrapped up about australia don't get too attached to it it will be uninhabitable in 20 years well i would not get too uh like fixated on on that hey thank someone is asking about kurt schlichter i i was idm some friends of mine the other day and i said what the \*\*\*\*\* happened to him he this is his moment he wrote two books about an america that's like broken up by a civil war between woke people and and real americans why was he not at the capitol why was what is he been doing i mean i don't know what he's tweeting because he blocked me a long time ago but i would i would assume that i would have seen his takes like come through the trade transom because even though he had me blocked he was always good i would always find out when he said something insane because somebody else would say check out this and somebody like whoa i haven't seen anything from him since before the election he's still around right it's kind of blowing my mind like did he just lose his nerve because this \*\*\*\*\* you would have thought when the election was contested and people were going to courthouses and demanding they stopped the count and people started saying we're going to go to washington a second american

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revolution you would have thought he would have been at the precipice of it you would have thought that he would have been like on point i'm going to see if he i'm going to see because this is honestly baffling to me how oh did he get well this might explain it wait a minute he has a town hall article about how joe biden is a draft dodger are you \*\*\*\*\* kidding me that's his \*\*\*\*\* where is the second civil war he's doing gotcha \*\*\*\*\* oh my god he's calling biden president asterix what a \*\*\*\*\* this \*\*\*\*\* was talking about during uh the george not even george boyd during the \*\*\*\*\* mike brown protest talking about loading watching tv while loading his mags what a \*\*\*\*\* cuck he's whining about how they're not doing enough unity oh these \*\*\*\*\* halfway i mean i guess you can't expect anything more from some guy who like sat behind a desk in kosovo and basically acted like he went into fallujah with the first i mean if you see that if you see that moment pop off after all that running your mouth and two books about it and that and honestly this should have told you all you needed to know about how serious this like insurgency was anybody who has a mortgage anybody who has a little bit to lose or uh or is like well secure enough in like the media ecosystem that they don't need to uh like risk their life and safety for uh clicks and and engagements they're not going to \*\*\*\*\* risk anything and that is still the center of gravity what a \*\*\*\*\* poser oh he's just whining about celebrities being mean to trump man i mean it's probably good that he didn't go to washington he's of the body shape to be one of the guys who yeah muncher sort of has filled the spot for trump isn't it like our collective expression like i think i've talked enough about muncher for now but i might come back to muncher we'll see yeah so about the new book i think i might do i might do black reconstruction but i'm i'm still deciding i will uh i will what's muncher educate this fool muncher is us consuming miserable oh man so there's a recall move for gavin newsom um i'm actually kind of interested in how that would work because the way they recalled gray davis is that daryl isa the uh carl arm crook congressman carl um congressman from orange county paid millions of dollars to hire canvassers to go around and get signatures and a lot of people signed them because he had botched the the blackout situation and he had i mean it was enron's fault if anyone's seen smartest guys in the room they kind of make and uh gray davis look like a sort of a martyr because enron was the one who \*\*\*\*\* him over by you know manipulating um the energy supply in order to boost their profits but he let them do it he \*\*\*\*\* let them do it he had the ability to \*\*\*\*\* actually he could have seized that \*\*\*\*\* and he didn't do it because he's a go along together he's gray davis he's a democrat so i have no sympathy for him like people are mad at him for a reason and but isa had the money and did it and of course in one of the greatest cuckings of all time he did that because he wanted to be governor he was going to be the guy who swooped in and replaced him and

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then schwarzenegger just goes hey i want to be governor and then he had to endorse him and just an amazing bit of coverage but for one how are you going to get are you going to get enough signatures now with every fewer people out and about uh and two has the partisan dynamic change so much that no matter how bad newsom is doing any recall uh will be will be assumed to be republican and therefore will be rejected by a california electorate that has turned pretty strongly against republicans in general but if he doesn't it'll be too bad because it would be a beautiful piece of history repeating itself if newsom got recalled and then the rock became governor of 0:44:13  
california and of course people say well the rock is a republican he would obviously have to run as a democrat that's a no-brainer but i don't think that that would be too hard for him because he's already a uh you know on the on the um on the edge he's already he's already condemned you know divisive talk and stuff and that's all you really need to clooney would be good because remember california is nutty if there's a recall it's not like there's a primaries or anything there's one election where anybody who gets enough signatures or like files the paperwork can be on the ballot and so you could get like some celeb uh democrat to do it that would be 0:45:14  
cool but john's the rock makes the most sense somebody asked if poser and hustler is a better word to use in grift or grifter i don't think that there's any reason to us use those terms at all because it is it's all the whole question of grifting is the spider-man pointing at itself meme because the grift if there is one is the grift of the presentation of a fabricated reality whereby your participation in online political argument and online political opinion formation is organizing that is not true now the people who operate from that assumption might not know that it's not true they 0:46:16  
might be lying to themselves in order to keep themselves engaged because they have no other way of imagining themselves being and others might be aware of it but have justified things otherwise but it's such a pervasive thing and it so undergirds all of these things that like pointing out one person as a grifter over someone else seems to be a pretty small boar i mean how it's dissecting the grape like how do you determine everyone is grifting everyone is operating off of the same shared delusion yes liz and brace should run for governor and lieutenant governor of california america is a grift 0:47:21  
someone says 100 that's one of the best things about lodge 49 is that not only did it show what it's like to struggle in this country the payday loan cycle and uh you know people putting off purchases and putting off health care because they can't afford it and stuff like that they get that part but then what it also really gets is that the people who are making it the people who are actually succeeded in this economy are not doing so by creating anything useful or by presiding over meaningful economic activity they are sitting on a nesting in nesting pyramid schemes they are there to be names on paper to move around money that is never that never has to be invested

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profitably in anything that just has to be moved around and just has to sit like the 0:48:22  
whole the background of the show is that the the big defense contractor which they  
call orvis in the show which is modeled after boeing which is like which has that role  
in as like a key industry in the real long beach is closing and they're in the process of  
shutting down all of its departments and and selling off all of its assets and creating  
these big and then dealing with the land that it had it had been on and all and that  
so that was a real company you know that actually made \*\*\*\*\* in the the fortist you  
know uh military keynesian heyday after world war ii and what's replacing it the the  
uh the chain restaurant uh and the uh the fake residential development and of course  
to tech sector which is the only place where you know real money has been made in 0:49:25  
the u.s economy outside of extraction in the past 20 years uh is the most exemplary  
because that's entirely fictional none of those companies make money i don't know if  
anyone has seen the graph that was put that was put out recently of of uh the stock  
prices of non-profitable tech companies over the last few years it is a shocking image  
and of course we now have the richest man in the world being a man whose company  
makes cars a few of them that tend to blow up and kill people like tesla is a boutique  
car maker it's like \*\*\*\*\* uh it's like tuckers or a duesenberg or \*\*\*\*\* uh maserati it  
is not like gm or or ford or chevy in terms of it's it's the cars it puts out there's no  
reason for it's to be worth what it's worth other than the fact that musk has as i said  
before been able to monopolize the brand of a salvageable technological solution to 0:50:27  
our and uber has lost more money that could ever make back even if it did become  
the monopoly uh transportation provider in the country could never make back the  
money that's been spent on but that's not the point the point is not to ever make  
money the point is to uh is to move the money around and as i've said with the  
tech sector specifically invest in technologies and now they're doing a thing with lift  
where like you have to bid for a route and like you have to take you have to take a  
lower rate to get more rides this is uh the opposite this is a this is a i believe daniel 0:51:29  
bessner uh pointed this out this is this is like the old hiring halls for unions only from  
the owners where and where they get to dictate your uh your terms because they  
control access to the to the opportunities to make the small amount of money and  
the same way that the online political uh media ecosystem of grifting whatever you  
want to call it depends on people who want to be grifted because they want their  
engagement with this to mean something all of these stacked up criminalities they 0:52:30  
exist because we need them to be there yeah the new social contract at uh the world  
economic forum it's neo feudalism if you need a spoiler alert it is you own nothing  
you you have access to things you have access to streams of data to housing to uh  
to food sources that are conditional on your relationship with the companies that  
provide them that you want a good quick definition of techno feudalism at like a at

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the level of your like economic relationships that's it and what that means is you have zero leverage over anything not only have you lost the leverage as a uh as a worker as a producer that was lost with the end of organized labor you have even lost your leverage as a consumer which was what we were supposed to get instead which was supposed to be the deal yes you no longer have control over your work but you have control over what you buy and that control exerts uh allows you to exert leverage in the market that's still too much that's too much leverage when people are going to have to exist with less and less so that has to go away too and that's the all right i'm going to wrap up here in a minute if anyone's got any more questions well somebody says they're not uh enjoying the surplus it's really more about the distributing the surplus that other people and because remember this is when we're talking about neil fueller's we're talking about it you know the way that that's going to express itself in america it's still going to depend on resource extraction and labor in other places of the world par other parts of the supply chain and then that surplus comes here and then it's distributed at the whim of no longer any kind of collaboration between you know people and capital that you saw in like the mixed economy of the 20th godzilla or king khan uh i'll i'll watch that movie for one thing for sure i mean i i see a movie if there's big things fighting in it even if there's cgi i don't care someone wants to say that they thought my diabetic joke was funny i i'm sorry if people were offended by that i it was really i was not saying that like i was not making a fat joke or anything i swear to god i was just trying to make fun of libs as always but i will see a movie where two big things fight each other i actually kind of did like uh the first godzilla even though it was too self-serious i enjoyed how much of a sense of proportion and size godzilla had that movie and also the fact that he was in it so little a lot of people complained about that i liked it because she didn't burn out on him i liked kong skull island did not like godzilla king of the monsters very much but hey it's kong vs godzilla and what are you gonna do what's wrong with that although it is very funny how they had to make kong way bigger than he is canonically because obviously the size differential is so just so big that it's not really a contest uh which you know they did that already with the original king kong vs godzilla but the one thing that always made it seem like a mismatch is the fire breath you know he has atomic \*\*\*\*\* godzilla has atomic radiation he can throw it at you from across the \*\*\*\*\* town from another zip code how are you as a and there's a shot in the end of the trailer where he like has some sort of device that he uses to reflect the thing i don't know they have definitely um in these new godzilla movies they made it a little better a little easier for king kong because um they've sort of made it so that godzilla doesn't get to blow the fire very much he has to like save up to do it which hey that could be the case biologically but of course the real thing is that obviously there's

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not actually going to be a winner or a loser they're going to turn on a real enemy to fight together because they're both good guys they're both now canonically good guys uh they cannot one of them can't lose and that's fine it's just who the bad guy is like i'm sure it's gonna be some other scarier monster i would really like it though if it was the people that would be the perfect king kong vs godzilla movie if they were basically made to fight one another by these humans for their own amusement more than anything or for you know the the dark power designs of some of them and at some point in the fight godzilla and king kong realize that and just start wiping out humanity but i don't think we're going to get yeah like deep ecology and the thing is is that there they had a so they've had a a weird through line of that in the movies because the whole like godzilla is presented in these new godzilla movies these new legendary godzilla movies as like this balancing force who restores the homeostasis within within the ecosystem once it's been thrown off and i don't understand how after now it's three movies godzilla has not realized that the thing destabilizing the goddamn ecosystem is not some giant uh \*\*\*\*\* moths man all right i gotta i'm gonna go off but first i want to say something about that one division show the amount the degree to which the mcu people have gone up their own \*\*\*\*\* is breathtaking the the degree to which they assume that everyone has not only watched all these movies and the thing is yeah most people probably most moviegoers probably have watched all of them considering how much money they made i'll admit i've seen them all but not only that that they \*\*\*\*\* care about all this \*\*\*\*\* and i'm sorry those two things are not the same and i will give michael bay credit for this above anything michael bay does not give a \*\*\*\*\* does not assume audience investment in the crap that he makes there are five transformers movies which i've seen all of the lore in them like the internal canon changes from movie to movie there is no internal consistency whatever they want to do they do and they essentially forget what happened in the previous movies because they know you're just here to see some stupid \*\*\*\*\* robots fight each other you're not here to do homework like in the fir the first words the first \*\*\*\*\* words in the first transformers movies are a voice over by optimus prime saying in the beginning there was the cube and he says that this energon cube is what created life on uh cybertron and they're fighting over it i think in the and then in the second movie they introduce the idea of like the other this this race of primes who all like killed themselves on earth millennia previously to hides the matrix of leadership and that there are and even though the first movie showed the cube like making machines come to life when it touched them they had machines giving they had like baby robots being burst out of pods and robot heaven the fourth movie had a robot goddess i believe voiced by kate blanchette or somebody be the person who created uh life on earth and also the transformers and then of course the fifth

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one had king arthur and harriet tubman as like secret autobot allies through history none of it is connected to itself none of it makes sense even internally let alone from movie to movie whereas the \*\*\*\*\* smug assertion behind these \*\*\*\*\* who make these marvel products that everybody is hanging on every element of this \*\*\*\*\* and that you're going to sit through 30 minutes of a incredibly unfunny parody of a 50s sitcom because my god maybe there's something lurking beneath this this placid suburban facade when have i seen that before so that you can get a few crumbs of reference to the \*\*\*\*\* movies that came out years ago at this point psychotic and an imperial logic that is that is monstrous and and uh once again give me give me give 1:2:51 me bay simple carnal desire to see things blow up and to see women in wet shirts bend over motorcycles talk to you tomorrow we will see how much gamestop stock is up in the next 24 hours and then i'm if it's still going up i'm gonna feel like a real idiot for not buying some

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\*Music playing\*\* that ain't nothing but 10 cent loving hey little thing let me let you kinda cause i wanna know i'm sure the handyman i can't live why i'm a man on your scene how \*\*Music playing\*\* all right i just sent submitted the thing that 0:1:8  
uh sends it out so the tweet ah ah back in this room back in the cube i like to think that this is my my new posting cube my winter posting cube uh and we love it folks don't we we love to have the show man i miss him already i didn't think i would i thought i would be sick of it but it's just so weird i was gone and now he says oh i got the office of the ex-president and i'm going to be doing this that but he's not the 0:2:9  
wind crawls maria so i wanted to talk today start today talking kind of expanding on the implications of what i've been talking about with regards to the real base of the like insurrectionary right in this country your not just the capital stormers but the entire swath of america that they represent electorally but more importantly culturally and a lot of confusion ends up stacking up around this stuff because the object of this revolt is so clearly now not really i mean yes it is racist that it is right uh misogynist and patriarchal and all that stuff but the target of its ire really is not 0:3:13  
just the cultural structure that creates those things that they don't like but genuinely the economic structure that's tied to those because there is this is a conflict between a a a um national regional small bourgeois who are both who are feeling culturally attacked but are in fact in actual point of fact behind their back because they're a bunch of dumb asses and they're as lumpinized as the rest of us and lobotomized as the rest of us by the experience of living in like the in post-material america where we don't make anything we don't have we we we just consume and consumption is how we uh view all of our lives and so all of our politics and gets and the way we stack ourselves goes along that which means we're only responding to cultural stimuli they're revolting against that that's what they think they're revolting at but 0:4:15  
the thing that's actually prodding them towards extremism not their opinions they are reactionary people but the extremism with which they hold them not just voting for republicans but going to places with guns to protest and then and if enough of them coming to washington d.c and just generally denying the result of an election

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which is this and i mean the libs obviously are using it to their advantage and they're all hysterical but we have crossed the rubicon here in terms of the way that our two-party system post-civil war has coalesced around questions of exchange of power that's true and has to be addressed and the thing that's driving that is not the opinions they're the same opinions people held in the 60s in the 70s under reagan and uh newt gingrich it's the same set of reactionary views driven by the same local uh local culture of you know small holder uh hierarchy you know a hierarchy of race 0:5:17 and gender and then within that uh whose family you're with are you are you at the top do you have the the uh the license to the fracking well or you know do you have the franchise for all of the arby's on the west side whatever like land-based thing you have that is fixed and is not a free flow of capital that can go one way or the other the way that finance capital on the coast is that fixed asset creates a culture around it politics is understood as this cultural war because the the assumed basis of capitalism that's driving everything is taken for granted that can't be challenged because it's been good for everybody i.e the people at the top who then create a culture around themselves that justifies all of their power that uses things like racism and and uh and gender anxiety to maintain those structures it is stabilizing of the local conception of 0:6:20 capitalism there but now we have this uh this ever accelerating uh global capitalism this totally unfixed finance capitalism that has replaced productive economies in the west and most specifically in the united states and it has a culture around itself that by definition cannot use a lot of those old structures because they make it harder to create a marketplace for transactions to occur because the thing about that local regime of power is that it has to exclude it has it's but defined by what it excludes and for global capitalism the culture of global capitalism the technologically driven culture of global capitalism and media that those things have to dissolve in order to create an actual comprehensive market so that you can sell to everybody not just part 0:7:21 of a certain you know chosen uh racial grouping that has like the cult that deserves the ability to consume because of uh virtues that are inherent to either their gender or their race no we have to create a new model so that everybody is is a citizen as in and it and that is the conflict that is uh understood as like the cultural war against regular americans or whatever but what's driving that is the real material conflict between these small holders maintaining their exalted economic position and the pressure of global capitalism to strip them of their assets that's the engine that's driving this whole train is monopoly and it it means that it's coming for everyone's assets first it came for the small amount that has held together that was cobbled together by the moment in the sun that the that the working middle class was able 0:8:23 to put out there you know just homes and home investments and maybe some stock that all got wiped out over the course of the last 40 years but they're still held these

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physical assets and those gotta go too and that's a real conflict but that's not what we have a politics about we have a politics that is this spectacle of cultural grievance because we have lost class consciousness and what that means is that there are going to be tons of actual working-class people who support this counter-reaction this reactionary battle against global capital uh like globalization and and they because they are declassified as americans because they do not live class they're examining the changing culture through the lens of where they're where they are their physical environment the actual culture the rural fixed culture or rural or observant fixed 0:9:24 culture that they reside in and they see this as an attack and even though it has nothing to do with their material interests it's the material interests of their bosses who have the same basic premise of totally uh wage destroying or totally uh abjecting the working class over time the only difference is in my model of local hegemony i get to stay on top and i don't have to worry about being proletarianized the same way that the middle class has become the same way that the pmc is becoming it can't it's going to come for me and i want to prevent that and that's the fight and it's going to list a ton of working-class people because they're responding to a cultural conflict that is the language we process politics with and that's the actual conflict happening here driven by a material conflict between regional and global finance capital and 0:10:25 expressed culturally and uh i think one thing that doesn't get pointed out enough is that that con that dynamic is the dominant political dynamic in every country right now in people want to talk about the big strike in india the the the farmers strike against neo-liberalization transfer of the economy because like modi is like the neoliberal if there is such a thing as a neoliberal fascist it's modi he uses hindutva nationalism to propel an agenda of hyper neoliberalization of the economy and that means they're getting rid of the subsidies for a bunch of farmers in uh in some states in india near punjab and around there uh and it's a and it's led to this long strike and revolt by these farmers and so that looks like the same way a lot of the anti-establishment politics on the right in america looks like traditional working-class uh uh mobilization against capitalism that's it looks like that a strike by farmers but 0:11:26 you got to remember that within the context of these states and the these farmers are the local landowners they are the landlords and they get their money out of the land by leveraging state subsidy like free electricity and water and stuff in exchange uh and then the hyper-exploited labor of the landless classes many of whom from poorer states and other parts of india who are brought in as essentially slave labor reproducing the old feudal system that and their revolt against neoliberalism it's it is a popular revolt and it is on behalf of some version of the people but those are people who within a regional uh network of power are on top that is true in brexit the brexit vote and the whole politics of that in britain it's the exact same thing

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it is a revolt of regional power against london against against london and now not 0:12:27  
even london it's basically it actually no yeah look because london was always such a  
load start like there it doesn't have the same like regional diversity like london was  
always london since the beginning of capitalism but it becoming brussels or hum uh  
frankfurt that was not acceptable that's the fight it's regional versus in the context  
of the eu uh global like hamburg represents uh you know our neoliberal consensus  
the same way the democratic party and like the bipartisan consensus in them in our  
politics does but it's on behalf of regional power not on behalf of workers workers  
might agree with it because they're expressing things through the cultural lens that  
they have emerged out of and it's true on continental europe orbit and all of the  
all of the neo-fascists who are uh who are now uh creating these regimes and and 0:13:28  
the thing that makes this so difficult to parse and the reason that there's so much  
conflict about what to do how to respond to this how to respond to these people  
like should we is it is it wrong to try to uh appeal to them is that acceding to  
white supremacy or something you know like are they fascist is that is that and  
what does that mean and like is it working class or are they the pmc or is the  
pmc class of itself all of these really distracting and incredibly innervating questions  
emerge from this category error because you have a actual expression of of class  
wide resistance to neoliberalism being fully uh articulated and globalized and the  
fact that that is going to and that the the cultural shape of that response is going to 0:14:30  
come from everyone who is being threatened by this but the people who are going to  
be threatened by this will express their alienation in the same way generally as the  
people around them and so that means even though you have like the working-class  
people of these exurban and rural areas are responding to real material uh threat  
the fact that like the working class has been destroyed the fact that uh like that the  
ones who even did get a college education but didn't go to the big city and tried  
to stay home that even theirs are getting squeezed and that the employees of a lot  
of these small firms who do not feel that alienated from their bosses who because  
of other relationships like maybe racial or something but like just cultural affinity  
being a bond that like overcomes their felt sense of alienation because remember  
they don't they don't express it to themselves in the top terms of class conflict the  
idea that their labor is being alienated does not occur to them that the whole idea 0:15:31  
that that there that there is a fundamental violation in the very fact of the wage  
system they do not accept that because where would they have heard that where  
would that have come to them and if they did feel that in the moment and they  
tried to express that what likely surrounding vocabulary is most probably going to  
fill the hole and shape their idea of what's happening to them it all gets recuperated  
at the superstructure all that alienation gets recuperated at the superstructure but it

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expresses itself in a way that's identical to people who are just these regional barons who want to maintain their fiefdoms and so that means what to do instead of being a question uh draw the line for people between capitalists and everybody else and away from all these other absolutely distracting and counterproductive axis that all serve to confuse the line of battle and to uh subvert the most important thing that a nascent left a non-existent left has to do which is this uh divide the people and that hasn't begun yet the sorting the sorting has to come before you can create the thing because remember there's no army here there's no real left it has to be built and the first step of building is identifying a a uh population and we're not even there yet and all of this argumentation this and all this distracting all these anxiety riddle uh counter arguments that are all about preening about one's own moral superiority you're either showing everybody that you don't give in to that neoliberal and you understand that class is real and that all of this uh language of oppression and intersectionality is all just anxiety riddled white people and cynical minorities over everybody else and i get that or you're demonstrating that i'm not like those knuckle draggers i understand what it means to be white and i understand that to be a good person i have to feel bad about it and i have to express that felt that felt badness and i'm that's all you're doing but but the i think honest and good faith uh dilemma that powers all of this bad faith argumentation is that confusion because this battle that is now waging across the world this local baronial revolt against the boot the the the uh the hyper normalizing uh hyper rationalizing uh homogen is god damn it i forgot where i was going oh uh that that that's the sum total of politics right now and and the and the working class is only incidentally involved the working class is participating to some degree but because on the terms of the fake politics on the terms of the spectacle or are disengaged because they've made a rational choice and a rational analysis of the situation said oh politics is fake and there's no reason for me to care about it they understand that and so they are not participating or if they are they're participating on the terms of this baronial conflict which means they are operating not on their own behalf but on the behalf of so this is the conflict this is the fundamental category error we have and and because it's trapped in this box there's no arguing your way out of it the lines are set and cannot be moved and as politics progresses it accelerates and as conflict progresses and accelerates the the uh the urgency to pick a side of these arguments because they will be more and more relevant over time as politics gets more extreme in response to continually the terms are going to get so uh the stakes are going to get so high democracy the white supremacy you know uh the end of the anthropocene that your ability to break out of it is going to be impossible you're going to be absolutely pot committed to one another side of this of this war between the king and the and the barons basically and

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that's why the only thing that might break this is for a orthogonal politics of explicit class res class alienation that generates a counter culture of its own that is immune to these discussions and distinctions and to organizing around these distinctions and shatters through them i've described this before but that really is it and as i've said before also the thing that it reminds me most of is the haitian revolution how you and i said this on a previous stream uh shout out again to my friend everett's age of napoleon podcast which is talking about it now and of course mike duncan had a really great series on it in the revolutions podcast he does uh but the politics of uh haiti on the precipice of the slave uprising after the revolution in france had kicked off a period of uh of political ferment there on the island uh the politics of that i would say in the court not even over the before the revolution and then also once the revolution started uh but before it had like become a real before it had coalesced into a real threat to power because after the initial wave of revolts and plantation burnings and and uh violence uh the cities were still held by uh the french and they were able to mount expeditions into the countryside to try to reclaim them and there was a period there where it was sort of stalemated and that was the period when uh the french uh uh representative on mission uh the jacobin sultanox emerged to uh coordinate the french revolutionary government response to the the violence uh the politics of the island were you had the one the party of the whites the big and small whites the regional local authority both motivated by a mixture of cultural and real interest conflict with france the cultural conflict with france after the revolution and after there was a movement in the revolutionary uh government to uh acknowledge at least colored people uh um as they were known as as citizens that was repulsive to the big whites as they were called because they were interested in the dominance of their government because then they could set their prices they didn't have to stick into the merchant tile system that meant they could only trade with the french metropole they could get the best price on the open market essentially the same motivation of our patriots our sons of liberty in the american revolution which was to uh break the trade monopoly with the british uh and the revolution was their mechanism in the same way the big whites this this racial discontent by the small whites which was powered by their resentment of the fact that even though they were they were on the island to make their lives they did not have land they they worked jobs in as clerks uh overseers the things that the things that the the kind of stuff that is alienating labor and that the big whites pay up uh either p paid them to do and compelled the blacks to do and the difference was color it was literally the the wage as uh as dubois dubois called it the the the skin wage was the fact that they had to pay them and that they could have their freedom and that they weren't compelled laborers uh but that tension between those two groups is exactly what generates uh political anxiety

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and the kind of reactionary sentiment we see with the mega revolution as it's echoed at all these other places too especially all throughout europe um and whatever their even though that they they had a class conflict that underlied both it was concealed by this racial solidarity they were opposed by the the freed colored uh haitians uh who were because uh in french slavery uh the close custom the culture around uh inter uh uh intersexual intersexual uh interracial relationships was different so than it was uh like in north america like in the colonies uh you could of course sexually take advantage of your slaves and you have produced children but they were slaves uh in haiti the uh culture was different you many of the um many of the plantation owners 0:25:50 took slave wives and they generally and almost as a matter of course acknowledge their children by slaves as legitimate which meant they were uh heirs to land so that means that you would buy the revolution created a good segment of uh land owning and and then you know associated you know cultural institutions like lawyers and stuff uh free collar cult population this is very similar to how the democratic party is now the party largely of people who since the 60s have been allowed into government and what legitimized the political conflict and and generated it was the fact that the revolution in france in order to carry out the principles of liberty that they were trying to impose uh was moving towards equalization of citizenship between races which led to this conflict in uh haiti and then after the rebel and then after uh i 0:26:51 believe after the king is uh uh killed who should the they actually get a new french military invasion from uh oh this is after the i'm sorry so in the middle of this conflict between these two the uh which is being of course observed by the slaves at there is a slave uprising an orthogonal political movement to break up this conflict because the thing these two conflicting sides have in common is that they both believe slavery is the only economic system and that they will defend it completely and that and so in the and then when this revolution happens the french send the french revolutionary government sends a uh representative on mission commanding french troops santa knox his name was and he set about imposing uh revolutionary french virtue on the uh colony by backing up the uh free color party against the big whites going to war 0:27:55 against the big whites but of course not for uh and so you've got the government like having to choose between these two sides choosing what the side that they think has a deeper uh is more suited to the moment because you've got so many white people and so few black people on haiti that over time that uh that you have to have a stabilizing like uh influence and the way to stabilize it is to increase the pool of people who are exempt from slavery and therefore can contribute to the economy and will have their vested interest in keeping slavery imposed and keeping slaves down being slaves exploited and um and that means that in the broader interest of the 0:28:56 french colonial economic system uh recognizing free colored citizenship is in the best

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interest of the economy but the local interests of the of the local rulers of haiti it is against both because it undermines their relationships with the small whites and more importantly it subordinates their economic interests to the revolutionary french government which could mean having their property confiscated or at the very least they will be prevented from freighting with the british or anybody else obviously and so the revolutionary french government backed the free colors against the whites and they probably would have won but then what happened the slaves kept organizing kept fighting and kicked all those off and that if there's hope as george orwell said it will come from the pros in the exact same way in all these other countries and 0:29:57 hopefully at some point organizing to bring themselves together and coordinate their actions between themselves a un mystify uh class conscious counterculture emerging from a organization of uh people at their paces of business or places of work places of exploitation will uh generate the momentum to come in from the edge of this battle and because the two are at war break this stalemate and now what shape that will take i of course cannot say that would be absurd but then general contours that's what you have to put your money on and what the practical implication of that is is once again i'm a broken record log off at least log off to these arguments because 0:30:59 none of them refer to the matter at hand they refer to this phantom war between the barons and yes someone's asking about haiti's very bad situation which obviously a lot of people have pointed to to say look this is what happens when you let the proles take over they can't do it being in charge even if it is not racially mandated or even uh like morally mandated is pragmatically mandated by the fact that people on top have the understanding of the mechanisms of power sufficient to master their environment and that it's not that it doesn't even have to be a moral question you can't even say it's because they're better people they're more refined that might be the justification you use the practical matter is that they built the machine they know how it runs and if the people who are outside of it and by definition because they're outside of it they have not been really initiated into it the people really initiated to it 0:32:0 are always going to be a very small sliver of any effective and i mean you'll get a little bit of the middle class but if they're never if they're the vanguard if they take over then they will reproduce the exploitative relationship because they have to stay on top until you equalize labor you cannot get rid of hierarchy in that of that and that and the separation of classes so they say that that's that's tha that's the evidence that's that's why you can't and that's why revolution is never to be sought and it must always be avoided uh but the answer is haiti was in and the true and and and i would say that the case in almost every counter every example that is used in this way is that every the reason that the the record of revolutionary governments is poor in general uh in terms of like quality of life and stuff and political freedom which is

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a thing i'm sorry i know people love to jerk off to the idea of gulags but you do need 0:33:1  
to have some freedom of expression culturally you do have to have if the like jack  
boots are bad whoever is wearing them because they're bad for your so your social  
structure they turn you everyone into cynics they make ev impossible for anyone to  
really believe in the project and people have to believe in the project or else it's just a  
skeleton of oppression that is might not be capitalist but it still all of them had to be  
destroyed all of them had to be strangled in their crib and the ones that couldn't be  
had to be at every moment that there existed opposed by capital and that pressure  
deformed them and and in the case of haiti it's not just that they were immediately  
ostracized and in fact de facto embargoed by the united states which didn't recognize  
haiti as an independent country until the civil war uh that was that'd be one thing  
the french extracted billions and billions of dollars over the decades in compensation 0:34:4  
for the property that they that is an incomplete revolution by definition as all of them  
have been and that is why the moment the real spindle point the turning uh wheel of  
the dark tower the level of the dark tower we're on the the floor that we're on at the  
dark tower because they would never admitted it later because they didn't want to  
look wrong but none of the bolsheviks none of the ones who actually made november  
1918 happen and it was a small handful of people and this is why vanguardists love 0:35:6  
to fetishize the postfix because getting numbers has always been the left's problem  
once the new deal kicks in on the west because you buy off the working class in  
huge numbers it makes it your audience is smaller your discontented workers by  
definition is a smaller audience and so you have to fetishize the effectiveness and  
coordination of smaller p groups because that's all you really have and the example  
of and the re and you can't really blame them in some respect because we do have  
a historical example it was a handful of guys it has been stated before and i believe  
it completely that if the train the sealed train derails on the way from switzerland  
to the finland station and like lenin gets and that whole car full of people died there  
is no october revolution there is most likely some sort of uh cornulov-esque military  
pooched that initiates a um like an early fascism but like less mechanically advanced 0:36:9  
uh than the the german version and less expansionary than the expansionary than  
the german version because it starts from a lower level of economic uh complexity  
like it was essentially a feudal country with a with a modern facade and then the  
21st the 20th century just dropped in their lap at tannenberg and they had no way  
of dealing with that that's why they felt they they uh collapsed that's why so few  
people could be so decisive but anyway you would have had some sort of military  
uh counter-evolution that would have included by definition uh because you would  
have had the he would have had to really put the boot down just like after 1905  
like the black hundred times 100 which would have necessitated some systematized

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programming of the jewish population of the russian empire and trotsky said that and he's 100 correct on that the man was a good historian which is why he was such a shitty leader because if you know how contingent this is and you know how many variables goes into it and you know how it's very hard to uh pick a side you need to be a little more but anyway none of them would have gone forward none of them would have gotten in that room with them and like yelled it out with uh kaminev uh about uh whether to go forward with it uh having to like decide at the last minute to to rescind the uh endorsement of the july uprising because it just didn't feel like the moment was right uh they did all of that assuming that their first shot would be met with a european continent-wide revolution starting in germany they 1 000 billion percent thought that they operated from that assumption that assumption undergirded everything else you can talk about tactical stuff you can talk about personalities but they're all shaped by that underlying fundamental belief and for a minute there it looked like it might actually happen there's the there's uh moments when like after the keel uprising of the sailors in in germany when uh when lenin is is like this is this is gonna happen and then it didn't that might have been when the door got shut i'm not saying it is i'm also i'm speculating on a hypothesis because if that succeeds if and the thing is is that the revolutionary potential in germany to succeed existed i 100 believe that i believe that the the organizing capacity and motivation of the working class in germany relative to the power of the old ruling class in germany after world war ii was such the power balance was such that a properly organized german working class successfully overthrows not just the kaiser but german capitalism and that if that happens people would say well they would be instantly attacked by germany england and france yes they would have but if that happens there is simultaneous working-class uprisings and general strike actions in france and germany or in england and it didn't happen there's a million reasons and you could if you got enough of them you might find the dark beating heart of history which is that everything is fully predetermined and that nothing has any alternative that we live in a world that is fixed on its rails and that only that only the illusion of projecting forward and the fantasy of looking backward through the glass darkly both ways gives us any delusion that we have any kind of uh alternative but of course we don't know that so we have to operate from the assumption at all points that that's not true because that is what it is to live and therefore that is what it is to fight and to struggle and to move towards justice how about this alternative world how about the place where benjamin butler accepts abraham lincoln's offer to be his vice president in 1865 in an 1864 election because butler had been a um he had been a doe faces doe face before the war you want to talk about like border state credentials which is why they had to put um the democrat johnson on the ticket

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butler he was from massachusetts but he was as much a doe face as franklin pierce or any of those other yankee scumbags he voted for breckenridge in 1860 not even 0:41:18  
stephen douglas he voted for the south's candidate that is how committed he was to sucking off the slave power to maintain his corrupt influence so you want to get a guy on the ticket who reaches across the aisle my god you couldn't do better than benjamin benny butler so it's not like you have to worry about throwing away any advantage and it the war or lincoln's election was won by the army and that's why the democrats nominated mccllellan who even though he never won a battle was notoriously beloved by his soldiers because he made sure that they were well kept and taken care of of course because he didn't make them do anything um oh our casualty rates are so low because you're not fighting the enemy of course you like this that's why they picked him but the the boys in blue said no we're finishing this we're finishing this and by 1864 james mcpherson and others have said the motivation of 0:42:19  
the the troops in the field about why they were fighting had changed significantly since the beginning of the war now a lot of them these aren't obviously a lot of the same guys because uh very few people who were serving at the beginning of the war were still serving at the end but uh the army was also much bigger by uh who in their letters home in 1861 are talking about keeping the union together the sacred union and our beloved constitution which we love by 1864. certainly after uh uh the breakout of chattanooga and sherman just plunging his dagger into the heart of georgia and the actual encounter between union troops and the practical reality of slavery in the south which many of them had never even really thought of had only even encountered in popular amusements led them to believe that this was a fight to end slavery that it was a moral bat and it's you can say oh that's you know 0:43:21  
you want to justify why you're knee deep in your butt friend's blood yes exactly you have to consecrate you have to consecrate the sacrifice and the constitution wasn't cutting it by 1864 which means that the aperture of and so yes they want atlanta and that helped push it but it was never that close the boys in blue voted for uh to finish the war on the terms of ending slavery for all of time they had been radicalized john brown's mission was moving forward and then that cracker andrew johnson so i'm saying butler gets it as the vp because they offered it to him that's a killing glow they offered it to him and he turned him down just like henry clay turned down the vp spot from william henry harrison which honestly might have averted the civil war and allowed slavery to go out peacefully the way like ron paul thinks so although i don't know if that's actually true or not maybe probably not but man 0:44:23  
the chance for the wigs in the aftermath of the collapse of 1837 to govern from the idea of like the national model uh the american system of clay which because which was possible because they won all three branches they had the house senate which

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the only time they did and they had this disgusting slave freak pervert john tyler out there who has living grandchildren because he married a 16 year old when he was like 98 disgusting sator derailed the entire thing and all we got was the democracy and its hegemonic westward expansion its march mad march towards oblivion to govern the politics until of course butler gets in and let's throw another little one in here let's say lincoln doesn't even get shot by booth maybe butler brings a bottle of whiskey over to the white house and they play cards with grant instead of going to the uh theater celebrate the win who knows we're ballin i don't know anything booth and then you get a lincoln butler administration moving towards uh social equality not out of a desire to see it done but simply as a process of seeing the assertion of black rights the assertion of black economic demands and social equality that flows from that seeing the way that that connects to this infrastructure of you know still committed troops and the growing uh migration of carpetbaggers literally like going to the countryside to remake the culture of uh the backwoods and of these places which had no public schooling because there was essentially no public um there was no public um provision of education or infrastructure of any kind in the southern states because it was governed along they were governed along jeffersonian model of minimal government maximal individual freedom which means the freedom mostly of existing economic stakeholders to hyper exploit and then sit on the money and buy golden uh uh bassinets and uh and chifforobes made of fine uh siamese uh teak whatever the this is have made under the auspices of a lincoln butler administration and then let's throw one in here some pissed off cracker because there would be revolt there the war would kick back up is the thing the war would kick back up the guys who had turned in their guns would gather them up again like the real the ruling class of the south would not have accepted that and maybe one of them shoots lincoln but in 1867 or so and then a fully enraged yankee leviathan headed by benjamin butler who had been radicalized by the war along racial lines the same way that the troops had been was the was one of the first generals to uh to release and emancipate slaves on his own on his own uh authority when he encountered them and after the war became a radical republican uh and eventually a greenback pres candidate for president on a populist uh uh soft money platform of uh like taking the real implications the social implications of uh the civil war which were if they'd been taken to their logical conclusion led to the exploration of all slave owning property redistribution of it to uh the multi-racial uh peasant class and the destruction the necessary destruction of the constitutional order butler enthroned sumner stevens not likely didn't happen could have happened like i said we might be unstuck on this level of the tower but the tower there's another tower where this happened and it's not that different it's different but it's not that different and the question of

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how much of that is mere chance really does stick in your brain but anyway so that country then emerges and then as conflict with capital which maybe has been tamed 0:49:31  
by this new emergent authority and and would have resisted this but would have been able to resist it only marginally because of how overwhelming the political unity of the uh the common american like you can't say working class at this point but you know the small holdings slash uh mechanic class their unification around this means that they would have to take it the same way they had to take the new deal like they had they didn't want the new deal they had to take it same thing as this they would have had to take it but that fight wouldn't have stopped and i'd say that like maybe you don't have an american revolution but maybe by world war one you have a eugene debs-led socialist america in a constitutional order the united states does not enter world war one and that doesn't stop the russian revolution but maybe it accelerates the german revolution or accelerates the french or english into revolt and 0:50:33  
then you have a revolution that starts in europe spreads across the continent now of course the question of the the self-expression of the colonies that's the wild card but that dynamic was arrested like that's best case scenario what i'm describing this is like the people who when the people were doing this stuff this is the stuff that they were hoping would happen this is why they were sacrificing you know like you have to have a vision you have to have an articulated vision that you can move towards and when enough people are moving towards it then but anyway it's just it's just a 0:51:48  
thought experiment obviously it just i i think the only reason that i do this kind of thing is not because it's fun and it is i'm a turtle dove dork the idea of like oh man imagine like it's the same but different like when he read that he wrote that book where it's like hey what if world war one had happened in america oh man that's cool i like that it's just i have that dorky uh enjoyment of the of just the the novelty of it like i like history what if it's like this ooh that's intriguing that's fun but also because by articulating what didn't happen in its fullness you can see where the real hinge points are where the spokes of the wheel show up where the light like where the aperture opens up and you can see some light and then that allows you to be able to recognize that when it emerges around you and to recognize the contours and recognize where the stakes are and where the stakeholders are and where the real power and where the real momentum and the real chance lies ah anyway where's the 0:52:56  
spoke now i don't know this is why i'm looking backward because my current my vision my glass is very foggy i'm trying to i'm trying to get it cleaner i gotta look back so i can look forward i'm sorry and and i i i beg your patience at this time while i try to do this because it's the only way i know because i'm not in the economics guy i'm not really a politics guy first and foremost i am a history guy that's what it all flows from it's that it's the it's the i can't do numbers they make my brain hurt

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i have to use my fingers i i can't symbols other than words are difficult and those symbols translated into scenes into scenes of drama that is how i and that is why like i try not to criticize people beyond my area of like confidence and why like seeing people get mad at somebody like matt bruning is so frustrating people who want to impugn that brooding over his motives are mostly uh it's like okay you're just trying to justify why you don't like this guy but so many people don't like him because of his presumed air of like well no because he assumes things that they don't assume like he essentially assumes look how what how how we're gonna get the socialism i don't know what what that i don't like matt hates history he talks about how he hates reading history he doesn't care about it like he doesn't create the scenes in his head so he's like i don't know about that stuff don't really care about that stuff so why would i what would i why would i invest my time on these questions the questions that do resolve into into brightness for me because he thinks i think numerically and symbolically in the way i don't uh is what would be the shape what would be the actual functioning mechanism of a realistic alternative to what we have now and so he tries to build that and then people get mad at him for like no no you have cap this is still there's capitalism and colonialism and stuff in there it's like i'm sorry man i'm i don't that's not part of the formula that i can build things from like you're wanting me to make like i said it's like he makes stradivarius and they're mad that he doesn't do a piano he doesn't make pianos and it's like if you have a critique of the actual like information and and and the analysis go for it but if you're mad at him because he's not assuming a cashless utopian space communism i'm sorry that's not that's not what interests him about the socialist project you need the grand romantic vision and so if it's a good idea hey maybe use it like there hey maybe there is a jump ball in the democratic party right now and like there has to be some sort of uh soothing the base in the sense of injecting liquidity at the bottom i mean honestly it might bomb down to that like i don't know what we're gonna get i have no idea what the democrats are gonna do it's probably going to suck but it might not be as bad as some people think and what it boils down to is going to be it's going to be up to things i don't know at all because i have not i don't have my hands on like the nitty-gritty of the of the power dynamics in the senate like it looks one way for the outside but i don't know what it's like from the inside so i cannot speculate to that point but if whatever if it does make some sort of if we do get like a real change like a lot of people are saying oh the democrats are serious about keynesianism now it's like it's not because if that happens it will not be because they have been uh convinced by all the smart arguments and all the people's op-eds it'll be because oh this system it has a it has a real problem of actual liquidity at the bottom we need to get money into people's hands to circulate through the economy or the thing will literally shutter to

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halt and that means we got to give it to him but so the decision is made not morally not at the level of politics or ideology it's made at the level of material necessity but then the shape it takes now you're at the policy you're at the politics level and a thing like an actual alternative an actual better alternative might get you something better the thing people who may state the debt what democrats specifically mistake here is that they mistake that for progress that is not progress towards a goal that is ad hoc uh like pathfinding by a system and the probably another stupid sterile argument in politics happens because two groups of people look at that look at that decision and see it as a progress the democrat sees in his progress and says look this is how it works the leftist sees it as progress and says but it's either insufficient or it's designed to undermine progress broader you know what i mean like they see it as yes 0:58:4  
this is a thing that moves us towards another thing it isn't these are all contingent policy decisions they might add up to something but that is decided at a deeper level but i don't know like i said that requires the like specific political uh state of play analysis information that i don't have i am as brezhnev said a big picture guy and of course that also means i don't have a lot of specialized intelligence i don't have a very uh it's mostly i will admit but some people think that it's that makes sense and helps them in some way and enough of them do that then it has to be useful people are trying to hold me to account for uh saying that kellyanne conway is a 0:59:28  
dime i'm sorry people you're not going to get me off the block on that one even if it impeaches me in all other areas and i understand that she's turned into sort of a good desiccated gargoyle but when she was on for the old heads out there when she was on bill maher in the 90s he would always have like a perky young blonde conservative on there she was foxy and when i see her i see her sort of through the lens of me being horny for her while watching politically incorrect with bill maher because remember i was watching politically and correct with bill maher the precise moment that my gonads were first being posting bonk what is this i saw that i saw a 1:0:46  
meme about that it was it was the doge dog as the terminator with the gatling gun and he was firing baseball bats what does bonk mean bonk is horny please is it your i'm assuming it's you get hit with it like they have a a baseball bat and they hit you for being horny so it's the sound of getting hit for being horny okay i get it does that mean that i am uh that i am officially bunk pillled munch pillled and bonk pill that's what we are out here that's what we out here doing we're i'm going to answer one 1:1:47  
more question on here i'm sorry i never really read it when i'm on a roll i can't really see i can't i cannot get distracted so i miss a big chunk of it apparently it's all terrible you people need to bring it come on at least not for me for each other i don't think 1:2:54  
a war with china is going to happen i think that everybody is going to be compelled to get things a little closer to the vest now i think we might see a retrenchment but

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iran being a big one because you know the pompeo and mohammed bin salman and netanyahu were making real sure at the very end there to keep the momentum really against any kind of rapprochement and uh there's obviously gonna be forces within the bind administration who are gonna be totally happy with that so we'll see will i get a vaccine i mean at this point it doesn't feel like i have to even worry about it like what when would i be able to get a vaccine how many months from now and at that point honestly it'll either be so obviously the good thing to do because it's like working or it'll be so that i'll probably already had covet i probably wouldn't i mean i have made no rush i've made no inquiries i haven't checked to see what my number is so i'm not in a hurry to get it i will say that and being a podcaster means i don't have to worry too much about exposure in the public so i feel like it's a safe risk and uh at this point a safer risk than just taking the thing i'm sorry i know i know i know he was 86 but when hank aaron just got the jab and then he's dead two weeks later i mean yes yes yes he's 86 i get it but i'm just asking questions i'm jacking off right now but i'm not going to lie when i saw that i did a little it's like damn the the guy was spry enough to be walking around and getting uh publicly taken to the hospital third party the way of the future one way or the other i doubt it'll be any of the existing third parties and it might not even be and i i think it's probably not going to be a conventional american style popular political party i think it might be more like a real i don't want to say vanguardist but like some something that is uh that is maybe incorporates an electoral element but is not entirely electoral i guess that's the way i would say and the reason i say that but some people say oh that's uh that's like the psl or that if they exist now they're just mutants i'm sorry any small third party that exists now is made up entirely of mutants don't get mad at me for saying that and if you are a mutant i'm not blaming you for that we're all we're all mutants i'm saying that there are not enough mutants and that the way mutants talk about politics is alienating to non-mutants and so it will not be like people aren't going to go into this org there's no transition belt they're going to make something themselves and you can be part of it you just have to be able to be at the moment and be able to recognize it

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particle man particle man doing the things the particle can what's he like it's not an important part of the man is he a daughter is he a speck he has watered as he gets that was the water get him instead nobody knows triangle man triangle man triangle man universe man universe man the size of the entire universe man usually kinda smaller man a powerful man i think there needs to be a rule about people talking about the gamestop deal the whole reddit revolt against wall street if you can't explain the ending of trading places you cannot talk about it you cannot have an opinion and you sure cannot publicly express an opinion now i will say about myself that i know a little bit about a lot of things more basically the skill of a conversationalist you know the ability to to have a conversation about something but not to really understand it or and provide insight about it and i know a decent amount about a few things uh and then there's a lot of stuff that i don't know anything about where i wouldn't even feel comfortable bullshitting and the stock market is one of them uh the one thing though that i will say with confidence definitively is that this will not lead to some sort of uh proletarianization of finance this will not bring down the overlords of wall street uh this is essentially somebody counting cards to casino and you can count cards at a casino for a while but eventually if they find out that's what they're doing they just kick you out and there's nothing you can do about it because it's a private printer prize and they can provi they can decide who gets to go in or not and they say get out of here and so whatever is happening now one the vast majority of the money that's being made is being made by the demon class not by redditors that's what's facilitating all of this that's where the running is really going high frequency trading and the like and uh two that if it does provide any like destabilizing element that will be fixed they will solve it they've already put a 30-day ban at td price uh on trading some of these stocks apparently water robin hood is down they're gonna just change the rules because they're the house some of these guys individually might lose some money here but once the this uh leak in the system leaking the machines the the ship is identified they're gonna patch that they're gonna put somebody at water seal on there has anyone seen the commercial for uh this um it's a super sealant

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that you could use to patch like you could make a boat out of it they did that in a commercial and the guy who does the ad who's like the billy may's r.i.p to a real one uh uh hype man is the most philadelphia accented man on earth and he just says the whole time is the water seal watch the flex seal that's it flex seal their water is never gonna get in there we're never look at the water water's not getting in here or there because of flex seal they're gonna slap that flex seal on there and that water is not going anywhere because they are in charge this is the house that's the one thing i know that's a great philly accent shut up water ice the the watching though every 0:4:6 like every doomed business model every like jurassic web 1.0 ass 20th century like buggy whip ass place that has just been like has a target on his back for the last 30 years and is now a joke like gamestop and blockbuster build-a-bear workshop and not obviously you know new to the list but a very late and dramatic edition just watching them one by one get picked up it really is like irony has taken we have an irony based economy now and some people some regular folks are gonna make money out of this for sure some regular old redditors are really gonna make their nuggies off of it and if they do god bless a lot of them are gonna end up losing money though and it'll eventually be uh sorted the the the bug will be found in the code so i would 0:5:7 say if anybody's making money cool but for the love of god walk away from know when to walk away from the table you never count your money when you're sitting on the count but like just hit the button hit the button and get out of there when you still can because there's no way anybody who is not who has not sucked at lord epstein's table if you know what i mean alone summer's evening on a train bound for nowhere i met up with a gambler we were both too tired to speak and wedding finished speaking turn back toward the window oh that's the end never mind all right so uh i wanna post you can only talk about the gamestop thing if you can places 0:6:10 all right i'm only saying this because i always kind of have felt like i kind of get the ending of trading places and i will now try to explain what i think happened at the end of trading places and you guys could tell but from that how far i am from being able to talk about this stuff like how about that as the rule um because i'm sure somebody in here has enough experience with stock markets or the film itself to be able to explain to me if i'm right or wrong and if i get a bunch of conflicting answers then i will uh assume i'm right and that you are all just either trolling me or bullshitting so we know at the end of trading places uh eddie murphy and dan aykroyd have intercepted the crop report that the uh that clarence beaks was going to give to the duke brothers which was going to say how florida's orange crop had gone now if and by the way let me just say it's a parenthetical as as someone who 0:7:13 watches movies that are made in 2020 20 2020 and 2021 now for a popular audience the degree to which trading places which starred eddie murphy at draenei was a big

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movie and was expected to have a mainstream audience the degree to which it does not explain almost anything about how that stock check stock works it just assumes that you understand it is kind of amazing like the central premise that the duke brothers can corner the frozen orange juice market as long as they know ahead of time that there will be a reduced number of oranges and therefore the price will go up because of a shortage like you have to know that and it's never really explained in the text and then the ending is completely unexplained i really wonder i mean i guess it just speaks to like the charisma of those two guys and how much people love them at the time and you know of course jamie lee curtis's boobs that people just like allowed that to just go over their head whereas now everyone is so obsessed with understanding movies and our understanding of movies and our criticisms of movies basically come down to whether or not we think the plot makes sense having nothing to do with like did we like the characters or the tone or the performances or if it's funny it's does it make sense so everything has to be spelled out for you like your baby it's kind of astounding i just i don't know what a young person who's weaned on baby food movies does seeing trading places and as i said trading places is not a like it's not genius film it's a john landis all right so the duke the the re first we have the reality there was no damage to the crops they're gonna have a lot of oranges which means that if you knew that ahead of time you'll know that the price is likely to go down so they know that but they give to the dukes a fake report saying that the crop has been damaged significantly which means that the price is going to go way up so they send their boy to the uh commodities exchange in chicago i think because they take a train i think the commodities exchanges in chicago not new york i think a lot of people assume that the end of that movie is in new york i'm pretty sure it's in chicago right am i wrong because the place they go they i mean they're in philadelphia originally you know like the duke brothers are in philadelphia and they take a train at the end of the movie to like that's when they get the money from uh coleman they go on a train from chicago and they never tell you where to they it's amazing and i think a lot of people assume it's to the stock exchange it's not it's to the commodities exchange in chicago and coleman tells them my life savings sir please don't lose it all and they don't explain what to what they want him to do with it they never say in like a movie would now thanks coleman we're going to take that and buy a bunch of orange juice futures now before the the trading starts tomorrow they don't say that they don't tell you that they go in to the thing with orange juice futures that they already own them and then when the dukes start buying to corner and other people see them buying to corner they all bid the stock up or the price up before the announcement now of course they don't want that to happen but a little bit of it is necessary like when you when you fix a fight you're not going to get all

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of the odds because the fact that you put a bunch of money on that side is going to get a few people to go with you and it's going to it's going to um inherently limit it a little bit and like that's acceptable but then what happens is when they find out what happened with the orange juice oranges oh no there's tons of oranges the prices that no one's gonna buy uh oranges for this much there's no way people are going to buy oranges for this site price because there's so many oranges and that means everyone needed to sell oh i forgot while they were buying when it got to the top uh dan aykroyd and eddie murphy sell all there so they buy it they buy they sell off and get the cash from this huge sale of all the all of the orange juice they bought the day before and then after it crashes back down they buy them back and then the difference between that is all the money they made and how they get on the yacht and they get the lobsters and crack crab for dinner and then the fact that the dukes were on the other side of all of that trading meant that they lost all that money because they were doing it on margin and that means that it would it it's all on the assumption that you're not going to have to pay it back until you do and then i got it what's so amazing is how much of that is not in the movie at all like not only do you have to kind of understand commodities trading and the stock market you have to understand the story through implication like they don't then elliot doesn't tell them that they are buying them early they don't say that they are holding them when the trading starts just narratively it's astounding that they wouldn't add that like that's extra stuff that i had to add to make it make sense and i'm hoping that that is correct because remember these are futures so what they're basically doing is they're betting on what people in the future will pay for frozen orange juice and damaged crops in florida means they'll pay a lot for it a bountiful crop in florida means it's not bad writing it's if it's it trusts its audience because none of that stuff is dramatically necessary or funny it's exposition it's unnecessary exposition if you can just do some job work as a viewer and connect the dots yourself instead of having them baby food formula speed it feed it into your mouth they've turned this on to terry shivo's just getting nutrient sludge of exposition and plot stuff fed into us and how many movies have you seen that came on the last 10 years i would like to see a chart of how often the phrase as you know has been uttered in films over the years and i have a feeling it's gone up recently because that dialogue when a character says to another as you know everything that comes after should not be in a movie it's absurd these people would not say this to each other it's going to be totally uh dramatically inert this is not a conversation that people would happen because they already know this you have to show them through other means there is no patience there is no expectation that an audience will have the patience to do that it's not their fault they're not dumber it's more than anything to do with attention spans and

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the way that we interact with entertainment essentially as we're watching it in a way that we didn't used to we used to give things our full attention not because we were more virtuous but because there were less fewer distractions that's it and so i say 0:14:25  
how dare you to anyone who says that's bad writing because if i'm right and you're telling me i got it right that's all in the movie i didn't have to go to wikipedia i just took my understanding a layman's understanding of commodities markets and stocks and and applied it to the text and i assumed the stuff that was there well it wasn't there and boom it's there all right they do explain that yeah they explain how the commodities thing works but everything else about the end of it you have to intuit like the fact that they bought early and that they're selling it again or they're buying it at one they bought their but they're selling at the beginning stuff they already bought and then so all right cool i understand the end of trading places then i get to talk about it but i will still limit myself to what i have any confidence saying which is 0:15:26  
one i'm not gonna do it because i guarantee you i would lose my goddamn shirt i am a german peasant through and through i am a good time party german not meant for numbers it's not what we were there for the germans they had protocol they had proto-capitalism as early as uh they had they had proto-capitalism in europe before the dutch or the english around the same time as uh the italians and like the italians they couldn't hold it together because they just like uh they like having too much fun they like partying i'm sorry uh they're not shivering their ass off in the bogs and fens and morse and and prussians are engineers prussians are like romans like it's all about engineering it's not really about uh about like manipulating finance which requires a degree of imagination that isn't really part and parcel of yeah prussians 0:16:32  
are artillerymen prussians they're bridge builders like the romans um anyway and no background in it family i i come from that uh the people who came to the midwest to farm and then eventually settled and just moved into cities to get jobs and then thanks to the large s of the federal government through the new deal uh and uh were able to get home equity uh for cheap that that's and then like without having to uh gain like a advanced degree or to hold capital and so not a lot of stocks trading any of that stuff pensions that's your number one source of like uh finance capital that you're gonna have access to and of course the equity in your home so i don't know anything about this stuff i'm not gonna to do it i'm not going to try to become a billionaire even though the idea like my god if i put if i just put a little bit of money 0:17:35  
on that at the early stages i would literally be a millionaire right now and i could become the joker which is the only reason anyone should want to be a millionaire is to become the joker and instead i'm not but it's like no no if i had done it i would have done it in such a way that i would have it up i have i said this on last chapter but i've done several parlay bets where i try to do i'm gonna hey i don't like a better

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bunch of money but i'd like to make a bunch of money in sports betting you can't you don't really have that kind of uh layout you know like if you bet uh if you bet on like small differences you kind of have to bet a lot to get any to make it worth your while unless the odds are good and then you know you need to know uh and so that's where you put in your prognosticating and every time i've done it not only have i done uh parley or every time i've done a parlay football bet which is where you bet like 10 20 bucks or whatever on the outcome of three or more games or the stuff in uncut gems those are parley bets and like if any one of them doesn't work the whole thing the tickets uh uh validated but if they all work you get many more than the like if you bet them individually like the the odds and every time i've done it not only have i failed it i got everyone wrong meaning that if i had bet the opposite if i had hedged my bets by betting my exact opposite i would have made a bunch of money i have no instinct for it uh i like playing poker but i'm a bad poker player because i worry about the money too much it gets in my head i i just have never been able maybe i could apply my renewed zen i haven't played uh sports i haven't played uh i haven't gambled in a while so and when i ha and so i'm pretty rusty i like the idea of gambling but i'm just too sweaty about it and i think i would be too sweaty about doing any of this stock so i'm not going to do it as one thing i know the other thing i know is it's all going to end up fattening the the the goats of the same goat sucking scumbags who are in charge of us and that uh if there is any government response it will be to make sure that right the one thing that happens is regular people are not allowed to do this anymore because the whole point of this and the whole point of you know what literally the point of us uh fiscal policy since the civil war when we have decided to establish a gold standard when we decided to say hey because they'd opened the the the united states opened the genie uh or opened the the pandora's box rubbed the lamp whatever you want to say whatever metaphor you want to use they opened pandora's box of uh fine of um of fiat currency during the civil war because there just wasn't enough species or species around to fund an army and so the us for the first time published from a central not from like local banks but from the central government published issued currency they were called greenbacks and they were backed by the bayonet of the grand army of the republic thousand which of course is always the case with money it all ends up boiling down to the confidence of the institution that is presiding over the transaction that uses it that is that is what backs all currency everything else is a abstraction to mystify that relationship because the more aware people are of that fact the more dangerous democratic institutions are to existing power structures and people say mmt it is mmt but the problem with mmt is that it is right but beside the point it's georgism for the 21st century you will not convince people to socialism you will not convince

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people not based on class interest but based on truthness of a theory to change things material interest is the only thing that will do it it cannot be theoretical so yeah mmt 0:21:44  
is correct i'm willing to accept that it is a accurate description beyond that i'm sorry  
i don't know what else i'm supposed to do with this tell everybody about it yes  
people are dying to talk about this people are dying to have conversations about  
what really backs up the monetary supply just like they're dying to have discussions  
about cancel culture and uh whether acab is um insufficiently radical or whatever  
the whatever arguments we're all having on here the ones that all the people who  
really matter to this equation are not having and you're gonna start with this have  
it around good but evangelizing it which seems to be the point seems to be to be just  
it's it's the same sort of liberal uh socialism uh that henry george invented like i've  
i've thought for a long time from my first really heard about it is mmt is there is the  
return of georgeism only it's even it has even less popular support than that because 0:22:46  
georgism actually did have significant um uh appeal electorally among the working  
class the henry george made an amazing showing as gov running as mayor of new  
york against uh tammany and the republicans uh on the labor platform and people  
exposing georgism made inroads in the populist party uh and uh made-up members  
of the knights of labor and i mean it was actually persuasive at the grassroots this  
is you talk about on twitter this is mean politics even if it's true so anyway to get  
back to the point so they had exposed the naked raw nerve they've exposed the  
bone of money at the civil war and they needed to to defeat the rebellion they  
needed to summon the yankee leviathan even though they were all all the rulers  
anyway it's not like they were completely opposed to the uh like liberal uh ident  
like um identity concept that the jeffersonians who ended up creating their mutant 0:23:48  
conf like calhounite confederate it's not like they didn't share their liberalism their  
essential liberalism their idea of like property being liberty and a lot property being  
inalienable by politics and that any politics that threatens the uh to make property  
alienable is by definition uh evil they believed that that was and in the republic  
and then it's just that in the south that was an articulation that came from the  
jacksonian democrats in the north it really was the whig party before the civil war  
you could really say that even though the democrats were the naturally hegemonic  
party in power at any given time in congress thanks to federalism by the civil war  
you essentially the the war you had uh uh what what essentially happened is that the  
conflict that immediately emerged between uh the federalists and the the jeffersonian 0:24:49  
republicans at the beginning of the foundation of the republic that we had a series of  
compromises that maintained a political consensus government that existed but in at  
the level of political economy what they basically the way they resolved that problem  
the way that the constitutional compromise resolved the problem was essentially to

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say through the mechanism of the states you guys build your political economy along jeffersonian lines and we'll build ours along hamiltonian lines and by the end of by the civil war you have a battle between the the uh the wigs by that point like the wig uh american idea that came from clay uh and was articulated finally and fully by lincoln lincoln who was a wig before he was republican and who idolized henry clay the south was governed by people at the state level who had come from that jeffersonian small radical small government hostility to central banking and taxation 0:25:50 power and expansion of federal money and the war happened because these things became unresolvable at the political level because the political level it was always a situation of kicking the can down the road until the material conflict between the two regimes became insurmountable which is what western expansion did it made those insurmountable and it made the political uh system no longer able to accommodate it that in a nutshell is the civil war what what made it happen and uh so what the uh northern whigs had to do was create this federal machine and they didn't want to do it they did what they had to do to survive but those guys believed in the centrality of property and it's uh it's equal equal equation to liberty and that meant that they could not allow a situation where um the the mob the deimos 0:26:51 could actually distribute resources to emerge they had to keep control of the money and so after a big number of series of debates and arguments and splits between parties and within parties there was a consensus to move to the gold standard and grant started that movement it took a number of years because they had to like one of the big reasons that the period between the civil war and world war one is so economically stagnant is that for most of it you had this deflation first they were literally taking money out of circulation to equalize with gold and then they were just not ever putting in more liquidity whenever the economy would shiver to a halt which happened all the time uh and that's why that's why silver and and um liquidity like financial liquidity became the signal question of the moment and i would like to point out that if people want to understand why we're in a situation where yahoos are breaching the capital and politics is a spectacle of mine mind-blowing insanity 0:27:52 insane devotion to to cartoons to a figure like donald trump like think of this a game show host inspires the siege and uh investment of the us capital that happens in this country and i know we can joke about it but in american history this is a an insane thing that happened this is a thing that even 10 years ago if you'd conceived of you wouldn't have been able to get your head around it if you really want to understand why that's happening i would say take a look at a similar situation economically for americans around the turn of this century uh we're seeing the promise of american uh manifest destiny small uh uh liberal republicanism the the the model that both jefferson and hamilton strove to were both moving towards in different with different

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methods because of different cultural conditions that were reinforcing and all that 0:28:54  
it could come a cropper it had failed it had failed the vast majority and there was  
this insert there was a politics that embodied that dissatisfaction and what was  
it its form it was form was the candidacy of william jennings brian the man who  
would not see us crucified upon a cross of gold and his campaign was around the  
issue basically the single issue of democratizing monetary flow in this country by  
giving by by essentially taking uh injecting liquidity at the bottom that's what it  
boiled down to and that is of course what democratic control of the economy will  
produce which is destabilizing for many reasons and you can say it's bad too because  
it like it leads to waste and over production over consumption and it's like yes if it's  
unmoored to class struggle if it's more to class struggle it can actually and create 0:29:55  
genuine conflict like between uh the democratic entity and the actual powers within  
a a social order and and that was the debate we're in a similar situation now of our  
neoliberalized deal our post and in fact not even that because we still think we still  
imagine we're living in the new deal era we haven't even metabolized how much of  
that uh framework has been destroyed because we don't really remember it but we  
still think in those terms we still assume this level of uh of like socialization of re of uh  
of wealth distribution of wealth downward and it's going away and we're seeing it fall  
apart in real time what was the presidential debate about what did the two parties  
argue about was anyone saying anything i mean the for what was it two thousand  
dollar checks right that's the closest thing did any of them even talk about that  
during that campaign did that trump who's supposed to be the jacob coxy reborn 0:30:56  
american populism on the march tom what would he do he talked about how big  
his shits were and how they couldn't go down because that question two thousand  
dollar checks is already such a grotesque diminishment of democratic horizons on  
the question of the economy to go from we're going to go from having metal gold  
as our bat as our backing of currency to a bunch of silver to reverse the leverage  
relationship between debtors and creditors which was the driving force of populism  
was debt just like debt is the presiding fact of and what would we get whether or  
not to get a check and that wasn't even one of the things they actually talked about 0:31:57  
in such a thing when politics is so restrained but our lives are so bad how are we not  
going to invest all of our energy in meaninglessness in whether trump is president  
of course that's how our politics are going to be organized at all levels this is just  
an example \*\*Music playing\*\* and of course there's social s fractures that not exist  
now that are recognized in politics in a way that they were buried by those politics  
that's true that's always the case but it's our failures then that set us up for our  
failures now it's just been one long slide but anyway to try to get back to what i  
was originally trying to talk about when they re asserted the gold standard it was to

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make sure that control of where the money goes investment is concentrated in these banking institutions that these people preside over not in the hands of actual people and that was the goal of post-war monetary policy to keep the money where it's going because it was a giant continent that was just waiting to be invested in to produce massive profits yes it was settler colonial expansion genocidal expansion of course but to the people within it it was not that it was manifest destiny and they were they had the capacity within themselves to actually democratize investment can't have it and so in this current context if this is like the the uh that oh another one of those openings one of my god maybe we could maybe if it's maybe if the only thing we have is is market speculation maybe if moving numbers around on a piece of paper is the only thing that generates economic activity in this country which it is it's a totally financialized economy it is all not the speculation it's it's a it's a minimal amount it's a sluggish amount of real economy and trade on which has been stacked an infinite level of micro transactions and swaps and encounter swaps and speculations and futures bets and cdo's blah blah time not investing in the time it takes to get a thing from one place to another not any of the actual production of it if that's all we have why why can't everybody do that why couldn't everybody be doing that instead of it being funneled through wall street so that all of this money all of the excess part all of like the transactional element of it is instead of being concentrated there distributed universally not equally but closer to and allowing people to invest in actual productive economy maybe around them oh can't have it can't have it and so it's gonna get the hook one way or the other oh yeah someone yes exactly like the thing that generates economic activity right now is our collective consciousness it is our memes it is our culture it is our anxieties it's us it is we are just the brain in the jar the body is the rest of the world working and toiling to bring us things we're just supposed to think about them we're supposed to interact with them synthetically and interacting those things with things real things synthetically at the end of the chain of resource are of um we are just the neurotic consciousness of the world economy we exist to think about everything else that is being produced to interact with it by buying and selling it and talking about it and spectaclizing it and turning it into social life turning and that's that's the actual state that's what the american economy is which means that it really could be democratized theoretically but of course how could it be done it could only be insisted on from the bottom but if it was insisted upon it would be re it would be uh resisted and that resistance if it did not succeed would eventually become hostile and you would have that's the thing that the mm tears and the georgeists and the the cod gramscians who think that you can march your way through institutions and then just flip them over fail to get is that there will always be a point of maximum conflict a point of genuine uh a

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point a point in a conflict when a existential question emerges if this conflict is from the point of view of capital there becomes a point where any further um any further submission because of course you will submit as much as possible because coming to final conflict is no good it's wasteful but you only do it as much as you need to and that changes depending on uh the force of your opponent like the new deal happened because capitalism had had to make a deal it was not sustainable anymore in given how much popular organized opposition to it existed and so the new deal was it was 0:38:8 set on the terms it was an advantage to the working class as you wanted to buy by the leverage the working class had in the situation when a new crisis emerged in the 70s that working-class leverage had been completely hollowed out uh and it was like termite it was like they had a big siege engine just got eight by termites over 40 years and those termites were prosperity they demobilized the working class and and so when it happened to happen behind the scenes and there was nobody even there to press the point and so we got this if we get to another conflict point because things get worse and and that fat and happiness that sedative of prosperity that we had been narconized with wears off there will come another point of conflict and within that you get up and within that context there becomes a point where if capital gives up anything else it will cease to have internal coherence and it will be vulnerable to actual uh threat and if that and that can't happen and so at that 0:39:9 point real force is exerted and then the opponent the working class whatever you want to call it has to make the decision whether they can win that fight this is why i said if the german working class had been organized the way that the bolshevik party was but of course they couldn't be because of how successful they'd been and how advanced the capitalist country germany was the bolsheviks succeeded because they were in russia not because of their ideas their ideas were perfectly fixed their ideas were perfectly applicable to the situation of the russian empire at that point but they were not transferable because the situation didn't obtain every there but there was sufficient organization and uh and counter hegemony within the german working class that if they had been aware of that they had reached the end point of the bernstein kowski road of reform by after which capital could no longer make 0:40:10 concessions if they had been all aware of it then they would have been able to make that moment the final conflict and that point will always come and i would say that democratizing our finance industry which is all that we have which is the brain stem of not just american global capitalism that they're going to democratize the uh system of that it cannot be allowed and no amount of convincing people about mmt will get you there only class organization there somebody's asking about irish 0:41:14 unification i i talked about it a while ago and said that while i think it's cool i don't really think it's possible but somebody dm me to say who's in ireland and and is

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following it closely and say this thing could actually happen that it's not crazy to imagine a unified ireland thanks to brexit which hey you know what wouldn't it be cool to have a big thing happen in the world that wasn't just awful and depressing wouldn't that be great and especially if it's because the dup psychos were too psycho and we're like we can't just insist upon uh like adhering um psychotically to the great britain we have to out blimp the blimps in our devotion to some pigheaded national uh economic nationalism that's totally you know lost it's past itself by date and then doubling down on it and then driving out all of the moderate uh reunionists just like in the exact same mirror way that our republican party is operating because the one place where uh reactionary politics are most similar to the united states is in northern ireland the irish unionist community there is the closest culturally politically to ours of any right wing anywhere in the world i would say they are young earth creationist anti-abortion uh neo-confederate psychos i saw when i was in belfast and i went to uh the shanghai chancel road when i went to chanco i saw one of the housing estates they had a james buchanan on the side of a building and of course all of the they had scotch irish but of course what's sad is that our uh left politics could not be further from uh nor that northern irish left politics because we're all settlers we're all we're all presbyterian psych blood drinking uh psychos none there's not a there's not an oppressed crappie to be found even even this the most green son of aaron to ever take a coffin ship from temporary to new york is a uh is an irish catholic you are you're a hun you're a goddamn orangeman australia is pathetic because like they're clearly trying to be like us they're like doing it on purpose it's kind of self-conscious but the do you the the the northern irish uh or the the scotch irish psychopath snake handling maniacs they're not doing it for anybody they're not trying too hard they're just trying it they're they're galvanized they're not these phony like you're in australia what are you mad about yeah you're settlers but like you banished your enemies to the outer wastes and you get to just get shit-faced and crush tinnies and flip-flops 300 days a year until of course the place literally becomes uninhabitable in 20 years no no no the canadian right wing the american right wing are cut our australian right wing are cocked versions of america's right wing honestly america's right wing is a cucked version of the northern irish right wing that's the real steal the ulsterman ian paisley reverend diane paisley and morocco indian paisley i'm going to arrest the pope i'm on they were queuing on before queuing on ian paisley tried to punch the pope at the european parliament i'd uh uh uh you know if you yeah did you guys everyone know that he had to be restrained of course it was like hold me back stuff but he actually like tried to do a citizen's arrest on the pope that is some margaery taylor green john paul the second for crimes against the people for tiddling allah's kids i and pierce they place you yeah we're cocked versions of them man but no australians canada

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cut versions of us and uh the irish irish version of us is maybe the most cuck people on earth holy can't hard to get more cuck than that other than maybe like ukrainian nazis holy they literally almost destroyed your country do any of those of course they don't they can't read but uh those ukrainian nazis should really take a look at uh aust 0:46:21  
plan which was herman goering's plan for ukraine and eastern europe after the war which was to redirect agricultural uh output in such a way to essentially enslave like 20 of the ukrainian population and have the remaining number die of starvation that was the nazi plan for ukraine you take the holodormo whatever degree to which that was real and it was there was mass death in ukraine after stalin took power that's fact what it was a combination of a bunch of factors definitely including bureaucratic incompetence uh uh and unnecessary violence uh national chauvinism all the evils of a colonial administration that was continued even though there had been a change in government because you know colonial administration is colonial administration and ukraine was them it was a minority within the russian empire and then of course 0:47:24  
though uh the main thing though was a genuine famine which had cyclically hit that region throughout its generation until modern ecological technology changed that uh agricultural technology caught up and changed that dynamic that was a step and that was the main driver of it but whatever degree the soviets were involved would have been a drop in the bucket to what they were going to do to ukraine if they won the war they would have kept a few of people to be basically like uh uh uh draft animals in little neocon feudal like village uh uh castle grounds they were gonna recreate medieval uh like the old they were essentially trying to recreate the old teutonic knights domination of old prussia like that's what they were trying to recreate when when the when the when the uh when the teutonic knights went from jerusalem got kicked out after the crusades had nowhere to go didn't want to go home had nowhere to go to because they were all disinherited second sons they waged a 0:48:26  
holy war against the remaining pagan population of eastern prussia and lithuania and that crusade was very successful and it led to the extirpation of the the of paganism uh the replacement of it with catholicism they were the it was essentially a confederation of like landed uh knights who had feudal estates where they had slav serfs and that would be what they were going to create in ukraine but it would have required way fewer hands than they wanted then uh they were way fewer hands and miles than it currently existed because they were going to intensify the surplus and ship it all to germany and so the easiest way to deal with that is just to deprive them of the food just take it from it way more systematically than stalin ever did 0:49:27  
that was the plan and it was they didn't do it because they lost and these are out there waving nasty flags like i wish you guys had genocided me cucked but this is the thing there is nothing to respect about about uh any of these reactionary movements

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there's no the thing that people get caught up with a little bit i think well-meaning people honestly you know ambiently racist white guys who might be persuaded to be more democratic or to be more egalitarian but like are just driven by their cultural context to you know respond to this kind of stuff uh the thing that is romantic about it and that speaks to people in a way that the left doesn't is that rootedness is that futile sense of a social reality that transcended the market and that no politics which all left politics are which is multinational multiracial egalitarian can maintain those local rooted things because things like race and class race hierarchy uh uh race uh racial awareness racial distinction those things are part and parcel to those local regimes of control and they are the things that people respond to through the echoes of history and they see the left and they see nothing there that can maintain those things and in fact it requires that all remaining bonds be dissolved but that's the degree to which i can sympathize with any right winger who who comes to the right through that through that reasoning and some there's some i will i will roughly say that that is an appeal that exists and i think that the question of who those people are and how to talk to them is one of the central ones that is dominated like the neurotic online left because so many people who are online are these people are these uh you know highly alienated but acculturated white men those are the people who don't who have the time to sit on the internet are alienated enough to want to spend their time doing that and so they're considered up for grabs of course the fact that they don't really stand in for any greater number of people and they stand in for people who by and large are at least connected to the productive economy which needs to organize before anybody else in order to really challenge capitalism that they are essentially irrelevant like we're talking fail sons neets and people who have office clicky clack jobs or fake jobs and those people no matter how much they feel real and feel like the sum total of like the political consciousness in this movie in this country they are self-selected and they are disconnected from the people who have made the conscious choice or unconscious choice to realize politics is and they just need to live their lives which is the majority of people who are closer to the bone who have less time to sit around and worry either behind a desk at work or behind a desk at home looking at a computer either way they're online either way they're whether they have a job or they're unemployed whether they're in the pmc or their uh whatever they're somewhere there and of course this isn't all of them plenty of these people have like real jobs but their social milieu is going online but the problem with that reasoning the flaw in it the reason that i cannot countenance the right on any terms even its most romantically you know pre-capitalist is that that doesn't exist anymore man that's gone it's like salazar's regime that was built on top of a literal like the wreckage of a failed modernism like portugal was one of

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those countries that tried to keep up with the capitalism and like tripped and fell on their face three steps out honestly because it's too nice it's too nice in portugal why do you want to sit in a count house looking at coins all day like some dutchman who lives in a bog you're in lisbon for god's sakes drink some madera and so they tripped out of the gates uh smashed their face in and we're basically living in the ruins of feudalism oh yeah you we can create some sort of integralist thing even though of course it wasn't even true the guy's article is they had concentration camps they tortured and murdered communists all the time they were insanely repressive and they were rage colonial wars on a massive scale which he also doesn't talk about but anyway now that's gone man there's nothing you would be building from the rubble of american liberalism into your imagined like uh embedded social organism that can like achieve homeostasis with its natural environment instead of being constant conflict with it it's not exist it's a bunch of boat owners and not just boat owners uh watchers it's a bunch of it is de-culturized atomized consumers fully stripped beings who do not have any shared anything beyond their understanding of culture and identity through spectacle and then wiring it through their personal desires not through any alienated sense of spiritual connection to anyone outside of themselves all of our ideas about religion and place and race all these things that are gonna that supposedly are going to hold us together against the storm of neoliberalism they are on the they are all embedded in the uh the quicksand of atomized no matter what these people think when when the when they these guys imagine these ideas these rooting concepts they imagine them being the thing that transcends selfishness because what is the question of politics right now on the left and right then how do we feel how do what we have essentially realized everywhere is that if we just let uh self-interest govern things through a network of you know facilitation of transaction selfishness will drive us to destruction because the al we will alienate ourselves from each other every day and the only thing that will be able to fill the space will be consumption and that is incompatible with the limited biome and it's just incompatible with with the second law of thermodynamics for sake and we have to put some pressure on the gears we have to tap on the brakes here collectively and there's a bunch of ways people say to do that uh just kill half of the third world echo fascism people want to say and then of course you have the liberal response how about let half of the third world die which will be less mean and require us to have a less core civic social order to facilitate that level of but another answer is have there be something other than the market to determine our social activity for the love of god demarcate some things return to us our unalienated lives to and the thing that does that in the imagined societies these guys have created in their heads their their ideal idea idealized feudalism pre-modernism pre-liberalism

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pre-judification of world pre-sissification of the world pre-solification of the world the 0:56:44  
thing that gives it is belief it is belief in yes god but god is an expression of a social  
life that gives one meaning and purpose beyond oneself indulgence and that those  
ideas are invested with that and that's what gives it as cohesion it took generations  
and generations in the black death and a bunch of other to dissolve that and replace  
it with selfishness and self-interest as the soul uh presiding uh source of um self-  
direction i guess that we can only be sincerely driven to self-interest we cannot be  
sincerely driven to subverting to sublimating our self-interest into others because we  
don't feel connected to one another to put it bluntly reformed can only be done by  
continuing to move through the dialectic stages and contradictions of capitalism and 0:57:45  
gain the technological uh uh sufficiency and concentration of capital resources to solve  
problems of resource scarcity and to distribute and to relieve pain to relieve pain to  
allow people to live and to find meaning outside of transaction and consumption and  
that is the work of the left and the your most your most sincerely hearted neo-fascist  
of course he's racist but he's racist because like look he'll talk you for 20 he'll he'll  
talk you into it in 24 hours why he's not technically racist and in his mind he doesn't  
think he is and it doesn't matter if you're saying but he he is he's lying it doesn't  
matter you there's no judge to say because you're right that means anything he's  
still a force in the world you have to contend with just saying it's not no no you're  
fascist you're racist it doesn't work because they've worked it out for themselves  
while you're wrong just like i've worked it out for myself when a right winger says 0:58:46  
i'm wrong and i'm not going to change and that's that means that you have to be  
challenged and not defeated on the level of arguing someone out of these beliefs but  
in providing a context and a movement that can give people who would otherwise  
make that choice another option that is what it is and so many people confuse this  
idea of like you need to go to the q and on people and give them a pamphlet about  
joining the dsa no if you're doing that you're gone it's about what is what where are  
people being sucked and what is sucking them there and one thing that's sucking  
people off in the direction of this reaction is the fact that they do have things in their  
social world that they do think that they that that means something more than the  
market but they aren't they're all are they're all just uh symbols they they don't  
signify the emotional connection of a pre pre-capitalist subject and so when people 0:59:47  
get to work just like on the left when people get to work the sum total of their work  
in the absence of meaning in the absence of spirituality and the abs in the absence  
of belief powering it is self-interest look at the people at q and on now look at how  
every one of these as they're getting arrested was either a federal agent himself or a  
informant where they were there to uh uh embezzle money from some fake gofundme  
they were running or they were doing uh um they're doing some sort of social media

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scam they're all picking each other's pocket like frank zabortka said that's all of us we have to forge a new not before we do anything but in order to defeat capitalism which we all agree and beyond that there's a simple fact that you don't have the numbers chumps the working classes only weapon is numbers and the fact that the thing doesn't work for now although the technology is being created to make this no longer true that's the point of silicon valley a material point beyond people getting their beat whack beak wet and keeping the money flowing silicon valley exists to make it so that in the near future that's it and then politics can just be deleted from the program politics as such there's just corporate relations you have an hr director instead of a representative in congress just they zero that line out if they can get that sufficient technology now of course the race for that technology is a race we're both in because if that is socialized if those technologies are socialized we could actually build the thing we can actually build the thing relieve the pain relieve the source of uh the retreat to hostility and violence and othering the gen that powers these this politics primarily and and makes it impossible to create class solidarity and your racist your white supremacy it guarantees that you're only going to get white people or at least white people and a nice chunk of like assimilated into whiteness people that ain't enough and the same way that any like and um and uh like hotep that's this the that is that is black reaction it's black reaction but we code it through a left lens because the way that race is politicized in america like blackness is politicized in a way that no other uh it is polarized black identity is left at a semiotic level so the black reaction is hard to see sometimes and and that and that whole thing is black reaction and it's the idea that we're going to protect our identity within this thing within this capitalist system and once again the people who are actually mobilized are the people who have some degree of capital within it that's who is able to be online those are the ones who have capital to invest in in media ventures and political ventures the ones who are able to assess some level of ascension in the pecking order of capitalism even though they are you know held down you're going to get reparations but uh like how are you going to get reparations why what would you have you don't have the numbers you have to we all have to work together to have anywhere near the the power to offset the advantage okay did any of that make sense good yeah i thought this was a good one i felt like i got some useful stuff out i do i do hope we see uh irish uh irish unification i will say one thing if there is people worry like will the troubles start up again with like the dup and those guys pulling their guns all the people who really care are our mega people uh and the guys with guns are all just selling fent like all those loyalist gangs just are drug dealers now they're fat they're just too tick-like they're not they're not gonna have that they'll be a little bit though but they wouldn't do they wouldn't do the whole thing yeah

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marjorie taylor green is basically a dup uh member of parliament she by the way could very well be that the if i don't know what's going to happen with trump like he seems like there's a very good chance that he might just shrivel up and die uh he just was that broken by this but he could come back can't say but if he doesn't she could fill that hole i think even more than bobert especially since she has a much more like incendiary record like all the shit's getting brought out about her and the thing about it is the liberals are all thinking oh enough of this is going to come out and then she's going to have to resign i mean i'm assuming that's what they think because or or what do they think they're going to get the house to kick her out if they think nancy pelosi is going to expel a member of congress for stuff she said they are insane but even if they did it she would then be a martyr and that is what you want to be if you got to become famous on the right becoming a martyr is one of the best ways if you don't or she's gonna go to jail or something yeah i'm sure we need to hold her accountable folks yeah we'll hold her accountable by making her there is no chance that we can unite with the barons the barons are our enemy theirs they're more committed to maximalist capitalism that their deepest commitments are to capitalism their essential argument is if the whole thing breaks down and we have to go to like a hobbesian state i would rather build up from that and try to reassert like my my previous privileges under the magna carta then a seed to like my power slowly being attenuated by by a dot like the eventual assimilation into a global capital market they would rather go down in the blaze of glory the real hardcore of it that's what they're fighting for the same way that their ancestors the confederates did they came to the point and they they preferred like none of them were going to get none of them none of the guys all of the guys at the top of the confederacy all of the big landowners i'm sure a lot of them were very leveraged and indebted and needed to keep you know they needed high cotton prices and uh in order to sustain their incomes but a managed a managed end to slavery a managed climb down from slavery the kind that would have happened if the republicans had been allowed to govern if the republicans had been allowed to govern if lincoln had been allowed to govern without the confederacy being created and westward uh territories were where the the the extent of slave territory in was defined that would have caused a collapse of some sector of like the the cotton economy if it had eventually happened but it would have been over time and those at the very top would have been able through uh increased markets increased increased access to uh to credit instruments and bonds and all the goodies that come all the investment grade goodies that come from a diversified economy and they could have climbed down but they wanted to keep it because it was more than just system of government because these things become fused with our essence they are inextricable based in superstructure at the

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end of the day are the same thing when we talk about them as different things we're not talking about them as if they're occupying different spaces we're just talking about direction of action it's like one big muscle fiber where what direction is the is the impulse going that's the only and so change happens when these moments of crisis come where compromise is no longer possible and these boat owners these these uh barons their threshold for compromise is lower than global capital because 1:10:9 they hold tighter to the social element they hold tight tighter to the social dimension so they will never give up their power they will have to be defeated they could be maybe utilized but only from a third angle not because once if you lie a lie with them you guarantee that your base will be reduced because everybody is operating in this cultural context and it is unreasonable to expect people of other racial categories to watch people ally with expressed people who express as part of their politics a hostility that is racial that is that is xenophobic that's unarguable and people will be turned off by that you will reduce your number and i say it's not necessary and in fact not only is it not necessary i will vote for barron he is the false dimitri who 1:11:22 will true prove to be the true heir one day he will emerge

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wasn't it says it wasn't god damn it \*\*\*\*\* oh my god wait a minute now ah did i do it oh i did it i don't i got you know what i did guys you want to know what i did i \*\*\*\*\* turned it off and turned it uh no okay boomer that's why well that will never affect me because duh of course i'm a \*\*\*\*\* boomer that's like saying okay mammal i do not have any kind of sense of uh insecurity about my generational cohort i am 0:1:4 i am old for a millennial and i am old for a millennial like i'm i'm one of the oldest millennials and also i've always been like at the very far edge of uh the whole scene you know one of those people stopped listening to new music once i although i do think it's funny that now i'm gonna try to \*\*\*\*\* expound on some \*\*\*\*\* that's supposed to be pseudo profound and it's gonna be on the heels of having like spent almost half an hour \*\*\*\*\* around with my phone before i turned it off and turned it back on again so i've already impeached my credibility as a \*\*\*\*\* interlocutor before we've even begun so that's always a good way to start but i'm all about transparency as a way to undermine judgment and protect oneself it's very good move it's a smart move oh the insta stream was i thought it was the twitch deal and 0:2:5 i thought twitch was having problems and so i just tried to do it on instagram but then it was \*\*\*\*\* up there too so that was i realized nope it is my phone and then i thought well what's the last thing i could possibly do i could \*\*\*\*\* turn it off and turn it back on again because i'm pretty sure what is happening is that even though i was connected according to the computer with the wi-fi uh that it wasn't really there like because whatever happens when you haven't turned the phone off and on again recently enough and so i literally just blew in the \*\*\*\*\* cartridge so it could have been muncher that scamp it just occurred to me i can't believe how long it took to think about this with muncher being this avatar of our like joyless consumption at the end of history like 40 years of being slimer just consuming consuming as a hungry ghost with no anima no reason for being because we've been stripped of our of our control over our lives and become beings of just pure uh consumer hedonic 0:3:8 uh uh examination of spirit like just the the hungry ghost of buddhism literally after 40 years we're we're now blue and pained and in misery and what does muncher

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munch what is depicted behind him in that horrific 3d tableau they unveiled corn he munches \*\*\*\*\* corn the only agriculture corn and soy are basically our agricultural exports not just our exports the basis of our heavily subsidized uh \*\*\*\*\* monsanto franken diet that we all eat corn in the sh corn in everything thanks to high fructose corn syrups corn in a \*\*\*\*\* gas tank as i said on the iowa state fair dock that we did you could build not you could build the twin towers out of corn and crash them 0:4:10 into 747s made of corn every day it's in plastic it's everything and sucking the corn anyway that's not what i was coming to talk today about i have an actual point here that's why i call this one a vote ball sequel because i feel like i'm getting another piece of the puzzle together that has made me pretty confident that i can now really start to try as people have asked me to to put something down on paper because i feel like there's been a missing piece a way to talk about things a way to approach the subject that's made it hard for me to imagine a coherent thing out of it that i could move forward with now i think i have it but first let me say that the other day i said that i uh knew how the what the ending of trading places was and i explained it and i asked if that was correct and most people said it was right but i did get a dm from 0:5:11 someone who pointed out that there's one detail i missed which is that they did not take dennholm elliott the butler's money to chicago to buy the frozen concentrated orange juice because this is a futures market as the guy pointed out to me these are commodity futures what they were doing is they were taking his money to act as collateral to make a margin to and then like basically taking on the assumed debt uh implicit in that arrangement selling their uh future contracts as in saying i will buy i will deliver you frozen concentrated orange juice at this date for this price and they sold those at the height of the frenzy and then after the real crop report came out we were like oh no there's not going to be that much demand for oranges because we're going to have a glut of oranges they bought those contracts at that point and 0:6:14 pocketed the difference by just literally being the middleman and that comes down the reason i didn't know that is because i didn't really understand that i really hadn't uh fully internalized that that's what a futures market is like you're literally just it's just time it's not the commodities themselves so that's a man culpa i didn't get that part right is take us from where we were talking about like the social base of this baronial revolt we're seeing now the beautiful boaters against global capitalism and we talked about their uh democr their like demographic and geographic distribution their politics and all that stuff and how that is the actual like power structure that is resisting capitalism not the people not uh uh because because yes we are all being alienated by it but our alienation is being uh gathered around the cultural uh 0:7:17 concepts generated by that culture that those regional baronies basically and uh and as such like we're not actually um we're not actually seeing any real combat about

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you know the underlying system of economic exploitation undergirding both flavors of capitalism uh both essentially it's essentially a battle of time it's it's the future versus the past of capitalism and then and then the present is like the and we are subject to this dispute and we can pick sides but that's because we're being we don't live as as as workers we live as uh as consumers as of spectacle and of everything uh munchers as it were that's as far as good as far as it goes but the one other thing that 0:8:19 i have kind of been gnawing at and trying to understand and i've used the college thing a lot that people are sick of me talking about college as like a way to try to get at understanding the dynamic here but it and it all felt clumsy i felt like i was onto something but it felt clumsy and this is what really made it click for me is that forget about college necessarily what we're talking about is so we've got two political wings right we've got the two battles the two the two super structural battles or the super structural battle between the two uh types of capitalism as reflected by the political parties that they uh uh are represented by right the democrats and the republicans and so we talked about the voters and that's the social base of uh of the republicans we haven't talked as much about the social base of the democrats but as you can imagine it is the white people who instead of being local barons instead of controlling capital in fixed positions like franchises or oil extraction industries or anything else they uh work they work their way through the credentialing process 0:9:20 to apply their minds to gain high status relatively high paid work in the that's the voters like obviously at the top the billionaires but these are the voters because disproportionately the vote people who vote vote most frequently vote in primaries and therefore shape the re like the political environment that we we live in and are just absorb every day are older wealthier versions of the voters of both sides so we are talking here unitedly even if you say oh they might not technically be capitalists they have capitalist interests and most of them even these pmc people they have investments in the market beyond even a 401k in a \*\*\*\*\* house like they have they are invested in the market they are capitalists the way that the petty bourgeois often 0:10:21 are where it's not a universe it's it's not a unrestrained position of you know uh of capital ownership but it is their wealth is and their position is so those are the voters but the politics that we're seeing and the politics that we care about and the politics that we imagine the politics represented not by cable news but by the internet i.e politics as it's understood by the younger people who don't make up the voting base of politics but make up the activist base that online and in the real world creates what we call a political like movements momentum the left and right as represented not on television but online these people are the ones that we all are and these people are the ones that we are all arguing against and who who we uh spend time just 0:11:25 dissecting the motives of and and things like that because this is the self-consciously

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political level who are they they are for the most part not working class in the sense of being directly exploited as employees you know for their labor as a you know not even getting all of the the the cultural \*\*\*\*\* that comes when you're dealing with you know a high status jobs you know like your your uh your retail workers your your doordash whatever uh they largely don't vote and don't participate in politics necessarily because they see it as false because they live too close to the reality of its fraud which people in the middle are and when they're kids and most ex most susceptible to creating structures that dominate the thinking that goes on the rest of their life where they are programmed they're too comfortable to have that they 0:12:27 have to be disillusioned no one at the bottom gets illusioned in the first place and so that means that we're not talking about uh the working class in general and we're definitely not talking about the poor and more than that we are not talking about the generationally poor yes some of the people in this middle that we're going to be talking about are money poor from poor money families but they likely have a college degree and at one point generated had ideas of like um um upward mobility and probably more than likely more than that most likely they came up in that middle section of like a pmc or a small business small bourgeois or that remaining slice of labor aristocracy that does exist there's still a labor aristocracy folks it's small and shrinking but it's still there the public sector in in trades it's there like if 0:13:34 they went to college they were the first members of their family to go something like that uh who were talking about who actually not only votes but creates the space of online argumentation the space of political self-conception the kind of thing that gets somebody to put on a \*\*\*\*\* hawaiian shirt and walk outside during a riot with a gun or just to make somebody decide to go out and throw a brick and a cop like these things are not created by our social relationships near so much as they are created by our pseudo relationships between uh the internet and ourselves because where else are we getting anything where who these people are are the children of those people at the top they are the downwardly mobile children they are the children who went to college with the expectation that life would be if and if they did the things that 0:14:37 their parents told them to do and not just their parents everything around them told them to do they had a social contract in their hand and then they graduated from college and maybe they fail son into their parents basement and became pepes maybe they uh became a \*\*\*\*\* dsa member whatever the hell it is it all starts with taking that first step off after college and just tumbling into a \*\*\*\*\* abyss which no one had prepared you for and that's that feeling that fall that's what's powering politics at the level of activism activism remember because if it's not if it's passive spectacle observation it's just tv and it will just be continue with being what it is any anything any illusion we have that we can shape the system away from total annihilation it 0:15:39

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assumes active political participation not voting and not imagining oneself to have a \*\*\*\*\* identity what we have since we don't have a social order and we don't live class and we don't for the most part have class struggle in our lives we have a spectacle and we have consumption our uh our activism is inflected with that our activism is spectacular and it is more than anything libidinal because we are not activating we are not being um being activists on behalf of any sort of submission to a cause greater than ourselves because that requires a faith in one another an emotional connection to other people both intimately and abstractly that persists beyond one's self-gratifying impulses that's been scrubbed out of us that has been bleached out of us we aren't those people we live in the culture that they created for a long time and we see what they what their lives were like and we used the language that they used we use the vocabulary and the ideas and the symbols that they use but they are hollow and empty but we don't know that there is nothing that isn't there's nothing to contrast it with so everything is ashes i don't care how religious you are if you're a \*\*\*\*\* christian in this country you are as much of a dire soulless materialist as the most epic bacon the \*\*\*\*\* uh and that means that when we become active and the politics we create and the politics we've created until now what we are creating is a politics of aggrieved customers because we at a level deeper than thought are operating are being driven forward by pure self the desire for pure self um uh self satisfaction with no conception that self is infused with others because we have that drilled out of us our entire lives i don't blame anybody for acting that way and that is why when i say this i'm saying i'm not saying i'm not accusing anyone of anything i'm not saying anything bad about anybody i'm including everyone who is listening to this myself the entire politically active second generation dispossessed downwardly mobile americans who make up the political class now the they don't have any other way to be this is the only way that you have to be now people who have politics that they think are good like to think that they work thought themselves to those politics and that what made them uh not selfish made them like act for socialism and fight for socialism it's because they had some sort of conversion something about them was different and special and it really isn't that it's really which shoot which demographic uh um corn shoot you get pushed down by through basically almost entirely chance and that's what sorts you not any virtue on your heart it's like \*\*\*\*\* plinko you can end up in a shoot thanks to banging into things that are based on your race gender uh class where geography everything injury disability these things are shaping things not some universal drive towards transcendental you know politics which you need to have to power a meaningful left but no one knows that because they don't have anything to contrast it with the anybody else's lives and so if all we know is our lives as consumers in this society and we relate to this new retraction of the social

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contract as consumers our desire will be to speak to the \*\*\*\*\* manager it will be to complain to someone in power so that they change it because the customer is always right well the reason we're so \*\*\*\*\* people are so pissed is because the customer is no longer right if he ever was it was a \*\*\*\*\* con that was run and now at the end of the line the reality has been revealed and how are we going to play deal with it and so our politics which we think are activists and we think are moving us towards a better world and are generated by you know real human solidarity and they are at some level because once you start acting that way you start realizing oh the world there is this thing better than me oh my god there is sacrifices that mean something 0:20:46 and that changes you but you're still embedding all those experiences on top of this rickety structure that's created because you think that politics is complaining to someone else until they fix it for you because we have no understanding of ourselves as social coordinated actors we are only individual isolated actors and consumption is our expression of autonomy and action it's the only thing we can do and so we do it and so if you want to talk about every \*\*\*\*\* pathology in politics cancel culture and \*\*\*\*\* uh uh the rise of fascism and the question of is it fascism and the question of who's oh well you know what what could you say slurs at a tsa mean all of these things are pseudo controversies this arguments to be had that are being indulged by people who think they're acting out of altruistic uh you know socialist instincts but are truly just trying to get their \*\*\*\*\* rocks off all of it is yelling at someone who 0:21:49 you can imagine is responsible for your pain that's it and it's disguised as leftism it's disguised as rightism obvious all of it is fake it's a \*\*\*\*\* masquerade to re to hide from ourselves the reality that they were just yelling at a customer service rep what is twitter what is social media but an unmoderated customer service chat room to the united states of america where we say uh fascists in the streets fix this uh wow uh record-setting global warming uh excuse me anybody that's it and no one is paying attention no one is recording any of this uh your call is not uh important to us you will not be held after for a quiz on your happiness with the interaction you get nothing you have to make do and so we make a politics of sadism of punishing people that we 0:22:50 can imagine are responsible because we are cut off from even imagining productive politics that challenges capitalism from a position of strength and solidarity that transcends race transcends gender transcends generation but is unified around an understanding of humanity that insists that there is more to the human experience than can be expressed in numbers which is the drive of the capitalist algorithm ex pulling the soul out of humanity like kalima pulling out \*\*\*\*\* indiana and so take something like uh the woke versus unwoke question on the left you know ooh slurs oh 0:23:51 should we say slurs to when we're doing socialism uh or is that you know alienating you're talking on behalf of people who aren't there and you're only making it an issue

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you're making an issue preemptively these things are not emerging from like real uh connection or real events they are all people hypothetically creating situations to then get mad about that's it before they even come up if they came up in the subject of struggle a lot of this \*\*\*\*\* would disappear like you should say slurs or i shouldn't say slurs why would anybody be who really cared about the issue at hand who is going to a \*\*\*\*\* like a meeting to unionize a workplace or a meeting with an activist group why would they care about their if they can say slurs and why would anybody else care slurs were said incidentally you know they would have bigger \*\*\*\*\* to worry 0:24:54 about everything flies off into neurotic flights of fancy because we're not looking to fix anything we can't even imagine committing ourselves enough for body and soul and heart to do that we are looking for someone in our vicinity to blame i remember the dsa convention i went to this is in 2017 this is right after dsa blew up after the trump election and we all went there as like press i tried to actually go there as a uh as a uh delegate for the cincinnati dsa but i ended up not doing that and there in the lead up to it there was a big controversy because a lot of the delegates said that they weren't getting enough money from national to pay for travel to since chicago and like and that the the stuff that was there which was like there was discounted 0:25:55 uh like living arrangements provided and there were meals and stuff but and it was like subsidized but it wasn't free and so people got insanely angry about that and started like yelling about how this was you know classist and it was it was showing you know that that the poor couldn't uh uh involve themselves in this and you know in the moment those sides seem to be very like that seemed to be a meaningful debate about you know how do we extend democracy out and how do we recognize things like you know class privilege and access to resources how do we allow the subaltern to speak but the whole time i couldn't help thinking that if there was real stakes here people would figure it out instead of making it an argument and making it a conflict with the in within the organization which is never a good thing if you want an organization that is effective like you might have been right in the narrow way 0:26:56 that there could have been more done to provide but making it public and making a big argument about it by definition weakens the organization like the idea that it's all good like i'm sorry like the idea that you're going to do public struggle sessions in an organization that's trying to recruit people which means that you're involving people who are just looking up from afar you're demanding that they take a position on arcane note matters like this before they can even enter the tent why would that not scare people away and for what benefit you could figure this \*\*\*\*\* out and it doesn't take people being cops and it doesn't take uh people being wreckers all it takes is everybody looking for an outlet looking for a manager to yell at and it's not their fault they're captured by this as much as anybody and nobody's gonna think

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or argue their way out of these conflicts because they're serving a deeper need than anything rational so you cannot break off from them unless you find another place to find that meaning and energy something outside of that loop that loop of of of 0:27:58  
hedonic exaltation and then despair and that heightened and that ever heightening need to intensify the cycle in order to make up for the fact that it's \*\*\*\*\* wearing off it always wears off and you have to seek something else and then that that is why the questions that occupy the minds of people day and night day in and day out baffle me sometimes because the movement that's going to come is going to have a religious not in a sectarian sense but in a sense of a articulated spiritual dimension because it will be arriving alongside and embedded in real struggles between people where bonds are formed emotional connections that transcend the rational accurate uh symbolic representation for relations that we have to uh console ourselves with 0:28:59  
because we build so much of our emotional lives around and that will create uh when i say religious i just mean that like if you get into a meeting and you have a conflict with somebody instead of flying into a \*\*\*\*\* rage so that you can make a scene and be a martyr and get people on your side in your conflict with the other people in the organization who you've decided are actually the reason we don't have socialism because you're mad at them \*\*Music playing\*\* if that you could kind of like work things out more easily if the hair trigger if the if that hair trigger wasn't there waiting to spring on someone else because that's what we're really there for if you're really there for something else then conflicts holy \*\*\*\*\* you can resolve them you can agree to formats for resolution of issues and go through channels instead of creating dramas that reinforce your sensual relationship and the reason for the 0:30:0  
reason that this is the dominant form is because the people doing this they grew up as consumers they did not grow up alienated from this system like i was on minion death cult the other night last night and they asked me like a lot of these people who are like you might not the robin hood deal it might not cause a revolution through you know the mech the manipulation of stocks and stuff but it's gonna alienate a lot of people it's to disillusion a lot of people away from believing that the the capitalism is you know anything other than predation but i said that we already have a critical mass of americans who know that already who don't need to be \*\*\*\*\* disillusioned 0:31:1  
the poor and it does not make them into a weapon of political activism because being poor is not a relationship that builds uh durable self-sustaining uh conflict with the state the way that labor does it's got to be from the point of view of labor that's the only way it's happening that's the only way that a spark's going to be lit that isn't going to be consumed by this but these middle-class kids like i said not necessarily uh from the families of the beautiful boating small bourgeois ownership class uh not necessarily even high level pmcs but like if we're talking about the last generation to

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get any of that good juice nurses uh school teachers even those labor aristocrats those few remaining uh you know union factory workers but also like skilled laborers like hvac guys and plumbers and \*\*\*\*\* uh um electricians like those those guys still exist the building trades those guys still exist and they make middle-class lives for their kids lives of comfort lies where when you're growing up you do not see the world as alienating it is alienated as as like the tendrils of trauma many of them like induced by your own body changing on you and others from externally externally bend you towards like trying to seek understanding and like the more costed you are the less you see capitalism as it is and you see the system as it is the later you come to that uh moment of alienation the harder it is so that's why the move this this coming tide this rising that may or may not that will come but may or may not come in time that's the only open question is going to come from the real pros but not that doesn't mean that people who grew up that way and now find themselves like really struggling and therefore resent being said that they're the pmc hey am i like i'm not i under yes but you are falling and it's a different relationship to politics if you can drop that \*\*\*\*\* anchor that you're holding if you can drop that that if you can kill the \*\*\*\*\* karen in your head you can join man you can find it come on in the water's fine it's not here yet obviously it well in tendrils and in in grass fire conflagrations that exist but i'm not there i don't know where they are sure as hell isn't around me but wherever it is and when it starts coming together the \*\*\*\*\* the drums that's i was trying to remember where it i think we're going to do black reconstruction i don't have a copy yet so it might not be right now but i think we're going to do black reconstruction next boy came on that's it drums and you can \*\*\*\*\* drop this \*\*\*\*\* and get serious or you can decide actually no that's not real because it doesn't give you the juice that's sitting on your \*\*\*\*\* ass gives you and it gives me like i said this is all me i'm literally yelling at myself every time i talk about this \*\*\*\*\* just the question is does this refer does this make sense to you does this sound like i'm describing the world if it does yes i am projecting i am projecting 100 percent the question is am i projecting out like yeah everyone's projecting that's literally what you do that's all that that's all that like thinking is you're the only point of reference you are the only point of reference i'm sorry doesn't matter how many \*\*\*\*\* footnotes you put in your \*\*\*\*\* like everyone's projecting the only question is like who and who makes sense and who doesn't is does it sound like they're projecting accurately does it sound like they're describing a universalized experience or are they being bent by neuroses and self-interest no it's not solipsism because you recognize that what makes truth is not anything in your head what makes truth is what you can reflect through others because everybody that thing about you're the only one that applies to everybody so comparing notes laying experiences on top of each other and seeing

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what makes what connects that's it that's the only real generator of meaning and fact and truth that's it nothing can come from within yeah i finally realized that that's like really really what i'm really all about i'm a feminologist what's it yeah 0:37:30  
that really is me a phenomenologist amateur phenomenologist i'll put that on my \*\*\*\*\* uh because everything else it's like it's all good i love it history economics politics love talking about it but at a certain level you have to start um you have to start playing with tools that i don't really handle very well numbers for example there my fingers are very uh clumsy so if i can stay up here that's where i really feel like i'm snapping things together but then once i try to like come from the other end i gotta use numbers okay that felt really good so i'm gonna i'm gonna put together some stuff and i'm gonna start writing soon so look forward to something soon i'm very excited and it'll all and then the beauty thing is is that i will preface the thing 0:38:32  
by saying look uh there you can look like the statements i make in this book i am not going to cite myself i am not going to i'm not going to back it up i'm not going to have stats i'm not going to have numbers they exist and i believe that everything i say will be built on a nice structure of you know well uh integrated you know uh uh uh they will mostly be take or leave concepts and if you if you if you accept them i think they really will they will all hold together but if you reject any of them that's fine and you may have your reasons but it's up to you to decide are my reasons good or are they bad do i really disagree with this because there's something wrong here or am i looking for something because i now now people can find their own research 0:39:33  
people can people can i don't the whole point is to is to reject that like that's that's the thing that gets you locked in here the idea that if you can know to a fine enough degree why something is happening if you can get a swiss enough a well timed enough little swiss watch of every phenomenon in within like uh the political system that that will help you find the right thing to do and that's that line will never appear because if you don't want to cross it you will figure out a way not to cross it the line of risk the line of self-sacrifice you will if it's always going to be a question of empirical understanding you will always be able to xenos paradox your way from ever crossing the line you have to ask yourself deeper questions and if you want to try to 0:40:37  
like pull things towards you know more grounded observation to back it up or say oh yeah the whole premise of this is wrong knowing when to quit knowing your \*\*\*\*\* limitations in a world where you can convince yourself that you know everything that's one of the only ways that you can really uh be productively uh intellectual because that's what allows you to sort of you know showcase your best cut of meat and not the \*\*\*\*\* that's all cut and uh the beauty part is is that no matter what happens and no matter what i write in this \*\*\*\*\* thing i will not be held accountable 0:41:38  
can't do it can't be done can't be held accountable sorry not \*\*Music playing\*\* can't

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be done can't be held accountable and like i make fun of that phrase but look at it when they say someone needs to be held accountable they are writing a comment card because they're not gonna do it what they're gonna post about it they're gonna do the if everyone did the same thing they did to hold the person accountable what would change about so if that's not it clearly the implication is someone else is gonna do something i think the real hope the real thing that drives everyone participating in the political project unconsciously or not is that the way the world changes is that you say things enough you find the right phrases and the right words and everything clicks and then everyone just changes their view simultaneously and then acts differently because of that and that's not that is my friend's idealism that's not what doesn't it is conflict it's forces in conflict right now we are in the middle of a class war it's turning into a class genocide and a lot of that reason for that is that the actual working class is not fighting it they're essentially just getting mucked without putting up a \*\*\*\*\* duke because they are not self-conscious and organized as a that project has not even really begun there's embers of it from the burned structures that have been met destroyed especially since the 70s all over the world not just in the united states or even in europe and now we have to live in the \*\*\*\*\* but that's what's going to \*\*\*\*\* move things not just not people uh all complaining in unison to some imagined power that will address our grievances they're in power to ignore our grievances and to only address them in a way that helps them maintain their power as soon as the power is threatened by your unified demands those demands will be ignored which is why people saying that cancel culture is why uh like discord could get away with cancer uh with uh suspending the wall street beats the page like oh if you guys hadn't created this idea and and precedent that it's okay for tech companies to sense their speech they wouldn't use speeches and excuse no they would use something else as an excuse they're in charge they do what they want and because they are just telling us how it is and we have nothing to say about it when they figure out a justification all they have to do is figure out what the \*\*\*\*\* room tone of the cultural moment is and then use that language if they had to do it during the bush administration they would have said it was about terrorism now because the cultural tenor has changed the cultural hegemony is different they'll tell you that it's because it's racist or nazi or something they'll use the tools that are there but and the reason nobody can accept that even if they believe it intellectually is because if you really understand that that's the case no amount of this \*\*\*\*\* will do the job no amount of complaining to the manager will do the job and you have to re orient your understanding of what political political action is and nobody wants to \*\*\*\*\* do that because it looks hopeless and nobody wants to suffer unnecessarily and the only thing that breaks you through that lets you do the indie anna jones

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leap of \*\*\*\*\* faith into the goddamn hole is if you have a thing beyond reason an emotion an emotion that is generated by a feeling that transcends language and rationality otherwise known as faith not in anything specifically it's all arbitrary it's all symbology it's all the things that work it's the simplest it is the most religion is basically getting the these symbols that can con that can hold the most emotional meaning in the fewest characters or lines \*\*Music playing\*\* john brown yourself indeed not about the killing and this is a perfect example john brown has become the idea fix of the like online left since 19 since 2016. correct no one can argue against 0:46:45 that why is he fetishized because he killed slave owners because he cut the heads off of some \*\*\*\*\* slave runners because he speaks to the manager and cuts his \*\*\*\*\* head off it's fetishizing violent retribution again against our aggrieved individuality our the contract has been breached and someone needs to pay that's what we're dreaming about but we still do need john brown but we need john brown because what drove him to do that a thing that violated his christian sensibilities and also made him a \*\*\*\*\* marked man for the rest of his life was fate he saw the moment the context of that of the of the ostawatomy massacre was that a big confrontation had just arisen a final big like apocalyptic confrontation between the free state forces and 0:47:47 the slave uh authorities in missouri and there was essentially a siege of lawrence a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* butternut crackers were were huddled around lawrence threatening to sack it and and like the the free state governor and government were inside of it and they backed down the free state side back down because nobody wanted to spill any blood and from that moment brown knew it was going to happen if it was if there was not an intervention if he didn't do something to change the contours of the conflict what would happen is missouri would end up becoming a slave state and this was the fear of the antebellum abolitionist and nobody talks about it anymore but it is actually absolutely i think what would have happened missouri comes this is a slave state unbalancing uh unbalancing the senate so that now there's a majority of slave 0:48:50 state senators uh and the northern states would have seceded the northern states would have just said you know what by which the federalists threatened to do during the war of 1812 at the hartford convention which is one of the things that helped drive a stake through the heart of the federalist project and then slavery would have persisted because the south would let him go good you guys go we're gonna have our little shitty uh \*\*\*\*\* neo-feudal uh suit like pretend to be knights in our armor doing tournament joust like a and that was going to be what happened unless the stakes changed and so they went and found some \*\*\*\*\* uh some relatively low level uh pro uh slave state missourians some of whom didn't even own slaves they were just there 0:49:51 to you know maybe get some land in exchange for votes cut their \*\*\*\*\* heads off and overnight that changed the stakes of the conflict so it was not someone's going to pay

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for this situation that can't change now some manager is going to get talked to so i can feel better this is going to materially change the conditions and drive us towards a conflict which happened after bleeding at people talk about the \*\*\*\*\* oscillatory creek but after that happened brown and his \*\*\*\*\* kids and his retinue ran around the whole state of kansas as like a like the wild hunt of medieval \*\*\*\*\* europe like riding into uh pro-slavery settlements and just rustling cattle and having shootouts with us cavalry and \*\*\*\*\* uh doing jail breaks and \*\*\*\*\* and becoming like legendary 0:50:54 figures and drawing two kansas free staters who were willing to \*\*\*\*\* fight and that's what galvanized northern sentiment to make the democratic compromise that had allowed the uh the democracy to hold together in the face of the wigs splitting up and the you know their opposition becoming hegemonically anti-slavery that was the last that was the \*\*\*\*\* way for thin mint that mr creosote could no longer and as soon as as soon as the question of bringing in kansas became central to the party platforms uh it was no longer the democratic party was no longer viable and honestly it might not even matter because \*\*\*\*\* lincoln swept the north even more uh because it's not like there were a lot of votes for breckenridge or bell anywhere in the northern states even where it was a two-man race uh uh lincoln cleaned douglas's \*\*\*\*\* clock and 0:51:55 the thing that changed that dynamic and of course there's other stuff and there's no way to say that if he hadn't done oscillatory creek that like we wouldn't had a civil war like obviously but he he acted out of a sense of the terrain he was not acting out of a desire to see vengeance done and to see himself his bloodthirst slated i was in his 50s at that point if he wanted that he would \*\*Music playing\*\* oh man chinese new year they're gonna rub our asses into it and we have it coming so when you they see somebody fetishizing john brown asked like what are you really into this for and hopefully people will get that but like it means more than just symbolizing it you have to interrogate yourself and you have to find you have to log off and not just like not go on the internet not have anything around you at all but yourself to \*\*\*\*\* sit 0:52:57 with until you hear something because there's something there we're all drowning it out every \*\*\*\*\* second of the day we're like in harrison bergeron we don't even know we're doing it we gotta \*\*\*\*\* sit with it and then you got to act to the people around you and you got to build those relationships through experience that let you carry through and do things that are against your immediate self-interest because you're carrying with you a warmth that's always there it's always renewing that's cool all right there you go so yeah something's gonna be it's gonna be some stuff like that in whatever i i do try to meditate i've been bad at it lately but uh i do like it 0:53:58 and i hope to get better and you know it all sounds like a like a retreat to the self which is exactly what happened after the 60s but that's inevitable like i said this experience does not for most people generate anything differently and even among

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people who it does generate something into their experience might not allow them to activate their new beliefs and they might end up getting just beaten out of them by life you know like it is this it only generates bad uh d you know it only generates this this empty hollow depressed life it doesn't it it it suppresses the spark of you know of of something beyond that that the awareness that you are actually connected to something off and so most people aren't going to be able to do anything effective their whole lives it's unlikely the only the things that make it more likely are things like class struggle being articulated as such which i think is going to happen but like i said you know we're just we're on a timed we're mostly going to continue to like the majority of all of us we have to remember this no matter what we individually have whatever one of you whoever you are when you're hearing this whatever you decide to do with your life there's no there's no likelihood that the that anything like the majority of people is going to have some sort of shocking change of recognition that's not going to happen they're going to they're going to be they're going to go towards their demographic uh cohort as long as they are experiencing life uh through the lenses of the consumer and that's why the 60s fell to that because it was it was a consumer revolt in the same frame in the same way only it was about it was the high expectations were even higher they were already getting stuff that objectively we would be drooling for but because of that they had higher expectations than the culture could give them and so that was a that was a consumer revolt too and now we're having another one the difference is that there is no big bucket of gravy at the end of the rainbow to drown these \*\*\*\*\* with which is what demobilized it last time there's no there's no more \*\*\*\*\* there's nothing in the cupboard full proletarianization and deep neopetization is all we can look forward to and that terminal crisis the the the lack of a uh realistically conceivable alternative to full of miseration if nothing changes that that's the thing that changes the conditions and spins the \*\*\*\*\* cane and as long as we're our eyes are open and our hearts are open we can maybe participate in that but everything else is for entertainment purposes only it is not real politics it is it is a big argument of people trying to uh trying to to find someone to yell at about why and the left and right are divided demographically once again not everyone but for the most part white male uh grew up in the suburbs especially if the parents are like middle class but not college educated oh you are going to uh be blaming the blacks you are going to be blaming the blacks and if you go to college where you learn all about empiricism and about how god is dead and that we are what fill the void and that therefore we have to rebuild the world you know out of dead sticks well you'll learn about things like uh like the bell curve and you'll learn about iq and you'll learn about uh survival of the fittest and stuff like that and genetics and that gives you a reason to do that oh look at that that's so nice thank

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you if you grew up in like an inner ring suburb if you went to if you uh were went to college and if you aspired to because of your middle class upbringing you aspired to a knowledge economy job you're probably uh on the left somewhere like this and then the split depends on like the specific conditions of that so if you uh if you are one of those you know one of those children who got a job in like the pmc strata even though it's precarious and like you have a ton of student loan debt it is like a status job relative to you know working at mcdonald's or driving an uber but you don't 0:59:11 have a lot of money uh or i mean but you do have like a decent amount of money and an expectation of more like you have that and so you can see yourself as precarious you can definitely feel aggrieved that you didn't get the deal you signed up for but you are still feeling like you're on a you're on a track you're probably for warren if you went through that the whole treadmill and ended up falling you're probably for bernie so once again i'm explaining these things i'm talking about myself and reasonable uh extrapolations from that experience y'all can tell me if this sounds familiar all right cool i'm glad that makes sense all right i'm feeling like i'm ready 1:0:36 because like the college thing i felt like that's a good that is the experience that like demi delimits this because we're talking about uh uh we're talking about people who basically all went to college they almost all did but their response to what the hegemonic college like manners of aspiring uh managerial you know because there is no more there is no more dignity in labor there's only dignity in clickity-clac work um everybody goes into college expecting that that's the experience that like generates everything and that's the experience that everybody who makes culture does and the people who are moving towards what they think that they should do which is multiculturalism which is progressivism which is materially grounded for ones who 1:1:39 are successful because it means that they have to keep affirming these values in order to maintain their job positions because it is imposed it is an imposed thing and those areas so that's a reason that they have to hold these views you know the reason that they have to be uh woke because there's a like a prod on them to do it um and then there's the people who say \*\*\*\*\* this and become conservative the thing that distributes them is not necessarily class because among these people we can be talking about beautiful boaters kids we can be talking about professors kids doctors kids cops kids construction workers kids anybody's kids really as long as they went to college expecting their life to be as good as it was when they were in high school that's the experience and what distinguishes it is basically geography rural and exurban and white conservative inner ring suburb and urban and white and 1:2:42 other politically active minority liberal and the college is just the shoot that they all go through that's it and now and that's what i was not really able to articulate and why a lot of people got caught off and caught up on me talking about college

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that it's not really about college it's about geography it's about whether you grew up around a hegemonic culture that was uh generated by the global neo-liberalized spectacle or in a more uh more socially embedded um regional culture and then they all go to college and then they get sorted into republicans and and i'm not saying that it's destiny for any individual person i'm not and i'm not saying that this is this describes everybody i am saying that if you get a bunch of people and they have these experiences it is these experiences of whiteness in a rural or ex-urban area versus uh you know uh whiteness in a diversifying inner ring a wealthy suburb experiences produce different uh like general reactions and general uh like ideological formations and those are the things that are uh dictating like the political uh scheme but that it is sterile it is not it is not because it's detached from class politics and class power in this moment of total immigration it is sterile and can only spin its wings and cannot effectively oppose the full boot of neoliberal uh globalized finance capital because it's only it's being fought on behalf of these retrograde reactionary elements that by their very constru uh nature and structure cannot allow for working class solidarity because they make exclusions on cultural lines which **\*\*Music playing\*\*** but they do it on behalf of global capital and the conservative does it on behalf of this this uh these barons this archipelago of but they're but none of them are doing it on behalf of themselves as a through class interested as a class project a class operating as itself and for itself operating for other classes for the pmc finance oligarchy and what will break that is the emergence from below the orthogonal uh release of a working glass energy the drums that boys can aim and the only and that this is not should not blackpill anyone would be like oh politics is useless it should free you these things that feel intractable conflicts between sides that are dread like this is the western front and you can just bypass it you can just say oh that's not for me you can be like that drill tweet where he gets the bill from the **\*\*\*\*\*** waitress and he goes no thank you i you can liberate yourself from caring which is what is oppressive anxiety as i have said that is the electric prod on the nuts that keeps you in line anxiety because we're too well off to fear and then and that and anything that loads you up with more of it paralyzes you further is not good for you so you can **\*\*\*\*\*** yes you can do the maginot move you can go through belgium and **\*\*\*\*\*** this

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we are two mariners the ship's sole survivors in this belly of a whale here's losers his guts are carpeting yes we have some time to kill you may not remember me i was a child of three and you are lighter than 18 **\*\*Music playing\*\*** but i remember you and i will relate to you all right guys i got a tripod here which is pretty funny since this uh i finally have a tripod so i'm not looking down at you guys like a weird uh but it's sort of ironic that i have this now for this episode because this is going 0:1:4 to be the last not vlog but of the last uh theory blog uh i will still do at least two streams a week i think i'm gonna do a wednesday i think i'm thinking i'm gonna do black reconstruction thinking about black reconstruction although i'm not sure yet starting in like maybe next wednesday or the wednesday after that but then friday i will do like a fun vibe stream where like take questions and talk to people but if i'm going to keep doing this thing i've been doing with the vote ball stuff and trying to like make sense of politics and spirituality and how they mix and all that i have to start writing it down period end of sentence this was very useful for me as a tech as a mechanism for thinking things through but it has gotten to the point where it is no longer constructive for me i am doing this to escape the hard and 0:2:8 scary stuff which is putting things down uh uh and potentially you know looking like an idiot uh because this format really has been like the whole podcast format to begin with like the reason i didn't become an academic or a writer even though i had the opportunity to do both boiled down to the fact that i didn't want to do work and you know why would anyone want to do work it sucks but in my specific case i didn't want to do work for personal reasons having to do with a kind of a neurotic hypochondria basically that has made me convinced ever since i was a teenager that i'm gonna die like very soon and what that has always done is it has always given me an excuse to not do anything that isn't fun because i'm gonna die soon why would i want to put in the effort to get a degree why don't i open the effort to sit down and struggle with words when i could just post and then once i posted well 0:3:11 enough get a podcast and then talk on the podcast and that was satisfying for a while but i got to a point where especially after the burning campaign failed and my

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fantasy that i could there was doing something worthwhile with the podcast beyond entertainment like i still think the show is good and entertaining and i hope people still listen to it because it's fun and it's it's entertaining and it's a good product it's a good entertainment product but it did not fill the the void i had for political engagement and and uh but that was really just a a veiled uh search for personal meaning which i didn't have for a while the bernie campaign sort of squared the circle and said oh you can do the fun no difficulty thing and also make the world a better place justify yourself justify your existence and so i was like hell yeah but then that broke down and it came it's an entertainment product again but i had these greater ambitions these these pretensions more than anything of intellect or whatever and that required me to figure out like well what am i going to actually say but as i said writing is working and i don't like working so i found i found this stream process as a way to do it and i feel like i was getting to places and i was getting to nuggets and i was getting somewheres but at every point i would find where every point where it felt like ah i can start writing now i would convince myself that i needed to keep doing this instead for what i thought was uh like i didn't have enough reason i didn't have enough uh information i didn't have the insights yet but boiled down to i still think i'm gonna die any second therefore i have to get it all out now now of course i'm not dying haven't been but thinking that kept me on the easy track but i can't do the easy track anymore because my entire life has been seeking the easy track and i'm running on a runway i mean i'm not dying but i am getting older and my ability to hold on to this adolescent worldview is becoming uh un untenable and the only way that i can make that work the only way that i can make my job work in a meaningful sense is if i add craft to it and that means writing as scary as that is midlife crisis correct correct my the t starts going down the red lights start going on and if you've lived a life uh fully those kind of things should be okay the reason people have midlife crises is because the the the life of the post millennial is in 2000 the post post-20th century a middle-class and upper adult is one of sustained prolonged non-ending adolescents and not necessarily like being immature in some intellectual sense i mean not having a real imagined interiority for and the thing about living that way it's the way that you are taught to live it's the structure of all of our social organs to tell you that it is the undergirding logic of capitalism that society is the sum total of people's self-interested acts because those are the only kind of acts that truly exist and can be priced and therefore meaningful and that can only work as long as you are able to uh keep separate two facts that as a educated western person you know to be true one that you're going to die someday your physical body your meat will expire because it is finite like everything and that your consciousness is the only consciousness that you recognize as real in the universe i.e god you are god

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and you're gonna die that is the mindset of the western capitalist subject that is unsustainable just like the society that is made to produce these people and is made up of these people and whose institutions uh reinforce that mindset is doomed to a final irrevocable crisis and that's why people freak out around midlife because they are running out of the ability to lie to themselves that they're not gonna die and i personally have clung to politics and the idea of being a political theorist out of a desire to reason myself out of that dichotomy like yes i'm going to die of course i'm going to die but maybe i can help make the world remake the world along the way because obviously like many in my generation i do not have children i was i have not reproduced i mean part of that is because that narcissistic track makes people value their own pleasure over the sacrifice that's required to raise another person but also even if they wanted to it's harder and harder to do it expensive and so i find myself without uh a legacy you know what i mean and the thing is is that a legacy is not necessary if you have community if you have love that transcends your individual you individuality that is the religious spiritual connection to other people and if you have that then as you get older as the pleasure that you seek becomes less uh accessible it is replaced by other deeper pleasures those aren't to be found so make a mark on the world by writing some masterpiece that somehow synthesizes all world history and uh and philosophy and brings about uh if not in your lifetime in the future uh the the new jerusalem and that premise is as much a denial of death uh as the one the personal one because this social order is already dead look just like we're all already dead in the sense that the end point is certain like here it is this is a point where every individual and every social order ends and then there is you the individual you know it's here somewhere and you know you're getting towards it but you don't know where it is and psychosis schizophrenia that powers our society is gen is generated by the splitting of the human into a body that feels and senses and a mind that imagines itself separate from that process now if the mind is separate from that process it cannot conceive its own end it is infinite and the mind has but if it's not at every point being re-grounded to the body it pulls you away from not only your body but the reality of the interiority and personhood and godhood of other people because we're all god obviously god is every consciousness in one giant diamond and every one of us is a tiny facet and and i think what i've been getting at with all this stuff about like politics as uh spectacle as as customer service as uh it's obviously a lot of people say you're really just talking about yourself i am talking about myself but people like me are the consumers and generators of political culture people very much like me in class position in education and so when i'm talking about myself and i have been talking about myself to myself for this entire time uh it has been in an effort to make sense of why i personally am addicted to the spectacle of politics even

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though i know it is not generative of change even though i know it doesn't contribute to making the world better for anybody that in fact it only contributes to making my life worse for me and i've been trying to make sense of that and if it's useful i think it's useful because the people listening to it who are listening to me because i they have a cultural affinity they have a similar frame of reference to me in a language that i have and can understand my metaphors they see something there because they see it there too because and hysteria that is the defining characteristic of politics at the moment from q and on to you know uh blue and on and in between and also all the hysteria uh and which finding in the left and all the weird occult on the east or on the on the right is a product of the fact that we individually all know we're dying but cannot reconcile that with our consciousness and are living in a society that is dead and is just sort of moving through the remainder of its momentum and that we can't do anything about either of those things even though our point of view that is nurtured by everything around us insists upon our because the the reality of of of of existence and i've said this before on stream is that everything has already happened we do not think our way personally individually to anything our our emotions and the thoughts that connect to those emotions afterwards are all generated by our encounters with the world we do not generate that like you start crying before you're sad like we know that neurochemically you start crying before you feel sad the sadness comes afterwards to make sense of the tears and what that means on a social level is that there is this distance between our understanding of the world and the world as it actually exists the physicality of it and in that delay is where we live and we're really just hanging out there we're not in charge we are bystanders like we can't make our bodies not die and that means that we're and if you are an educated person who knows as all westerners do that god isn't real and as i have said christians don't really believe in god either they are making the same uh um hedonic calculus that the rest of us do of i'm enjoying personal pleasures finite pleasures that are at the expense of others but it also but all of those pleasures the piling of them up increases my anxiety because i know i can't take them with me and they will end someday that is an in resolvable conflict unless you create a fantasy create a story that connects those two things and christianity is a story uh islam is a story they're all stories and i would argue that evangelical protestantism is essentially the defining uh religious uh expression of that contradiction and that wahabis islam is as much part of that and mainline christianity that is now turned into liberalism which is its own secular creed is this another version of the same thing and that is coping as people like to say on the internet cope we're coping so if you don't know if god's not if there is no supernatural there is no eternal there is no ineffable because we can't feel it remember we only know things if we can feel them if we have felt

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them we learn through experience we connect bits of like symbolic rationality to physical encounter and so since we do not physically encounter anything ineffable anything religious really anything's truly spiritual we reason rational reason to the reasonable position that all there is is individual pleasure and hedonic indulgence but that over time becomes unsustainable because the clock and the clock culturally socially planet-wise is now ticking louder than and that is that causes midlife crises it also causes political breakdowns because in the west in in we're talking about america here specifically politics is not a battle between exploiters and exploited it is it is an expression of a reality of class oppression that thanks to spectaclization and media and atomization and all the things we've talked about manifests as a neurotic essentially extended public nervous what i mean by the middle order are people who whatever their relationship uh the reality of the life is that they spend more time unalienated than they spend laboring i mean obviously they spend all their time alienated but i mean they are not laboring at a pre uh they are not working if you know what i mean even if they have a clickity-clack job they're not really working that much they have a lot of free time if what define america and its dawn was free real estate now that the free real estate is gone our breakdown is happening because of a different free thing free time but not unalienated free time in a post-capitalist you know post-scarcity world hyper-alienated free time in a hyper commodified hyper individualized and oh and that means that that karen taught to the manager politics is the politics of people individually and then collectively as they talk to each other and express their politics and and go online to talk about it and and and perform them at voting booths and in in public demonstrations is a is a nervous breakdown because everyone knows at some level whether they believe it consciously or not that this society is gonna die just like they are and what i mean by that is not like gonna die apocalypse i mean that there can be no better moment than the present and that is what drives the neuroses of the last man that we all are uh which is that our bodies are going to die and yet we cannot imagine that and our society is going to die just as we cannot imagine that because it is all it is as totalizing around us as our minds are in interacting with it and uh and so if you want to understand what politics are it is it's that now the reason there's so much category confusion and so much argumentation and splitting the hair about what causes the middle class or whatever is because these neuroses overlap on a true actual material uh geography of exploitation exploitation of resources and humans and that means that stuck in that middle strata it's just like being stuck in your body there is this this there's this gap between the the unresolved unquestionable uh reality of death and of the end of society and our uh hopeless and and powerless position waiting for it that is the reality of the middle class existence where you have the relative ease to have leisure

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but none of the materials security to ensure uh secure to secure uh to feel secure in it what i mean it's a recipe for uh individual and then individuals interacting with individual group uh psychosis things like qna because if you're trapped like that and your body is dead your society is dead all we have are our minds our illusionary separate ego consciousness and then uh the collection of those that we can cobble together into a political coalition and so we think that we can think our way out of it we think that we can i and again when i say we i mean me and you can tell me 0:24:9 if i'm wrong we imagine we hope we we um we soothe ourselves with the idea that we can think our way out of it because just as we cannot bodily conceive of living forever we cannot conceive of a meaningful political mobilization because we do not have class consciousness and so we drive ourselves mad and i drive myself mad trying to think our way to out of this think of our way to a point where we choose our end where we choose how to end the system and what to replace it with where we choose the moment of our own extinguishment and our own uh resurrection and it is the uh that fantasy and the fact that everything that we see and encounter reinforces that fantasy propel our politics in a into a neutered uh and now the point of this is not 0:25:11 to say we're all it's all don't care about politics and even to log off i realize now that the log off thing was literally me looking me in the eye and telling me what i had to do i don't know what you have to do with the computer you probably have a bad relationship with the computer because most people have a bad relationship with the computer but how that manifests i don't know uh i definitely do know though that my relationship is bad and i know why it's bad and so i know that what i have to do is cut off my justifications for maintaining but the thing is i'm still a podcaster slash public you know talking head type person i'm i uh i don't have any other skills 0:26:12 i like doing this and i would like to get deeper into questions not really political questions because politics the the grass towards politics was my grasp towards a illusory immortality to history which is where i feel most comfortable and where i feel most intellectually stimulated because i feel like i understand it like i've said about the the thing that the hegel said the owl of minerva flies at dusk the the fact that everything is protein and floating at all times in the present means that i do not feel at my most useful comfortable insightful when i'm trying to talk about the current moment i feel like if you can periodize a a era that has already happened you can find something there that's meaningful and because this is all one story you can find the patterns and meanings there that can be applied by other people to the world as they like i think a good example of this of the of the way that politics is neurotic 0:27:24 is on the question of the broad question of social liberalism which is supposed to be the wedge right that prevents working-class solidarity one way or the other like on one side of the divide you think that social liberalism uh is uh makes class conscious

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class solidarity impossible because of the inventorate white racism of the american working class and middle class and that that is deeper than class relationships and cannot be overcome or you think that the uh cynical uh appropriation by middle class liberals and like neoliberal institutions of uh uh like identity grievance is what stopped is what prevents class solidarity either way that's the liv that is the wedge and both sides of the left think recognize that as the wedge but the reason that 0:28:25 it's the wedge i think is because we're only absorbing it through the spectacle of politics and we're only expressing it through the only less spectacled performance of activism and uh electoralism and i think the reason for that fundamentally is that well social liberalism was the product of the mobilization of the most oppressed like racial uh cat and eventually gender categories of a society asserting their rights refusing to participate in society without their rights and that's where it started and then it was ratified at the top by institutions that were dedicated to maintaining capitalism and therefore reducing friction points and keeping as many people in the 0:29:26 community of consumers as possible so it was it was generated from below and then ratified from the top which is one of those that which is one of the things that causes the confusion about like oh is black lives matter is that an expression of like black uh oppression or is it a cynical uh neoliberal ploy it's both coming from both ends coming from both sides but in the middle it is experienced as a marker of um virtue for a segment of that middle class population the ones who most likely went to college and absorbed social liberalism there because once it was ratified at the top it had to filter down through the superstructures through things like institutions and you had you went from going to college and learning about how like the the rising tide of color 0:30:27 was going to swamp white supremacy from professor lothrop stoddard to learning uh uh abolish whiteness by uh that candy dude ibrahim kindly the thing that happens there is that is that in the middle the the governing institutions ratify a shift that is the product of genuine uh genuine oppressed uh political mobilization and then it's generated in the superstructure and people encounter it and the people absorb it because of where they grew up what they experienced going up what uh what career the path they took the values that they hold otherwise uh they are accepting it for what they think are reasons of personal virtue they think i believe like the people who have the signs that say we at this house black lives matter you know all love is 0:31:28 love those people think that they're doing that oh and i should say that this is more common among relatively secure coastal members of this strata and of course i am excluding people who are members of these groups who are obviously motivated by self-interest but a self-interest that is totally understandable and is separate from this neurotic thing that we're talking about and while people think that they have gotten to uh enlightenment social enlightenment through their own virtue is they

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are validating their class position and absolving themselves of the guilt involved in being in that middle strata where you are alienated where you don't really have control over anything to the degree that you can feel empowered but you also are the beneficiary of a ton of direct exploitation you are the beneficiary of things like the the uh the um the gi the racially uh applied uh fha program and the gi bill and uh and gentrification and all of those things as well as of course this the labor of our colonial subjects on the periphery we're all in a position where the only things we can find around ourselves to distract ourselves are indulgences that by definition are tied to and in that situation social liberalism is a way to consecrate that relationship i'm not bad for doing this because i am not filled with these reactionary social views and what that and what that means is that when we have discussions on questions of social liberalism and how to integrate them into class politics they are dominated by neurotic white liberals who are unconsciously for the most part trying to defend ace a thing that is central to their very fragile psychic ecosystem that allows them because when you're trapped in the waiting room of hell which we are our bodies are going to fail our society is going to fail we cannot imagine a better future for any of our descendants if we have them or ourselves no day will be better than the day we have now realistically they will only get worse but they're not but the end hasn't come yet unless you fully accept at a spiritual level by embodying your by living in a body by feeling then you will try to get out with your mind and you will build sand castles and sudoku puzzles and riddles that you will solve to avoid being in your body to avoid confronting the reality of the life you live and then those stories those those puzzles become life and that is what internet politics is it is everybody asserting their own uh fantasies of uh absolution and uh liberation that are premised on a delusion of a unlimited consciousness now of course once again i'm referring to myself but once again if that sounds familiar and so what what happened with me is that i realized that when i'm doing politics by doing this by but i'm lying to myself that this is enough that i'm helping uh it's not premised on a desire to help or love like i have talked about it's selfishness it is reaffirming to myself that i can still do this that i can still solve the riddle of history and consciousness and uh but what i can do is the thing that i have avoided because i thought i was gonna die and that is right and now i know in a way that i never really did before that i am not on the precipice of death that thing that i thought has really been my like i thought my whole adult life that my hypochondria was this curse but it was a mental function it was a function of my mind to avoid work to avoid alienated labor to avoid uh difficulty because the frictionless plane of pleasure is all you can hope for if you're gonna die and there's no eternity and there's no judgment and there's no connection if that's true and nothing we encounter will tell us that that's not true at

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least nothing i encountered in my life told me any otherwise then acquiring pleasures is it it's like mario with the rings you've got to grab or no sonic has the rings mario has the coins either way you're piling them up but you can't pile them up they're go away and they are evanescent and every desi no desire can be fulfilled and all that stuff and so the hypochondria was a way to justify something that otherwise i wouldn't be able to justify to myself because well if you're gonna die very soon and you don't have time to create human connections and do meaningful work and to live a fully embedded like embodied life then you might as well grab what you can 0:37:39 like the god we become the muncher that's i'm not kidding about the muncher being the avatar of this of me i mean of me if you think you're the muncher tell me but i feel like i'm the muncher and it is and it's it it's a ghost it's it's without us it is a it is a and what i was really doing was like trying to pick my own and and the only way out is through and i thought i understood that but what i've realized is that i was really just trading one delusion for another and the only real way to build the spirituality that can stand in for a lifetime of of of deracinated hedonism is by 0:38:40 struggle by struggle and there's no struggle to this this is just so easy for me just sitting here and just talking and the thing that keeps me going is the delusion that oh i'm gonna i'm gonna keel over any minute no i'm not i have time unless i get hit by a bus but then if that happens then all the rest of this is irrelevant i have time to actually sit with my body and sit in my body and try to make something that means something i don't know what it'll be i don't know if it'll be fiction or novel i'll probably try to synthesize something from what i've talked about on here into like a short volume that'll probably be the first thing i do but i'm gonna have to actually do this and i'm happy and i'm excited i'm a little scared but the only thing i know that right now i have to do is i have to get rid of this specific outlet because what it 0:39:41 the reason that this has been bad for me at this point now i think is that i as a result of the fact that i flee my body all the time and that i am able to generate theories and ideas and stories and narratives to justify almost i end up thinking all the god damn time and that's not good for you period and it's not good for me that's the one thing i know 100. but i think writing could be good for me writing could be part of that whole uh you know soul craft thing that people talk about uh because that gives you a reason to sit and think through things because the vlog concept 0:40:42 was i got to instead of sitting and thinking through things i got to just have kind of flight of fancy thoughts all day sit down put them together for a while and then walk away from them but then have to keep doing that and doing that and doing that instead of doing instead of blocking off specific time to apply those ideas which i think will be much healthier for me because it will allow me to live within my body and to cultivate relationships with other people and infuse them with meaning and

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so i don't know what that's going to mean in general but i just know that for that to happen i need to wean myself off of the easy intellectual fix of coming on here and just rattling off uh but as i said i will still do these because i need to like i said 0:41:44 i'm doing a lot of reading for the lincoln project and i want to talk through some of it but as a dialogue not as a monologue anymore and then i said i'd also like to do question and answer uh streams as a dialogue and then the monologuing can be contained to uh to a application of craft not just talking which is too easy that's why i sought it as a career i mean i didn't know i was seeking it but i got there and i was able to succeed because i'm good at it but it's too easy for me nonsense is like oh i'm so brilliant i'm so genius i mean it doesn't take anything it doesn't challenge me it doesn't make me have to live in my body like when i'm doing this i am a being of pure thought i might as well not be a body and that is this it's a high that i then chase the rest of the week and i have to avoid that i have so i hope people have gotten 0:42:48 a lot something out of these like theory bombs and most of all i hope very much to be able to turn them into something more coherent more supported more thought through in written form because understanding finitude is understanding limitations i cannot beat everything i cannot become the all cons like the all-expressing mind that changes the world none of us can and one of the real insidious things about online politics is that it gives us the idea that we can be everything because it is this frictionless plane where we get to theorize all day and call it politics and that 0:43:52 theorization is wasted it's wasted time for the most part because politics keep getting keep saying this will come from experience not from thought it is thought is then thought comes afterwards thought comes as a way of making sense of experience not as a way to direct experience and that's why i don't think that saying that we have to accept that this order is dead and that this society is dead is blackpill nihilism because of course it is anything that comes after whether it's unimaginably worse or better will be unimaginable because of the totalization if there is a hope of the future it will come from us and i think we have the ability to do it we not only 0:44:54 have the resources we not only have the technological advancement and the capital accumulation we have the brains to pull this off if enough of us step off the hedonic treadmill and move towards a spiritualized and i think that that that's more hope i think than you get if you theorize and and doomscroll all the time no matter what politics you think you have no matter much of a hardcore ml or whatever the no matter how whatever kind of pill you swallowed the world as it is presented to us in its pseudo form this ex this this like synthesized matrix of overlapping neuroses and breakdown is hopeless and of course it's hopeless because it's it's just an expression 0:45:58 of of uh terror it's an expression of uh of our inability to conquer our contradictions and that's because it's pure thought it's because it's pure reason it's because it's

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rationality and rationality is by itself and so i realized that i was not going to be able to to to make any progress for myself if i stuck unless i stopped trying to turn this into something that it can't be like what i want to do what i want to do is create something and that requires work and so i'm going to as i said pair these back to what twice a week and also i am going to and look you can hold me to this if you see me posting on twitter tell me to log off because i am making a concerted effort to just not and i got criticized a little bit for the last vote ball for saying that i was not understanding that like all of these things that i'm describing have contradictions within themselves that get worked out and that new things emerge yeah that's true the reason i didn't really notice that is that i wasn't really talking in universal terms i was talking in specific terms and i know that i have this specific unhealthy relationship with online politics that does not mean that online or any of the events that people discuss online are not meaningful and could not provide uh the context for the emergence of new new uh plate tectonic political arrangements that could generate new areas of struggle of course that's true but you will not find that by looking at it the internet because of its communist ability to connect people is useful to the extent that people use it productively so twitter useful reddit useful the whole thing useful if it's being used if you're using it if it's you're so look for that in the future hope to get something together and hope and i will update progress wise as i'm working on it on here but uh if i have another like if i get another vote ball idea you will not see it here you will see it elsewhere heroin is someone says heroin is useful too heroin is useful opiates are useful like when marx called the uh uh called religion the opiate of the masses he wasn't using it the way that like uh uh edgelord atheists use it he was using it in its 19th century term which was as an anesthetic used in surgery as a necessary medical application the heart of a heartless world he called it not opium but religion but that was the reason that he compared the two they have uses we are not using we are being used by them though because we are using them as uh as ways to self-soothe and as ways to slowly kill ourselves because if we can't have a better day than the day we have now then it is up to us to pick our end to pick when we go out that is the fantasy of the apocalypse too that we all fixate on that like well if everything is going to be worse than today and all of life is the accumulation of pleasure and pleasures will go down over time precipitously we might as well find a way consciously or unconsciously to pick a moment to to say peace but doing that is at the expense of every other person and pursuing that line cuts you off every moment that you're doing it from every other person it leaves you a terrified guilt-racked sliver of consciousness that cannot reconcile itself i mean i joked a while ago that like jeffrey epstein is the dmt surge at the end of america hasn't the last four years felt like that guy with the bull horns walking around the

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capitol building this feels like your brain sort of writing you off stage and that's what we're all doing but as i said the ones who are doing it the most and absorbing this the most and eating the lotus is the most are more than not relatively comfortable and the ones that are being precarious and being made precarious which is a lot of them are encountering class the experience of exploitation and they will in a in a hostile and antagonistic relationship to capital in a way that they never have before and the question becomes how do they manage that crisis how do we all manage that crisis and i and i think that the black pill is a get out of har work free card 0:52:8 it is a way to say nothing can get better i cannot imagine anything better for me or for anyone else in the future and so therefore i can indulge myself entirely and i can just eat kick it keep eat skittles for dinner until i die and yeah you could i mean it's gonna be harder and harder you know as uh our access to those uh soothing pleasures becomes more less and less but you can stuff yourself well well you can and it will leave you alone it will leave you isolated and terrified and there's no way that you won in that encounter even if you thought even if you were right even if you looked around you and you were the genius who figured out that everything was 0:53:9 hopeless it doesn't make your life any easier just like being the genius at age 16 who realizes oh my god i'm gonna die and god isn't real okay well what are you gonna do about it and i mean my god like people are horrified of like a new waves and waves of viral infections and new covets that's terrifying but i don't know how you could say that that could make you black-pilled i mean my god like the consumer engine of the american economy is about to collapse you're telling me that that does not give you some sort of hope not necessarily that something better is going to happen but that something different is going to happen then you assuming that it will have to be worse i'm sorry no one can know that you can only convince yourself that you know that to give yourself permission to keep doing what you think you want to do uh so with that i say uh not so long because like i'll be back not next week not 0:54:22 this wednesday but i think next wednesday i'll i'll uh oh man on twitter sorry i will announce uh what book what if i'm gonna do black reconstruction or something like tomorrow i think and know how i'm gonna i don't know how long we're gonna but that'll be my only tweet and um but on friday we'll uh we'll do a hangout stream and we'll just talk talk you guys can ask questions and chill but yeah the uh the i'm not i'm not going to reinvent the wheel here i got i got to sit down and i'm not going to reinvent what you know i'm not going to reinvent the wheel by writing either whatever i'm writing is going to be just a shard a sliver of insight hopefully and craft fingers crossed and quality maybe but it will be of good it will be of great 0:55:25 use to me to do it and hopefully fingers crossed it'll be of use to yeah we could do a state coins well we're not we already did the state coins we could do something

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else though those all right i don't know how long it's been but that's about that's  
it's not that's i got through everything i wanted to say i hope it made sense i hope  
people don't think uh well it doesn't really matter what people think i just gotta do

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um making money take it to the limit one more time show me a sign take it to limit one more time okay it's going good i don't have my computer right now so i would go by faith that i'm broadcasting i'm having mineral water right now it's very good 0:1:1  
all right first of all thank you to everybody who has said log off to me when i posted today this week but you can stop i mean if you want to keep doing it as a bit that's fine don't do it when i'm replying to someone because it's someone else's mentions and they don't need them clogged i said that at the time because i needed to take like you know what i felt was radical action to to refocus myself but i've spent enough time this week really applying that reasoning to the project to the point where if i post a couple times a day that's fine okay and i have not been posting more than like twice a day and i've been spending maybe an hour daily on twitter which is a huge difference from my uh genu my regular uh diet of online and since i have to do online to a degree for the show i'm not gonna totally log off so it's about finding a balance i 0:2:4  
i no it's not a slippery slope see that's the thing the slippery slope thing that's when you aren't self-motivated that's when you're that's when you're like slapping nick uh nicorette patches on to avoid smoking uh in fact like making extreme demands of yourself like that is a sign that you don't have a healthy relationship with the thing in question uh i i feel like i have a healthier relationship and therefore i'm fine so if you see me posting a ton that's not great but i don't think that will happen so just basically so that like i can reply to a friend of mine and not have to worry that 15 people are going to be in their mentions saying log off which is just going to annoy them i want to be able to talk to people who i do have like actual relationships with if it contradicts what i said last time well i celebrate myself and i sing myself i contain multitudes so but thank you for your concern uh progress i assure you is being made 0:3:6  
and i'm very excited about it but i'm not just writing the book all day that would be insane i have other things to do i have actually a number of projects now that are all erupting at once so the progress is so this is the first of what will now hopefully be a weekly friday vibe stream where i will interact with chat talk about stuff i've talked to chris about maybe having guests if he can help me with that including

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him like talking to chris and i love talking to chris so that'll be try to do that every  
friday and now starting next wednesday will be another stream about a book i have  
said black reconstruction but i've thought about it i really think like considering  
where i started with the the white book i think really the most the thing that makes  
sense next in terms of like reducing uh would be the phoner reconstruction book so 0:4:9  
uh eric foner's reconstruction the unfinished american revolution uh we're gonna i'll  
talk about the first chapter since it's only it's friday and that'll be next wednesday  
already talk about the first chapter of phoner's boner not boner i'm sure he got that  
a lot growing up uh eric bone bones reconstruction so we'll do the i'm not gonna i'll  
blew that i think we'll do black reconstruction after this one i am doing a racism  
i'm doing an imperialism but the thing about fonder's book is that it covers a longer  
period of time and it is more uh it's it's just got a broader sweep and like i feel like  
you go from white which is the whole gilded age from the end of the civil war until the  
uh election in mckinley then you do fauner which is the whole of like reconstruction  
from an academic perspective and then you do do du boises black reconstruction 0:5:12  
that feels like uh that makes sense to me as like a uh a vector for acquiring uh like  
the correct historical uh framework for for building out from there and then after  
that we'll see those are gonna be the next three or the next two starting with first  
chapter of phoner on wednesday you don't have to have read it obviously i'm not just  
gonna talk about what's in there it'll be a jumping off point but that'll be that and  
then that's gonna be the two that's it though we're not i'm gonna try not to do any  
other ones if something really gets me i'll write it down i'm not gonna not gonna just  
come on here to yell i will post after this i'll post a tweet saying what uh next week's  
book club will be please don't respond log so what are you guys up to what's going  
on with you hep cats and kittens someone's asking have i seen babylon berlin it's  
very much up my alley i should watch it at some point i haven't seen it yet though 0:6:13  
let me get because i mean if i'm mr counterfactual now if i'm looking backward now  
in this period of stasis for me anyway you know politically you want to talk lincoln  
assassination another the other big one really that comes to mind immediately after  
that is the on the failed german revolution so that'll oh man i've not seen the stand  
remake uh it i've seen some clips from some people who've watched it i've noticed  
no one's talking about it it looks absolutely terrible uh i mean and it's not like the  
94 one's that good but it makes the 94 one look like the kubrick shine it basically  
makes this this stand makes the 94 that this stand is to the stephen weber uh um 0:7:15  
cable shining as the 94 stand is to kubrick shining yes lex g is really where i've been  
finding out don't don't bother the poor man but that he's my favorite uh uh he will  
not he will not allow you to to uh to follow him anyway he's locked but it looks  
absolutely terrible and it really does it does make it hard not to feel like mass mark

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mass market entertainment is getting worse and i know that that is a thing that people resist saying because it makes you sound like an old man yelling at a cloud and there is always an emotional element to that that is reducible really to just you know things are better when you're younger than when you're older when it comes to culture and a bunch of other stuff but man uh just like everything about it just seems so and that's too bad because i love the stand i mean that i read i read when 0:8:16  
i was a kid i read the like the thousand page version with all the stuff that got cut out of the original release that obviously probably should have been cut when like uh king was at his most gacked when he was mr \*\*\*\*\* yayo uh and just writing 10 but man the new one looks bad i'm hearing that the trash can man played by ezra miller is thermonuclearly terrible uh so why is toppo chico bad for you it's mineral water what are you talking about why what are you what are you people trying to do for me what are you trying to do to me now i'm trying to cut back on uh on 0:9:24  
uh dr sleep was and it's it's very funny because the whole reason that stephen king hated kubrick shining is because jack torrance was him and kubrick's version of jack torrance is not redeemable he's not he's not a man who had some weakness and slipped gave into his worst instincts he is he was a he was a vessel for evil and so it's 0:10:27  
not surprising at all that king hated that because it was essentially a two-hour long uh a dissection of his darkest impulses and an essentialization of them and that's fine what that's it's it's to be expected but his his 30-year long attempt to essentially erase the kubrick movie from existence first by making that and then doing the terrible sequel which was then made into a somehow worse movie although i have to say it's very funny to me that he wrote the book to help expregate the movie from existence and reaffirm the privacy of the original novel and as a result dr sleep is a sequel to the book not the movie and so that means that dick halloran didn't die uh and also uh the overlook blew up and so at the end of the movie when they when 0:11:28  
the other the book doctor sleep when they go to the overlook it's just a big field but the movie is a sequel to shining the movie and it when they go back to overlook it's still there did i not send a uh a uh a twit a tweet a twit a tweet about the stream i thought i did i don't have my computer i can't leave this i thought i sent us i'm sorry i don't have my twit my my computer right now is down i oh man the shining 0:12:30  
sequence in ready player one spielberg is a demon i mean he's incredibly talented but he is a \*\*\*\*\* demon allegedly contrasting him with cameron i think really shows you that like spielberg is is terrifyingly narcissistic and everything that he does comes from that i kind of honestly sometimes think that his most autobiographical movie aren't any of the ones about divorce and the suburbs it's temple of doom when you can think about who he pals around with and in hollywood who else uh it makes up it makes you think that like that was actually the movie about his life the the

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uh for the idea that women are to keep around as arm candy but they're not there to have any kind of emotional relationship with uh real real time is with the bros 0:13:32 including the small the small friends and sometimes that uh fun involves uh maybe in temple underground where you do fun things and you chill out and how the mark of sophistication is the willingness to eat things and perform rights for example that maybe normal people allegedly i'm just saying silver gives me the \*\*\*\*\* creeps as a person he's very talented and it's interesting contrasting him with cameron who probably is a bigger jerk to work with than spielberg but clearly is not part of the uh i'm not against hanging out with the boys but you know you need a uh you need an 0:14:34 integrated self and i don't think you ever got one i think spielberg is very talented i spielberg is able to uh to create investment in uh characters visually which is very difficult he's able to make you identify with the character and then create stakes for that character's actions that compel you to keep watching just just with depictions of them which is a tough oh yeah the lincoln movie i loved the lincoln movie when 0:15:39 i saw it i gave it like four and a half stars on letterbox if anyone wants to go back and look at it the politics of it are genuinely terrible i mean like all the spielberg's politics overt politics as opposed to the meta-politics that he's dealing with the uh the actual um overt politics of spielberg's movies and this is one of the things that makes you know that he is you know a hollow man is is this sort of the sort of soulless liberalism that it's horrifying to imagine somebody investing that much uh energy in depicting because it's so just the background radiation of life why would you feel the need to do that why would you feel the need to assert in this culture the need that that like compromise is the most important thing it's like what the \*\*\*\*\* especially since the context doesn't even make sense uh abraham lincoln was not compromising with anybody they were they were burning and destroying half of the goddamn 0:16:40 country in the middle of all those debates about the 13th amendment and you're supposed to side with lincoln over stevens uh when they're discussing plans for the south and stevens is talking about d uh just uh exploring the entire planter class and redistributing their uh their land and lincoln's like oh you do fall as if what we got instead is so manifestly better than that would have been but honestly i feel like the real slander if there is one is that i don't think lincoln i think lincoln was would have pursued a course closer to what stevens was proposing than to what we \*\*\*\*\* got from johnson which is one of the reasons i want to really explore the concept of a counterfactual non-assassinated lincoln reconstruction but the thing that makes that movie good is one the actual storytelling visually is compelling like when when they're doing the vote on the 13th amendment and then the bells chime it's it's i 0:17:41 teared up and of course the performances are amazing and yeah daniel day-lewis is the definitive lincoln and uh those those elements are all great but they're in the

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service of this soulless entity and that's the spiel that's the thing with spielberg is it there is a hole there there is a big gaping hole and the more he the more he's able to hide it the more he's able to alight it the the more sort of purely pleasurable his movies are like jaws but where he like reflects it like lincoln like like his more overtly political movies that he's done recently like uh the post and stuff you see that hole and it's like it's a little creepy jaws isn't soulless of course jaws isn't soulless because he's not showing you his hole he's not he's not putting a flashlight in his hole and you could thank carl gottlieb and and \*\*\*\*\* dreyfus like these are collaborative processes wow like spiel et's jurassic park fantastic i gotta re-watch close encounters 0:18:47  
it's been a long time i don't think lincoln was gay he probably did gay \*\*\*\*\* though with like joshua speed he probably did some gay \*\*\*\*\* but i think gay \*\*\*\*\* was pretty common among his class and time really because one thing to remember is that guys didn't get guys got guys in like the aspiring classes in the 19th century got married late they did not get married in their early 20s they got married often in their 30s what where the hell were they doing during the height of their uh their like essential drive they were probably doing you know obviously there was a lot of prostitution but also but i don't think that he was like i think i think he he i think it was more fluid in general like talking about gayness before like the modern era is 0:19:50  
kind of uh a misapplication of terms anyway buchanan i think was like exclusively for the dudes buchanan was a guy who you would because the got his uh the big reason for that the big reason i think that is because of his close intimate friendship with another politician of the year another doe face named uh who was briefly vice president although he died before he could get sworn in of malaria i believe in cuba william rufus devane king who was known in washington for his flamboyant attire and affect uh and i believe andrew jackson called the two of them aunt fanny and miss nancy or something i gotta re-watch the abyss that's the cameron movie i've 0:21:4  
probably least familiar with i saw it as a kid and i time pence got fired got pence got hired by the um someone says pence got hired by the um heritage foundation he's also probably he's i heard he was doing a podcast uh which is probably from the heritage foundation which uh is very funny because at first you think this guy is a charisma zero why would anyone listen to that but he actually got his start after a failed political bid in talk radio which is kind of amazing and it really does tell you how uh indiana it really is the blandest place on earth that mike pence was like the rush but i i but he had to go to the heritage foundation because i can't think of a 0:22:15  
less popular politician right now in amer in america than mike pence not necessarily like he's the most hated like emotion like there's a lot of emotional investment by it but clearly any of the real trump people don't like him they feel like he did show himself to be a \*\*\*\*\* as trump told said to him uh and then he's still too creepy and

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and socially conservative like overtly socially conservative for to become a resistance hero like i joked that he was like a leader for he's more likely to be the democratic nominee for president than a republican nominee for president and i mean obviously i think at this point democrats like him more than republicans but they still don't really like him he's still creepy he's still good so i can't think of anybody with less of a political future which is kind of amazing because you'd assume that you know the vice president is is well positioned but i think we've seen the last of him obviously 0:23:16 there's no way of knowing but i think we might have seen the last of him in elected office he's just going to shrivel into a little prune in his little heritage the idea of trump at a think tank would be pretty funny as long as they gave him a twitter account they might i'm wondering if they're going to give him back his twitter account at some point because he was just such a big draw but honestly the longer he's away the more relevant he feels doesn't it feel obviously this is all subjective but doesn't it feel just like oh we really did kind of conjure him into being and like we made him the over ruling like mind in the country because we needed him and then as soon as the tensions that he provoked became unsustainable shy of an actual military 0:24:18 confrontation that none of us are uh ready for we've just collectively like popped him and sent him off like like \*\*\*\*\* witches of eastwick we'll yeah it's like he's a topo we created like on an acid trip and now it's like we're eating orange slices and he's just fading into the any movies i'm excited for this year uh all the big ones i i am interested somebody asked about that the fred hampton movie i don't think it's going to be good or anything but i am interested in seeing it it'll be an interesting document of the time i mean i think it'll be honestly very interesting even if it's terrible you know how how we're thinking about stuff like the black panthers in the current moment when you know like the black struggle movement has re-emerged as 0:25:21 sort of the synoquinon with the left but it's also at the same time being co-opted into like a justification for neoliberalism like those three things are happening at the same time and that's that's why the argument about that is stupid because they're both happening it depends on which end of the \*\*\*\*\* thing you're looking which side of the kaleidoscope you're looking through uh and apparently it's got squibs so i will see it uh also i'm a chump king kong versus godzilla i'm sorry i don't care i don't even care that's gonna be on a small screen they're fighting looks cool uh i liked i'll admit that i liked the dower uh grimdark godzilla from 2014 that a lot of people hate just because they don't give you a lot of godzilla and i think that is rare in blockbuster filmmaking now uh and i like kong skull island so we'll go and of course who of course number one with a bullet although we'll see if they delay it 0:26:22 again if movie theaters are back by the fall ghostbusters afterlife so that i can in fact i must see the muncher with my own eyes i must look into the mirror myself and see

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that the the the joyless subject whose only uh desire is consumption but for whom consumption dune i gotta say i did not like the trailer i've gotten over a villain to wave at this point and it's just why is everything got to be all why can't why isn't there any \*\*\*\*\* color anymore it's like i saw like a grandpa but like not everything where's the color i will see that though i saw buck boy i did not like it i gotta say 0:27:25  
i i got what it was going for i think but it didn't really yes uh i've heard about the uh the creation of new detroit in nevada how there's gonna be actual corporate uh company towns i mean that's that's the trajectory we're on it was going to happen at some point and now it's just happening i mean that's really a lot so much of the anxiety of the moment is that \*\*\*\*\* that we all knew one way or another was coming and knew would be bad when it got here is happening and we have no way we can't imagine a way to stop it or change the trajectory and yeah i mean this is just the next step of a process that's already happening in most of our big cities especially 0:28:27  
any of the ones that have a lot of tech money in them i mean detroit itself literally already is new detroit downtown detroit has been a private fiefdom of dan gilbert's uh uh quicken loans i think for years now they have they run their own they run this the security no dan gilbert is cleveland he's from cleveland and he owns the browns but but he also owns the middle of downtown it's not no it's it's detroit i love being incorrectly corrected i love how detroit is the is the center of uh a pizza chains the 0:29:32  
hometown of little caesars and dominoes i believe like the owners of both of those have swapped off ownership of the different sports teams over the and i love the fact that uh monahan the guy who founded domino's is like a opus dei psycho catholic who founded his own catholic planned community and college in florida and you'd be you'd think that there'd be more of awareness that detroit has its own pizza style especially since pizza hut ironically the one that's not from detroit has sort of as its baseline pizza one that's most reminiscent of i will i don't know if i've said this 0:31:0  
on the stream before but when i was a kid in a small like a 30 000 person town in wisconsin like an hour away from milwaukee like not not a suburb like like a little like a a medium-sized town uh pizza hut in like the 80s and 90s that was the nicest restaurant uh i went to as a kid and not because we were poor we were like you know decently middle class in income it's because that's all that's that was there weren't nice restaurants in in in like large parts of this country back then so the things that i associated high fine dining with like low lighting at banquettes uh the pebbled glass or pebbled plastic cups that kind of looked like they were glass and of course the buffet those were all those were all from um i think though that that i 0:32:10  
think that that type of fancy dining is no longer i mean i think that kind of decor is not no longer what people think of when they think of like nice restaurant i think now uh now it's lighter it's like brighter that was like kind of a mid-century thing

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like you watched mad men everybody is you know smoking cigarettes the other nice kind of nice place we had just because it was dark was we had a the closest thing to a restaurant we had was a place called friar tux and i think there were like maybe one or two other locations in the area but it might have been the only one and it was it looked outside it looked like a fake little medieval uh building and it had very narrow sort of arrow slit windows and the waitresses all wore very very short uh 0:33:11 monk frocks with like a cord belts and they made real and they sold burgers people are talking about stop getting kicked off letterbox i have to say i i got on letterbox a while ago i enjoyed it i'm still on there i you know i basically if i remember to if i remember to put one in i will post one like i'm not like tracking obsessively every movie i put in there anymore but uh it's been fascinating watching that place be get the neuroses of social media sites as people have like as essentially people are moving like locusts from one social media site to another and generating this cloud of neurotic energy about culture and politics mostly in order to get frisian from their 0:34:13 interaction with the internet and in a while it after a while it kind of like peters out and they lose the ability to get that hit and so they have to move on they're like the \*\*\*\*\* aliens in independence day uh or otherwise known as like the human race and now they're on letterbox and so now letterbox is the new tumblr twitter where everybody can just oh now we can all uh have struggle sessions every day about these specific films no matter how old they are and uh the way people respond to them fun good stuff definite sign of a oh god jimmy's grotto in waukesha the home of the panzerata which is like a gut bomb uh calzone i only went there a few times it's too heavy but yeah the fact that stav got \*\*\*\*\* banned for doing some joke for 0:35:15 objectifying people film is objectification by definition and it i do disagree though a lot of people are saying like that these puritans who are going on there to conduct witch trials about problematic content and problematic ways to view films they say don't they get the film is for perverts that film is about you know desire and and all that no i think at some point they get it it's just that's what turns them on what turns them on as much as you know uh uh uh like brian de palma is turned on by the voyeuristic male gaze and as much as film is about the male gaze for these people who are on there now getting his getting very upset about that and and uh and essentially creating like lists of prescribed entertainments that's for them their perverted pleasure that's their uh libidinal uh indulgence so essentially there have 0:36:17 like film is voyeurism and then there's this metaphorism where you're not necessarily even looking at the movie you're looking at who made the movie and who watched the movie and that's where you get off so it's all it's still perverse it's not like these people aren't perverts they're just as perverted as the real pervs it's just that now they're in there too and just and that the problem though is that when that becomes

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the dynamic uh it it has to escalate the conflict destroyed people got mad at me for for not liking knives out i don't get that i mean it's really not the politics i just said that there's a weird thing people do where they say like you guys talk too much 0:37:18 about movies you only look at them through a political lens well i don't but when i talk about it on my political comedy show i'm probably going to talk about the politics why else would i be talking about a movie if i wasn't going to put it through a political lens that's the whole that's the frame of reference for which why we talk about everything that doesn't mean that's the only way to enjoy a movie the only thing about a movie to enjoy it's one element that you pull out and talk about it's not the only i mean one of the problems we have is so many people think that politics is the only lens to look through things and also that the if you say one thing about a movie if you express one opinion online it is a consecrated uh totality of your beliefs about it but i was put off by the politics of of uh knives out but even if you cut out the alt-right kid thing there's there's nothing there that i enjoyed at all and so then 0:38:22 but if we're talking on our politics podcast about why it's bad i'll bring that up but there's plenty of other things about it that oh christopher plummer died r.i.p to a i actually people say what about culver's there wasn't a culver's in manner to walk when i was growing up there i didn't have culver's until i moved to the milwaukee 0:39:25 area there might be one there now but there uh what else didn't i like about knives out the structure of it i i mean i like those well for one thing i don't really like those kind of movies i'm not a big fan of the agatha christie contact the the the the sap the concept like the agatha christie whodunit thing it's fine but it's not something i seek out so that it's already not going to grab me on that respect and then the way they did it also it is interesting though seeing regional you can really trace uh the pattern of um of retirement migration like internal retirement migration of american 0:40:28 populations by the way that regional chains uh move around like there's a culver's in i believe there's culver's in florida and there's culver's in arizona now because that's where wisconsinites move when they get old and they want their food they want their do people i can't believe it either but people do actually no yes people refer to arizona and if i was going to do that if i was one of those people i would absolutely pick arizona over florida to me that is not a contest i mean yes the ocean is nice but if i move into the water i would move to the pacific and also the \*\*\*\*\* humidity and the giant bugs and everything the desert is is is a transcendent place or can be and uh so i can see i can see the appeal of arizona but neither of them are like places i 0:41:35 would want to move i mean people move there because you get to live the life of a retiree which is like this frictionless convenience festival and that's terrible for your brain i didn't see jodorowsky's doom because i don't i've never been a dune guy it's not really my deal uh and i saw the lynch dune a couple years ago and it was uh not

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good i mean i i don't think it was good at least but it was visually interesting which 0:42:36  
is more to say than you can say for the new one at least from what i saw in the  
trailers uh and i've seen some jodorowsky movies but i bet that would have sucked  
too i bet that it actually made that movie squibs are not the only thing i care about  
in movies but the lack of them is just something that that saddens me because you're  
seeing as i've talked about just the hyper the hyper uh elimination of meaningful uh 0:43:39  
artistic elements within films like there are fewer and fewer places where people can  
make decisions in the interest of quality they can only make it in the interest of the  
budget someone was saying that squibs aren't just like the the the uh death of squibs  
isn't just about money it's about safety but if those two things were in conflict what  
do you think would win i mean it's only coincidentally safer and that still me doesn't  
mean that you should get rid of them completely i think uh chris pointed this out  
uh you don't have to make every \*\*\*\*\* if you're making a movie with a bunch of  
shooting you don't have to have everything be a squib you can have plenty of things  
where you guys just fall over with no blood whatsoever but when you do show some  
blood show some real \*\*\*\*\* blood instead of okay everybody's gonna have a like 0:44:43  
that's a perfect that's a perfect example uh chris said like commando in the end  
of commando when he shoots everybody on that island most of them do not have  
squibs they just fall over but a few shots you get an in-cut you got an in-frame you  
got a cut to a close-up and then there's some squibs in a modern version if they did  
commando again every single person who got shot would get a big cgi blood splatter  
i saw awakened fright i just saw it a few months ago it's a great it's a hor it's called  
a horror movie and the horror prince the horror uh question that is asked because  
you know all horror movies are premised on what if what if this really happened 0:45:46  
and how terrifying that that nightmare would be like what if freddie the the mike  
marinelli street movies what if you could be killed in your dreams you know texas  
chainsaw massacre what if you uh picked up a hitchhiker who uh was part of a family  
of cannibals wake and fright the question is what if you were forced to hang out with  
and that is a terrifying thought i am looking for i got to say i'm still want to see  
tenant even though i i think the interesting thing about nolan is that nolan is it's 0:46:52  
very he is really the director for our time because he is a figure where he is as he's like  
he is someone without a soul like his films are fully soulless and what he replaces soul  
with is uh self manufactured puzzles like just what i have no interest in people as such  
but i do have uh interest in in challenging myself to get out of and that very much is  
like that's what film is that's what the internet is now it is we've sort of cast off any  
we've cast off our bodies and we've decided that like while we wait for oblivion while  
we wait for individual death and for the death of our species we're gonna basically 0:47:54  
do mental crossword puzzles and that's what that's what nolan movies are that's

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what all of the arguments people decide to invest with yeah because like yeah like complexity you know neither godzilla nor king kong will win as i said in the other stream they never never never have one definitively win i do like though that when they originally did king kong versus godzilla there was the american version king kong won in the japanese version godzilla one they should do that again that'd be funny although honestly they would switch it now at least in america like they would want godzilla to win because like king kong winning would be too uh like imperialist or something it's a myth oh never mind i never saw it i'm not a big i'm not a huge 0:48:55  
godzilla guy it's going to have a definitive winner interesting well if it's not king kong then it's \*\*\*\*\* i'm sorry if it's not king kong i'm sorry if it's not godzilla it's \*\*\*\*\* oh the godzilla king of the monsters the one they did a few years ago is not good at all uh no godzilla come on godzilla beats king kong i don't care if you make king kong bigger so that they can fight on even terms king kong gets somebody asked 0:49:57  
about a relatively obscure movie from a few years ago standoff at sparrow creek that is a movie that a lot of people should watch people who are like freaking out about uh q anon and the proud boys they should really watch that movie because it really does spell out how this actually works how much of how much of what we think are these uh like insurgent uh reactionary militia movements are in fact being directed to some degree from the leadership positions by law enforcement i mean we just had that confirmed with the the proud boy leader who was arrested the day before uh the the capital uh breach with the just enough just just the the right amount of uh like i think uh weapons uh like magazines uh rifle magazines to get arrested so that he couldn't go but all of his supporters went i mean if they're all if they're all informants i think people really need to ask themselves well what are we actually getting out of 0:50:58  
all of this drama and like are we really are we really fighting evil or are we playing our part our necessary part in a public conflict that only serves to reinforce state power wow the real right wing threat is esoteric fashion eco fash i i don't i gotta tell 0:52:16  
you i don't think that's true i don't think fash is a threat to anything i think all of these things are components of one big post-fascist regime that is it is empire in its death throes it it its violence comes home to police those within its borders who can no longer be but that's not a political it's not a political contest it is all of politics it's not the stakes aren't real because there is no alternative within the structure within the points of conflict the uh the emergence of of an alternative is going to be i hate to say it orthogonal to everything else there'll be a reconstruction board game okay 0:53:28  
that sounds interesting wow we really are just waiting around in the \*\*\*\*\* uh we are in hell's waiting room aren't we just like no alternative nothing nothing can be better so we're going to imagine ways that things could be better in the future and the way things could have been better in the past to make the future not what it's

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going to be and i'm part of that i'm not blaming anybody for that but i think that you have to understand the current political moment and culture in those contexts and doing so i think robs a lot of the drama out of it and robs a lot of the urgency out of things that really aren't that important because politics is dead but it will not stay dead because the things that have killed it the things that have narconized us to politics the things that have made it so that we can't be effective political actors 0:54:32  
uh are going away are changing uh the conditions that paralyze us are shifting very quick and that is going to give us new avenues for for political action that can't be predicted or extrapolated out from the present and that's i think that's the thing like that's the thing to remember when you but i would like to play the reconstruction board game certainly i uh i'm uh someone's asking sativa or indica i'm not i'm off weed right now it's like i'm trying to recalibrate and and just start from scratch like knowing where my body is knowing what's real and what's been exacerbated by by 0:55:33  
chemicals and i have used sativa because it gets me like on point but i don't think i need that anymore uh i'd be interested in the future to maybe try something uh that like puts you in your body as opposed to makes you gravitation reputation's going good i've been meditating all week 20 minutes or so a day after having been off it for a while it feels good i'm gonna try to keep okay this is good the aoc thing i don't like talking about afc because she is a she's a voodoo doll like she she's she exists to to uh to pour your frustrations and anxiety into one way or the other uh but the whole thing the whole trauma narrative that she's going with i don't the 0:56:34  
argument about like whether you whether it's real or not absolutely baffling that these are conversations people are having she's essentially acting like an influencer like that's the way to understand all this stuff like her talking about her trauma and now they're gonna have like everyone talking about their trauma she might think that this is like a political play that's going to help her side versus the republicans but that's only here that's only at the top of her reasoning the real reason she's doing this is because she's she is a millennial and that's what you do she's a celebrity she is an influence what is a member of congress even a member of the squad which is a tiny fraction of a fully neo-liberal democratic party caucus what can you really do especially since there's no popular movement that you can direct or coordinate with to put pressure anywhere you you stream yourself you stream yourself what am i 0:57:35  
doing i'm streaming myself she's streaming herself you post she's a poster she's an influencer that's what we all are people get mad at her for it and that's beside the point people want to defend it and say that it's like a politically effective that is also not true it is what you do instead of politics i mean i i'm not a fan of of this idea that that everything it that all trauma needs to be fetishized uh and wep and used and and that because it rests on this assumption that that other people are going 0:58:37

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to respond to your narrative the way you want them to and that's just not true which is why it ends up just being self-indulgence and and self-promotion but again that's all it can be getting mad at any politician at this point is like getting mad at the weather i don't want to talk about that guys i don't know i'm done talking about housing i never went to kings island when i lived in cincinnati never been a huge theme park guy because the lines never were never good hated that hated going somebody says thoughts on the rise of incest porn i was thinking the other day that because i just rewatched under the silver lake which is i think a really great and underrated movie that is extremely relevant to the current moment in a way that is actually interesting and provocative as opposed to just being lazily uh you know like it's you watch a movie like that and then you watch movies that are like clearly going off of you know twitter topics and and trending uh uh talking points and and uh and are clear and are like written by and for people who are online all day uh it's it's night and day like that there's no pandering in that movie but it very much speaks to the moment in a deeper like uh like basil level uh and i was just thinking about how the whole story of that movie is about a downwardly mobile middle-class white guy who literally cannot get a girl i mean not just because he's a psycho i mean he is a psychopath and that's all part of it like it's about misogyny in in many ways but he can't get a girl because the girls are all with rich guys because and uh no no no none of the women his age uh the guys don't have any money and incest porn is sort of the same thing like the girls your age are with your dad so you have to have sex with your stepmom also for incels specifically who make up a big portion of pornography's uh base users uh the another lure of uh step step pornography is that you know porn porn fantasies are they have to be to some degree plausible or attainable to really tantalize and so if you're talking about people who really don't go outside the home at all uh even even like the fantasy of workplace sex is a bridge too far so the only person you can realistically fantasize about is someone who you can \*\*\*\*\* without leaving okay somebody i think to wrap it up the last thing someone had a long thing in chat just now saying that we're a schizophrenic society because of the divide between our digital and uh real selves and i think that's true but i think it even goes deeper than that because that is only a proxy for the greater the deeper divide in the modern self between the chronologically grounded self i.e the body in space and the uh mental mind self that is that is unbounded by space or time and the internet is more than anything a tool to allow us to spend time in our bodies that is not processed chronologically and therefore cannot accrue meaning because meaning must adhere to experience and there is no experience to like you get mad and you get angry and you get horny and you get uh scared but it's essentially your brain tricking you into feeling those feelings that is and so where you as what you uh

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assign the cause of those feelings is also made up by your brain which is harder to do when the source of your emotional responses is a material interaction that occurs in a chronological space-time i was pretty old when i really got into the internet and i think that's one of the reasons that uh one of the reasons that it wore off for me is 1:5:31 because the the it was never as satisfying i think as it is for younger people because uh the contrast between a life that i had had or i was imagined i could have had instead of it was greater whereas i think for younger people the internet is taken for granted but that doesn't mean that a crack up is not inevitable i think that we're in the process of a full social uh breakdown but not that doesn't necessarily mean the apocalypse or the end of anything it means people are getting to their end of their particular ropes the the coping mechanisms we've met we've created they have a fuse they don't last forever there's only so much dopamine you can get from a pseudo existence and it's different for people like some people it's longer than others but everybody gets to a point and uh i think we're all getting there and i think one of 1:6:32 the big reasons that we've had this big explosion in political hysteria in the last year is because of \*\*\*\*\* cobit and it's weird how we've normalized covets so much that we forget that there's no way that i anyway can imagine things like q anon occurring the \*\*\*\*\* capital breach occurring without a context where our coping mechanisms have been radically reduced the things we have had historically in this country to allow us event to allow us to compensate for the lack within our lives our rem are sucked in and if that persists it's only going to get weirder i think we're in for weird weird weird times uh but weird times are when when new things emerge by definition and that's something that it's obviously scary but to me it's less scary than the narrative 1:7:33 that a lot of people have internalized of total social uh fixitness of the idea that these categories are un uh unchallengeable and people have said that i say that but i just mean that that looking through the current structures that is the conclusion to draw conclusion the last movie somebody says joker was the last movie they saw on theaters last movie i saw in theater was uncut gems which we talked about a little bit on the last episode about trump movies but i'd like to just end here talking 1:8:35 about how uh you could i couldn't really pick a more perfect film because that movie is about the uh the death drive of american society i mean i know it's specifically about you know judaism and stuff and like jewish experience but as a it is part of a broader uh a broader analysis of of a people americans who believe themselves to be eternal beings but who have physical bodies and who can't reconcile those two things other than by subconsciously seeking death on their preferred terms like the beginning of the movie he's getting the rectal exam and it's actually kind of up in 1:9:37 the air and i actually thought he was going to get a call halfway through that he had cancer and then he gets the the call oh i don't have cancer yet oh he doesn't

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have it now that doesn't mean in five years he's not going to have it that doesn't mean in 10 he's not going to get it and he even talks about his family history he's probably going to get it does he want that does he want to wait around to \*\*\*\*\* get chemo and and get sick the thing that everybody watches their family members go through with horror or do you die on your own terms going out on top and that is why that movie has a happy ending he got what he wanted but in real life you can't do that and one of the reasons we're cracking up is that it's a society of howie ratner is trying to dictate their end but you can't know because you set it up and it doesn't come because you're not you're not you don't want to die in your conscious mind and then it doesn't happen and then you have to keep doing it you keep doing the same thing and it just it drives you into into his into uh madness and it's driving us all into madness it's especially funny seeing that movie right at the moment where like bernie looked like he might win you know before covet happened it's like oh if you could pick a moment wouldn't that have been the moment but you don't get to pick the moment you don't get to be howie ratner he is he is a classic uh hero in the sense that he he \*\*\*\*\* he saw the moment even though he didn't know he was seeking it and he he got his end he got an end on his own terms all right uh that's good i felt nice this is fun i like this it's uh the stakes are lower i can uh talk things out without feeling like i have nowhere else to put things uh but so next wednesday and i'll tweet this after i'm done uh we will talk about the first chapter of eric foner's reconstruction as i said if you don't read it that's fine we'll talk about it enough that you'll get the gist and if it sounds bye

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*Reconstruction Junction*

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\*Music playing\*\* peas peas peas peas eating goober peas goodness how delicious eating goober peas we love the goober peas don't we folks we love to eat a goober pee it's the best you go you take them you put it in your mouth you march through georgia with your group of peas if anyone remembers that they probably don't that was a civil war marching song about peanuts that's how unentertained people bear back there they had to sing songs about goddamn peanuts how sad can you imagine how bizarre how bizarre so today we're going to talk about the first chapter of reconstruction but before we start just do a little how you doing everybody don't worry if anybody didn't do the reading it's no big deal the first chapter uh is mostly 0:1:1 setting the stage it starts with the emancipation proclamation the signing of the emancipation proclamation and it's uh essentially focuses on the way that the civil war had broken apart american society how it was exposing and intensifying friction points between elements of the social order uh and most importantly creating new formations and new relationships between them that's that's what uh that chapter is really about before you even gotten to the end of the war uh and what phoner does is he basically goes through the north and the south and examines the uh ways that the different broad social groupings of the north and the south have been changed by 0:2:2 the war starting of course with the slaves who by 1863 had begun in huge numbers to resist plantation authority to flee to union lines whenever they have a chance and to in general withdraw their labor from uh the confederate war effort this is what uh du bois i know calls in his book general strike that's how he frames it that what fonder is getting at here most importantly is that this is an assertion in the context of the war of like black uh freedom and and uh an assertion of uh black rights uh and a demand for not only the end of slavery but the end of the the social caste system that had emerged and on the other hand the non-plantation-owning at the same time that this 0:3:3 was happening at the same time as slaves were sort of rebelling and resisting slavery and aiding the union army uh the up country as their known southern whites the poor subsistence largely subsistence farmers of the appalachians but and essentially anywhere uh of mountainous terrain where plantation agriculture and the hegemonic

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culture that plant technology plantation agriculture created couldn't sustain itself and in those places resistance to the confederacy was always relatively high and got higher over the course of the war as the confederacy uh asked more and more of smallholders of poor whites and less and less of uh the rich plantation owner class 0:4:4 the the south instituted a draft before the north did it exempted before the north it had its 100 man policy it exempted owners of slaves i believe more than 20 slaves from uh most interestingly and importantly i think uh the interests of individual slave owners came to conflict with the interest of the confederate uh cause because there was money to be made from dealing cotton and other materials to the yankee and veda which was too much of a temptation for many southern uh uh southern plantation owners to resist meanwhile the poor up country whites were the vast 0:5:7 majority of the uh military they were they were they were the the cannon fodder of the war uh and they were also uh asked to pay the lion's share of taxation and suffer the most the ones who stayed home due to shortages in food there were bred riots throughout the south there's a the most famous one was in richmond but they were and this led to a wide light wide-scale sabotage draft resistance uh and union sentiment uh in the upcountry of the south now that did not translate to some sort of solidarity with slavery upcountry southerners blamed blacks for slavery as much as they blamed the owners of blacks for slavery and i just there's one quote from that fauna uh puts in here from a methodist circuit riding preacher in uh eastern tennessee 0:6:8 which was a hotbed of anti-confederate sentiment because it was mountainous uh and in fact if it hadn't been for the quick deployment of confederate troops to uh root out unionist sentiment and hang unionist leaders there's a good chance that eastern tennessee could have seceded from tennessee the same way that western virginia did earlier in the war which by the way west virginia uh being able to secede from the confederacy and become its own state that was the one site of the war where mcclellan was able to distinguish himself at all that's where he got his early reputation was in securing western virginia which allowed it to secede from the confederacy that would that could have happened in eastern tennessee uh except for the the confederate army which came in and started hanging people without due process because they love liberty so much but uh what this this preacher this anti-confederate uh you 0:7:9 pro-union preacher william brownlow said that he wished to arm every wolf panther catamount and bear in the mountains of america every rattle snake and crocodile every devil in hell and turn them loose upon the confederacy i just and that's the way that like people who now all have confederate \*\*\*\*\* flag \*\*\*\*\* on their houses and then their shirts and stuff that's how people at that point felt about the confederacy because you're always most aware of the exploitation uh being perpetrated by those uh nearest you and then and that hostility between the upcountry and the plantation

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regions that had predated the war and it was exacerbated and intensified by the war uh and founder notes this just to say once again that this is a moment of profound friction and conflict and change the relationship people have to their government to the institutions that they have taken for granted is in flux uh and then in the north uh fauna talks about the way that uh anti-union sentiment was to be found the butternut regions of southern ohio and illinois indiana which were filled with people who had migrated from tennessee and kentucky and virginia and who had slave slavery sympathies but also among the urban irish immigrants and the draft ride of 1863 is a big example of that and in this case you have people who are being asked to fight for a union that they do not feel that they are being uh um benefited by that and to defeat a system that they do not find to be there is one interesting distinction though which is that uh while the northern weather confederate uh elite found themselves in a situation where their narrow self-interest was often in conflict with the self the the collective interest of the confederacy the confederate project in the north being if you had access to capital and you were in any way in industry uh your self-interest was in fully supporting the labor of the uh the war effort because that's where the money came from uh the the northern economy was completely revolutionized by the injection of a vast amount of liquid currency fiat currency into the economic system uh in a country which had not had at any point before that a national currency that's the thing to remember is that before the civil war there was not a lot of currency in circulation in a lot of parts of this country especially farther away from cities and places where there was currency it was issued by banks which had charters from the government allowing them to uh to to issue currency backed by a um and in order to fight the war the united states created greenbacks which were backed by nothing other than america's force and uh which injected which created a explosion of economic uh activity was incredibly beneficial to um northern agriculture but was uh and also about uh was very beneficial to people who held debt who were in debt to financial institutions because they could pay back with cheap money that which they borrowed with dear money for for workers for that burgeoning class of wage laborers inflation cut into their uh uh their actual income it red they saw a real drop in a drop in real wages over the course of the war which was one of the things that exacerbated hostility and so in pointing this out phoner is saying these systems are in flux and more than anything we are seeing one system be destroyed and another defeat uh victorious uh the contradictions within them both contributing to their victory and the the to the defeat i don't think there's any case to be made that there is a moral that you could say that there is a moral superiority in any sense to to the jeffersonian small government model as it ended up being practiced in the south because one of the big things that kept those poor whites so

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poor is that there was very little taxation or infrastructure or or public education of any kind in the south which is one of the things that actually paradoxically allowed for the uh tension between poor whites and plantation economy to remain latent was because not a lot was asked of poor people there was a very little taxation in the first place uh and that and that allowed the state to sort of be seen as you know not an interdicting fact in people's lives but the reality of that then that ended up being that people were stuck in a pretty much a permanent condition of poverty uh that they could not overcome that they could that the ladder of uh improvement that like wigish model in the north allowed for was totally uh off the chart off the table 0:13:24 for southern poor southern whites but that was not because it was not the result of uh explicit policy but rather the lack of policy it was not necessarily directly tied to uh tied in the minds of you know poor whites to uh the state itself to the to the powers itself that changed though when taxes started going up to pray for the war and conscription started to send and then in the north you have this new industrial economy ex spinning up into existence in order to fight the war and defeat the confederacy uh and in so doing creating one the huge expansion of the concept of rights the concept of liberty in america uh in a positive direction instead of the notion of you know negative rights that had predominated in the constitutional in 0:14:26 the early federal era uh because of you know the the the fact that there there was a war on that was over the course of the war more and more identified with the cause of human freedom but to fight that war and to win in the win that war and to create the economy that could do so it ended up uh concentrating economic power in the halls of uh finance and and among this new class of captains of industry these new industrial leaders and who would use that power to guarantee to assert assure that for themselves that whatever political uh reality emerged from the war it would be one that would take as its basic premise the inviability of private property the inviability of uh of the financial sector more than anything phoner in this chapter is 0:15:29 saying that is pointing out the the the points of friction conflict and opportunity and uh i think more than anything emphasizing the fluidity and that fluidity which in retrospect can often appear to be predetermined because you look at a situation and it often does become difficult to see where anything different could have happened but the reality of the war is that so many established forms were breaking up that that what came after was really contingent and over the course of the book we're gonna find out exactly how those contingencies solidified into reality uh oh but i was off track for a second i was talking about how i don't think there is a moral there is no argument you can make morally that the plantation system that emerged in the south 0:16:31 out of the jeffersonian notion of small government was in any way superior to the northern federalist slash wig notion of internal improvements and central authority

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so if there is no moral superiority there and even like stipulating let's stipulate that that the federalist free system isn't even better i mean i i don't think that's true i think if you have slavery in your system it's inherently worse but forget that say they're fine or say they're equivalently immoral because they're equivalent in that they are systems of class oppression they are systems of extraction of surplus from one group of people for the enjoyment of another that's the case in both systems the mechanisms the social forms are different but that's the reality of both of them and then they went to war with one another and one of them at every point all of the things that were supposed to be virtues of the system ended up undermining the ability of the state to defend itself whereas in the north every sys every element of the system combined to make this uh system into a more effective fighting force into a more effective defender and exorter of its state uh prerogative and if morals are out the q out of the door then the which one was better to me is solved hamilton was right jefferson was wrong the war was the civil war proved it you can't say one was morally superior to another or that one system had uh had a superior respect for individual freedom or rights or liberty or any of that \*\*\*\*\* neither of them did they are both systems of securing class rule one of them secured it effectively one of them secured hilariously and effectively and was essentially subsidized by the other until it could no longer sustain it until that relationship could sustain itself at which point it was destroyed but that conflict had to be resolved through force because both sides had enough uh had enough access to land and enough access to capital to build essentially competing social structures within a fantasy of a national government which had a constitutional system that was designed to sublimate conflict until it could no longer be sublimated any longer at which point conflict became uh overt and boom did larry flint really die damn all right r.i.p to a real one are they gonna roll his dead ass uh into a volcano or something that'd be so if anybody has any questions about what was in the first chapter we could go over them a little bit otherwise we'll really get into it i think next week i'm gonna do two chapters and i'm gonna for that one i'm gonna like take notes and everything and go through the thing about the american system is that it is designed to sublimate all i mean this is true of all democratic governing deliberative uh institutions is that they are designed to mystify and baffle and sublimate conflict away from uh from reality and into into sort of performance but the ability to keep doing that is really just predicated on it's not predicated on anything intrinsic to the system it's not predicated on the values that the system inculcates it's premised on the ability of the system to ameliorate conflict materially and in america that has always been the ability to after uh to offload issues offload social conflict through the uh assimilation of land uh and the distribution of uh resources through expropriation here and then globally that that's

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been always it and and the current conflict we are in is that we have reached the point of where exploration has become diminishing where we have diminishing returns for ex-corporation and that that that means that the latent conflict is re-emerging uh and the civil war was a similar situation the the uh the only way to ameliorate the conflict between the northern and southern modes of production was continued expansion on the terms of the south but that over time became too uh too existentially threatening to uh the northern political system and and economic system that's why i often wonder if the whigs had gotten in there after william henry harrison had died say william henry clay becomes president instead of john tyler and you have a wig governant government in the aftermath of the 1837 panic 0:22:42 sort of re-orienting politics away from expansion and towards internal improvement that perhaps you don't have that headlong dash to the pacific uh and the eventual annihilation of the south i someone says the slavery was the only system that could make the south economically competitive with the north that is true because it was it was it was it was the it's the land that allows for uh for um you know massive profit through the sale of uh cash crops but the thing is why the \*\*\*\*\* are they competing it's the whole notion of the of their of them being in competition arose from the 0:23:46 historical accident of uh of the states coming in as sort of equals rather than as the the emerging as a as a uh but regional conflict between regional ruling classes has to at some point be sublimated and that was the project of european uh centralization the creation of like the the creation of the uh of absolutist monarch model of like the early modern era you know like louis xiv that was not at the expense of like the regular french citizens it was at the expense of local barons it was at the expense of regional power and that was true everywhere that that how radical were the german 0:24:48 immigrants in missouri during the war in reconstruction they were certainly more radical than the \*\*\*\*\* regular white people who lived in missouri that's for sure uh the germans were responsible for missouri uh staying in the union uh it was german militia that drove the pro-secession uh forces out of st louis at the beginning of the war and uh denied them the ability to to and yeah uh immigrants of of missouri 0:25:50 but also ohio wisconsin uh they were pennsylvania they were more class conscious certainly than uh native-born northern uh forces for the most part because many of them had come from they had they had fled like uh absolutism uh and specifically a lot of them had fled the uh the destruction of like the artisan class by the industrial revolution and they he came to america to try to reassert like artisan rights uh which put them in conscious conflict not with not just eastern banks but also large landowners like part of the problem of class consciousness or at least oh as the conflict of the native white americans seeing the slave power for what it was is that they did 0:26:53 not have that uh that instinctive conflict with large landowners in the south northern

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northerners didn't anyway like they might have seen slavery as a competing labor system but they did not see themselves in any way as personally oppressed by the large landowners of the south whereas for a lot of these germans when they saw the big land owners of the south they thought of the junkers they thought of the yonkers of prussia who over weaned the the the german uh confederation at that point and and and uh were the were an occupying foreign force in most of the rhineland which is which is where many of the german catholic immigrants came from so when they saw the fancy lads in their with their dueling and their and their fake uh walter scott cosplay they saw the face of their own exploitation and their own \*\*\*\*\* you i'll 0:27:55 pronounce it how i want junker that's stupid i mean it's i'm an american i'm calling it junker there's no such thing as native white americans okay tell that to them talking about it's like self communities by through their own self-conception i haven't read 0:29:9 the new matte carp article yet i'm looking forward to it his election analysis is always absolute fire i don't actually someone asked about the counterfactual uh 1848 that's not one where i really feel like there was a lot of uh possibilities outside of what actually happened uh that was really that's why would i have read that i because it 0:30:12 was a a movement of people who had no c common cause that there was no unity at all and in and you can't even say that unity could have come through struggle the way that it might have happened and was happening to some degree for the course of the civil war because there was no struggle to unify with through it was always piecemeal haphazard uh the cop the spontaneous uh un marshaled and unlit led uh and it was a it was a continent-wide emergence of more than anything bourgeois insistence upon uh like the liberal state and as that meant a lot of coalition building 0:31:13 with like early forms of working-class organization but once again the working class in practice was still very much in its infancy at that point in europe the majority of uh workers who rebelled in the cities of europe during 1848 were not uh wage workers for say they were mostly artisans who were being squeezed by the and the uh you know concentration of capital which was still which was early but was still was still pressing them it was essentially a uh a uh yeah it was a combination of a new urban small bourgeois fighting with a sort of pre-capitalist aligned with a pre-capitalist artisan class and on an odd hack on an ad hoc basis mostly organized around questions of nationalism and language uh and in such a situation i really don't think that they're 0:32:16 there there are way too many things that would have to go drastically differently in order to have the overall contours of that well maybe the idea that the american revolutionary war was the second english civil war kevin phillips talks about that in a really interesting book called the cousins war uh which where he essentially says that the revolutionary the english civil war the revolutionary war and the civil war are all one long conflict in the anglo-sphere between uh land owners a feudal

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landowning uh ruling class and an emergent merchant uh middle class which would 0:33:18  
eventually take over from feudalism and that those three wars are essentially the  
wars that over the course of those uh 300 years saw feudalism fully overthrown and  
replaced by uh capitalism and i think that there's a and his main argument is is that  
the social basis of the two sides in all three of those wars is basically the same the  
english civil war obviously you can't say that this is true completely you know there  
were examples there were counter examples on each side but it was broadly a battle  
between uh emerging urban urban merchants and big land owners the the round  
heads the puritan side were city dwellers were merchants and uh the cavaliers were 0:34:20  
the large feudal landowning class then the civil the revolutionary war is essentially  
a battle between uh the most industrious and most religiously uh effusive of those  
uh merchants going to the united states creating essentially their own country uh  
and then going to war with a homeland that was still largely controlled within itself  
uh by the large land owning old feudal order although of course there were plenty  
of you know the the wigs at that point were already like the merchant party they  
were the urban party within that and they were by the way the people who are  
most likely to be sympathetic to whose pittsburgh is named after was the way a wig  
politician who supported the uh the colonists uh and then the civil war is of course  
the culmination of that on the home uh fully in the united states uh and then every 0:35:23  
and once and here you have the large the the the neo-feudal the attempt to like the  
attempt was essentially in the south to recreate the uh the old feudal order uh in  
the new world conflicting with uh the new the merchant state the industrial and  
like these battles are are are a war in the place where capitalism is emerging and  
it's in its like most effective and uh durable form out of sort of a feudal loam but  
that process is not a a fast or uh decisive one it is a it is a dialectical process it is 0:36:24  
existing forms of power negotiating with emergent forms of power through politics  
and when politics fails through warfare but at every point the victory was made was  
won by uh capitalists at the expense of the feudal order and by the end of it the  
mule funeral guys in the revolution did not mostly side with the united with uh the  
revolution that's not true the reason that cornwall marched south uh after taking  
after they took uh new york is because there was much more loyalist sympathy in  
the south amongst the large landowners now guys like washington and jefferson of  
course were pro uh um were pro-revolution but that was not true broadly among the 0:37:27  
uh the large landowning class in the south so he tended to be more loyal more tory  
uh guys like washington the reason that they were for the union is because uh have  
you ever noticed it's mostly guys from virginia the state that's closest to the the  
northern uh merchant capitals that's whose economies are most tied in there those  
were the people who were the most who were the large landowners of the south were

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most like most likely to support uh the patriot side washington george washington was a uh was absolutely a um even though he was a landowner he had the mind of a \*\*\*\*\* merchant he he was his entire life was consumed with the notion of uh advancement of of of social and monetary success which are antithetical uh values 0:38:31 to the decadent uh land-based urban ruling elite who were beaten largely because their social order looked down upon the sort of striving that people like washington made their lives around and part of the reason for that is that washington did not come from a large from a a family of huge like noble birth he came from a middling class of of landowners and uh clergy actually who came to america and immediately started grinding he was he was from a long line uh which is not true of the lot of the large landowners uh of the south who supported uh supported the king and the thing that in that book by the way that will that phillips gets really into that reflects what fauna is talking about is that in every region there is a conflict between up country poor settlers and the settled uh like delta plantation region settlers uh 0:39:34 and wherever and who had whatever politic the politics of the uh of the elite were the upcountry poors had the opposite so wherever there was hegemonic support for the uh patriot cause among the local elite the local uh smallholders and poor people poor whites were tories and wherever the large large landowners and large elites were tories the local small holders and poor people were patriots and the challenge the challenge that reconstruction presented was the challenge of knitting together these dispossessed groups into a political coalition and that did not happen and the 0:40:37 fact that it didn't happen is why uh why the yankee leviathan ended up becoming uh completely captured by uh the emerging industrial robber yes that's the other thing about virginia is that it was the largest of the colonies population uh and it was also very interested in expansion westward which put it in direct competition with uh england after 1860 proclamation which for bad uh settlement beyond the appalachians and guys like george washington had direct financial interest in seeing those lands explored settled and sold because land speculation was a huge potential 0:41:49 revenue source oh the impeachment trial who \*\*\*\*\* gives a \*\*\*\*\* who \*\*\*\*\* why or how could you care and i'm i understand that some people hear you say that and i think oh you're being an edge lord you're not and i understand i don't want to make peop i don't want to feel like oh it's not a big deal it was pretty \*\*\*\*\* wild when people rushed the senate and like that is kind of wild that that happened and that the president told people to do it that is that is a new shift that's a new phase i understand that but this particular uh thing this particular process the impeachment trial after the guy's out of office it really does feel like more than anything it is a emotional uh pressure release it is a way for people to have their feelings validated and go through their trauma and then sort of heal about it and if you want to do 0:42:51

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that if you have the trauma and you feel like that's helpful that's fine and if you feel like watching this helps you do that that's fine but expecting anybody who is who does not feel that trauma that they have to join with you in this spectacle that's what i don't understand and that's where i refuse to go along with it because everyone knows what's going to happen there is no amount of eloquence there is no amount of persuasive evidence that could be presented that will get a conviction out of this process there are not enough republicans who want to lose their next election basically and so they're not going to do it they will not happen and with that in mind i honestly wonder for a lot of these people who insist that this is a very important thing don't you worry about that fact don't you worry about the fact that this horrible transgression is going to go down in history as having been validated by the deliberative process of the only way this thing makes sense as a political project is if you are really convinced that that capital breach is going to be the thing that destroys the republican party that that the center of gravity of american politics is going to shift away from republicans because they refused to condemn this thing fully and i think that's the only kind of that's the kind of thing you can only believe if you really do live in a bubble if you and and of course no one is more bubbled than these \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* in washington and more and i think even more importantly nobody is more invested in shifting politics away from real stakes and material interests than either feudalism not in the sense that because people are pointing out like we're going back we're going towards something that is going to be neo-feudalist techno-feudalism and doesn't that mean that feudalism never a mode of production is a bunch of things it's a bunch of social concepts and the thing is is that feudalism had at its at its social base an understanding of the world that is not the same as capitalism the capitalism a set the liberal liberal subjectivity is not futile it is different and so in since now liberal subjectivity is hegemonic if capitalism is replaced with this system of like feudal obligations enforced through technological means not through social means you could say that like as a mere um mechanism of extraction that you have something that resembles feudalism but its social basis is completely the undergirding social logic is one of capitalist individualism and to say that and that means and so whatever comes out of that will maintain that i mean if you really want to go back far enough like it's always been a war between masters and servants and masters have always won uh the only thing that changes is the is the rationale and conditions and social basis of that mastery like when the when the bourgeois overthrew capitalism it was not liberation it was not human liberation it was not the subject being it was one group of rulers being replaced with another was there anything progressive about the you cannot have the possibility for socialism until you have capitalism first right socialism is a shadow form of capitalism it is it is

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only conceivable in the real context of capitalism and capitalist relations that allows socialism to emerge as a conception uh like the freedom of like the the the liberation the of of a feudal order of a pre-industrial fuel fuel order is essentially a regression and 0:49:35 then capitalism gives birth to socialism as um well see that's the thing about russia they really weren't supposed to be where where socialist revolution happened they 0:50:37 really weren't modern capitalist societies that had like that had reached the point of uh of contradiction that could be resolved through yeah like i'm more and more come to the idea that i kind of think that once the once the german revolution failed the bolshevik should have made a deal with the peasants i think maybe bakarin was right in the whole debate about what to do about industrialization and what to do about because the the entire premise of the \*\*\*\*\* bolshevik revolution has been had been as the opening act of a world revolution yeah but would have would world war 0:51:39 two have happened the same way see that's there was no when bukharin was arguing for this stuff the nazis didn't exist yet they were not in charge like that you you're looking back through the lens and saying yes but they needed to do all that to win world war ii that's not historically grounded that's trying to and yeah it's like people love to give the soviets credit for for beating the nazis but they essentially handed the keys of the world over to the united states who were just who were where the nazis got all their ideas from explicitly hitler looked at manifest the thing is is that 0:52:41 there's nothing that's inevitable nothing is inevitable in retrospect when things have solidified into history you can see why maybe something else couldn't have happened those superpositions don't solidify until the moment of action until things occur that can that can that can be looked so like the degree to which people turn marxism 0:53:42 into a teleology of inevitable victory which i think honestly is more of a 20th century thing than a thing people still think uh that was a way to to justify themselves to justify their actions to justify their adherence to uh a regime as like the sole uh repository of you know like the but there is within like when within capitalism there is the potential for socialism that's just the fact that's the truth and then you have to analyze that question and okay if you if that's true and socialism is superior then how do we \*\*\*\*\* get there you cannot assume in the inevitability they didn't have 0:54:44 the specter of catastrophic climate collapse but they did have a real belief that they were all going to get killed in a nuclear war people forget that like people who want to be doom-pilled now about my climate there was for the among educated people in the all of the world there was a very strong belief that any given day a nuclear war might happen that would and that now is so receded into the backdrop of people's minds and been replaced with climate dumerism that the fact that this thing that was very close i mean it wasn't just the cuban missile crisis there's a able archer uh there's i mean there were two soviet uh military officers who had it in their in

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their hands to cause the nuclear war once during once in the 80s and once during the cuban missile crisis and both times they said no and their human decision is what saved humanity it was nothing having to do with our systems of mutually shared destruction and our beautifully crafted it was human choice it was human agency in the moment that's how fluid and how contingent \*\*Music playing\*\* and of course it could happen and honestly it'd be kind of funny if we end up getting a nuclear war anyway due to climate change conflict that's but that sure \*\*\*\*\* wasn't what people in like 1963 were thinking was gonna happen i think you'll i'm just saying that to basing your actions in the present on an assumed social outcome either good or bad in the future is always going to just end up being in practice uh self-indulgence because you're you're at you're not responding to reality you're and the question is are you make what are you making that reality for and i think if you're assuming annihilation the only reason that you would want to make that reality and live as that reality is if you want an excuse if you want an excuse to not do things that are difficult to not sacrifice to not build your spirit because what's the point but every day you do that and you're still here you're hurting yourself and everyone we are in fact already dead i mean like we're we all died already it's like your life in the grand scheme of things is around down to zero like it's already happened and this society is already dead but what comes after it is not known it's not black pill god damn it i'm saying you can't no you cannot know but if you if you sell yourself you do it's not because you studied everything then you've come to the correct conclusion because you don't have enough information nobody has that information that information is not accessible no matter how much the fantasy of online uh uh of the of the information super highway and spinning around the world of the idea that you can reach out and grab all the knowledge and pull it under yourself even if you could do that you still have to sort it you still have to prioritize it and those choices are not being made objectively they're being made from either love either from a desire to to see love expressed in the world or uh out of a desire to selfishly maintain a a life of of indulgence whatever that means because you know you can it can be miserable but it can be a misery that is familiar oh and on this somebody asked about anti-natalism uh i i'm fully against that you have to believe in a future even if it's not going to happen you have to believe in a future if you don't want kids \*\*\*\*\* because you don't like the idea of sacrificing time for someone else okay but acting like you're doing them a favor by not bringing it into the world yeah first reformed is a great film in a movie i didn't really appreciate uh as much when i first saw it because of how enmeshed i was in the very pathologies that uh ethan hawk's character presents uh like he's gonna blow up the koch brothers but not because he wants it's going to make anything better it's because he wants to go out on his own

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terms it's because he has given up on connecting to anyone or anything outside but of course that doesn't mean anyone is obligated to have kids like \*\*\*\*\* freaks psychos like rouse doth that doubt it think but if the choice needs to be it needs to be interrogated at the personal level not fobbed off on some ham cack-handed and self-serving analysis of the geopolitical world or the amount of \*\*\*\*\* carbon in the atmosphere carbon is not made up but your idea of what's going to happen is made up i'm sorry has to be you don't know as much as you think you besides we might not even have to worry about the question of having kids if that \*\*\*\*\* about \*\*\*\*\* like plastic \*\*\*\*\* up endocrine systems is is if that if that keeps happening at the rate it is then you won't even have to make the choice everyone will just be sterilized children of men's style and then hey that'll solve global warming because like there you go there's two things that you can look at the data and they're both very compelling cases for human extinguishment through climate change and also the fact that we might not be able to uh reproduce in 20 years because everybody's balls are filled with both very compelling you can fixate on both of them you can't know either way and they conflict with one another one of them could solve the other problem either way you still gotta \*\*\*\*\* live nobody should be telling people to have children or not have children that's weird what who are you shut the \*\*\*\*\* up that's just a weird thing to make political and it speaks more to some sort of psychosexual thing honestly or or a compensatory thing than uh than any real politics now that maybe the garbage the algae bloom will eat all the co2 i think the most important thing to just remember about all that stuff is that you cannot filter your underlying spiritual attitude your underlying uh matrix all right i'm gonna wrap it up so next week i'm gonna read the we're gonna read the next two chapters chapters two and three of reconstruction i will have some notes this time next time which i didn't do this time sorry about that so we're gonna go through it because i'm reading it on my phone actually i've got the kindle app on my phone which means i can't look at it when i'm talking here so i'm gonna have to start taking notes the thing i didn't really realize until today which uh my bad but so chapters two and three for next week reconstruction by eric foner bye-bye

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baby the canals and the bridges the embankments and cuts they blasted and dug with their sweat and their guts they never drank water but whiskey by pints and their shantytowns rang with their songs and their fights navigator navigator rise up and be strong the morning is here and there's work to be done take your ticket your shovel and them all dynamite we're to shift a few tons of the seriously delight yes to shift a few tons of this earthly delight hey folks sorry about wednesday uh i was not in a place where i could get very good wi-fi so it wasn't been feasible to stream but i definitely even if i can't do two streams a week i want to at least do the 0:1:3  
book club every week the vibe stream maybe not every week uh like i don't know about next week i do want to do more with chris though uh i want to do the one i last weeks with chris i thought was really fun and i honestly prefer that to just like trying to read the comments because honestly they're hard to follow and not a lot of them are great i gotta tell you guys a lot of bad comments a lot so it's hard to parse the good ones from the bad ones much funner to do it with chris so uh i'm gonna try to make that like maybe every other week because i don't want him to feel like he has to do it every week but anyway one thing i want to do every week is do the damn book club so let's just start off very quickly uh with chapter two so fauna really lays out when he's breaking down the social order that is emerging and 0:2:5  
the social conflicts that are emerging in these in the southern states specifically is among the different populations who are ready to accept union uh victory and accept uh federal authority being reimposed there is a consistent um pattern whereby any group will sell out basically the the uh the interest of any other group that they do not feel that they are part of so like the white southern unionists for the most part are perfectly happy to say the union ones slavery is abolished but that their rights need to be in some sense uh over held over the rights of the freights of the of the 0:3:6  
newly freed slaves but it's important to note this was not simply a mechanism of racial discrimination by itself uh fauner points out that the uh relatively prosperous free colored population as was known then of new orleans was also perfectly willing to sell out the interests of of former slaves in exchange for being sort of uh affirmed

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at the top of a social hierarchy uh and it is important to remember and something that i think gets lost in a lot of the um the top the uh way that we frame civil rights the way that we frame um like the virtue of citizenship is one of the things that's that like uh does make uh like the a black american population seem to stand in for 0:4:8  
sort of like the virtuous the most virtuous of us as in the people in the united states who have benefited the least at the expense of others a lot of that boils down to the fact that they didn't have anybody to sell out there was nobody that they could have tried to negotiate against and sacrifice their interests in favor of because they were at the bottom of the now what that means though is that as a result the black experience of america is one that has with it like an actual uh a enduring solidarity that transcends class that there is something like black destiny or or black rights that need to be considered by people even if they might not you know even if you're doing better than that than other members of that group uh economically there's still a um an obligation there which is one of the big reasons that you know black uh 0:5:10  
people when they do vote vote overwhelmingly democratic regardless of what their uh economic um position is but it's not because people are better it's not that the culture they create is more virtuous it's because there is nowhere else to go and one of the reasons i think that america is such a monstrous country in its history and and why it's it has become the country that has sort of remade the world in its image is because thanks to proscribe the existence of proscribed classes like blacks and uh land that could be endlessly explored from native americans meant that social solidarity was essentially never never needed to be when it was never forced into being through conflict because it could always social conflict by those among those who 0:6:13  
are part of the police could always be offloaded somewhere else on to somebody else first racial minorities in the united states itself and then later foreigners elsewhere and now we're in a situation where um the the frontier is closed the myth is over as greg brandon has pointed out and we don't know how to be social we do not know how to uh accept the idea that there is obligation to other people that transcends our individual interests because american history has essentially been able to avoid dealing with that question at every point by sacrificing the interests of somebody else somewhere else or someone who looks some different way and that can't happen anymore and now we don't know what to do and we're having a gigantic nationwide nervous breakdown now the reason that i think looking at reconstruction and looking at a different reconstruction that might have happened given the actual materials 0:7:16  
that were in play if because is that by accepting and and teasing out the notion of a uh of an alternative of a country that does come to terms with obligations and social solidarity and what it means to be you know a citizen beyond just personal autonomy at all costs uh that we had the up but we could have done it because to

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say otherwise is this to say that essentially is to take the the the pessimistic like the doom approach that well we were tainted because we had this land and because we had these racial categories we were doomed from the beginning well if that's the case then why do anything why care about politics why focus on any of this stuff unless it's honestly a way for people who are relatively comfortable to uh accept 0:8:20 that to to stop feeling guilty about it to say essentially you know what i wish we were in a country where what that had some sort of social obligatory structures and i wish that there was humanity to our interactions and it wasn't just cold-blooded uh calculation but that darn racism those darn that's what are we gonna do oh well what are you gonna do about it i i guess i i can feel a little bad that i ended up at the top of this uh situation but there's nothing i can do about it so uh i can blame racists in the past and races in the present none of whom are me and that really does let us all off the hook i mean all kinds any kind of black pill you want to take any kind of doom-based politics you want to take whether it's whether it's a progressive one that emphasizes america's racism or a super racist one that says that multicultural society 0:9:21 we can't have anything good that's all just a way to avoid the obligations of being a human a human and the obligations we have to each other that transcend any of these uh political arguments or our narrow understanding of history which is never a real conception it is always a story we tell ourselves we can always tell ourselves any story there's no answer here there is no true thing that we can drill out of our past we can notice patterns and recognize patterns and try to recognize patterns when they emerge around us but there is no facts there is no fundamental thing that we can take from these there are only stories we can tell ourselves and i am trying to tell a story that leaves the aperture of possibility open forever for for change because to do otherwise is to is to abnegate your is to abdicate your responsibility as a human so in 0:10:27 this chapter fauna also talks about the reconstruction governments of the war years because reconstruction is thought to have begun in 1865 but the union held huge chunks of southern territory through military occupation starting in 1862 and then expanding over the course of the war so uh there were essentially like reconstructed governments already being built before the war ended and he goes through them they were in tennessee uh maryland kentucky and louisiana those are the ones he focuses on um and what happened in most of these was a miniature version of what the civil war was in general which was an overthrow of a quasi-aristocratic quasi-feudal planter elite by small holders and the emergent urban merchant class the bourgeois revolution the continuation and the fulfillment of the bourgeois revolution that began 0:11:28 with the american revolution but which was essentially arrested by the creation of the and what's interesting is when you look at the record of andrew johnson as a military appointed governor of tennessee during the war he looked like a progressive he looked

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like a man who had been fundamentally altered by the experience of the war who who was noted for his stern hand to rebels to his uh his vehement prosecution of of traitors and eventually to his sort of open-handed treatment of former slaves but what's really important to note though is what was propelling this from johnson was the resentment of slave owners felt by a guy who at the end of the day was a quasi-illiterate tailor and who had never been accepted and never could be accepted 0:12:29

by the the the best parts of tennessee society and had with him sort of a nixonian grudge and that's what powered his politics that's what made him a unionist during the war that's what powered him towards uh suppressive uh the suppression of uh the pro-secession faction in tennessee but then once he becomes president and his and uh his resentment goes from uh a planter elite that is now dethroned to the new ruling class of washington dc i.e radical republicans that resentment goes uh that powers him and now powers him in a different direction towards uh re-enthroning all the people he used to hate in his mind for the good of the poor whites but in reality for the re-inscription of all of the most reactionary quasi-feudal elements of and 0:13:32

the other thing uh that i think really needs to be emphasized in this second chapter is a theme that's going to be important to focus on as you go through the whole of reconstruction which is a push and pull between the necessities of prosecuting the war which meant confiscation of property which meant abrogation of all the liberal values that uh that the the wig the whig model that uh governed the union sides governing uh ruling class held and those very uh ideological precepts and with them the the desire especially powerfully felt by lincoln to keep the borders the border slave states on the union side uh i honestly think that that focus of lincoln's is probably his biggest blind spot over the course of the war it's understandable because obviously you don't want the border states to secede but once you get to 0:14:33

the middle of the war once you get to the like the point where military occupation of these places is already established where like tennessee is under military application maryland delaware under military occupation hell louisiana is mostly under military occupation they don't really get a say anymore you don't really have to kiss their asses so much eh but lincoln was operating from the same deliberative uh ideology the same liberal orthodoxy that dominated the republican party and that liberal orthodoxy is and uh this is a thing that richard white talks about much more explicitly in the republic for which it stands uh that liberal orthodoxy is one of the big hindrances to the war uh to the recognition of the actual implications of the war which is that 0:15:34

if we are overthrowing this uh social order then certain things are going to have to happen to carry that out one slavery is going to have to be abolished but also the power of the slave owners and their ability to exercise power is going to also have to be abolished but to do that would require a reordering of the state's relationship

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to citizenry that was anathema to the um center of gravity of opinion uh in the republican party and of course the the financial and merchant interests that funded the republican party and the thing that needs to be pointed out is that there were two things pushing against that liberal orthodoxy one was just the exigencies of the war itself like uh benjamin butler and sherman and these guys who did radical stuff like slaves as contraband and then giving them land as as uh sherman did when he was marching through the carolinas that they were not doing ideologically they were done out of necessity i need i need bodies i need people to do uh to dig ditches and and build fortifications why not use these people who literally are begging me to take them in uh or or sherman i have these people i don't have any means to feed or take care of them give them some land and let them farm themselves and then i can focus on winning the war so that's part of it but the other thing the other most crucial pressure that pushed uh the war effort and reconstruction policy passed where uh the average republican officeholder was comfortable with it was a it was a pressure from below that generated uh the real productive tension with the governing ideology of uh the north and between the governing ideology worth of the north and the project of winning the war and which is where fauna breaks down the different ways that um uh the ex-slave population assert their um their rights their and their independence from uh the the slave economy and the slave society that was and fauna points out very astutely and something that i think gets overlooked a lot is that we talk about reconstruction and the end of slavery as a challenge to getting and as a challenge of getting the whites of the south and the north for that matter to be comfortable accepting black people as equal citizens but there was a flip side to that which is getting former slaves to accede to being part of a white ruled political order how the hell do you go from being the property of people the people who prescribed through your skin color a a a non-human basically status uh and then living amongst them as equals or even punitive equals of any kind like just as contract freedom which is what as someone who connects how can you even imagine that you could exercise contract freedom with these people and it really does suggest that you know the uh that with all druthers being uh had that what would have been the preferable thing at least for the former slaves would have been black self-determination you know i mean i uh the kind of stuff that the uh communist party uh pushed for in the 1930s uh like not just land but political autonomy within the land that they would have had and that's actually something that there's a book fire on the mountain that somebody recommended to me in this chat and i read it's it's pretty interesting it's an alternative history which i love book where um john brown's raid is successful and it sparks a rolling slave rebellion that over the course of years leads to uh general um a generalized rebellion against slavery throughout the

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south and the establishment of like a free black republic in the american south which becomes socialist which links up with uh european socialist currents to the point 0:20:40  
where eventually by the mid 20th century the united states itself has had a socialist revolution and is now allied with this former part of itself but the problem with that dream is that it was black self-determination was essentially impossible to enforce wherever it came into conflict with the white prerogative of power simply because there was no uh there was no mechanism for it the same way that the the native americans were essentially unable to effectively combat the westward expansion of the united states former slaves were in a similar situation where because of the fact that they had been literally deprived of everything but their lives for their entire uh existences upon freedom the the they did not have access to the capital or the 0:21:42  
organizational forms or the that could have effectively anyway uh made an assertion of autonomy against white society they had to collaborate they were cursed to have to collaborate uh with with whites in order to gain any kind of and uh what fauner points out here is that in places where white prerogative existed like labor like this the uh like labor conditions and and the conditions by which labor is sold and also the disposition of land there was very little that uh former slaves could do to assert their autonomy places that they could though were uh in domesticity uh and then with domesticity you see uh a wholesale retraction out of the labor force of a former slave 0:22:45  
of black women uh who were gonna work at home like was the ideal among white uh families women were not supposed to work outside the home ideally there was a domestic sphere and uh and part of black self-determination and as the as slavery ended was withdrawing women and children from the workforce and into um and of course that wasn't able to be universalized and in many cases it was resisted by local white authorities but it was a a assertion of of autonomy there is an interesting quote though i wanted to read from the this chapter uh where fonder is talking about this assertion of uh of autonomy and he says family itself rather than a white owner or 0:23:46  
overseer now decided where and when black women and children would work and i think that's an interesting sentence because it points to the way that that invisible hand of the market that of course is not invisible and is it's is actually you know the the uh the concerted rule of its most effective super structural work at mystifying coercive relationships because the family was not going to be able to decide if women and children worked women and children might have to work if they need the money if they need the money they might have to have someone go out and work in the field or work domestically they don't have that they they will if they want to stay fed have to accede to that but they will not be forced to they will not be directly uh told to by 0:24:49  
a white owner or overseer it will be just the market it will be the fact that they don't have enough money and so that becomes it's felt as a voluntary relationship but in

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reality it is as coercive as the slave relationship but because it is felt as autonomy and that's one of the things that has powered capitalism to the heights that it has is that it can generate a lot of social misery that is impossible to place the source of now when it comes to labor the assertion of black autonomy boiled down to a demand for land ownership which is obvious when you think about it that was the cinequinone of freedom for all americans going back to the revolutionary ethos like yeoman the omen small holder was the ideal citizen someone who did not owe their labor to another and could sustain themselves on their own land and it was very it's kind of amazing when you see the uh sort of bafflement and and outrage by a lot of even northerners at the temerity of the slaves to insist upon uh ownership of land uh when that was the fundamental uh expression of american liberty the 1860 republican was um was advertised with the slogan vote yourself a farm which culminated in the passage of the homestead act of course many balked at the idea of giving just giving the land which of course super absurd because the idea that this has happened worked for the idea that this was a handout is monstrous because these are literally people whose labor had created the wealth in the first place if they were owed anything it was the land itself uh but even more absurdly is a lot of northerners insisted that there was no authority to take the land that that the limited prerogative of the federal government did not extend to the to abrogating land from people but there's another quote from this chapter where a former slave while talking to a union officer who is uh not being enthusiastic about the idea of taking uh land because it's against it goes beyond his authority says if you had the right to take master slaves you had the right to take master's land too which is obviously the case because until the civil war slaves were property the distinction between slaves and land from a legal point of view you might argue moral but again if morality was entered into this then that equi that equation would never have existed was arbitrary and that really is the entire uh role that's the goal that's the um that is the reason that we have things like the constitution and the reason that we have our political institutions is to draw arbitrary lines of power which protect private prerogatives and protect the existing power structures and resource distributions that we have and i think but i think it's very point important to point out the slay the case for redistributing land to former slaves was legally as i've said and morally unassailable you can't argue against it it's on its face true and it didn't matter because the only thing that yields power the only thing that makes power yield is power and there was not sufficient organized power to assert uh uh black rights to land beyond what in limited areas they were given almost as experiments but one of the big uh things that created conflict between the um the new regime the new uh reconstruction regimes and the ex-slaves is that ex-slaves wanted to pursue a subsistence agricultural living they wanted to grow

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food for their families and maybe grow enough cash crops for a little bit of folding money what they did not want to do was spend 12 hours a day in the field to grow cotton because they knew through experience that that money would not go to them which of course was true and you actually saw a parade of northern do-gooders who went to the south to buy up plantations as experiments and have ex-slaves grow cotton again experimentally and then sell it as a way to raise their standard of living was the expectation at all points that the lion's share of the profit would go to the person who had uh who had who had uh assumed the risk of buying the distressed plantation property and not you know the people who actually had worked the land their entire lives and who by any measure should have profited from all of it and so the the the prerogative the the uh the free slave desire for a subsistence livelihood was in direct conflict with the drive toward capital accumulation which had defined the plantation agriculture before the war and was going to reassert itself after and then just to end up the other thing that fauna talks about is the emergence of uh a political organization and expression on the part of uh the the black population in general and then later the former slave population uh as the as reconstruction begins uh in the immediate aftermath of the war uh the black population that asserted itself in what was what in for the most part came down to self-organized political conventions that met voted on resolutions demands for land demands for rights and treatment and then essentially set them as sent those uh resolutions as entreaties to washington but they had no actual legal sanction but what they were were the first attempts to organize and create a civic culture that could then interact with the uh the governing culture over time and at the immediate aftermath of the war the vast majority of the people who showed up to those conventions and spoke and wrote the resolutions were uh were free blacks from before the war uh and ministers uh many of uh the teachers uh and veterans essentially those members of the black community who had some extended interaction with white institutions at some level which gave them uh the uh the toolkit basically to go to a convention and and you know organize it and and interact with the the government and such now as time went on that changed though as reconstruction deepened and as former slaves in the up country and in the deep plantation regions as they came to self-organize uh those conventions that convened further off from the time of the end of the war became more and more dominated by actual former plantation slaves who were learning essentially the ropes of uh civic engagement as as they emerged from a condition of servitude and uh just to let wrap up uh on the third chapter uh fauna talks about the endemic and horrifying nature of violence carried out by uh whites against former slaves all throughout the south thousands and thousands of murders assaults uh at this point not really the lynchings that we think of like the ritualized

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community lynchings but more essentially guerrilla attacks like attacking people in 0:34:6  
their homes or on the road um and what that shows more than anything was that  
for reconstruction to have any success and i think and this was something that  
was it dawned on northern readership pretty early on uh there would have to be a  
significantly punitive uh approach to dealing with former slave owners uh there would  
have to be a continuation of violence uh and that reality was the one thing that lyndon  
johns or lyndon johnson andrew johnson could not countenance and the real disaster  
more than anything of presidential reconstruction which happened after the lincoln  
assassination and before the radicals reasserted control of the process uh was that he  
wanted to allow the former slave owners essentially to get off scot-free and what they  
were gonna do with that freedom uh is pretty clear which was intimidate the former 0:35:7  
slaves into a condition of of essentially de facto slavery through horrifying application  
of violence and this honestly for me is the thing that makes me most most believe  
that a under lincoln instead of johnson would have been fundamentally different  
and would have changed the trajectory i don't know how much but somewhere from  
where we ended up because i just simply do not believe that lincoln having fought the  
war the way he had and uh would have allowed or would have been um comfortable  
in any way with allowing that level of violence to determine the social relations in  
the post-war south especially when he had an entire party at his heels ready to ready 0:36:11  
and willing to affirm a putative approach to the former slave owners uh and that is  
why i really want to you know do something with that idea because uh it is one of  
those places where like the shadow of history sort of casts its paul and and you get  
you just shiver and you think what could have been but uh but yeah everybody but  
andrew johnson by the end of the war knew that there was no way that you could  
just wish away social conflict in fact uh a white former governor of north carolina  
and i'll end with this quote uh said in 1865 with reference to emancipation we are  
at the beginning of the war and that is the reality of it and some people were aware  
of that and accepting of it others weren't and the real tragedy of american history  
one of them is that one of the people who wasn't or if he was he didn't care was  
the president of the united states okay so that's the overview so we're gonna do 0:37:13  
chapters four and five for next wednesday if anybody has wants to talk about it  
a little bit here um someone asked would lincoln have abolished the constitution  
lincoln loved the constitution and the problem is everybody loved the constitution  
i don't think that the constitution would have been abolished you know like that  
i do i do see a ability after a protracted conflict after a protracted like essentially  
a second civil war which would have happened planters and their allies would have 0:38:15  
resisted that the exigencies the realities of administering this the the republicans were  
pushed way beyond their comfort zone in terms of uh abrogating authority from the

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constitution by the exigencies of prosecuting the war if that war had continued to be prosecuted not as a ground campaign with armies but as the suppression of a guerrilla movement and the standing up of a new like multi-racial uh order in the south that that process that dynamic of the constitution sort of being pressed and and the verities that underlie it being challenged and undermined i think that would have continued too and then maybe even that lincoln but maybe you know maybe a summer administration or something says all right let's rip this thing up that would 0:39:17 have been a necessity to a political structure for this country that would have been flexible and um flexible enough to accommodate uh subaltern demands and it would not obviously have led to some sort of peaceful uh um socialism you know i think that the the german example pretty clearly shows that that's not in the cards that capitalism knows where the line is and will fight for it but every move towards the creation of a of a genuinely multi-uh racial and multi-ethnic class means that those points of conflict become more and more contestable by the working class which is 0:40:18 the opposite of what we had in this country where at every step every working class uh explosion has been contained and nullified over time the most sustained one of course being in the early 30s being contained into the the structure of the new deal and then over the course of the next 30 years uh sort of dissipated and and co-opted and neutralized and now we are in the situation where class as a felt social experience no longer exists and has to be rebuilt and any way you slice it the institutions that the constitution has left us with are huge hindrances to that and are eventually going to have to be episode 500 will not be a clip show i've not seen the new curtis dock 0:42:0 yet i will though six hours jeepers christmas okay i eight wow 10. holy mackerel it's it's it actually never ends you start watching it and you watch it forever it's like the entertainment an i did watch community to the end and i did like the yahoo season i think the yahoo season gets underrated have i read the killer angels who do you 0:43:3 think you're talking to of course i read the killer angels i remember the killer i even went to uh i saw gettysburg in the theater as a little kid and most brutally i saw guys and generals in theater which is genuinely the worst movie i've ever paid to see and i watched the whole three hours and what's beautiful about it is yes it is noxious confederate apologia but it is also a terrible movie just from the point of view of filmmaking it sucks and the funniest thing about it is that like with most civil war movies it saves money with its battle scenes by just having reenactors do it they just say hey you freaks who already own your own uh period detail accurate 0:44:4 guns and uniforms you guys come into a battle and we'll film it well the thing is the the problem is the average confederate american uh war civil war reenactor is like a 45 year old like carpet salesman who's got like a gut like a michelin tire around his neck around his stomach and then you watch these shows and you watch these

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battle scenes and you just see these round ass guys like eating mini balls and it's that's not the civil war the civil war was like 90 pound 18 year olds but there is a scene where uh where former senator george allen from virginia and a bunch of other guys play dress up as confederate generals and sing along to uh the bonnie blue flag that is a genuinely surreal and hilarious moment i was in vegas this time last year 0:45:32  
time certainly flies or does it i don't know it's been like one long day but also um 0:46:40  
oh somebody else asked me a question on twitter that i thought would be a good uh thing to answer here because it is an interesting question somebody said they want to know what is what would be was there a european uh equivalent of the 1905 revolution and yeah it's the 1848 revolutions and the fact that they happened in 1848 and it happened in 1905 and russia tells you really all you need to know which is russia was way way way behind europe and and by the time it had its uh its first stirrings of of like a social ferment away from it's so the the social ferment that comes from the impos imposition of capitalism into a feudal system that's what the uh 1848 0:47:41  
revolution was and by that point in russia you literally still had enslave a land land held like baron held serfs in russia you did they had they had a serfdom that was uh more uh like in more embedded and and then serfdom had been in continental europe for in some cases hundreds of years and so they didn't get there they didn't get their first like explosion of that i have read late victorian holocaust by why does 0:48:46  
everyone think carter was so great if anybody thinks carter is great it's got to be there's the only people i can think of think carter is great are people who like that he his post-presidential career which i think is largely commendable people who like the fact that some american president has called israeli uh occupation apartheid which also commendable if you liked his presidency though it's either because you're just a contrarian who who wants to stand up for somebody who was uh sort of unfairly maligned uh and honestly he was unfairly maligned for a lot of the stuff that people blamed him for publicly like the hostage crisis although you know they didn't have to give the shah a sanctuary and let him go and do get but i think a lot of the people like it like it because like him because they feel like he was honest with the american people in a way that like reagan wasn't and that he was punished for being 0:49:48  
honest and that is just that's perfect liberalism it is the because of course carter was telling the american people stop being materialistic stop stop measuring freedom by what you can buy and what you can spend without giving any indication that he was going to change the underlying economic engine of this country which depended on that he just wanted you to feel bad he wanted you to to to have a little uh hull monitor in your head to to judge you for your uh for your desires while still living in a society completely dominated by consumerism and more than anything that's just bad politics and of course it got completely rinsed by reagan saying no we'll cut taxes

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and i mean that's the thing it's like carter was partly human carter i don't think is 0:51:5  
a real reptile but he was a real liberal he was a real ideologically committed liberal  
and that is that makes you an enemy to to the human race even if you don't know  
that you are even if you think you are that's one of the beauties of liberalism is it can  
convince anybody that they are doing things for everyone's good when in fact they're  
just reinforcing and protecting the system from uh from uh it's from the downward  
pressures from pressures from below and of course he had a very bad foreign policy  
i mean he sent uh money to the mujahideen before the soviets even invaded what 0:52:7  
was the this is interesting somebody says what was the deal classical when was the  
decade classical liberalism stopped being progressive uh it was about the time that  
the term progressive was discussed was uh coined the eight the late 1800s uh it's  
important to note that this it's the the people who have been progressives since  
the turn of the century the the tier of people who are in in that middle tier of  
academics politicians managers lawyers professional managerial types they were in  
the 19th century they had a strict adherence to uh small government orthodoxy  
hard money uh and uh survival of the fittest social doctrines and what happened  
over time is that that went from being a uh the most humane way to organize the 0:53:8  
government because it opposed monarchy concentrated power and slavery because  
the the anti-slavery forces in the north the the the northern whigs who are opposed  
to slavery did so through because they believed it was morally wrong to for anyone  
to be compelled to labor by anything other than the market the market should be  
what compels you to labor not everybody of course that doesn't stand for every  
abolitionist wendell phillips for example and john brown for that matter didn't think  
that but that was the pervading orthodoxy it was the most humane way to organize  
capitalism but by the end of the gilded age that system had broken down and the  
new people who came to that social or just came to those social positions it's not the  
same people remember they're dying out and they're being replaced by new people  
and the new ones they're replaced by they find that that orthodoxy doesn't work  
anymore and their new understanding of the most humane way to organize capitalism  
is through uh mixed economy uh social safety net welfare the the things that become 0:54:9  
the progressive model that has dominated ever since but all right and just a couple  
more i'm thoughts on st louis i don't really have thought any thoughts about the city  
i do have some thoughts about the saint uh i don't know if you guys know this but  
he was actually he's the king of he was king of france i believe the only king of france  
to have been sanctified or beatified uh and he uh was a very very uh earnest and and 0:55:10  
passionate crusader but also a very bad one uh he did a couple of crusades that were  
uh complete botches and he actually died on campaign in africa uh of dysentery his  
duty house out in a camp why do i hate the english they're the one i mean i don't

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hate the english like as people but like english civilization those are the guys their combination of uh technology and bureaucracy and when i say technology i mean things like protestantism and uh and uh you know uh their naval stores and like that uh double entry bookkeeping whatever that they but whatever bundle of things they came together not only gave them a technological spear sort of to to use in the in the battle for world resources but it also generated a culture of bureaucracy that allowed them to carry out monstrous acts of colonial domination while maintaining a civil veneer and a uh functioning um political culture in the metropole and that model is the model that all capitalism has followed ever since we were just took the baton from them that's why you could just give me give me a time machine and let me just honestly i don't even have to give napoleon like a modern navy because what would they know they wouldn't know how to do with it just give them some ketchup packets give the french some ketchup packets so that they can go out and put out on the sea and not have to worry about getting scurvy just give them some barrels of ketchup packets to just go out and then they put the ketchup on their food and then they don't have to worry about their teeth falling out and this dumb limeys have to you know they have to turn back because they ran out of produce and they're all they got all got giant uh because that the bureaucratic culture that that alienation that is central to english social order and that we then transmogrified into like a mad dog settler colonial version of it has has rendered meaning has destroyed any meaning beyond that which can be quantified has destroyed social meaning has destroyed the soul and we're all now living in this desanctified soulless universe that these but again that's not the fault of english people now although a lot of them do seem to be very genuinely miserable and more than anything sad that they are empires and still around which is how is that like people like people are often horrified by the turks for not recognizing the armenian genocide which they should be or for the japanese for acting like they didn't do anything wrong in manchuria but look at the english whining crying that their empire is gone when the fact is that for the crimes their empire committed they should have just had the entire island detonated and sunk into the north sea they got to keep their they got to keep the elgin marbles and they're gonna whine and complain that they don't have their empire anymore all right i think that uh i think bertovo is going to be streaming uh fortnite pretty soon so i'm going to log off uh hopefully god willing and the creek don't rise wednesday we will be talking about chapters 4 5 4 5 of reconstruction bye-bye

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huh baby wow is it working like first first shot wow that's just popped right on great good about it feeling good is applebee's going are they all gone what happened where are the chain restaurants of yesteryear because they were all on very shaky footing 0:1:1 before covent i can't imagine many of them are still around unless they're going to get bailouts which would be very funny if there was some sort of like chili's bill where chili's is all in capital letters the chili's bill and it's all money for chain restaurants because honestly like what are you gonna do for people for whom going to those chen restaurants really is a social event the closest thing they have to one anyway i mean it's what replaced the kiwanis club and uh and the elks and and vfw is going to uh applebee's neighborhood bar and grill uh yeah i know they got the ppp money but i mean i think they're going to need more they're going to need even more if they want to uh keep keep that keep it going because even before uh the collapse of uh the retail sector and dining they weren't doing great 500 episodes can you believe it folks 0:2:2 what a long strange trip it's been it is indeed a very weird and disturbing universe we inhabit isn't it certainly is how the hell do we get five goddamn 100 episodes out of this thing i have no idea we'll see how many more we get i hope it's a lot 500 more why not just become a permanent fixture in the podcasting universe still be a podcast when they turn into brain implants courtesy of elon musk that'd be pretty getting up here all right so let's start talking about chapters three and four or chapters four and five rather of reconstruction by eric fodder uh so the first the fourth the fourth 0:3:3 chapter uh the about is about the re the attempt by reconstruction authorities to impose a free labor standard on the former south which had a lot of problems as you could imagine and i want to start with the hilarious little anecdote that foner finds in here that so the basic fundamental reality that all of this attempt to struck create free uh labor institutions in the south contracts and all that all that was based on one fundamental fact which was not assured to happen which could have gone otherwise this is why i fixate on uh the notion of contingency and the idea that the

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reconstruction could have gone differently is that all of this uh that we're going to 0:4:5  
talk about these chapters is premised on the uh the wholesale pardoning basically  
of the confederate uh elite the the slave holding class which is about 200 000 people  
who uh who brought about the war for their own choice we're responsible for the war  
uh and we're given a pass by andrew johnson where said go back to your land you  
get your land back uh we'll even give you back your political rights if you sign a little  
thing saying that you're loyal or whatever uh and then even if you and if you made  
a lot of money even if you were one of the most elite you can get a pardon uh if you  
asked me nicely literally they had a provision if you had more than twenty thousand  
dollars in property you had to ask for a personal pardon from the president which  
johnson started handing out like uh hotcakes as soon as they started asking for them  
so the upshot of all of this is that the slave the ruling class gets to maintain or try to 0:5:6  
reassert anyway some of them had difficulty uh in fact when they found their uh their  
plantations ruined and their their uh their confederate uh bonds worthless but a lot of  
them were able to maintain their land and maintain their influence and a lot of them  
fixated on the idea of just going back to the way things used to be uh and one of the  
ways they did that according to fonner was uh by going back and recreating the uh  
the high chivalric feudal cosplay that characterized southern society uh mark twain  
actually when he wrote about the confederacy he had been a uh he was mustered  
into a missouri confederate unit early in the war and then quickly deserted uh-huh  
and then after the war was very critical of the confederacy uh and southern society 0:6:8  
in general and he blamed the war on walter scott he said that uh that all of that  
uh romantic feudal uh uh fantasy got into the heads of the planter elite and proving  
that the uh claim that they were like the burbans after uh the return the fall of  
napoleon uh who were said to have come back having forgotten nothing and learned  
nothing which is why the reactionary democrats uh who took over uh souther the  
southern party uh after the war were called bourbon democrats uh they were in they  
were committed to trying to act like nothing had changed even though they just got  
their asses kicked and the entire country their country was burned to the ground  
uh they staged chivalric tournaments tournaments straight out of ivanhoe complete  
with knights adorned with lances and plumed helmets and ladies competing to be 0:7:9  
crowned queen of love and beauty made an incongruous reappearance although in  
what in one north carolina community the cult medieval nobility waned after blacks  
organized the tournament association of their own so here you see the the conflict the  
conflict that would define reconstruction a planter or one of them anyway a planter  
elite trying to reassert the old way of being with the fact of a free black population  
uh uh making it impossible or at least making it much more difficult than they  
because how special is it how special is your fancy little tournament if if your former

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slaves can run around and pretend to be so one of the big uh impacts of the uh the abolition of slavery and uh the abolition of the plantation model was the end of plantation paternalism uh which was the by any standard it was the the uh the one 0:8:13 sort of saving grace of the plantation uh slavery model uh economic model relative to northern wage labor which is that in the northern wage labor system if you were not of economic use to capital buh-bye you had you were not no one was obliged to you in any way and if you didn't have family who could take care of you you were jwf jolly well uh in whatever else you want to say about slavery and it was of course monstrous beyond measure uh aged slaves slaves who could no longer work in the in the fields were taken to be sort of the uh the the uh their um maintenance their their li their uh sustenance was the responsibility of the slave owner and the slave owners thought well at the end of the war well if if there is no more if there's no gratitude 0:9:15 on the part of the slaves which they insanely thought there should have been uh and there's no um and there is no obligation when i have no obligation to uh the slaves either and so things that used to be part of a plantation uh compliment like food and shelter were charged for and and slaves who couldn't work were markets the pro and of course for uh for northerners they might look at that and say fine that's great fun finally free labor associations not this quasi-feudal arrangement but the thing is is that the assumption underlying the free labor institutions of the north which they were trying to impose on the south was a civic equality where market transactions could take place in which the uh the white southern society was committed above 0:10:16 all else to refusing to allow to occur so that's another one of the conflicts that uh that the northern authorities who are trying to administer reconstruction really kept finding baffling they were trying to give people the chance to to live as americans as they did in the rest of the country and these southerners they just refused to go along with it and they just could not on the on the part of uh freed slaves there was a real uh desire to uh access that yeoman vision of freedom the the vision by the way that was abraham lincoln's presiding vision for american liberty the idea that because of the because the idea that access to land allows the american citizen liberty 0:11:19 from the market liberty most importantly from the uh the compulsion of wage labor wage labor might be a station in life but in lincoln's fantasy of how america was supposed to work and how it kind of did work in places like his springfield in illinois uh which is what which is the concept that richard white begins his book with laying out springfield and saying this was lincoln's vision for america uh what that required was uh self-sufficiency in land access to land so that one could make make money in the market but also sustain themselves on the land meaning that they could save money choose employers as they saw fit not as the market dictated and that they could save money to improve their the amount of land that they held and that was

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something that many many former slaves were dying to try to access but uh that 0:12:22  
but one thing that stopped them was johnson administration's refusal to redistribute  
land the single biggest catastrophe of the johnson uh presidential reconstruction era  
uh and also the fact that for the former slave owners the only social uh value of  
the black population was as labor for them the the idea of blacks being independent  
yeoman was totally anathema because that would imply that they were members of  
a community members of a society which was absolutely uh not what they wanted if  
they needed if they were to exist they were to exist for the benefit of owners for the  
benefit of and this is a thing that northerners kept running against and being baffled  
by uh and it was funny so many northerners actually came to the south bought land 0:13:23  
tried to create their own plantations motivated by the belief that uh that if you gave  
uh uh former slaves and it's uh the market incentives that they would produce profits  
for you uh through cotton cultivation uh but it over and over again uh the former  
slaves resisted being used as uh profit making for someone else which they knew  
instinctively it was the relationship uh because they had only encountered it their  
entire life in in favor of sustenance in favor of working land for their own families  
benefit not for the profit that they knew they would never see uh and that became  
a big problem for a lot of northerners and for a lot of northerners it confirmed the  
stereotypes that they had heard from former slave owners that you we have to you  
have to have a system of compulsion of labor in place or otherwise they won't work 0:14:24  
the blacks won't work and the fact was they won't work for you at your um on  
your dictates which was enough to throw them into furor because they could not  
see any other social utility to the very existence of these people if they were not  
there to provide surplus for their ownership class which uh and a lot of those uh  
northerners were baffled because they thought no no no things are different now it's  
different now now we're we're uh collaborating you're not i'm not your master i i'm  
your employer and they were baffled by the fact that former slaves didn't have that  
motivation to see their bank uh balances expanded and i and that reason a big reason  
for that is that free labor ideology that the north was trying to impose on the south  
was premised on a notion of civic equality that obscured the reality of class conflict 0:15:25  
because even in the north with this fantasy oh everyone's on the same side we're all  
building the other was a lie but it was a lie that was allowed to be propagated and  
and accepted by many people in a false consciousness because of things like um civic  
equality because people were all considered to be within one uh unit like if you had  
uh if you had land you could vote but black suffrage was completely rejected by these  
early reconstruction southern governments and so and black skin was was uh socially  
prescribed from huge areas of of social intercourse and so in a very real way uh black  
people former slaves especially the south were demystified about they were they did

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not have the the uh inculcated illusions that the culture of of uh civic democracy in the north had allowed to spread and uh there was a very concerted effort among the freedmen's bureau uh and the specifically the uh educational institutions that they sponsored throughout the south for the former slaves to inculcate on into the former slaves and their children uh the value the idea the idea that class con conflict could be alighted and transcended through education and self-improvement which was an endemic belief in the north but that just could not be sustained in south and they were doing this the the they were the freedmen's bureau was frantically trying to get this message out there in large part because uh the people in charge of the freedmen's bureau which was a revolutionary institution in that it was doing things that the united states government at the time was sought essentially as anathema in any other context the sort of direct provision of of help poor relief was considered uh offensive to free institutions at the time because of the the pervasiveness of this free labor ideology uh and so the uh bureau was wildly underfunded understaffed and even the people who did staff it were largely interested first and foremost in reducing the need for their uh for the institution to exist they were trying to undermine their own remit as quickly as possible so that they could uh so that that they could stop this transgression against free contracts and and liberty uh as quickly as possible and very few people were willing to recognize that the reality of emancipation and the real reality of this new class war in the south necessitated a changing relationship between governing but even the earnest desires of the freedman's bureau to eliminate themselves were stymied not really so much by the former slaves who did of course come to the freedmen's bureau and saw it as really one of the only institutions that had even could potentially uh uh give them justice since all local courts and uh and legal institutions were arrayed against them and were completely packed with bitter former confederates uh but it was the former confederates themselves uh the the johnson and the freedoms bureau gave the south back to their planter elite on a platter on the condition that they do something to try to uh institute a free labor system in the south and they refused they looked they didn't know only look at gift drops in the mouth they pissed out in its teeth and the one thing that the freedmen's bureau did that might have actually created a cis a situation where um where there would have been a basis for enduring the enduring establishment of black political power in the south which was necessary because it was necessary to change conditions and to truly um uh fulfill the revolutionary implications of the civil war because you know the interests and passions of the north were always going to be short-lived relatively because of the lack of their personal investment in the outcome uh it was going to be it was going to be only through the uh in the intensification of black political uh uh power that would have asserted on the ground uh uh black equality

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and the thing that could have done that was land was ownership of land and the freedmen's bureau did actually in the very immediate aftermath of the war begin a program uh of land redistribution not only was land that had been claimed by uh former slaves from abandoned uh plantations and such codified as owned by them 0:20:34 but uh land that had been given to slaves as a war exigency by sherman for example marching through south carolina was ratified and also uh general oliver o howard issued circular 33 which set which was debate one of the basis is for the 40 acres in a mule notion that that set aside or or planned to set aside 40 acre tracts for freedmen to cultivate on their own and if that had been followed through on and intensified uh you that i think is really the chance for uh reconstruction to have taken a different turn and for american history to have taken a different turn uh and andrew johnson mother uh single-handedly and against all of the momentum that was happening on the ground in the south uh cancelled all redistribution ordered all slaves ex-slaves off of land that they had taken or had been off uh given uh fired and re-assigned all uh 0:21:38 commanding officers in the union army who were committed to land redistribution which was not none there were several radical generals who were uh committed to a project of land redistribution who were assigned or removed from from power when they resisted uh johnson's order and this really is this is the the bad turn and i know a lot of people want to be cynical about lincoln and there's plenty of reason to be so uh but i just honestly do not believe that abraham lincoln would have done that more than anything because the notion of uh freedom in america being the freedom to cultivate one's own land in addition to access the market was lincoln's entire guiding principle his political uh hero was henry clay and johnson's was andrew jackson and i don't think that you can say that going from one to the other in the middle of this 0:22:39 incredible moment of ferment had no impact on anything it just doesn't they now you can say well it might have gotten they it might have been rolled back anyway but the fact is there was no force in the south who could have made it go away at that time the land was in the hand of the former slaves they were telling it the union army was supporting their claims then the president said stop it the president said that not really under pressure from anybody else not part of any groundswell of support in congress as an individual decision he decided to do that so even if the pressures to break up uh redistributed land would have emerged they would have emerged later in a atmosphere where the continued tenancy on that land would have 0:23:41 would have built the power to resist it that's the thing that people forget when you when they talk about these things mechanic mechanistically well all these ins all the racism was still there these institutions are still there yeah but as soon but if the the reality on the ground is different then the uh incentives are different and the balance of power changes over time and i think a situation where access to land was

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not stopped or would have it would have not only stayed where it was it would have accelerated because it would have solved a lot of the problems of reconstruction from the point of view of the northern authorities the persistent violence and and the the uh the persistent need for freedmen's bureau uh um intervention to to provide food and supplies and and uh and uh legal aid for former slaves it would have reduced the workload they wanted to reduce the workload and blacks being able to sustain 0:24:43 themselves on the land would have helped them do it but instead of that being allowed to ferment it was stopped and not just stopped they were it wasn't like they didn't just say no more they sent the army out to pull people off the land people who resisted people who said no that's not fair we cultivated this land it's ours and who believed that things might change with the new congress they were forcibly removed and that to me is the i don't see that happening president but i think it's we need to point out one of the most interesting things about uh about the contradictions 0:25:44 that are built into reconstruction and one of them is is that the fundamental liberal ideology of basically everybody from the north who went to reconstruct the south in the image of the north was that the interests of capital and labor are identical they believed that and like i said it was the yeoman fan it was the yeoman land access that made that fantasy viable the idea that yes you might have to work in a factory you have to work for somebody else but you can always get land and work it yourself too which meant that you could choose the uh uh the conditions of your employment because you could always just grow turnips that was the fundamental thing but it was still even with that a fiction because access to land is not equal obviously access to materials are not equal luck is not evenly distributed in fact it tends to accrue to people who already have resources and land but it was a fiction 0:26:47 that was maintained by the reality of social mobility which was real uh as well as the racial solidarity of the white north and the idea uh which uh honestly more than anybody uh john c calhoun was the most perceptive about his entire argument for slavery was as long as there is a subject race then all whites regardless of their social position will see themselves on the same side and that will obviate the inherent class tensions that would otherwise emerge because calhoun uh hofstetter has an art has had an article uh about calhoun called the marks of the master class because he said that uh calhoun's analysis of class conflict was the same as marx's that it was the basis for society and then it was inevitable but calhoun said that racialism a racialized society allows that class conflict among whites to be uh obscured and it did uh and then let's not forget national identity nationalism the idea that you're 0:27:48 an american that you're part of an american project that you have a vote that you can involve yourself in the political process these things obscure and mystify the reality of the of the basic fact of class conflict but a war between and it really was a

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war uh over resources over contracts over conditions of work between ex-masters and ex-slaves was class war unmasked because the ex-slaves did not have access to any of those mystifying social relationships of nationalism of racial solidarity to obscure the reality of class conflict and it was very much in the interest of the freedmen's bureau and everyone amongst the northern uh elite to get away find a way to get that mask on to re-mask that class conflict which honestly is one of the factors that would have been most crucial in motivating genuine land redistribution because as i said access to land was the synoquinon of yeoman freedom and guys like lincoln understood that and i want to end uh the discussion of chapter four with a quote a long quote from uh the end of it uh thus began the forging of a new class structure to replace the shattered world of slavery an economic transformation that would culminate long after the end of reconstruction in the consolidation of a rural proletariat composed of the descendants of the former slaves and white yeoman and of a new owning class of planters and merchants itself subordinate to northern financiers and industrialists now just stop here to say uh eugene genovese was in the 60s was a marxist historian who who studied the culture of plantation slavery he wrote a book called rojo jordan roll which is very influential in sort of the cultural history of the antebellum south and he turned into a neoconservative like many did after the failure of the 60s revolution when he decided i guess that the marxist nostrums the marxist teleology was a fantasy and that capitalism was essentially inevitable and when that happened he looked back on his writings about the antebellum south and decided you know what this was superior this was better than what came later and honestly if those are your two options i don't think it's necessarily correct but it's arguable but the thing is it was not inevitable and this is what uh this is what fauna emphasizes here in this section the historian however must avoid telescoping the actual course of events into a predetermined linear progress both planters and friedman viewed labor relations as a shifting conflict on a terrain whose victories and defeats remained provisional and trial and error altered each group's perceptions of its own self-interest a new set of labor arrangements did not spring up overnight and there was no preordained outcome to the workings of what a federal treasury urgent agent described as quote the new system of labor if system it may be called when there is endless confusion and absurd contradictions so here you see looking backward this is all the civil war itself just looks like the war of a victory for the northern the yankee leviathan of finance capital but it did not at any point have to be that and i really do think that the killing of lincoln helped but was not the only thing on us obviously that helped shape us in the direction we went and uh and so for the rest of that chapter of honor talks about how there was this contest over conditions of work over what a contract would look like over how uh over how land would be cultivated and at every point

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the ex-slaves uh they knew the power of group negotiations like the a plantation of 0:31:52  
the a former plantation workforce would organ would essentially um would bargain  
with their former owners as a unit would in fact sometimes have internal democratic  
discussions over what sort of contract to take and then and then stick to it this  
was like a proto-organized labor among the former slaves and there were a bunch  
of different conditions that obtained different contracts uh different wage scales now  
of course the lack of hard currency and the ground meant that very little of the uh  
of these very few of these newly freed slaves who are now supposed to be working  
for wages actually got wages because there was not very much money or credit to  
be had then they were given an agreement of a percentage of the sale of the cotton  
generally at the end of the season which of course was right for abuse and um and  
thievery and which the remedying of which was one of the main uh roles that the  
freedmen's bureau had was to stand up for the interests of the laborers in these 0:32:53  
negotiations uh and there was actually a period at the beginning of reconstruction  
when uh the very high price of cotton uh allow and and the huge shortage of labor  
because of the number of women and children who were pulled out of the workforce  
by into a domestic sphere uh and the increased mobility of slaves to move a former  
slaves to move away from areas where there was a bad deal to areas where there  
was a good deal it actually allowed for uh some pretty good arrangements which  
were backed up by the federal government to be had and some actual money to be  
made uh but of course uh there was then a series of catastrophically bad uh harvests  
and then a collapse of global cotton prices which severely reduced uh the ex-slaves  
bargaining position and changed their ability to assert themselves the other thing  
that really helped them or to really hinder their ability to assert themselves uh in 0:33:55  
the years after the war uh was every decision made by mother andrew johnson so  
let's turn now to chapter five which is about which we've gone now from the first  
uh four chapters which sort of are a social uh uh a broad look at the social terrain  
of the former confederacy to um a analysis of andrew johnson and his uh choices his  
administration's decisions during the first years of the war uh thanks to the amazingly  
arcane nature of american presidential and congressional elections uh there was a  
period after lincoln's assassination when um johnson essentially governed completely  
by himself because congress would not be coming back into session which meant he 0:34:57  
was in the early months of reconstruction most crucial months free to essentially do  
whatever he wanted which is what is now called presidential reconstruction so let's  
start with a uh portrait of andrew johnson who is really a quintessence of all of the  
worst elements of american populism he is in the grand tradition as i said his uh  
his political hero is andrew jackson he is part of the grand tradition of of the of the  
refuge uh hostile to federal power and the prerogatives of banks and eastern interests

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but also because he was never because he unlike john uh jackson did not become a wealthy uh uh plantation owner himself inventedly hostile to the interest of the local planter elite and his status as a unionist was premised more than anything on a resentment of the fancy boys who ran tennessee who looked down on up country poor people like johnson who had risen from being a tailor's apprentice to being a senator and a governor he very much was a sort of a dark mirror image of abraham lincoln they were born very close to one another within the same year uh and they both came from poor backgrounds they both worked themselves up into the ranks of politics but where lincoln's ambition was sort of fused to a humane understanding at some level johnson's was completely self-fixated he his any his populism was entirely generated by personal resentment and that is the under that's the problem with populism as it has been expressed in american history is that if you don't have a rational analysis of power which you don't if you're just some ice rube uh and you don't have any kind of emotional connection to like a broadly construed underclass which he did not all you're generated by is all your actions are truly generated motivated by is resentment and resentment by itself is it's dirty fuel it's not gonna be uh it's not gonna do the job it is very much like trump there's a straight line really from jackson to johnson to trump i mean you can throw nixon in there too but honestly nixon was much more humane and well i mean not humane my god what he did in vietnam but he was more restrained i guess than the rest of them but he was similarly motivated by just a burning churning resentment of power not really any desire to see power overthrown and that and that is where the resistance to global capitalism is coming from now is pure resentment based with no solidarity undermining or undergirding it and no intellectual structural analysis of power that might overturn you know rude passions either that's the important thing to remember forget about whether it made him a good or bad person it made him a bad politician because johnson's entire strategy after the war for his to building his own political power because that's what he wanted to do like tyler wanted after the death of william henry harrison john tyler who is a democrat who had no connection to the wake program was motivated by a desire to build an independent political base basically among southern slave owners johnson was trying to sort of do a post-war version of that which was to raise up the white yeomanry who he felt that he represented once again not out of solidarity but simple identification he was one they were him it was just it's selfish uh narcissism it's not really a political vision uh by restoring power to the planter elite now that was doomed it could not have worked and we see the result the result is the restoration of power to the fancy lads who he hated and the continued immiseration of poor whites because white poverty did not was not alleviated by reconstruction it was only deepened and extended so his even his uh if you want the

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most altruistic reading the most politically sophisticated uh reading of his desire of his motivation to lift up the white the poor whites of the south was doomed from the beginning and failed miserably jackson was based during nullification it's the same thing johnson had the exact same politics as jackson which was wild racism desire for manifest destiny in veteran hostility to eastern finance and the federal government but a maniacal obsession with the notion of the union as indivisible so as soon as so when the planters were reinstated in power they of course re-harnessed the yeoman to their thing to their rule they they uh the only force that was trying to allow any upward mobility for poor whites in the south was the freedmen's bureau by and and the reconstruction governments that came later which tried to do things like create public school systems which had never existed in the south because i'm not paying for it why should i pay for it my fancy child has a bunch of french tutors come to them why would i pay for some grubby white trash to get an education there the the uh the uh poverty of the of of the white south was entrenched by planter rule and it was perpetuated by the continuation of plan to rule after the war the only thing that could have broken planter power which he which johnson claimed to hate was a political uh a political union a political coordination between the poor whites and the ex-slaves it's the only thing but johnson was completely blinded by his fanatical racism and honestly the people who say oh lincoln was racist too you you can only think that if you live in the fantasy land of now where racism is like uh some sort of soul particulate where you are either completely washed clean of it because you've seen enough of those instagram uh infographics to be purified of racism or it's all consuming uh i mean lincoln met just as like a very superficial example lincoln met uh with a number of black people over the course of his presidency in the white house talked to them frederick douglass said i talked to the man he did not get he did not give me any reason to believe that he didn't think me and equal to him andrew johnson refused to meet frederick douglass he would shoo him out and shoot black people off of the front porch he was viscerally racist in a way that lincoln simply was not and that matters when you're the president and because of the idiocy of our constitution you have sole control over the reorganization of an entire chunk of the country for upwards of a year so what was presidential reconstruction which he tried to put off to create this new uh political uh coalition of the whites yeoman the white the former planters and northern republic northern democrats in order to stain his power and give him a real term because that's the same that's the thing that unified him and john tyler the desire to get a term of their own because it doesn't really count if you were vice president the guy before you died you got to get you got to be elected on your own terms which is but they both drove their entire presidencies towards and both founded miserably because neither one of them understood the actual terrain

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of politics because they had their heads up their asses so the policies were restoring all the land to the former slave owners which is obscene and and makes no sense 0:43:9  
morally legally as i pointed out as a former slave pointed out in a section from last week if you've got the right to take the slaves you have the right to take the land obviously but also to restore political rights to the rebels and the motivator for that was a insane piece of reasoning that lincoln was johnson was completely fixated on he was so uh opposed to the notion of secession he was so opposed to the idea that you could secede the idea that secession was allowed by the constitution that he asserted that because secession is not possible then the states never really seceded which means there needs to be no reorganization and readmission to the union because they never left which is a perfect logic guy reddit approach to reality you have this logical uh syllogism in your head that's completely airtight according to you and it 0:44:10  
has nothing to do with the reality on the ground somebody uh some uh fauna points out someone at the time said like his thinking about secession is like saying because you're not allowed to murder people that means no one's ever committed murder and so why would you punish someone for murder you can't murder people like they did it they had their own country for four years they shot a so because of that he issued a blanket amnesty to former confederates allowed basically everybody who fought with the confederacy back into public service and this was incredibly important because no one because political power in the 19th century was powered by patronage the ability to appoint people to to public offices and the people who johnson allowed to take power in these southern states had the ability to fill basically the entire ranks of the civic service in all these states unprecedented patronage power the kind of patronage 0:45:11  
power that a different president could have used to suborn uh ascension to say black uh citizenship and uh and uh land redistribution like hey all you poor whites i know you're mad about black people uh having land and being able to vote but who wants to be a postal clerk who wants who wants to be a justice of the peace that could have been used instead those ranks were filled up immediately with former confederates he had an exemption for anybody who owned twenty thousand dollars or more worth of property but as i said you could get a pardon if you asked nicely if you sent him a letter and asked and i gotta believe that a part of the reason he did that this resent driven freak was that he loved the idea of of the former taylor the rough-hewn boy from tennessee getting all of these begging letters from all these lavender scented fops and then he's like yeah yeah but he signed off on these things by the rafter 0:46:12  
hundreds a day in some cases which meant that uh the former confederates people who took arms against the country at the highest levels were back in government very quickly uh and the very high levels though were either it was taking too long for them to get their uh their pardons or they were they refused to cooperate with

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the yankees so the people who ended up taking power in these new states were a mixture of uh the kind of upcountry uh poor whites that he was uh who were hostile to uh planter power and had been hostile to plantar power before the war it has to be remembered that the southern states as much as we like to think that they were bastions of liberty for white people had wildly undemocratic voting structures in fact there were property requirements not just for voting in some states but for uh but for and then after property requirements for voting went away over time but in many of the southern states property requirements to serve in uh government were still in effect and were reasserted after the war by some of these fancy lands so the people who were opposed to that they were impo they were enthralled in places where there was significant anti-confederate unionist sympathy before the war places like north carolina and arkansas places with mountains basically places without mountains though uh the only real union people people who were opposed to secession in 1860 but then probably ended up joining the confederacy anyway because hey that's what the state's doing uh we're ex-wigs uh wigs uh made up of a significant percentage of the the very high points of the planter elite in the south the ones who were most connected to finance the ones who were most hostile to even white democracy and they were the ones who took power in a number of these other states um and with this coalition johnson hoped to put the war basically behind everybody hey let's buy guns be bygones and they were going to put it all on the backs of the former slaves and what was going to motivate that in part was a white yeoman hostility to the blacks which was generated by a very weird belief that a lot of them had uh that it was that slavery was if was black people's fault an equal if not greater amounts than it was their owners that they had a love for their owners and that they actually really only hated free wise now that of course is classic projection because for a poor white uh their social condition is precarious and the the one thing that keeps them on this side of the the social uh fabric is that they're not black and so that means that hatred and hostility uh is all generated on those closest to them in condition which was they're much closer in the condition of their life like day to day uh obviously they had a great degree of freedom that blacks didn't but in terms of the conditions of their housing the conditions of their labor they were much closer to slaves than they were to slave owners and so of course the familiarity is what breeds the contempt uh and that was something that johnson felt and something that he hoped could he could cultivate and give him a new basis and it might have it might have worked except for the fact that these new uh governments refuse to take yes for an answer refused to take the offer of look acknowledge the end of slavery and basic civic freedom not even asking for something like uh um uh suffrage and then we can kind of move on and uh they all said you and what they did was pass a bunch

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of insanely draconian laws uh restricting the freedom of ex-slaves called black codes restricted their ability to move without uh without permission uh basically making it 0:50:17  
illegal for them to not sign employment contracts every year to be unemployed uh and  
uh made it illegal for them to congregate anywhere in public and certainly in cities  
and liable for arrest and and transmission to forced labor if they were found away  
from a plantation essentially what they tried to do was take the private regime of  
coercion that had existed under slavery but the north that was a bridge too far even  
though there was no great commitment to black equality certainly black suffrage in  
the north in fact a number of uh referenda about allowing blacks to vote in northern  
states were was were defeated in 1865 uh this was just a bridge too far because the 0:51:21  
war the sacrifices of the war which had been incalculable in the north maybe the the  
land had prospered but the people had died in large numbers and seen their friends  
and family go off and never come back it had to mean something it had to mean  
something and the idea that the people who seceded from the union killed a bunch of  
their friends and family fathers and brothers would go back in power and essentially  
recreate slavery with a different with extra steps as i said on rick and morty was just  
too much and it created a backlash to johnson and to presidential reconstruction  
which many northerners supported in the very beginning of his uh administration 0:52:23  
that would culminate in the creation of radical reconstruction and i think the fact  
that you have this political will here to push beyond the status quo ante in the name  
really of black freedom and a push that would lead to the establishment within a  
few years of something that nobody really was taking seriously as an idea north or  
south in 1865 uh uh black voting rights to occur and for civil rights to be enacted  
that to me indicates that there was some political base for a project that would have  
been centered on black redistribution of plantation land to slaves that could very well  
have been uh affirmed and channeled and shaped by a lincoln administration it would 0:53:26  
have led to a greater degree of conflict with the ex uh planters which very well would  
have come to violence but it came to violence anyway and the question is maybe  
it would have come to and so next week i don't know if it's gonna be wednesday it  
might be thursday uh i will figure it out and let everyone know but there will be a  
stream next week i don't think there's going to be a stream tomorrow or a friday i  
will uh let everyone know on that uh still up on the air but sometime next week there  
will be another stream where we talk about uh chapters uh chapters six and seven  
yeah which will be which will start when congress finally reconvenes in december of  
1866 with a strong republican majorities in both houses with a invigorated radical  
faction willing to confront the president and uh all of a sudden a lot of things that  
didn't seem possible and seemed like lights that were dimming out of existence uh  
in the summer of 1865 are starting to flame back up again and as i said that's why 0:54:29

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uh that's why i think this is worth looking at um because it didn't have to be this way i don't think and if it didn't have to be this way then then nothing has to be anyway there's fluidity there's chance there are things beyond the dry workings of the market determining human actions and human hearts so we'll talk about that next week very frustrating reading this week i'm sure everybody reading especially the chapter on johnson was just gnawing on their hands the whole time i know i was just want to hit him with a brick uh but it'll be fun to watch him get his owned in the next chapter because he did not take the emergence of a congressional consensus on reconstruction very well he essentially pulled a trump in that he tried to rally support for his vision of reconstruction by a whistle-stop tour of northern cities uh but in the more rough and tumble less security fixated uh world of those politics he got his he got his booed out of town he got uh he got jeered he got he got whistled at it's pretty funny uh and he was drunk most of the time uh so we'll talk about that next week got a few minutes here if anyone has any questions anybody has any specific questions but yeah no johnson's worst president of all time nobody else had the position that they were in to dictate things because plenty of presidents were monsters but they were monsters who essentially embodied a moment of time rather than shaped it and i think that is the reality of the american presidency and why ranking them by goodness or badness is often so arbitrary and beside the point it really isn't like ranking baseball players it's like ranking umpires a president's ability to do good or evil is essentially the luck of where they find themselves in time and their willingness to embody historical forces beyond their control but there are a few hinge points where individual uh decision making really is fundamental to outcomes to destiny and johnson is one of them someone says even buchanan yes the the situation among the doe faces who occupied the presidency before the civil war was essentially untenable they were trying to hold together a consensus that was breaking apart in front of them and they had no idea they were not equipped uh ideologically uh politically intellectually to deal with it if you flip james buchanan and franklin pierce you have basically the same outcome i believe franklin pierce supported the confederacy the was from there they would have just done the same things in that moment they would they they had no wherewithal to resist recession they would have facilitated it because facilitating the slave power was all the northern democrats knew how to do it was the asynoquinone of power it was how you got the big chair was by kissing the ass of the south they didn't know know what else to do so they all would have done it johnson they were destroyed they were destroyed and defeated people and he picked him back up dusted them off and put him back in charge when it didn't have to happen it's johnson there's no question yeah pierce was a big alcoholic it might have something to do with the fact that even to this

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day a lot of the president's decisions are on rails i would argue more than ever i think one of the reasons that we now have these presidents who seem to only exist to be seen in power and only pursue power for like a narcissistic desire to be seen is because they all know at a certain level that they don't have any real power or authority to do anything like obama i think intellectually understands that i think trump just does it more viscerally but both of them watched themselves be president i mean uh obama was like writing his memoirs while he was president like that was the whole point of it was to have memoirs to have netflix deals to have a podcast where he can pontificate upon power not to actually ever be in the room where power is exercised uh trump just tweeted his way watched tv and tweeted himself through the presidency both of them aware at a certain level that they actually were not the ones who called the shots and now we've got a guy who literally doesn't even know 0:59:54 where he is who just wants to be president because it's all he's ever wanted and he doesn't even know why anymore that's it the guy had two brain hemorrhages when he ran for president 30 years ago his life flashed before his eyes all the things that happened to him happened in a moment and all it did was further solidify in his freak brain that being president was the only thing that mattered because it was the only thing i think that could have validated all the horrors of his life all the awfulness of his existence is if he gets to be president and now he's done it and that's it he gets to wander around the white house not even knowing what day it is half the time he probably doesn't even know he's president that's the hilarious part of it he probably sits around he's probably all right that was good i thought we we next week maybe on friday i'll let you know but next week definitely we'll talk

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sit and dug with their sweat and their guts they never drank water but whiskey by pints and their shantytowns rang with their songs and their fights navigator navigator rise up and be strong oh i have to i have to \*\*\*\*\* okay i have to on okay okay i got to uh okay that goes is it still going i go oh there i am oh i'm there i'm there i'm 0:1:1 doing it oh this is great okay now i will go to twitter and promote this so people let me get the guys here it's moving slow now because i'm doing stuff but i gotta get this finished maybe i can do it on my phone uh am i getting people i got one person out there am i choppy am i okay because i haven't had great internet that's one of the problems i've had is my phone stopped working like i was no longer able to stream from my phone i thought it was my wi-fi for a while but then i found out no it's not the wi-fi it's the phone so the reason i haven't been streaming the 0:2:3 last week or so is because of technical difficulties and i know that that's pathetic uh but i am not a technically depth person i finally decided okay now i'm going to just stream from my laptop directly because that's right folks this entire time i have been streaming exclusively on my phone because i did not uh i didn't have the dashboard twitch thing on my laptop and it was too much technology for me it made me uncomfortable so i just literally did it on the phone because the phone already had it loaded uh and i didn't have to set anything up so it no longer works i need a new phone but in the meantime i finally got it set up today for the laptop all right we're back to talk today about chapters six and seven of reconstruction so next week we're gonna go back to wednesday fridays that's always what i wanted to do this was all an unexpected mistake bungle i want to try to keep two a week i'm 0:3:4 not trying to stop because i'm having fun i think these are useful so on wednesday we're gonna do just chapter eight because it's a little late just after eight for on wednesday but then on friday we're gonna do a game stream with chris we're going to play anno domine 1800 or something uh something like that see this is what i don't understand audio gets getting compressed to hell but we can hear you really well what is the difference between those two things what does compressed audio mean if you can hear it okay can someone can someone explain it for me please

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what is what is it tinny it's teeny because i don't have a dedicated mic right now  
uh but i will now that i'm here because i only have because i only stream here and 0:4:6  
i use i use an xlr for the podcast i only have the uh i only have the lapel mic that  
i've been using with my phone this thing but since i don't have the phone anymore  
microphone i think i brought it but i'm not sure where it is i can't find it right now  
so i'll have to at least for now use the uh the laptop microphone but i'll probably  
in the near future be getting a a uh because i want to be professional here i want  
to be a little professional so i'm going to bring a uh a mic stand hopefully for next  
one anno 1800 stream with chris on friday we're back into it we're getting into it  
we're loving it the cadillac stayed by the house and the yanks they were within 0:5:7  
and the tinker boys are best advice for them there without ken they turned and  
shook they had a look in the room where the dead man lay two big dimmed wire  
all right here we go is so weird i have the dashboard open up and i have my uh i  
have oh i have the whole command center here i can see the chat uh i can see the  
session length and the viewers oh man i can see the bit rate i feel like i feel like neo  
i feel like the lawnmower man like i'm absorbing the internet i'm becoming a true  
gamer let me get it this is more power okay so we're talking today about this is long 0:6:11  
delayed so hopefully everybody who's been trying to get these red so we start with  
chapter six and the beginning of radical reconstruction baby this is congress coming  
back hard post passing the 14th amendment ready to lay \*\*\*\*\* down uh and able  
to govern with andrew johnson essentially as an annoying uh hindrance but not a  
genuine threat to their power uh this really does show that congress is the real source  
of power in the constitutional system it really only has been the uh the mutating  
effects of america's role as a global hegemon in a world empire that made it so that  
our presidents are so much more powerful now because they have so much of uh so 0:7:13  
much of like the state's capacity for violence is has been totally abrogated to them  
but in terms of legislation in terms of creating like a legal framework for domestic  
concerns power really does reside in congress and so after the big wave election that  
put the radical republicans in the cath bird seat uh although not uh not just the  
radicals and we'll get to that uh it meant that john johnson the audio i sound like a  
robot well what do you want me to do i don't know is there a button i can press if  
there's a button i can press they could govern without the president interfering but  
when they get to congress when congress comes into session there false 1868 uh 1867 0:8:14  
they have to say what are we gonna do how are we gonna govern and that makes it  
and that is when the divisions within the republican party really start uh breaking  
the place breaking the thing up because while the republicans are all on the same  
page that this union had to be defended and slavery had to end in order to cease the  
the conflict between the the competing social orders in the north and south there was

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no agreement within the republican coalition among anything else because remember the republican party is this frankenstein creature of northern anti-slavery sentiment that encompasses everything from the old uh american system wigs like uh abraham lincoln was an example of that strand to anti-masons to the \*\*\*\* know-nothings but then also uh democrats anti-slavery democrats who held a lot of the pre-war democracies ideas about fiscal and uh so this new part this new party doesn't really 0:9:19 have a coherent uh uh ideology but the war covers that up the war and the fact that they all agreed on things like the homestead act cover that up uh like obviously the saw the hard money men hated the greenback but it was a necessity for winning the war so they had to take it uh but but at the war's end all of these conflicts re-emerge so what kind of people are within this republican coalition on one side on the far left you have the radical populists and i would say that these guys are if you want to get presented about it these are the good guys these are the guys who understand most the political terrain and have accorded it uh and understand also the moral terrain they understand what the good is most the closest of anyone who could have been they understand what the good is and how to go about it in that 0:10:21 they understand that we need racial equality in this country but the only thing that will let that happen is if we have economic equality they understand that one cannot exist without the other which makes them the progressive force what we in the 21st century were called the good guys and these are people like ali uh thaddeus stevens in the house uh benjamin wade in the senate and benjamin wade is another real tantalizing former president uh uh alternative presidential what if after the civil war and then another one benjamin butler and i'm honestly i'm getting more and more fixed on butler as a character i think he is one of the most fascinating figures of the 19th century and i have an idea that i actually want to pitch to hollywood uh about a limited series about the the life of benjamin butler starring paul giamatti because as i have said this is a guy who started the war as a copperhead and became the most radical of one of the most radical of the radical republicans after the war while 0:11:22 being a spoilsman and a crook the whole time uh i'm thinking about it my first step is when i get done with the this book i might take a little break from the book club uh i mean i'll still stream but i won't be like doing about a book like this where i'm trying to get coverage every week while i do other stuff uh more at for pleasure i'm gonna read butler's autobiography to start with and then start looking more deeply into his uh character because he is to me considering that he was almost uh lincoln's nominee or could have been lincoln's vp nominee in 64 it's very tantalizing so anyway those are your radical populist republicans then you've got the liberals now these are the guys who think slavery is an abhorrence and they may even say it's a moral importance they may even say that racial caste distinction is a moral abhorrence but

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class uh class distinction is necessary and in fact good and must be protected these 0:12:23  
are the people who say we must free the slaves so that he can become a uh a worker  
so that he can be enter into market transactions because i'm sorry there is truly a  
hierarchy of humanity we are at the top of it we must maintain our position at the  
top of it and that means but that doesn't mean the brutal catastrophe of slavery  
which re destroys um destroys virtue and destroys uh democracy and that's all true  
we need a more rationalized tyranny that uses contracts and markets and private  
property this is the rationalizing impulse this is literally the capitalist train these  
people the radical uh republicans the liberal radicals are the progressive movement  
from that point till now they are the progressives of the 19th century they are the 0:13:25  
warren voting and uh one of the one of their chief numbers is a guy who otherwise is  
one of the heroes of 19th century politics charles sumner a lion of abolitionism who  
was martyred in his senate seat by the grotesque southern neanderthal uh preston  
brooks carried lifelong injuries thanks to his gutter snipe and but he was a hard  
money uh low tariff lazar fair uh politician and because he didn't really know or  
care about uh about economics and so he had no coherent uh objection to slavery  
it was pure moralism like there are people there were uh industrialists who hated  
slavery because it was inefficient and they had no moral objection to it they had a  
practical objection to it and then you had people like sumner who had a fully moral  
objection but that's because he was a \*\*\*\*\* senator he was not a capitalist or he did  
not take him he did not see himself as part of a capitalist edifice he saw himself as a 0:14:27  
statesman and so he could have a fully moralized opposition to slavery he could even  
have a fully he could have a full uh revulsion at slavery uh as a racial classification  
he could be for full equality and i think sumner was one of the most radical and i  
would say that it's not because he was a bad person it's like oh yes let's use let's use  
this uh abolitionism to get to a yankee leviathan corporate state he just didn't know  
any better he didn't know no better because how would he he was not in power like  
you have to learn power when you're near it and he wasn't he was a speech maker  
he wasn't even a vote whipper in uh in the senate he just gave speeches mostly and  
then you have the rest of the party you have the moderates these are the people i  
was talking about who hated slavery because it's inefficient they're not necessarily 0:15:29  
motivated by racial hatred because hey most of them live in the north where there  
aren't very many black people at all and that it's not their problem if they're black  
people or not it's not a thing they're scared of uh so they don't have to worry about  
like living near black people and having that be a point of con attention or anything  
because they're too rich to do it these were represented by people like uh senator  
james sherman of ohio who is william tecumseh sherman's brother sherman by the  
way as much as we love him for destroying uh the south uh but he was a moderate uh

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uh racial moderate meaning sure give him the give him the vote but otherwise and then you had the conservatives like francis blair the old unreconstructed jacksonian democrats who just hated slavery because it was inefficient and hated the idea of sectionalism in uh interfering with america's destiny as a nation and they were wildly racist they were deeply motivated by racial animus but they were still republicans 0:16:32 because and these guys almost all and their relationship to uh to money question to to to the question of the currency runs uh along the same spectrum the farther left you were racially the more you were uh supported at least within the republicans it's different in the democrats but amongst the republicans who were the party of at the end of slavery and therefore some sort of integration of ex-slaves into american society they were the racially progressive party amongst them racial egalitarianism hard money equaled racial exclusionism and race because hard money is the real basis of social hierarchy because it is the currency it's what distributes resources and 0:17:34 uh hard money is a mystification that says no no value is not determined by us the government it is the state capitalists it is determined by uh this special uh metal that's in the ground and the amount of metal we have is how much we can how much stuff we can use and how much of the world how we can distribute resources and so it is associated with hierarchy it is associated with reaction and the only radicals who were for hard money were ones who were either lying about being uh in favor of black equality or is so this split revolves throughout the entire party uh so the party is split on these questions of race and even the eastern money that 0:18:35 deport supports the republicans at this point is also split uh the the the uh new york wall street uh commodities fortunes that uh revolved around cotton trade were all in favor of presidential reconstruction and wanted to keep what he was doing going reintegrate the south as quickly as possible on the basis of racial classified labor uh extortion basically that's what they were uh trying to get done as quickly as possible uh and but there was other money in the north that wanted to see the south really brought uh into compliance in order for nothing else than to facilitate a modernized um a modernized uh but oh i i forgot to say this about uh sumner sumner objected 0:19:37 vehemently to racial class uh separation on in trains he was opposed to any attempt in the south and in the north to segregate train travel by race but he had no problem with uh class separations because that's a matter of money that's objective who has money and who doesn't is determined by the market not me not us it's not being done by uh by some sort of discrimination uh of humans no no it is done by the the hand of god he decides who has the money to try in the first class and of course this is not true so one thing these republicans are able to organize around is a civil rights act that uses federal courts as an instrument to protect black rights in the south 0:20:38 and this is a way to reduce uh the federal intervention into uh the southern economy

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because er into the southern society because there was a great fear especially on the right that wanted to pay back all that debt in species as quickly as possible um that they didn't want a long or expensive military occupation of the south so having uh and of course local authorities couldn't be trusted to enforce the law so the answer they got up with was federal courts and courts are always going to be the last resort of hidden power because it's it allows you to the way the currency does the way that uh a gold-backed currency does allows you to de-politicize something take something out of the realm of um of politics of right and wrong and into the realm of objectivity the objectivity of the amount of gold that uh something is worth the 0:21:40 objectivity of a of a judicial decision so there was no so they tried to fob off justice for friedman on to the uh federal court system even though those court rulings would have to be you know sought and enforced at some point something they didn't really care about or care to think about kicking the can down the road uh and then land redistribution was limited to a southern homestead act that allowed government land in the south to be sold cheaply of course all of the good land in the south the good profitable the black soil that could be used for productive agriculture was \*\*\*\*\* owned by the \*\*\*\*\* land giant landowners by the latifuntists and so all that was left was swamp and timber uh and very few uh blacks were able to take advantage of 0:22:42 it because even if they could have done it even if they could have gotten that land and made it useful they didn't have the capital to improve it because remember the homestead act says not here's some land and some tools it says here's some land and you have to use your own capital your own tools to \*\*\*\*\* build the thing out and improve it so that it's now yours no one had former slaves by definition pretty much did not have capital because all of their all of their uh labor values surplus to their life had been taken from them so the only people ended up most people ended up buying southern homestead act land were white strawberry straw owners who were there to do it for lumber companies and of course this whole time there's all this good rich bottomland that these traders had just forfeited by their actions these people who had been defeated in battle on the question of what constituted their property and that property could have been taken but no no we cannot have we cannot give people something for nothing which of course is absurd they \*\*\*\*\* 0:23:44 literally were they worked on it their whole lives they deserved it more than anyone who sat like a tick and the goddamn veranda did uh and but also because private property was sacrosanct it was a power the state didn't want to reveal its power to print money and it didn't want to reveal its power to compel through force because if it can compel through force who's doing the forcing is it the \*\*\*\*\* puppets in washington for the eastern banking interests or is it the people that's a question nobody wants to \*\*\*\*\* answer if you're at the top of economic hierarchy this whole

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war was fought by i would say the mainstream of the republican party party itself as as like a machine not the voters the voters were more up in the air but at the party it was fought specifically i would say to uh bring about a bourgeois revolution in america that severed for the last and tota the last gasp and for the last time the relationship between the people and the land of the country so that they could be part so that everything could be privatized and parceled out which had to happen in order to have full bourgeois social order emerge the american revolution was a partial bourgeois revolution but land concentrated land ownership and land fixedness was not totally defeated because capital wasn't powerful enough yet it took until the 1860s for the north to become powerful enough to when challenged by the galloping self-defeating mania of this of the south to uh to gain its independence uh it was there to crush it it was there to and finally bring about a liberal bourgeois order and things like land dis redistribution went against that now once again that does not mean it was inevitable that that happened because this is a party and a party is just a it is a leading edge of a social movement and it does direct it to some degree but if conditions change at the base that brittle structure can snap we've seen it before it could have happened then that's why i have butler as president i just i make fantasies in my head to live in the world i do but i think that was the party that's what the party wanted and the fourteenth amendment uh empowered the union forces in the south uh by disqualifying many confederate veterans from service uh and imply it finally compelled a civic equality in in in elections uh but it left a lot of things to the courts and of course most of those provisions would end up doing much more to help corporations than former slaves the 14th amendment once it starts getting uh once it starts getting interpreted by gilded age courts after the social tide has fallen back and we're stuck in this moment of uh of like corporate power building and and corporate uh assimilation of all levels of uh state power uh there all of a sudden deciding that these provisions which were about freed slaves actually referred to \*\*\*\*\* companies and and corporate uh corporate uh ventures because that's where the power was it's not because that was the correct interpretation it's not because that's what the text said or any fair interpretation of the text said so johnson who could have let this ship go by decides to veto the civil rights bill and not only that he goes on a tour of the north uh to try to whip up support in cities uh very trumpian like he was a trump figure like there's a few presidents who who fit who fit a general mold of bitter resentment uh paranoia uh hostility to the press and the political system in general uh but in other respects they're different i would say johnson nixon and trump are all in that mold the difference being that johnson and nixon had genuinely felt and deserved and earned senses of grievance uh and resentment to powers that be johnson always felt himself uh to have been scored by the elite aristocratic society

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of the south because he was a a lowly poor white trash taylor nixon with his good republican cloth coat uh the son of a whittier grocer couldn't go to \*\*\*\*\* yale uh felt had to go to duke law school which was just starting a law school uh felt like he was always having to bow and scrape before those more powerful than him and they and but trump was born on third base he was born at home plate after a home run he was born sliding in and the difference i think between our ruling class and 0:28:52 uh the former ruling class is that we have reached a point now where power has been so dispersed to the algorithm of capitalism like all of the superstructural uh authority points where people had the ability to actually make a decision and have it mean something and have it be dictated by their conscience and good good judgment instead of by a number on a \*\*\*\*\* piece of paper that has gotten smaller and smaller and that means that the people on top are now as filled with grievance and anxiety and resentment as the middle strata usually are because everyone feels compelled no one feels free or powerful because there's always some other person no matter the most powerful people in the world if they're all there there's one person who's not there and that is the algorithm now all previous generations of power all different arrangements of power in the world there was always someone there and it was god but god just meant it was up to humans now you're never in charge no one's ever in 0:29:55 charge not even bezos and what that means is that they get resentful because that's what having that's what being in a position of precarity produces is resentment like american precariousness is now universalized and that's why we're having a culture-wide nervous breakdown because every social strata every relationship to capitalism regardless of whether how much power they have so when johnson tours the north he gets some good receptions in some places he gets some bad receptions in others and he gets booed and heckled uh and he just whined the whole time about how bad everyone was treating him he said at one speech i have been produced i have been 0:30:56 slandered i have been maligned i have been called judas iscariot who has been my christ that i have played the judas with thad stevens very unfair to me uh and this doesn't help his case uh he's very horrifyingly racist and more than anything he just tells everybody hey you know that war we just fought that all your sons and brothers died in it really didn't mean anything and voters were like you know what it actually did mean something and so when johnson tries to form a national union party uh where he would presumably use that to create a third way like a uh a a uh center of uh like dissident right-wing republicans to then later add on to uh the democratic nomination that he would then take to get reelected uh it was so filled with copper heads and and uh confederate sympathizers from the north who had spent the war uh 0:31:57 being a fifth column that it alienated basically every republican they could say look there is no good uh uh like there's no way that anybody who fought for the union

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could support this party you're saying that everyone died for so he ran an explicitly racial campaign against black rights and he got his ass kicked this is that election that brought the uh brought the radical republicans to power where they could override his vetoes uh and the fact that there was a bunch of violence in the in the south was not helping things the fact that there were riots in memphis in new orleans uh and and violence against blacks that was left without with impunity it did piss off northerners uh there was a desire to reorder southern society there was a desire to make something meaningful out of the war uh and not to allow the planter \*\*\*\*\* who had started the war to be put back in power if it might have been uh resentment but it was resentment with so with the 14th amendment passing this congress uh with johnson doing nothing can't stop it uh the uh republicanism is basically settling on using the moving towards having suffrage replace economic power we're not going to violate property rights and our understanding of property rights enough to reorder society by giving you the land that will allow you to sustain yourself we will give you levers of political power but of course those are fake there is no such thing as a level of political power uh if there is a generalized social arrangement against you laws mean nothing cease quoting laws to men with swords as pompe magnus said and that uh reality sadly would have would assert itself over the course of reconstruction and prove that it was in my view the failure to redistribute land that was the single greatest catastrophe of the reconstruction era and the thing that made all the worst results i don't think you get slavery salt i don't think you get racism solved magically by uh that happening but i do think that racial rapprochement in the south is uh you see much a much earlier emergence of a like potential multi-racial working class working uh collaboratively on the class lines and as i've said we've already talked about all the little roots and bran little roots and tendrils of redistribution that were working their way into the soil when \*\*\*\*\* johnson came along and uprooted them and that if you don't have you have a different president abraham lincoln or a benjamin butler who maybe nurtures those roots instead of uproots them maybe the fact that inevitably the north was going to lose interest and lose desire to spend money on southern occupation would have still happened but in a context where the where black landed black uh uh friedman are able to create networks of political power themselves that's that's that's the that's the good outcome that could have happened it's not some magical pill the chicken and slavery it is independent political power for blacks in the south that doesn't depend on the freedmen's bureau and the \*\*\*\*\* seventh cavalry and the only way that would have happened is with immense is with land redistribution which thaddeus stevens god bless them understood even though the rest of them for reasons of uh ignorance and uh ill intention refuse so chapter seven so this fourteenth amendment the civil rights

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act will lead to an explosion of political mobilization among the former slaves uh 0:36:8  
these were concentrated in this uh civic association called the union leagues which  
were uh that started in the north as uh uh a as a civil support structure for the war  
effort people behind the lines men and women are uh no there were auxiliaries for the  
women but the union leagues were for for patriots to to do their part behind the lines  
like this is for the 100 men this is for the guys who paid someone to take their place  
like grover cleveland they could go to join the union union league to sort of assuage  
their guilt at not getting shot but they ex-slaves took that structure and used it to  
organize their own political power and while most of these in the black belt were all 0:37:9  
black organizations in places with significant unionist sentiment rugged places like  
virginia like north carolina they were integrated union leagues this is 1868 here so  
these are people who are as racially uh uh uh culturated as any americans have been  
and there were cooperating in interracial union leagues \*\*Music playing\*\* so they're  
there to start organizing people to vote for um vote their interests and their start  
uh having conventions where they try to hash out exactly what their interests are  
uh and while they're doing that uh some of the white elite decide okay we're gonna  
cooperate with this uh and we're gonna get our former slaves basically to vote with 0:38:10  
us uh by uh just hoodwinking them because what do they know besides we were  
such nice masters of course they're going to want to do what we say politically one  
of them said uh it's in the book a quote that i will i could i could buy uh he could  
buy all of uh his former slaves political allegiance with uh a jug of hooch and a banjo  
or something but it turns out that pretty much everywhere uh they tried this the  
former slave said yeah \*\*\*\*\* you and contra what psychos like johnson thought who  
thought that the blacks and their owners were like in some sort of weird cahoots uh  
it turns out no the the white people who uh friedman were least trustful of were what  
a shock white people who had owned black people until like two days ago the poor  
whites even if they had very vociferous racial views at least they so the organizations 0:39:16  
that emerge the republican party basically that emerges out of this organization in  
the south this this efflorescence of political activism is made up of obviously ex-slaves  
and freed white people are free black people but also two groups that you might have  
encountered from your high school history textbook carpetbaggers and scallywags  
oh don't we love to talk about carpet baggers and scallywags history gets so precious  
here doesn't it oh papa would you tell me of the cappy baggers and the scallywags i  
ever so much enjoy that one so carpetbaggers were northerners who would come to  
the south in order to make their fortune sometimes to make the world a better place  
but often to do both uh they tended to be educated middle class people who were  
looking to make jobs in politics to make jobs in land and agricultural speculation to  
work uh in the new industries that were emerging um and that some of them were 0:40:18

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committed to racial equality others didn't really care it was a mixed group scalawags were uh southern republic southern white republicans who were of course the most despised group among uh both whites in the south pro uh confederate whites of the south uh and the dunning school which dominated reconstruction historiography for about 60 70 years after it was promulgated um but in reality these guys they were not portraying anything uh pro-war uh white republicans in the south some of them were uh were modernizers who were basically just going with the hot hand they're like look the north look slavery was always an inefficient economic structure let's modernize this \*\*\*\*\* if we got to give the blacks some rights whatever let's just get 0:41:19 that northern capital here uh and so you know they really were in a way kind of betraying things like james longstreet who had been uh one of the top confederate generals he's he's gonna become a republican uh but a lot of them the ones who were less high up in the economic totem pole had spent the war either uh running around in the woods trying to escape uh deserter patrols because they'd run away from the confederate army uh or they had spent the war in union uniforms fighting for the union because they never recognized the confederacy as a legitimate government because nobody \*\*\*\*\* asked them people forget how undemocratic the declarations of secession were wherever there was opposition to secession in the south it was just ground over there was no deliberation they were just it's like oh interesting this entire area of the state says don't uh secede \*\*\*\*\* you you don't even get 0:42:21 recognition you don't even get to come and vote in our rigged \*\*\*\*\* election which is rigged because they had rigged uh suffrage so that the people who own slaves got more votes than people who didn't own slaves so guess what we have more people at every one of these conventions there isn't even any \*\*\*\*\* democracy to it their slaves are voting for them and this is one of the reasons that a lot of whites thought that the slaves would vote for their masters in after reconstruction but it was just because they'd structured uh suffrage in such a way to uh increase their power it was deeply undemocratic so these guys were not \*\*\*\*\* traitors they they were they had nothing to betray they didn't recognize that \*\*\*\*\* and so and they'd spent the war being persecuted many there had been executions there was imprisonment uh many of their homes and lands were confiscated by the confederate government local uh pro-slavery people would harass and attack them uh they put up with a lot of \*\*\*\*\* to stay loyal to the union and they wanted to get rewarded for it and you know what of course they did and and then of course you have uh free blacks from before the 0:43:24 war most of whom are in urban areas relatively well off compared to uh the black population in general uh because they had some you know capital by definition or they wouldn't have been free uh and then you have of course the ex-slaves and some combination of this group comes together into constitutional conventions throughout

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the south to build new uh political instruction manuals for these new states by the way west virginia never constitutionally admitted to the union it there's the they totally ignored the constitutional um the equal of north constitutional uh order to as has been established by practice to bring in west virginia of course though you know it's a war \*\*\*\*\* that and then it was almost east tennessee too tennessee was almost headed east uh so these conventions are a conflict between the modernizers who are looking for capital investment and populists who want to see things like debt relief and land distribution and the question of essentially the same question that the republicans are asking in washington what degree of social justice which degree of equality uh like true economic egalitarianism are we going to add to social or to uh uh the social are we going to add to uh emancipation you know like we're we're now at bear citizens now what does the citizenship mean does it mean you're free \*\*\*\*\* off you now are enslaved by the market with no chance to have any sort of negotiating position or does the state have an obligation to sustain a social matrix that allows people to express freedom meaningfully and this is the kind of thing that people like wendell phillips and benjamin wade and thad stevens understood and of course the ex-slaves almost universally understood without having read any of this \*\*\*\*\* for the most part because it was obvious to them only if you had money in position could you fool yourself otherwise but there's a real question how do you redevelop the south what money you this is a this is not a communist system communism is not on the agenda karl marx isn't walking through that door how are you going to capitalize this new society and northern capital northern investment is the only thing that could do it and things like debt relief and land distribution were scary to investors and there and even though of course people who were making these arguments were doing so self-interestedly there was a real tension there between the social goals of reconstruction and the need for it to be funded at some level through economic activity because remember the government's not going to uh but so they ended up mostly uh adapting pro-business constitutions but there's a lot there's a huge expansion of the role of the government here for the first time these states establish the abolition of imprisonment creating the first public school systems the first real government-invested infrastructure uh uh the first public asylums and orphanages that these states had ever seen so this is a big expansion of what is understood to be the government's role now of course there's people who are going to be trying to keep it as limited as possible but then you're going to have the people pushing at the other side to make it bigger one group pushing to make it to the other side bigger was a political organization made up of radical white populists uh and ex-slaves in virginia run by an editor named james hunnicutt who fled the state during the war because he was a unionist and came back to try to push uh the post

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the reconstruction era of virginia into a populist uh racially integrated movement 0:47:30  
among ex-slaves smallholders and uh mechanics against the power of the tidewater  
aristocracy this is in miniature the movement that could have taken real root in the  
south and the fat and we know it could have because it did and of course virginia is  
not south carolina virginia is not mississippi uh but uh the fact that this could find  
such ready ground for the exercise of real power that quickly because the hunting cut  
organization takes power in virginia uh this alliance of radical whites smallhold uh  
unionist smallholders and uh ex-slaves it had a potential to be operated other places  
uh and once again uh if if land redistribution had been persistent had persisted you  
could have seen that accelerated meanwhile stevens he's dying poor i really wish he'd 0:48:33  
lived a little longer poor than stevens he is dying but he is still trying to push some  
sort of confiscation plan for redistributing slave owners traders land to the ex-slaves  
and small whites remember that stevens understood the way to do this the way to  
create a new social order in the south is to say hey uh yeah black people they're  
equal to white people now but guess what white people if you've been \*\*\*\*\* over  
by the slave uh power in the past if you've been \*\*\*\*\* over by these hoity-toity  
aristocrats who denied uh you any access to development or public education guess  
what now you get public schools now you get land now you get better terms for debt  
and financing and here here's some actual land that you can you can uh you can  
set you can develop it's a uh it really is the only he was a visionary because that  
stupid movie lincoln makes him look like an idiot right the scene where he says well  
i would just i would throw all the \*\*\*\*\* slave owners in jail and redistribute their 0:49:35  
land and you're supposed to take it as self-evident this is ridiculous like oh of course  
he doesn't understand the need to compromise look at old lincoln doing all his slack  
tricks to get the 13th amendment and this idiot's over here saying we could have the  
moon part of it was redistributing it to white people too and getting a cross-racial  
yeoman alliance against the parasitic aristocracy it but you need people at the top  
pushing along and not \*\*\*\*\* destroying it because it's it's it's it's protein like the  
things are moving in a direction but the momentum is determined by just so many  
flat break butterflies yeah i just keep slathering at the thought of gold benny ben  
butler at the \*\*\*\*\* helm they'd start putting his face on the bottom of chamber pots  
in every fine home in the south and then they'd get shipped to \*\*\*\*\* but of course 0:50:36  
the party is afraid to do confiscation because they don't want to scare away capital  
and this is the point where you have to say and point out and acknowledge that the  
phantom menace behind the scenes of this whole tragedy as much as it's of course the  
doing of the former confederate leadership or i mean the former uh the slaveocracy  
who is now re-enthroned and johnson and reactionary poor whites too uh and uh  
feckless generals it's also being pushed by northern finance the fear of confiscation

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was that it would spread past the south because benjamin wade the president pro tem who would have become president if they impeached andrew johnson was going around saying that the war between slavery and free labor was just the first phase in a contest that would be between labor and capital that it reached its next step ben wade anticipated marx's concept or of the stage i guess not anticipated you got ben wade over here p repeating marx's concepts of staged revolutionary battle the dam 0:51:38 the man was a \*\*\*\*\* uh dialectician of the first note and and this this got to this the heart of a question is the war about slavery by itself slavery is some unique evil or is the war against slavery part of a broader war a broader conflict between labor and capital then it reached its next stage ben wade and the radical populists had one idea ben ben butler those guys they had one idea but the center of the party was in the other that no slavery was a unique evil and now it's gone and we can now make money again um so the real dagger in the heart of reconstruction i would say and this is why the real like what if is if lincoln isn't assassinated or if butler takes over for johnson because you really have to get that red redistribution going in the early 0:52:39 18 or right after the war because the question of the currency the question of the debt and species versus greenbacks was going to doom reconstruction from a fiscal perspective it was going to doom it as a political project and it was going to do it as a as a viable uh military intervention uh but that happened in like the 1868 so the outcome very well would have been different if you see a different uh a different post-war environment a different immediate intervention in the land uh but by 68 though the party the republican party was fully reactionary because it was at the base the party of northern capital and so northern capital asserted its authority in a peacetime situation it was only the fluidity of war that allowed for other forces to take power 0:53:41 now things are solidifying and the question becomes how are we going to repay the debt because the us government took out a tremendous amount of money in order to fight the war and did so by issuing not just a bunch of bonds but also greenbacks money backed by nothing but the will and authority one could say fiat of the federal government of course this is exactly like money now basically with a few extra steps but back then this was considered a deep heresy for uh for economic conservatives who make up the leadership i should add of both political parties democrats and republicans because they're both captured by their ruling classes and now that the southern elite have been brought low southern finance is so they put out a bunch of these greenbacks they put out a bunch of these bonds that are going to come due and the question is how do we repay these bonds do we pay them even though they 0:54:42 were bought many of them were bought with greenbacks which of course are worth less than their actual face value gold because everybody can't go and get them at once or else it collapses um so they have to circulate so they circulated at a higher

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volume than there is gold so they're worth less they're more they're they fluctuate is what the thing is they might be worth more for a while if you want to speculate on them but they are they are uh um unstable whereas the price of gold is stable because it's determined by the supply of gold which is generated by mining and transfer trade not by numbers in the ledger which is these guys hate it they hated it because if government takes over that role what do we need the \*\*\*\*\* capitalists for can't have that so there is a movement uh and george pendleton a democrat proposes hey how 0:55:45 about we repay those greenback bought uh bonds in greenbacks uh but of course the uh financial elite that bought these bonds is like no no no you got to pay them back in gold even though we bought it with greenbacks which was essentially means we gambled on them we got to get all of our \*\*\*\*\* returns in gold we need to have our bets guaranteed we need to basically remove the the uh luck part uh with our control over the government and uh liberal republicans and conservatives all agree that uh that uh greenbacks are heresy uh in fact sumner puts it in religious terms that it's like it's actually it's actually immoral not to pay back with gold because you're reneging on a promise it's absolute flummery it's the most rank ideology um 0:56:46 but so the republican party at its top doesn't want this and it's the republican party at the top doesn't want this and the the platform that they set up for 68 for their election area iran isn't the candidate they recruit general grant who doesn't really have politics uh they're like vaguely conservative uh is adhered to a hard money platform uh but the base in the south the southern yeoman are dying for greenbacks uh everybody's dying for more money in the system because if they have to repay the bonds in gold they have to take gold out of circulation which means less economic activity and it was through debt relief and loser money that these southern whites were going to stick around for the republican con coalition uh and even the and and the base of the democrats was for greenbacks too uh like the populist base who had lost like the jeffersonian fixation because they were \*\*\*\*\* porn they couldn't 0:57:47 afford it uh and so the democrats they put the pendleton plan in their platform but they nominated an arch conservative the new york governor horatio seymour who basically never talked in the 1868 election about greenbacks he talked about white supremacy because there's this danger of a actual multi-racial democracy emerging in the south and it must be destroyed and it could be destroyed by applying race uh as a flashpoint which should obviously galvanize whites in the south against uh reconstruction but also galvanized whites in the north who are very racist too uh and one of the things that helps them do that is that the republican uh platform is saying we're not going to give you guys the debt relief the money or the land that you need so it begins it becomes a referendum on um on reconstruction as a racial uh 0:58:50 endeavor and you know what give them credit uh grant won but it was closer than

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it should have been uh but anyway i've skipped the johnson impeachment because i got my papers mixed up but uh before that happened uh johnson got impeached for uh some \*\*\*\*\* with the tenure of office act uh it's all political uh chicanery it doesn't really matter uh but the the the vote falls just short of impeachment in the senate probably because nobody wanted ben wade to be president because ben wade was a soft money radical and they much rather would have much rather had president grant the pliable man on a horseback who could just embody a political consensus without actually articulating any himself uh to uh then be moved around like a puppet this is the third time we've done this in america or fourth time uh 0:59:51 where we've recruited sort of a relatively apolitical military man to embody a uh otherwise unpopular political uh consensus you have george washington there to embody this reactionary uh federalist attempt to uh establish like financial rule uh of course it's economically progressive you know because it has to be but it's still not popular nobody wanted that really very few people wanted it and washington was able to paper it over grant was the man on horseback who could embody a agenda that was really only popular with bankers and a very slim sliver of speculators and merchants most people who worked in factories who uh worked the land had contrary interests but they were separated by geography by culture race in the south and race was used as a way to try to galvanize the election and break away any 1:0:54 of these uh coalitions and francis blair who was a republic one of those right-wing republicans ends up being uh horatio seymour's uh vice presidential nominee and he just goes on an insane rant around the country doing john uh johnson-esque racial jeremiah ads about like the horrible like mongrel beast army who's going to come and destroy everything if the if reconstruction continues and even in the racist era people were um and of course andrew johnson who wanted to get a second term as a democrat after basically giving them everything he they possibly could have wanted in the white house for four years no no nomination sorry buddy thanks for doing the job for us but uh we'll take it from here and and as always happens these 1:1:57 resentful \*\*\*\*\* middle-class \*\*\*\*\* end up getting owned by those more powerful than them because they're motivated at base by this paranoid selfish drive which means they're at the end of the day suckers and can be totally had they used him and then spit him out and his entire idiotic attempt to build a new constituency for his own power fails miserably good riddance to a drunken scumbag one of the great vile \*\*\*\*\* of american history right on the on the on hell's mount rushmore with like john c calhoun so rest in piss andrew johnson he didn't die right away though sadly though uh thaddeus stevens died just in time to see uh grant in power and so next week we'll talk about presidential radical reconstruction where we have radicals 1:2:58 in charge of the senate and house and general grant uh in charge of a hard money

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uh pro finance regime trying to reduce the monetary supply uh at a time of massive economic collapse in the south while simultaneously trying to enforce actual equality at the uh a spoiler alert not great all right this is good this was fun we'll see you guys on wednesday for bye

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drained the dream [Laughter] by the old canal uh water winds all my balls eaten hog  
on a lovely beach clicking on **\*\*Music playing\*\*** so i can't post myself online **\*\*Music** 0:1:1  
**playing\*\*** dirty old town can you hear me it might be a little tinny or compressed as 0:2:4  
people like to say i still don't know what that means but apparently last time it was  
pressed i still don't have a i'm i'm now streaming on the laptop but i do not have  
a dedicated microphone yet my apologies so today we're mostly going to talk about  
just one chapter from eric foner's reconstruction chapter 8 because we had uh some  
technical issues last time we only gonna do one chapter today chapter eight which  
is about the consolidation of uh republican power in the southern reconstruction  
states post 14th amendment and uh what what they did what their uh political  
and economic agenda ended up looking like uh what does he call it the chapter is 0:3:8  
titled uh reconstruction political and or no i'm sorry yes reconstruction political  
and economic so we're talking about how uh the political coalition the power that  
republic the republican party was able to exercise in the south exercised that power  
how it tried to change the culture of the newly emancipated south and how to so  
the governments that took power in the south the reconstruction governments were  
largely dominated politically by moderates which is what you would expect because  
those are the people who are closest to power people with money tend to be moderate  
people who have access to networks of capital and influence tend to be moderate  
not radical and so you had amongst these people carpetbaggers who'd come to the 0:4:9  
south to speculate make money in politics or in the market you had hustling urban  
southerners who were not part of the old planter class and some wealthy free blacks  
who were also already part of some sort of power structure before the war they  
take power in these political parties due to their proximity to power uh pre-existing  
because that's the reality of uh power it it draws it uh concentrates at polls and you  
have to have a certain relationship to power in order to be able to exercise it it's one  
of the fundamental contradictions of democratic governance in a in a exploitative  
economic structure the exploited are by definition kept from real meaningful uh  
positions of an influence except for their labor power which can only be coordinated

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in its use their individual influence is minimal it's why they're being subject that's 0:5:10  
why they're not in charge so anyway these moderate southern republicans care go  
into power with an idea that they're going to secure their they're going to secure  
their power in the south this new republican party that is in in the south that have  
been totally dominated by the democrats since the days of jackson uh we're going  
to do it by bringing in capital investment from the north uh and also by reaching  
out to the uh the common white southerner who was mostly who were largely uh  
democrats so **\*\*Music playing\*\*** that project of reaching out to white democrats  
politically while trying to reach up to northern capital uh economically fail in both  
efforts and in fact the failure of one the failure of one uh necessitates the failure of 0:6:15  
the other but in this case i would argue that it was the it was the seeking of northern  
capital the doomed the project of expanding the electoral appeal of the republican  
party which we will get into so like for example in georgia the moderate republicans  
decided not even to seat the black legislature black legislators who had been uh  
elected because the the constitution did or their uh state constitution didn't provide  
for it and they went and they went with that even the demand of democrats to try  
to appeal to uh them didn't get any of them just alienated the former slaves but  
the real thing that undermined the effectiveness of these reconstruction governments  
was the quick emergence of factionalism within the republican parties and they was 0:7:16  
not necessarily around race or ideology that found that formed it wasn't race or  
ideology that formed these conflicts so much as it was spoils the spoils of political  
patronage because due to the economic isolation of uh of republicans black and white  
in the offices in in public offices both appointed and elected uh the necessity to secure  
a living through politics becomes much more powerful than it would be in among  
people who could if they wanted to get other work by working in the reconstruction  
government both white and black politicians had essentially burned their bridges with  
the merchant community with with uh respectable uh white economic structure they  
were essentially uh banned from intercourse with the with the economy so they had  
to secure themselves and their families through politics and that that went for white  
uh and black republican legislators and officials and so there is this mad scramble 0:8:17  
for patronage and it revolves generally like i said around not around uh ideology but  
around either federal or state uh jobs so essentially you would see conflicts between  
political organizations led by a republican governor fighting the political machine of  
a state's senator because these are separate passive money and these are separate  
uh job groupings and separate connections of uh of uh vassalage and so they create  
separate structures and they have at their top for the most part white people but  
they're also uh have uh at their base of black participation both with votes and then  
also with the lower level jobs within the structure and you see uh the emergence of 0:9:22

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black uh a political organization around like churches in the rural areas community organizations that hooks into these patriots networks but their power within these structures is undermined by their lack of capital because they have been dispossessed of the land that they had been exploited for their labor and were now dispossessed of the ability to make a living they were put out onto the market but it turns out that if you don't have capital built in and we mostly have in in in a putative democracy there is a social capital that adheres to everyone regardless of their actual capital but slaves are ex-slaves are coming into a world as citizens without anything and at that point even though the the liberal ideology of the time insisted no no one can get anything for anything everyone has to work through that was of course all premised on the fact that everybody was basically taking what they wanted from the 0:10:24  
uh the world from the from the uh the bounty of the uh expropriated native american health land of the south of the now there's no land to give to these people because of course they didn't earn it and so there is they are in a condition more abject than an american citizen is supposed to be which means they need market intervention that is not supposed to happen in a democracy there was a way to alleviate that and that is of course land redistribution but that went against the interests of capital and also the ideological infrastructure of liberalism that dominated so even while this fighting is happening and this corruption is is is getting endemic and these machines are starting to fight they are actually passing legislation uh and uh they 0:11:25  
are creating for the first time in the south an infrastructure of like a modern welfare state they're building the first schools and hospitals and asylums and and the first sanitation situa structures uh first penitentiaries uh and this is you know providing a new dimension of government uh intervention in the economy uh at least as it was understood at the time this is a new a step forward a qualitative support in the relate in the in the humanity of the relationship between government and citizen uh because the the condition of the ex-slaves undermines the the liberal fantasy of what a state is the idea that it's just something there to structure private inner inner intercourse and to provide some sort of framework for people to work things out themselves is undergirded by a fundamental assumption of subsistence of land 0:12:26  
access that there was none of that for the former slaves and that contradiction had to be resolved now of course one way to resolve it would have been to make them into landowners but that would have conflicted with the existing rot nostrums that are on private property that had solidified and also the interests of finance that wanted to see the southern plantation economy brought back on its feet as soon as possible uh but in the absence of land redistribution what was necessitated by this new contradiction being exposed is an expansion of government's prerogative which is what they did uh and this did contribute to the well-being of uh of people

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in the south in a way that had never been there before education for poor black and white students for the first time uh and one i believe a louisiana legislature i think it was uh said had a line that uh i thought was very uh apropos that founder quotes uh speaking of the former slaves they look to the law because in the very nature of things they can't look nowhere they can look nowhere else they can't they look to the law because in the very nature of things they can look nowhere else as in there is no land for them to fall back on to try to exist outside of a social structure and a wage relationship they are forced into social intercourse with all local uh systems arrayed against them by racial classification and by their status as uncapitalized and it's only the law that can protect them so there's four things that founder points out that dominate the agenda of these reconstruction governments regulating race relationships regulating labor relationships and pursuing economic development so when it comes to education for the most part the reconstruction governments were sort of happy to allow for segregated education to be enforced as the path of least resistance to public provision because this was this was going to be the first time many of these states had any public education a lot of people were able even the ex-slave said fine whatever let's just get some education especially since black only schools were more likely to be influenced uh were more likely to hire black teachers and to be responsive to the concerns of black parents so there there was a willingness to go with that although there was some where there was a concentrated black power either in the form of black wealth in new orleans where they were able to integrate a school system uh that persisted even in the face of white flight to private academies uh which after a few years was reversed and black white students returned to integrated public schooling uh or in south carolina which was uh conservative reactionary state in the lead up to this civil war and was the state where uh secession began because it was the most thoroughly planetarized country uh state the largest percentage of the population was black planters had the large the most uh hegemonic control of the political institutions in the culture now because of that the fact that so many of the citizens in south carolina were black and black and franchisement was the law south carolina is one of the most radical reconstruction states for the same reason or it is the most radical reconstruction site and when they attempted to integrate the university of south carolina and there was a mass walkout of white students and faculty they brought in northern faculty they abolished tuition they created preparatory classes to help people get to the minimum standard and created a integrated public um in and when it came to the question of race relations in the public which was the second area that they uh that they had to address there was a a significant and successful drive to maintain or impose integration of public accommodations beyond that there was no real effort to to enforce a integrationist

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agenda once again as a path of least resistance on the question of labor relationships uh these reconstruction governments went made it their uh business they were very insistent upon reordering the uh negotiating position in favor of so that they could dictate the terms of their own labor in the face of the presidential reconstruction era when it was an attempt which was an attempt by the planters to use essentially to take private regimes of slave compulsion and make them public uh instead of that uh reconstruction governments outlawed corporal punishment narrowed notions narrowed the vacancy laws to reduce the number of people who could be arrested resistant demands by land owners to enclose land from foraging of livestock prioritize the workers claim on the crop uh of a given uh plantation ahead of any debtors or debt holders who might be owed money by the planter so that you wouldn't have a situation which often happened whereas a uh a uh a debt drowning planter will get a uh raise of raise a crop out of the field on the promise he's gonna split it with uh his workers then uh his creditors will come in and take the majority or even all the profit giving them the the workers no wage for heaven labored uh and they banned that practice and made the workers claims on the cotton the first to be settled in any kind of uh delinquency issue and then as an accession to the poor whites who were part of this coalition there was a debt relief which didn't affect ex-slaves very much because they didn't have any debt because they didn't have any uh because they because they were slaves any debt was held by their owners so but they wanted to create this coalition so they supported debt relief for the poor whites but the big almost universal \*\*\*\*\* up and failure and you could say you can't blame them really because we'll talk about how this is determined by other forces the every one of these except once again with the partial uh exception of south carolina every one of these reconstructed southern state governments failed to redistribute land in any significant way and of course south carolina they were able to do it because once again concentrated so there was no confiscation of land from uh rebels which honestly would have had to have been the purview of the federal government anyway so it's there was some efforts to sell land uh but once again you don't have any debt if you're an ex-slave but that means you don't have any assets either and that includes the bear capital necessary to improve a piece of land because all these uh homestead uh things stipulate that the land must be improved which means you have to have the capital assets necessary to improve land the ho the hammer the uh the tools the literal tools in order to do it and if they're planting crops they need the seed and things like that they need and this required this this dilemma where you have this land and there's and it's not a very it's a sparsely settled part of the world so even absent massive land confiscation there was land to be given but it could not be uh sold because they just they had had their labor power taken from them completely for their entire lives

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in order to overcome this conflict that this contradiction whereas where they needed to redistribute land but they could only do it through a mechanism of commerce that former slaves could not enter into was to transcend the contract notion was to transcend the presiding ideological structure in the service of justice because land in this country turning land into the personification of justice not the ability to enter into contract but the actual land that and i would say that well it's hard to imagine that happening given the structure the ideological strictures not just about things like property but about race that bound the people we're talking that there was room for that notion to kindle but in the context where land redistribution had in fact been uh stamped out and reversed uh instead of being allowed to fruit at fructate there simply was not enough pressure on the existing system within these southern states in washington anywhere to demand that justice and instead and and there was an attempt to do that uh in the face of uh the insufficiency of the reconstruction governments to provide uh land justice there were in seven several states southern southern several southern states labor conventions of ex-slaves coming together to try to agree upon a laborers a black laborers agenda for the governments that they were supporting and they wanted uh and this was a a political expression of that cry for justice it's the closest thing we have or they had to that they could articulate and what they articulated was a minimum minimum dignified wage for agricultural labor and land redistribution and in the face of that the uh reconstruction governments which as i said are professionalized are pulled away from the grassroots of former slave uh uh voters who get them in there uh are are kind of captured in these webs of patronage and uh corruption and the need for yankee money let's not undermine that uh couldn't give land they didn't feel they could they didn't want to and what they did instead was they said look how about instead of addressing this injustice we just everybody gets rich and that is the american uh has been the universal solvent of america's social crisis oh no how do we how do we uh transcend the limitations of our system to allow for a remediation of injustice uh what how much does money will it take to make this go away and real crisis explode when there's no money to give away so what the reconstruction governments tried to do to fill the gap was build prosperity the same way that the north was in the absence of a civil war to drive economic activity uh railroad investment uh this after the civil war the civil war created this massive increase in the government's manu uh productive capacity and its money supply and its economy without a war uh that energy had to go somewhere and because it's a capitalist system dominated by capitalist interests it went to subsidizing railroad construction creating a infrastructure domestic infrastructure of railroad track not through direct investment but through it was happening all through the west and it was also in the south it was supposed to be the engine of

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prosperity that would obviate all these thorny social questions what to do about black equality uh what to do about the lack of of black economic opportunity build some 0:25:47  
railroads this will stimulate commerce it'll bring in northern capital create economic activity it didn't do any of that but what it did do is make some of the speculators very rich and also a number of the crooked politicians very very rich uh and it what it created internal networks of commerce that pulled power economic power and concentration away from the port cities which in the antebellum period were the only real concentrations of economic activity in the south because uh because the plant the uh southern plantation system involved getting a product not through internal markets like through canals and through railroads but by taking it putting it in the water getting it out to the ocean and then sending it to new york or to 0:26:48  
london uh so this is the so all the economic activity was in these port cities now the railroad manufacturing is creating internal cities is creating a booming towns and and uh and banks and merchant sec nodes within the south and taking power away from the uh ports uh and in so doing uh we see resolved one of the fundamental uh tensions within southern society that had existed since the revolution and that is that you had uh a ruling planter class in the south right the big land owners who were the unchallenged political powers in the south uh at least in the deep uh the the the pl the places with uh uh very extensive plantation agriculture and then you had underneath them in the cities this much smaller less powerful but more economically 0:27:50  
uh more dynamic group of merchants and and bourgeois emerging bourgeois who uh who struggled for influence in state government sort of underneath the the the boot of this ruling landed elite the civil war breaks open and overthrows the landed aristocracy not completely dispossessing them but based knocking them off of their political perch and what happens thanks to these reconstruction governments thanks to the uh direct investment in these real estate uh railroad speculation uh company or these rail this railroad speculation and the creation of these merchant nodes is a situation where the big landowners start uh buying shops start becoming bankers starting indulging in the merchant capitalism and these and and uh sort of step down from the plantation veranda to do so meanwhile amongst the grasping class 0:28:51  
of city uh folk some of the more uh successful merchants start buying land and this movement resolves this tension and creates this synthesis that is the new landowning merchant ruling class that ends up dominating the south by the turn of the century this becomes the leader this these become the bourbon democrats who rule over a sort of arrested population of totally some subject and deep uh and politically uh disempowered black population and a uh economically dominated and population but everywhere that this these new nodes of commerce emerge they uproot all the existing structures uh and in the up country where small white uh yeoman farm holding and 0:29:54

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subsistence agriculture was the way of life uh the coming of the railroads uh pulls people away from that and towards wage labor and towards wage late uh and towards dispossession a lack of that freedom we were talking about and the way that the states were doing this is by buying railroad stock gifting land to railroads guaranteeing loans creating a business friendly environment which all undermined the support for republican governments by poor people of and undermining more than anything support among poor whites who saw reconstruction come in and the main thing that it brought about was higher taxes and uh that they had to start working instead of living on their farm and living subsistence lifestyle that in their minds was uh was necessary for freedom uh meanwhile the whites who stayed most loyal to the republican party were up in the mountains where not only had they fought the hardest for the union during the war they were mostly untouched by modernization and didn't lose their traditional and the main thing that the main counterproductive result of all this railroad investment is that it \*\*\*\*\* drains the public offers for all of these new things that they're supposed to be doing uh the education they're supposed to be creating these infrastructures they're building uh money has to money comes away from that and and that undermines the efficacy of these institutions that are being built by their republican governments and the whole time this is failing to draw in any northern investment because the south is still politically rested there's no real certainty that reconstruction governments won't be overthrown and so northern capital was much happier to invest in what seems to be more stable political situations in the west and so most of this capital has to be raised uh locally through uh uh through taxes uh and through uh low most more than anything through crop loading uh and then another just poisonous development caused by the railroad uh is that it's the thing in the south as much as it was in the north that created the uh atmosphere of of absolutely pandemic corruption that allowed these railroad interests to essentially buy the government with the government's own money that's the insane thing these people all bought all this stuff with government debt and government-backed greenbacks that had been used to win the war and they had collected them in buckets over the course of the war and were now using them to pay off these politicians who especially in the south were very cheap because their only livelihood was uh politics and besides mere brazen bribery there was insider dealing where you would give someone a stock or uh give them a heads up on a uh investment opportunity and all of these things created these networks of patronage that now came outside of government and involved the private sector in the form of these railroad combinations and the whole time the railroads are also ingratiating themselves to the poor the freeze black community by uh sponsoring education and missionary work and offering wage labor away from the

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plantation which was something that was very appealing to a lot of especially young young men who didn't want to uh they didn't want to work on the plantation because it had these uh and all and and the failure here the the the the botching here uh the 0:34:5  
the uh the mistaken uh effort to invest in the poultry sums that these states had in railroads uh is a consequence more than anything of the lack of capital that existed in the south there was no money the the the economy had been undermined and destroyed uh the the the uh even the money supply was shrinking because obviously all the confederate money immediately was worthless but even greenbacks were being with restricted in circulation over the course of this period because they're trying to move to a gold standard because the reactionary agenda of the uh of the capitalist class and the only way that you could have accommodated the political aspirations 0:35:6  
of the free the freeze blacks and the political and social aspirations of the uh poor whites sufficient to create an enduring political uh coalition that could have held power in the face of the planter class and rulers would have been a mass transition of capital to the south and this didn't happen because once again there was no power to seek it the power at the top of the federal government was held by uh republicans who were invested literally in a hard money economy uh that made necessary capital redistribution within the country impossible uh and so what happens debt comes to be the new instrument of coercion uh replacing the old planter or the old uh labor 0:36:9  
regimes on the plantation and it ensnares whites too the collection of cotton goes from something that was almost entirely carried out by black uh slaves in the pre-war period to uh something that 40 percent of uh cotton uh agricultural workers are are white by the turn of the century uh and every compo every chain in this action is compelled by a lack of capital uh it's it's it's the debt of the uh planter who is being loaned uh the money for his crop uh that who that is compelling uh the sharecropper to go into debt to that planter at every level there is a compulsion of debt uh and those and so freed sl former slaves who don't want to go back to plantation camp 0:37:11  
cotton agriculture are by debt drawn back into it and uh poor whites who had before the war been able to live independently are now forced into a wage relationship agriculturally and this dooms the social project of reconstruction because it confirms the white supremacist idea that there is a zero racial contest between black and white and that anything that benefits one harms the other because slavery was abolished blacks were free and now white people are poor white people are less free they have less control of their ability to sustain themselves they have to work for wages instead of work on their own land and this is not because that's true it's because the interest of capitalism was the presiding dominating interest shaping reconstruction once again 0:38:13  
you have a thing where the social phenomenon of a political economic structure is blamed to and so last thing i want to talk about here is something that's really

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interesting and it is the way that the different types of plantation agriculture the different modes of respond to this new reality this new marketized uh speculation based uh more internally improved southern and more financial and more debt based uh agricultural system so there's three main types of plantation agriculture in the south determined by geography determined by where things grow best in the louisiana bayou area and in the gulf uh you have sugar also in florida but maybe the concentrated in louisiana you have sugar uh plantations now uh sugar planting is requires two things uh labor specialization because it's a very complicated process so there's a bunch of different jobs to do that require different skills to be learned to do them and also capital because in order for sugar production to be profitable sugar processing has to be done on site which means that uh sugar houses where the uh cane is turned into molasses actually have to be built and maintained on the premises so in this situation once the coercive power of slavery is gone leverage of the working population is increased in a situation where but also where each plantation has already a significant capital value because it's been improved upon the ruling uh elite was largely replaced by northern speculators who had the money to uh fill the gap they were able to square that problem of a popular of a labor population that's going to require more money more wages than zero and a higher degree of capital uh investment with capital of their own because it's worth it because you've got this this fixed infrastructure that has a dollar value on it and that means that it's worth the investment and in that place uh uh former slaves were able to negotiate for uh if not anything you would want to call a fair wage certainly a a self-sustaining wage now in south carolina you have rice cultivation rice requires a great degree of labor specialization in the same way that sugar does but it is capital unintensive you don't need to have any built-in capacity on it on a rice plantation you just pack up the rice and put it on a boat now what that meant was that when the plantations were ruined at the end of the war there was no uh incentive for anyone to buy the plantations because the uh value was essentially non-existent so in these rice areas the local uh the planter elite uh had to essentially give in to their workforce and workers were able to dictate in many cases uh completely the terms of their labor the amount of profit of its profit they got in in some cases actually taking over complete control of the uh plantation itself to the point where but also what that meant so you had this like uh peasant communism develop here in the rice plantations because there's no uh there's no pressure there's no capital coming in to reassert a uh exploitive labor relationship there's only this poor schmuck hanging on by his fingers fingernails but as a result of that though uh rice production in the south never really catches back up to its pre-war production there is economic stagnation there is no accumulation there's no capital accumulation which is necessary in order to compete with other

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modes of production and other and south carolina really which was where the rice uh which is where the rice was grown was the most radical reconstruction state in those early years and saw the most uh successful efforts at ex-slave land ownership cult and cooperative cultivation but at a low level of productivity because why would you want to work that hard you're just trying to sustain yourself you're not trying to build a \*\*\*\*\* a gold house to live in because you don't have to escape your conscience the way that the \*\*\*\*\* uh slave owners did you can live simply now in the cotton south we have something cotton production is neither labor intensive nor capital intensive 0:44:21 so there's no capital pressure on ownership to sell like there was with uh labor or like there was in the uh sugar belt uh and there's no real pressure from uh workers for much better conditions so that means that meant that for the most part the even though some of them were broke for a while and hilariously alexander stevens and john b uh gordon the vice president of the confederacy and a confederate general had to uh endorse patent medicines like like sarah palin with the tummy tea so the so in the cotton belt the uh the planters got to keep control but they did have to change obviously the nature of their relationship with uh their former slaves uh because now 0:45:23 they had to pay them they had to compensate them they were no longer able to directly exploit them on on the land through direct coercion so how are they gonna do it how was this relationship going to be managed slave owners the ex-slave owners were happy to use wages happy to pay in wages or at least would have preferred to pay in wages but uh the former slaves didn't really want wages they wanted land and so they for the most part pushed for the to be pushed ended up pushing their way towards an accommodation that became known as sharecropping where uh you would work on a land that was technically owned by the planter who would loan you seed and capital at the beginning of a growing season sell it at the end and give you a portion now this was not something that i think that a lot of slaves would 0:46:24 have preferred uh if they've been able to pick anything but in a context where their political power was very attenuated where there was a failure to really pursue these interests politically uh an inability to pursue them politically share cropping became the closest and in the absence of land redistribution sharecrafting became the closest thing to land ownership that ex-slaves could access even though it meant going into debt and what you ended up having was not the end of servitude really but the replacement of the coercive mechanism of servitude being direct exploitation in the form of an overseer and a whip and a in a lack of bodily autonomy to a compulsion through death now if you have been a slave that difference is substantial and worth 0:47:25 having and worth pushing for especially since in these days the final contours of what that was going to look like were not sure were not determined and no one knew for sure by the obviously by 1900 sharecropping becomes a brutal exploitative

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machinery that annihilates any upward mobility among former slaves but that was after the redemption after the reaction and the end of reconstruction which of course was not anything that anyone could have predicted would have happened and or or could have assumed was going to happen when they were fighting just to be able to live on some land and uh and be independent and live not under the gaze of an overseer from the by some guy in a veranda but to be in your own land on your own even if you don't own it uh your own patch with your own home that was a uh that was a step up and it was a negotiated change in the condition of servitude basically but it was not the abolition of the state of servitude itself uh and the failure 0:48:27 the failure to advance beyond that uh that plateau was caused by the failure of a durable black political power to be articulated in the south and that all comes down to uh the failure to redistribute land because absent land redistribution uh there was no there could be no uh uh even contest which is what the north thought they were doing they thought we're going to fight to give the former slaves a fair shot on a playing field even absent racial discrimination which of course cannot be absented that wouldn't have happened because people were coming into this race literally without a sustenance which is the only absent a labor movement sustenance is the only real leverage you have against the wage relationship and the ability to 0:49:29 assert your authority within it or that or political power and of course one flows from the other and without political power and the you will be cheated you will be denied any kind of fair compensation so that even if capitalism worked the way that it's boosters and the way that these people supporting the uh the whig dream that was being imposed by the liberal republicans even if you believed it it could work under those conditions by definition it could not work and the only thing that could have broken that was uh was land redistribution which required which would never have happened absent class power which did not coalesce and i think that the interesting thing about this period is the degree of fluidity within these systems how that like the process from one level of exploitation to another could have moved farther it could have been more dramatic the arrangement between capital and labor 0:50:30 could have settled differently and i think uh the entrenchment of of land-based black political power in the south could have been a check on this sort of gal Gallup towards total corporate subsumption of the political uh and economic system that happened so next week we'll talk about chapters 9 and 10. and then there's only two more after that so we got in two weeks we'll be done with this bad boy uh i've i've had a very good time talking about it i think it's really interesting uh and it's helped me clarify a lot of my thinking about american history which is good because i've got another product couple projects i'm working on that are going to try to consolidate this information uh into something of like a you know a big a contours of american 0:51:32

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history cup deal uh somebody said that we might want to do stuff about the german  
revolution 1918 and i think that's a good idea if i could find a good one volume on  
that i future oh yeah uh also damn my grandma could make banana pudding or what 0:52:46  
was it what did what did biden say about rice pudding how is aunt gertie how his  
aunt i think that he might if they let him off the leash enough it might get funny he  
might end up being up there with trump for funny presidents so let's hope so god my  
oh right yes thank you for reminding me friday i'm going to game with chris we're  
going to play anno uh so we're going to try to build some sort of 19th century age 0:53:47  
of steam empire i think that's how it works so we'll have some fun we'll talk about  
my favorite uh century where all the old gods died were replaced by new horrifying  
hopefully we'll fix the choppiness and uh but it's also like a map game so it'll be less  
i'm just sparing a chat for five minutes that's dumb i feel like a weirdo we'll 0:55:11

*Reconstruction Junction VI - Revenge of the Libs*

**03.24.21**

down **\*\*Music playing\*\*** is mcnamara is banned folks don't we love it mcnamara's  
banned those cats could play it when i first came to london i was only 16 with a 0:1:13  
fiber in my pocket my old dancing bag i went down to the delhi to check out the  
scene but i still ended and it was cold and nights i all knew it was chill but there  
were boys in the cafes and kitchen pills she didn't have the money **\*\*Music playing\*\***  
there's always lots of chewing on the old dragon was it angela lives click **\*\*Music** 0:2:20  
**playing\*\*** oh **\*\*Music playing\*\*** and kicked in the balls between the middle doors at  
vine street i was beaten and mauled and i ruined my good looks for the old so guys  
and gals uh i am now able to command the uh it's a stream i don't have to use my  
phone anymore and this is wild i get to click on a little button and it just streams  
amazing it's a game changer we've entered a new phase we've entered the phase 0:3:21  
omega of the of the streams so today we're gonna be talking about chapters nine  
and ten uh in eric founder's reconstruction chapter nine the problem of enforcement  
is about white resistance to reconstruction and chapter 10 is about reconstruction in  
the north and how it impacted the political agenda of the republican party and their  
willingness to continue supporting reconstruction basically so after the imposition  
of the the southern republican reconstruction governments uh the white democrats  
of the south which was obviously the majority of all of the landowners and most  
of the white people outside of unionist strongholds uh realized that their policy of 0:4:24  
basically pretending that it wasn't happening and abstaining from elections wasn't  
working uh like in mississippi they were able to prevent a constitutional um uh the  
state constitution from being ratified by boycotting because it uh failed to produce  
unnecessary uh the necessity what was required is the necessary uh voter turnout to  
to make the vote binding but they just changed that requirement and put it back  
in anyway so uh the democrats in the south realized that it wasn't working and so  
two strategies of how to go about dealing with the political system and with the  
reality of reconstruction and black suffrage in in the south first you had the white  
line democrats the ones who insisted upon white supremacy as the cornerstone of  
governance and denied the uh validity of the reconstruction governments entirely uh 0:5:26

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and the in and denied the validity of black uh suffrage entirely uh but more influential and more successful were those democrats who uh uh accepted as a fantacom plea the reality of reconstruction the reality of black suffrage uh and and called instead for a new departure which said all right fine there's black suffrage we can't stop it what can we do uh and what they did was they they joined the republicans or they joined factions of republican parties uh outside the deep south where the uh the black vote wasn't completely dominated uh or completely like uh organized around the republican party uh in states like virginia and tennessee uh the in 1869 and 1970 0:6:28 the uh new departure democrats allied with conservative republicans were able to uh win and take over their agenda their economic agenda was totally hostile to freed slaves even though they made grudging attempts to reach out to black voters but it was attractive to poor whites because it emphasized lowering taxes because one of the big consequences of reconstruction government was a huge increase in public provision which also led to an increase in taxation uh which squeezed low uh uh small holding farmers and poor whites harder even than it did and the other element was uh agrarian reform the idea being that if we cannot deny black suffrage if we cannot deny 0:7:30 black civic equality then we can reduce black labor power by utilizing new farming technology uh advanced uh uh uh advanced like irrigation and fertilizing techniques and encouraging immigration uh from either like ireland or even china uh to break the uh the late the um to break the black uh laboring classes ability to negotiate the the conditions of their work uh even george fitzhugh who i've talked about before who was before the war and author of a number of works that controversially even in the south claimed that uh wage relationships uh within the white race were wrong and that honestly everybody should be either a slave or a owner because democracy 0:8:31 was a fraud that assumed an equality that was not possible but in the aftermath of the war he saw the way the winds were blowing and he became a big booster for the uh bringing of capital to the south all on the idea that you're going to reduce the um effectiveness of black labor and political organizing there's one quote in the book about how someone says we need to bring in the great the most advanced uh farming machinery one of the advantages of which but the thing that stymied a lot of these efforts is as was always the case in reconstruction capital like for example uh one of the big uh agricultural modernizing projects was introducing mixed uh 0:9:33 planting uh instead of having just entire regions dominated by cotton planting and that was possible in some northern parts of the south but in the black belt in the cotton belt uh it would have required very expensive fertilizer which would have required capital that during this period the south just uh and then you had the fact that the crop lien system where everybody was on operating on credit the the planters were operating on credit from banks the sharecroppers were operating on

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credit from the planters uh it didn't it created a path dependency where there wasn't really no one could afford to miss a harvest nobody could afford to not be putting up uh cotton so diversifying became so places where the uh these new departure democrats took power in these border areas like virginia by the way uh virginia had 0:10:36 a democratic republic right-wing republican fusion government take over partially because the radical republican uh coalition uh headed by that the newspaper writer newspaper editor uh honeycutt which i talked about last time and which actually did bring together uh poorer whites and and ex-slaves uh around a really radical economic agenda uh that pat and and who passed a radical constitutional uh who created a radical constitutional convention uh and and a radical constitution uh the union general who was in command of uh virginia james john schofield refused to allow a vote on it so uh into that vacuum the uh the redeeming new departure democrats took power and wherever they did they implemented voter restrictions that were just on the right side of the 15th amendment which guaranteed voting uh 0:11:39 regardless of race voting rights regardless of race that meant um poll taxes uh and it should be noted that there's two types of poll taxes and you see some confusion with this like uh for example there was a bunch of there was in the 80s there was a huge amount of protesting in england about the poll tax and poll in that sense and in american history also in some places poll means head and it is a regressive tax on individuals like x if x number of people live in a county every one of them owes x number of dollars in in in taxes which of course is regressive because rich people can afford to pay it more than poor because it's fixed by just the fact that it's it's a mop it's a fixed amount per person but these were poll taxes that said you had to pay money to vote uh it also reduced the number of polling places in black strongholds if that sounds familiar uh and gerrymandered districts away from black belt counties once again if any of this and in addition to that they also rescinded 0:12:45 all of the legislation that the radical regimes had done to help uh freed slave uh freed slaves and poor people uh uh prosper and and negotiate their own terms of employment they got rid of foraging rights which are very big because if you can forage it means you don't necessarily have to take a wage or work a crop lien and also the homestead exemption from debt repayments and the rule that uh meant that the laborers uh claimed to a crop superseded any uh other debtors uh or any other uh lenders that the uh that the planter might know uh in the deep south where 0:13:46 the the republican governments held power simply because of the still significant and unified power of the black vote uh with a huge explosion in violence and the forming of uh the ku klux klan this is the part of the book that if you've read it is the most nauseating and enraging part yet uh where you see in response to the institution of these uh radical republican interracial regimes a huge explosion in political violence

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uh massacres lynchings whippings targeted assassinations of community leaders also white republicans as well um with specific uh intent to attack people who had uh any kind of political expression labor minister labor militancy and very importantly uh any pretensions to ownership of property uh and this is like the key element to the failure of reconstruction or one of them uh and it's uh maddening because it was not ordained and necessary it was not like some sort of uh stimulus response that could not have been either precluded or stopped once and it's important to remember that it was made up of this reaction this the clan uh violence the people who carried it out were not just poor white trash they were a whole swath of white society in these places and generally led by the better elements uh the professionals the landowners uh it was a in many ways like plantar reaction to the rise of one of the most frustrating things reading it is seeing how powerless people were to stop it even though republican regimes were empowered in many of these states even though uh you know you had huge numbers of ex-slaves living here now as free people technically as equal citizens with rights there was very little response to the violence there was very little uh tit-for-tat and there was very little defensive violence and and this was something that in the north a lot of people found kind of pathetic they said why don't you stand up for yourself which is ridiculous because they were in a situation where the the social milieu meant that any white violence would be ratified by local power like the local courts local government and any violence by friedman would be instantly cracked down upon with no because in most of these places there's barely any federal presence there were uh less than 6 000 u.s troops in the south i believe by this point uh and scattered throughout the entire region and so even if there had been a desire on the part of the federal government at that point to crack down which there wasn't uh there would have been very diff much difficulty in having those resources deployed it was it was very difficult to imagine a situation where if you stood up for yourself anything would happen other than just a total uh smackdown of destruction of your the entire area uh and this violence was very very uh effective at undermining reconstruction because the people who were killed were generally people who had achieved some degree of literacy uh and political influence and had shown themselves to be leaders and had in many cases leadership of a bunch of different intersecting civic organizations and political groups which meant that the capital you could essentially decapitate uh ex-slave political power by killing only a few people because so many of the ex-slaves had no education and had no uh literacy and as such had a very difficult time negotiating a lot of these uh these power structures the people who could kind of made themselves targets in a way and were violently uh repressed and this is why you really can't think of a civil war as ending in 1865 it's just moved to a different phase people say oh robert e lee was so uh gallant and and

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honorable because he didn't send the army off to do guerrilla fighting well they didn't do it then but they did it later and it's important to note they were because where state governments decided to crack down state governments here because as i said the federal power to do anything was was pretty muted where state governments acted where there was a reconstruction a radical government in place that had any kind of legitimacy and efficacy they were able to crack the \*\*\*\*\* down on these guys the two 0:18:57 most sterling examples were arkansas and texas which both saw uh their uh radical governors uh creating uh uh interracial police and militia units at the state level that just arrested the \*\*\*\*\* out of people just went in there and \*\*\*\*\* and threw people in jail and it led to uh in texas uh governor edmond davis had six thousand clansmen arrested uh and it had an effect people didn't fight i mean the the violence was was so widespread because impunity was assumed i mean these people are \*\*\*\*\* cowards uh if they think they're going to get in trouble they're not going to do it and i would like and uh one of the most horrifying and the single most violent uh incident of all of reconstruction was the colfax massacre which occurs at this time in which uh a struggle between local factions in uh in colfax louisiana leads to a black militia 0:20:0 essentially uh taking commandeering and taking control of a city town square there in colfax for a number of days until they were just overwhelmed by a redeemer militia that massacred over 200 of them with no repercussions but where there was a state response there was a reduction in violence there was a capacity to do this but there had to be a mechanism uh of where where the state was willing to enforce and back up black claims to rights uh and the big effect of all this violence is that it brought a big decline in black turnout as you can imagine and it led to democrats gaining uh yeah of course edmund davis of course texas public school history called him a tyrant yeah no he was a he was a pimp sorry edmond davis pimp benjamin butler pimp 0:21:2 because guys like that realized something that is lost in history and was even lost at the time to the the liberal republicans uh in the north which is that they wanted to see this as a political struggle they wanted to see the battle over who will be in charge of these governments in the south as a political discussion but it was not it was for the republicans the the former slaves and the scalawags and carpetbaggers who were trying to govern these these con these states they were operating by political rules they were trying to they were trying to raise votes and they were trying to win elections for the white power structure it was an existential war it was a war that had never ended since 65 and when you have that kind of situation where one side is willing to go beyond politics and the other one is constrained by political uh 0:22:3 conceptions uh the the side that is willing to take the most extreme uh measures will win unless the other side understands the the the real terrain and acts accordingly and there were attempts to do that but they were half-hearted half-hazard and not

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coordinated and this is why my big dream my big what if at this point it isn't even that lincoln lives so much as that butler is vice president because if butler's vice president and lincoln still gets assassinated i have a hard time imagining that we get any period of reprieve for the planter class and certainly not the confederate high command i mean this is a guy who when he was uh the military governor of new orleans hanged a guy for pulling down the american flag and stepping on it even though everybody assumed he wouldn't hang this guy they were like there's no way he's gonna hang a guy for taking the flag down that's insane he's gonna like try him and then he'll the guy will give a speech and then he'll he'll commute the sentence 0:23:4 and they had they had a big they had a big deal they let the guy give a talk he said i'm doing it patriotically everyone is waiting for butler to give him the old uh give him the the lindsey buckingham uh gladhand tmlxg \*\*\*\*\* so it's hard to imagine that if he gets into power with \*\*\*\*\* lincoln's blood on his hands that uh that he would have been nearly as as uh conciliatory to these people but what this really boils down to more than anything is that by this point and this is the important thing by this point at this point in time after the initial failures after uh the railroad lobby had essentially bought the republican party there was just no commitment in the northern republican party to uh do anything other than let the south sort of figure itself cigarettes own \*\*\*\*\* out there was no real commitment to the display of force 0:24:7 the the transgression of norms uh that would have been required but eventually they kind of had to uh the grant regime though was very slow in dealing with things and this is where we got to talk about grant a little bit i know that i've said that grant is underrated uh and he is relative to his traditional position in american history and certainly compared to the dunning-school \*\*\*\*\* propaganda \*\*\*\*\* horseshit but uh he was not the man for the job not the man the times demanded uh the very fact that he was the nominee spoke to the rise of this conservative sort of uh fiscally oriented section of the republican party over the radical spirit that had sort of gutted out and uh and had essentially uh gathered to ensure that benjamin wade didn't get the 0:25:9 nomination in 1870 1868. but he had his upside uh and one of them was that he actually did eventually uh crack down on uh on the clan but that in that uh the impetus for that came from congress in the form of the ku klux klan act which was uh shepherded through the house by benjamin butler and which led to a massive number of arrests in in the areas of peak clan violence in the piedmont south and uh led to a one thing that didn't happen under grant was the 15th amendment which is uh very interesting because one of the reasons that black suffrage was not the silver bullet that a lot of northern republicans assumed it would be like republicans who 0:26:10 were very uh leery about getting into questions of redistribution and positive liberty because of their liberty you know their put all of their faith in the battle let black

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people vote and they will be integrated into the political system and we will not need to change the relationship between subjects of a government and uh and the government itself in terms of like it's what it's what it's what its provisions are uh and one of the things that made that impossible is that the 15th amendment while bans uh uh discrimination on race for voting it does not it did not actually remove impediments to voting that existed in northern states or make voting a actual right which it still isn't we kind of think of voting as a right but it's kind it still really is more of a privilege in the constitutional sector in the in the constitutional sense uh 0:27:11 like equal provision of the ballot is is considered anathema racially but other than that states are sort of at their discretion to figure out who is allowed to vote which is to hold over from the old constitution old early constitutional era and was one of many things that should have been done away with by the civil war the civil war should have proven the ridiculousness of that and but it didn't because the array of forces weren't sufficient to to change that relationship uh and northern republicans were incredibly scared of the urban immigrant population that they have their cities catholic foreign language people democrats and then as a result many northern states that were governed by republicans had voting restrictions on the books things like tax requirements for voting uh and property restrictions they didn't want to undermine 0:28:12 their control there because the republican party was much more centered in the north and the south and the southern republicans had very little influence in dc uh northern republicans controlled the party and controlled the direction of the party and they wanted to maintain their power in the states that they uh and it should be noted that uh even though the one of the knocks on the 15th amendment at the time was that it was a special amendment that was especially designed for blacks and did not cover everybody uh most ex-slaves in the political arena and uh said no this should be universalized because that is the radical wellspring of uh of the black political tradition in this country comes from the fact that there's nobody that black people can sell out it's not because they're better than the rest of us which is sort of i think the unspoken assumption of like the liberal notion that uh suffering 0:29:13 is righteousness uh in the political sense the reason that that uh black americans have been like at the forefront of the uh general move towards social progress in this country is because they cannot sell anybody out because there's nobody that they can uh make a deal with power to get a worse deal than them in exchange for them getting slightly better conditions they're at the bottom of the totem pole now over time you get uh structures within the the black community that reward people at the top and create like a comprador situation somebody's talking about jim clyburn and yes he's essentially a comprador for the internal colony in black america but in general like the black political tradition has uh is disabused of a lot of the

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ideological uh mystifications of other communities because what is screened away 0:30:14  
in those communities the inherent oppressiveness of political institutions is revealed  
or that it's screened to them by the fact that they don't suffer the worst of it that  
there's some sort of wage skin wage social wage that is a uh inducement to accepting  
some element of america's ideology which isn't something that that uh has been  
open to the majority of of blacks since uh and so while the 15th amendment was not  
all it could have been uh it was still a huge leap forward because even a few years  
earlier as we've talked about on the stream the idea of uh enfranchising uh black  
americans men but uh any black americans was absolutely unthinkable anywhere  
in the country and the 15th amendment uh made black enfranchisement national 0:31:18  
policy so that does speak to the fluidity of the moment and the real possibility for  
uh for things to have been pushed further but the reality was that uh without a  
commitment to challenge the entrenched uh planter class and their refusal to accept  
black political subject subjectivity it just wasn't going to be enough uh and it wasn't  
helped by the fact that as i said southern republicans in dc uh didn't have really  
any influence in congress they could there was nothing that they could wheel or deal  
about because they were coming from uh a part of the country that was economically  
stagnant all of the all of the incredible amount of uh economic uh expansion that's  
i'm going to talk about for the next chapter all of it was happening in the west and 0:32:19  
in the north the south was completely stagnant during that period no capital was  
coming into the south relative to what was going to the west and north so that means  
there and that match with the fact that the local the power and the money that did  
exist in the south was all oriented around the planter classes and the democratic  
party meaning that there was no uh structure for campaign donations and and can  
and uh party in infrastructure funded by local uh political elites which you had in  
the north meant that there was no money for them to come north to spread around  
they were at the mercy of a republican national republican party that was kind of  
sick of the whole thing \*\*Music playing\*\* uh and one of the reasons was because  
these guys were increasingly the the northern republicans were recently orienting 0:33:20  
around capitalism and uh and economic development as their agenda and away from  
uh black rights a lot of the more and more they were feeling like this we fought the  
war to end slavery slavery is over to have the vote now let's make let's get this bread  
uh and and their liberal fixations including their mania for private property and a  
limited government to prevent that private property from being being messed with  
led them to some of them to actually resist things like the enforcement acts and the  
klan act that allowed for the suppression of some of the most horrific violence in the  
south uh but my man benjamin butler said to these idiots if the federal government  
cannot pass laws to protect the rights liberties and lives of the citizens of the united

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states in the states why were guarantees of those fundamental rights and he was 0:34:24  
able to get the clan act passed and the enforcement acts over the complaints of  
these northern liberals and it had an effect it brought down the level of violence  
all right so chapter 10 moves north we've been in the south this whole time now  
chapter 10 says hey well this was all happening in the south what's been going on  
in the north parts of war and what has been going on is you is that the economy  
is exploding thanks to this railroad this crooked railroad-based economic investment  
scheme there's a huge boom in railroads mining lumber manufacturing and more  
importantly than the fact that these things are expanding they are consolidating like  
these uh in mining for example uh for for most of the mid 19th century the the vision 0:35:25  
of a minor was like uh um you know a prospector going and finding a hole digging it  
doing it when he wanted to stopping what he wanted to controlling the conditions of  
his labor by the early 1870s most of those people had either stopped mining or been  
bought out and been replaced by large corporate mine interests paying wage laborers  
to go deep underground uh if anybody has seen deadwood the whole arc of george  
hurst coming to town and buying all the claims and bringing in cornish laborers  
that that's that's the process we're seeing in the south even the land which was the  
dream of westwood expansion yeoman freedom in land owning even the land in many  
parts of the west was being consolidated under the ownership of a few big owners  
california is the perfect example of this california is one of the most agriculturally 0:36:27  
rich areas of the country and even in the 1870s it was already coming under the  
control of a handful of families and that never went away california agriculture has  
been controlled by a cartel of of agro agricultural families and the thing that's doing  
this is eastern money money from new york money from uh europe coming to invest  
in railroads invested mining invest in cattle as we talked about with the with the  
richard white book and to invest in uh lumber uh and while these companies are  
buying out their competitors and increasing their share they are facilitating that by  
just also buying the \*\*\*\*\* out of the entire political structure republicans democrats  
everybody is getting in uh in the forms of outright bribes in the form of retainers  
there was a senator lyman uh trumbull from illinois uh who was on retainer well in 0:37:29  
the senate from a railroad company which was at the time legal uh and even more  
than that just the distribution of stock to stock in railroad companies to political  
politicians who would then vote to give land to that very railroad company absolute  
self-dealing uh we talked about how this kind of uh corruption undermined the uh the  
reputations of the reconstruction radical governments but whatever was happening  
in the south was dwarfed by what was happening in the rest of the country by from  
1862 to 1872 a hundred million acres of land in the united states were just given to  
railroads and a number of ex-slaves pointed out pretty aptly how the hell are those

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guys what did they do to earn that land when you're telling us that we can't be given land because that would be wrong that would violate social private property rights that would because because we haven't earned it we have to learn how to you have to learn to work even though they literally had worked to land their entire goddamn lives and had every bit of their \*\*\*\*\* labor but it's because the railroads had money the railroads were going to build create jobs the railroads were looking to the future uh black land ownership which was going to be subsistence land ownership was not going to be the kind of productive large-scale agricultural output that they were looking for was not uh uh but the republicans while they were doing this in the north were also extending the state building project that was happening in the south als north elsewhere also these governments were starting to build much more public schooling and hospital and infrastructure and uh that had existed before but all of that meant taxes went up very much which also pissed people off and also all of the corruption pissed people off too uh one of the more perfect uh stories about the way that the liberal middle class reacted to uh to the scandal of railroad uh corruption uh and this is also in the richard white book uh and phoner talks about it too uh because it's very just very perfectly emblematic of not just the time but the the the function of like middle class morale moralism in sort of uh manufacturing consent and and reinforcing capitalist rule so in massachusetts which was ho the it had been the the center of abolitionism it was the center of liberal republicanism and and that middle-class tradition of property rights uh and horrible fear and dis disdain at irish immigrants who were filling up boston like crazy uh those massachusetts performers who had the state on lock at that point they decided that they were going to fix railroad corruption not by regulating the railroads which would have been an intervention in the private sector but by creating a uh a expert panel to ope to see over the railroad uh contracts and to compile information about them and it was led by a prominent uh blue blood and literal descendant of presidents charles francis adams jr who over the course of his tenure at the top of it turned the organization into a uh captured instrument of the railroads and in fact speculated in railroad stock while he was at the top the same corruption that all the dirty uh pauls were doing he just did but from the dispassionate technocrat by the way why is everybody talking about \*\*\*\*\* world war ii in the chat i just noticed everyone's talking about is that people playing axis and allies what's going on this is about whether they should have dropped they dropped the bomb what's going on here or that or if the soviets could have we're not going to let the soviets take japan that was not going to happen we so in the middle of this the working class is for the first time in american history coming into coherence as a political force but it is very much divided by geography ethnicity language conditions of work some places like

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pittsburgh at this point are still places where workers really have conditions of labor that are closer to an artisan uh uh whereas in other places like new york city you have uh like the creation of real like you know 19 what you think of when you think of those dark satanic mills massachusetts too of course uh and so that thing those things all likes make it difficult for them to articulate a coherent politics but there are certain political issues that come out of labor organizing one is uh greenbacks the uh notion of replacing goldbach's uh gold specie as america's uh currency uh peg with just printing money and of course it's very interesting to see read these 19th century uh conservatives freaking out about uh fiat about the very notion of 0:43:37 fiat currency when now most people take fiat currency even conservatives take fian currency as sort of you know necessary of course there's a lot of libertarian types who fixate on the gold standard or bitcoin but if you're in power you kind of under assume that this is there's no real alternative to fiat uh and but but what's different between the fiat that we have now and the fiat that uh that was being proposed by these early working-class political movements is that we have the federal reserve now we have a fake structure of impartiality to control the money supply outside of democratic control what the greenback's movement was was hey how about we decide collectively how much money there is which was of course absolutely anathema to wall street to the \*\*\*\*\* bank of england which was at this point sort of in the same 0:44:38 position in the global trade nexus that uh the civil war really did open it it flayed the skin the ideological flesh off of the notion of money and revealed the bone like before there was this fantasy about what money was before the civil war and then when the civil war happened and they just printed a bunch of money and people took it and it worked it really did show that yeah no money is money is valuable to the degree that the uh that the body issuing it has some sort of uh claim of authority where it's being uh exchanged uh and these these liberal conserva these uh republicans uh these pro-capital republicans were desperately desperately interested in closing up that wound which is why at this period you're seeing even though you're seeing this 0:45:39 huge economic expansion there's a deflationary pressure because the government is in the process of calling in greenbacks and applying a gold standard it took years it took until the mid 1870s i think to actually get to a gold standard because there have been so much money putting out through the civil war that had to be kind of pulled back in um uh but not like all at once because for one thing working people were like no more \*\*\*\*\* money please uh but the other big uh issue was the eight hour day which was becoming synoquinone with freedom if you if you could not be a yeoman if you if the dream of of total property autonomy was was dying for a lot of these people if you had to work then you should work a reasonable amount eight hours to work eight hours to rest eight hours of what we will uh and that led

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to a movement in congress to limit federal employees to eight hours which passed over the objection of a bunch of these liberal republicans who thought that was an a 0:46:42  
horrible intervention in in the uh in the free market uh black workers of course were largely cut out of the uh labor movement due to racism uh and and due to the their perception as threats and also the fact that there weren't that many black laborers in the north the black people made up at this point but less than two percent of the northern population uh and black laborers in the south obviously were dealing with their own situation and were still largely agricultural uh but the where black workers did organize they did kind of naturally end up being a little more conciliatory towards capital because there was no uh solidarity extended uh there's a story that founder repeats about a massive strike by uh white stevedores in baltimore to get black shipyard workers off of the docks and led to the firing over a thousand of them 0:47:43  
uh and then a local white merchant helping a group of uh black uh stevedores get access to their own shipyard so there was an idea that well if we're not getting any help from the workers class maybe we can get some help from well-intentioned uh capitalists and of course the idea of a well-intentioned capitalist that's a fraud but it's a fraud that is propagated by things like race uh hatred as a wedge so the labor movement caused a huge amount of cognitive dissonance in a lot of republicans who had been committed to ending slavery uh in part because they thought that if they ended slavery that they would basically solve the labor problem in america that the labor the labor uh the only labor problem in the united states was the existence of 0:48:44  
slavery and that if we did have a nation where everybody was equal in the market and was able on the market to equally sell their labor uh and their goods and exchange that that would be essentially the the state of nature because that was very much the uh underlining the underlying ideological fantasy of liberalism is that there is such a thing as an economic state of nature and that the economic state of nature is a free market exchange and that the government is essentially perverting the world perverting the earth violating sacred laws by intervening in the market in fact one of the big arguments uh that the liberal republicans made against greenbacks was that uh repudiating gold-backed debt was uh dishonorable and that uh denying the 0:49:45  
intrinsic value of gold was unnatural these guys all thought they were the most you know brilliant uh rationalists in the universe but like this is all stuff that falls apart on the nearest examination it's all tautology but if everybody is jacking themselves off with the same tautology and that tautology keeps you at the top of an economic pecking order it keeps you from having to get your hands dirty it's more powerful than any idea which is why history is not made by ideas ideas come later ideas ratify a state of affairs and ratify the hierarchy within it uh because no one will ever adhere to an idea or at least no critical mass of people in power will adhere to an

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idea because the only thing they really believe in is the power they hold the only 0:50:46  
thing they really believe in is not having to work for the money they have because  
who would who would want to nobody wants so this the fact that you have these  
white laborers saying hey this sucks uh we're being exploited we're we're actually  
slaves in a way it \*\*\*\*\* with the their heads of these republicans it it it caused  
them to have to confront a lot of their priors and uh what they did to solve that  
problem that that crisis of ideology was to just stop thinking ideologically uh and  
this led to the and this is part of the process that leads to the end of the ideological  
era of the republican party when it was organized around the principles which it  
was from its founding in 1852 i believe until like probably you could say 1868 uh 0:51:47  
that it becomes a organizational party like uh exactly the way that van buren's uh  
democracy turned into uh you start with a attempt to advance a ideological position  
through a party structure but once that party takes power once that party embeds  
itself in power structures and creates parasitic relationships with power the way the  
republican party did with the emerging corporate interests at the time uh it no longer  
needs its ideological motivation it is able to motivate people to vote for it to uh to fill  
its ranks through uh its organizational enticements uh in the form of uh patronage  
jobs for people all throughout the levels of government uh and more importantly for  
the point of view the party than the patronage is the kickbacks because 19th century  
spoil system work like this the party gets in power whichever one it is you're a van 0:52:48  
buren democrat you're a you're a uh you're one of roscoe conkling's republicans in  
new york uh and you're a good republican you're friends with like your local alderman  
he gets you a job as a postal worker you are expected to kick somewhere between 10  
to 20 of your salary to the republican party now you might also have to pay the guy  
who got you the job but that's between you two the the party depends upon this  
circulation of money back into its coffers and this led to the creation of a segment  
within the republican party called the stalwarts who didn't give a \*\*\*\*\* about how  
corrupt all this was because they were looking after the power of the republican party  
now for many of them like roscoe conkling and james blaine it was largely self-serving  
these guys were political entrepreneurs but butler was also a uh a stalwart and even 0:53:51  
though butler i don't think is in any way a principled person when he was a military  
governor of new orleans he confiscated uh cotton he basically made up a a pretense  
to confiscate all the cotton coming in and out of new orleans and then auctioned it  
uh at very low prices to his brother who was one of his adjutants uh but he was also  
interested in the the the spoils system because it gave the republican party power and  
he actually wanted that power to be put in the service of uh extending freedom to  
ex-slaves and also and the thing that they these stalwarts the way the star wars got 0:54:53  
people to vote for uh that republicans was the ones who weren't just benefiting from

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the patronage was not necessarily through ideology as it was through resentment the civil war had just happened it killed 300 000 northerners the people who killed them were basically all democrats the democrats were still the other party in america you could do well in most northern states that sent thousands and thousands of boys south to fight the war by saying vote for us the other guys literally shot your brother they called it waving the bloody shirt and it worked who i'm not voting for the party that and while they were doing this they were also uh attaching themselves remora-like to this emerging corporate uh capital structure uh demanding kickbacks 0:55:54 to the party itself not just to the individual members of the party at every level of uh economic transaction uh which kept them detached from any specific interest and answerable only to themselves but still dependent upon these capitalist structures in order to to fund their uh their actions and this this situation this corrupt confluence uh which led to the creation of a bunch of political machines especially in cities like philadelphia that were essentially identical to the old tammany hall machine in new york only with why are you talking about pmc again why you should be 0:56:55 talking about pmc because we're leading to the revolt of the pmc from within the republican party and that is the rise of the liberal debt republicans as a faction in the fir and during the first grant term uh and this is a group of reformers intellectuals journalists the people who are like the closest thing we would have to that kind of class in the 19th century when you know capitalism is still in in a protein state uh attempting to draw the line of social progress and emancipation and civic equality because they were seeing the these these middle-class reformer types protestants uh merchant class the people who had been the engines of abolition uh they were seeing that there were two that the drop that the anti-slavery cause ideologically had like 0:57:56 two strands to it one strand was a recognition it was it was a recognition of human equality it said slavery is wrong because we are all people and it is wrong for people to be uh deprived of liberty but there is another side the other the other side of that which was motivating them just as much because remember this is the merchant core and not if not merchants all of the people who lived around the merchants like all these intellectuals and academics and reformers they all lived around finance capital even if they were not directly involved in it their their livelihoods depended on finance capital uh that other strand said that slavery needed to be abolished uh because it interfered with market efficiency because uh it was a feudal uh remnant it was a backwards approach to the economic management that what what the future 0:58:58 was was liberal subjectivity universalized liberal subjectivity and once the war ends and the project of building america's capitalist structures becomes much more uh central in large part because the war itself creates a bunch of capital war is always the thing that sparks in uh capitalist development in countries the second industrial

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revolution in england was a direct result of the napoleonic war america's uh industrial efflorescence was predicated on the uh the civil war in the same way uh so with that as the new focus of of these this merchant class that universalizing that that that ethical uh argument kind of lost its purchase because there's no more technical slavery everything else oh they're you know black people are still being killed and 0:59:59 and whipped and oppressed in the south sure but they have the vote it's up to them to fix it it's up to them to get their money and what and uh what these people wanted uh was to stop reconstruction or at least let it stop uh pushing forward on it uh getting rid of the tariff and imposing free trade instituting civil service reform so that you couldn't have the spoil system for distributing patronage uh and replacing elected officials with appointed experts and the guys the guy that these guys hated more than anybody in government was you guessed it benjamin butler they even had a word for his politics butlerism which we could talk which if you look at butlerism now it is the closest thing this era had to a egalitarian socialist political project 1:1:1 benjamin butler was essentially the only guy left standing by the 1870s who was holding the string the the uh that led guys like august village and the german 49 uh and the german socialists to fight the civil war uh the things that uh john brown envisioned when he was trying to end slavery and that was uh a actual expansion of politics to everybody it was if we are a democracy that means it is government by the people not as the liberals thought government by the best and most refined people who just so happen coincidentally not only are they the most refined uh they are also the people who are on top of all the \*\*\*\*\* money so not only was ben butler a uh uh very much in favor of vigorous suppression of the klan in the south and uh and the 1:2:2 support of black whites from the federal level he was in favor of irish independence he was in favor of women's suffrage he was in favor of labor reform and greenbacks also i should point this out as i said earlier wildly crooked he was a spoilsman through and through he was not i don't think you could say a good person by any in any kind of existential sense he was somebody who through the course of his career was pushed in direction that led him to find uh value in this you could then and that was really the argument these guys made is that a guy like butler is a demagogue because he's just using the poor to try to get power for himself but even if that's true the politics that he proposed it meant taking seriously the challenge of slavery and of the war to defeat slavery which was to recognize the essential conflict being between classes and 1:3:4 that the war against the planters necessitated morally and politically a continued war against private property as it currently existed so the way liberals dealt with this conflict the problem of reconstruction the problem that hey we uh we ended slavery we created civic equality we created equality in the market and black people in the south are still very \*\*\*\*\* uh what's the what's the deal here there's two things

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you can take from that you can say well it's because uh it's because the market is not independent of power and politics there is no natural order uh you actually have to build and maintain political order and until now in american history we have had a private property regime a fantasy of yeoman autonomy that was predicated on there being a class of workers who did the most intense the most brutal labor the most extractive labor who were not part of the political body and the existence of those people allowed for the creation of some sort of classless fantasy that's what calhoun imagined once you end that once you bring this proscribed class into the political spectrum into the political world you have fundamentally changed the political what politics is you have necessitated the transformation of the state and the abolition of the constitutional order in my opinion and change the relationship between people and government and people and political power and economic power uh towards socialism the other answer you could say is actually they were inferior the whole time which is what most of the liberal republicans went with liberal republicans looked at the wreckage of reconstruction the failure of reconstruction by that point said this is because the blacks just weren't up for it even though the conditions that doomed reconstruction were the conditions imposed by their prescribed nostrums uh not recon not redistributing land not dispossessing the clanters not freely distributing greenback currency not abolishing uh smallholder debt not doing the things that would have allowed for uh racist ass white southerners to go you know what i don't really like black people but hey the war ended and now i have more land and i'm not in hawk to some \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* in a castle you know maybe i don't \*\*\*\*\* care so much about this \*\*\*\*\* uh no no no it was their inherent inferiority oops and so the liberal republicans split off from the republican party and in 1872 uh did an independent uh convention in cincinnati uh and this was filled with all of the most sterling liberal lights of the time uh and also all of the republican office holders who had lost out in uh party internal battles for power basically it was sore losers and nerds it was everybody who got boxed out of the uh the the victorious machine in the state they were from and uh these \*\*\*\*\* scribbling \*\*\*\*\* who were fixated on the ideological and they nominated horus greely for president who was a uh had been a crusading abolitionist newspaper writer and hater of democrats uh but who after the war had decided that any attempt to impose equality on the south would have been a violation of natural rights and and and property rights and all the sacred things that make up the american the incoherent and idiotic american creative liberty and so uh even though he was pro-tariff and the liberals were her were wildly against the tariff uh he ended up becoming the figure that the liberals could coalesce around the one they could all agree on and then the democrats who at this point uh because of disenfranchisement of confederates in the south uh were in a situation where it was

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hard to conceive of them winning an election by themselves uh also nominated uh benjamin uh uh horace greeley and because there was no coherence at the top of the ticket the only real reconstruction and grant ran on the bloody shirt and continuing the fight to uh for equality and he got he won uh grant won 55 percent of the vote which was one of the biggest uh landslides of the 19th century it was such a bad ass kicking that horace greeley actually died like three weeks after the election uh and what it really shows is that even at that point even if at the top of the republican party which at this point is being totally dissolved by uh spoils on the one hand and liberal orthodoxy on the other uh there is still an appetite for the war to have meant something for for the struggle and for the sacrifice to have had a meaning that transcended the mundane of politics and uh it speaks more than anything to me to the potential that lay dormant in that moment and that we that was lost uh not for the reasons that the dunning-school \*\*\*\*\* talked about of course but also uh not even for the reasons that like liberal uh sort of tragedists would say uh a lot of just bad bad rolls of the dice sometimes you play d and d and you get a bad roll but i think the fecundity of the moment more than anything speaks to the fecundity of every moment uh that no matter how hopeless things seem in the moment uh that there's always a chance to push through and figures like like the existence of a guy like benjamin butler and his trajectory of his career i mean he was a guy who he made his money in the civil war by uh by selling flour to the army who leveraged his relationship with a local bank into getting a commission uh who was by any stretch as much of a self-seeking entrepreneurial scumbag as you'll find in uh 19th century american politics but because of the pinballing randomness of life and his the encounters that he had over the course of the war he found himself in a situation where he was the national spokesman for a road not taken and the fact that it wasn't taken i don't know to me means that it okay so next week we're gonna wrap it up last two chapters uh and then i think we'll take a little break i'm not gonna stop doing the wednesday stream but i might not have a book for a couple weeks just to like do some other reading i need to do uh but we will gonna know it might be black reconstruction although i might take a break from reconstruction right now i will do black reconstruction i promise it i just might not do it next just because it's a lot of reconstruction uh maybe cleanse the palate with something uh maybe do a uh something about like the german so what were you guys talking about oh were the americans useless in europe in world war ii i mean i wouldn't say useless i think the thing about like the germans winning the russians winning it like obviously but i mean they were sure got their asses kicked there for a while i mean if there's a situation where the united states isn't the industrial dynamo it is because it was the industrial capacity of the united states that beat the germans more than their

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military involvement in the war that did it grant was very much an eisenhower figure eisenhower grant in washington are all i would say in the same basket of presidents in that they are figures who emerge from a war a a conflict a distribution of the status quo to validate the new uh status quo whose symbolic role as like deliverer of victory allows them to uh subsume all of the contradictions of that moment into which means that they are all kind of by definition reactionary figures but like in a relative sense you know like grant like i've said uh did a lot more than the liberal republicans wanted him to do uh was still a reaction to radical republicanism and a desire to see it not ascend anymore uh the same way eisenhower even though he you know he validated the the new deal consensus for the republican side was a uh suppression both of like at that point the uh i guess declining radicalism of the new deal because by 52 thanks to uh the second red scare and the taft-hartley act uh the the radical edge of the new deal is is very much uh guttering out by that point but also of the sort of resurgent right populist the the the taft wing of the republican party the the ring that is now the whole of the party uh who were neutralized by the cabal of wall street uh financiers who voiced in eisenhower on the convention and just like washington washington was an avatar of american liberty but then in power he validated the federalist uh concentration of uh capital and the the uh the alienation of rights away from the states and away from the land into uh into \*\*Music playing\*\* money yeah rip peter sleeping a reformer without results he was definitely a reformer but no results for peter saleem and the last thing i want to say and this is something that i said in one of the white streams i think talking about the liberal republicans and this liberal movement here that takes over that it becomes the center mass of politics historically anyway and it's very important to note that the liberal republicans and the people they represented were always a very small percentage of the population they had no real ability to uh control events as you can see by the fact that all they could do is get a doofus old editor who was dying nominated uh who got his ass kicked um but they were influential in retrospect and influential uh off of the scenes because they were they were the the the articulation of the culture these are the people who wrote about stuff these were the people who wrote all of the good press that we looked through to understand the past so they structured the culture even though they were not necessarily in control of it and they are even though their ideology is now the ideology of the right wing the people are the class itself is still around and they over the course of the 19th century went from being having this like reactionary uh politics of hard money and uh uh los angeles by the turn of the century these are all these this type of person it's different people they're people who have grown into it they're they're younger people who have displaced those older people are progressive because by that point they could no longer sustain the illusions of

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the liberal republicans because capitalism by that point had definitively failed to provide what the liberals had insisted it would uh and so they decided that a more interventionist model was necessary and that's where progressivism comes from but the fundamental reality is that they can never truly challenge capitalism because of their betterness within it and now we have a situation where you've got this pmc that people freak out about they do have that same class position but the difference between the historical iterations of these people and the current moment is that there is no uh working class for them to bamboozle or uh undermine we're all in essentially the same class position in this country in that we do not have any class awareness we don't operate from class consciousness it was coming into being in the 19th century it came into fruition during the new deal era uh and then it started to decay in the 60s and 70s and and it's been finally over the last 40 years abolished because you've got to remember every cycle brings new people like not not new classes necessarily not new relationships and proximities to capital but new people who are responding to the world that the previous people had made so those young those progressives who come into the ranks of the intelligentsia in the 1890s are coming into the world made by the in in large part the liberal republicans and they uh respond to that but they respond within the structure and now everybody is responding to a structure that is where structure is uh dissolved where the individual is the only thing which was the dream of the of the liberals like they've got it but i don't think any of them would look at the society we have and say that it was what they wanted but that's because they were never doing what they thought they were doing they were they were convincing themselves as every point that they were generating this culture but they were really doing was advancing capitalism and capitalism doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* about any of your niceties doesn't care about the culture that you're trying to preserve it only cares about surplus value and the extraction of surplus value over time is a series of traumas that deform and reduce and undermine every structure of of meaning within a society and leave it uh atomized and and no one will who is exercising the will of this thing can stop it because they don't know that's what they're doing and that's that is what ideology does ideology takes all the bad feelings that accumulate from being part of a extractive exploitative isolating economic system and creates a culture that validates them one way or the other and right now we're in the situation we are with like the polarization and the uh the uh epistemic bubbles because we have finally achieved a situation uh uh we have re-established a situation rather that existed before the civil war where uh you have two poles of capital that generate their own cultural frameworks that are totally separate the the land-based extractive capital uh culture of mega and the coastal finance i did see the thing about uh tenet that was pretty funny although apparently like it was not in 2000 it was in 2006 i don't

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know i don't know that much about it i don't try to get into the 911 my opinion of the people in the bush administration would be no different if well friday we'll do another chill out i don't know if i'm gonna do i don't know if uh chris will be free to to game but if he isn't i'll still uh just hang out 1:23:2

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\*Music playing\*\* down \*\*Music playing\*\* touch with reality now my personality is 0:1:10  
commodity and it used to be mr steve austin on the mic 6 million ways he used to  
run it guess oscar goldman got man so i got loose circuits so loose use the mother 0:2:11  
goose with the eggs that seem to be falling \*\*Music playing\*\* hey folks hey folks how  
you doing just gonna do a nice casual friday stream here no chris no video gaming 0:3:12  
just me in the chat which i know isn't always great because not all the questions  
are that good hopefully you guys can surprise me here and give me some good ones  
just hanging up thank you for saying the shirt is nice i was thinking about that uh i  
mean this is obviously very dumb and facile but uh all right you know what i want  
to this is good someone says what faction would you have been a part of in 1917  
russia i would say a quote maybe 25 to 30 percent of all online left-wing politics that  
isn't connected to you know actual questions of action in the moment but are fixated  
on points of sort of doctrinal consistency or purity boil down to people fantasizing 0:4:13  
about what they would have been doing in 1917. i had been a \*\*\*\*\* bolshevik man  
i'd have been an anarchist whatever uh the real thing is the real fact and the thing  
that everyone should think of before they get into this kind of uh mind gamery and  
specifically before they get into the point of investing themselves in these questions  
having meaning and trying to reinforce their politics through this lens is that you  
wouldn't have been anyone because you wouldn't have been there there is no you  
there is no person that is you that is outside of the context of your life if you were a  
russian in 1917 it is a meaningless question and it's one of the things that makes it  
very difficult to talk about chris history because people want to make it into a story 0:5:14  
that they can put themselves into but it assumes that there is a thing there is an  
essence to an individual that transcends their time and place and their context there  
isn't like what makes you is the sum total of your experiences with the world and  
the experiences of the world are determined are determined temporally and spatially  
so you would not have been there you would not have been in 1917 you would have  
been you it wouldn't have been you and people really get riled up about affirming  
like one or another political positions related to these questions because they want

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to have imagined themselves on the right side but you're looking through a glass darkly at an entirely foreign world not just in terms of language but just a vote 0:6:16  
an entire world i mean russia specifically my god in 1917 was a feudal world a a feudal order that had that that had modernity just dropped on its \*\*\*\*\* lap that had things like marxism things like socialism sort of transubstantiated into like uh emotionally invested sort of transcendental spiritual categories uh as like the old order died right then like the old it was like a it's like a a phase shift away from like a traditional understanding of the world into a modern one whereas in the rest of europe in the united states that transition was much slower and so you could 0:7:24  
not and being an american by god being an american at the end of the 20th 20th century beginning of the 21st century when you are the most alienated uprooted people who have ever existed on earth the most the most ironized you can't put yourself in that world because they saw the world differently they and i understand why people want to put themselves there because it was a time when actions felt like they mattered i mean and i especially get the fixation around the bolsheviks because we live now in a world where it seems like there's no hope for anything ever getting better and more and the big reason for that is because there seems to be no place for human agency there's nowhere for an individual to put their \*\*\*\*\* shoulder and move anything everything feels completely stuck because there are so many of us we 0:8:25  
are so diffused there's and and i think more than anything our uh our subject our subjectivity are literally our being subjects of capitalism is enforced at such a diffuse level of technology social technology specifically not just actual physical technology that there's nowhere there's no winter palace to storm and so 1917 where you have a small cutlery of dedicated leather jacket clad badasses who amongst this giant throng of people all running around with chickens with their heads cut off in the middle of this long-form crisis this this death of one order uh the only people who are like lenin the only people who are who are able to see the thread for where it is and direct action it's incredibly intoxicating and that's why people want to imagine themselves in that position because it is so much more preferable than being in our position and i think that there's a there's a unspoken fantasy that if you can present 0:9:26  
yourself if you can orient yourself around what you imagine that position was then that you will be able to translate that clarity of action to the current moment and i'm afraid that's impossible because uh because the circumstances are different there was no middle order in the in uh the dying russian empire there was a massive \*\*\*\*\* peasants a disproportionately large uh urban proletariat in the few places of significant urban development a almost non-existent middle class layer and then the romanov family and like the \*\*\*\*\* uh general staff just sitting on top of it like the police bureaucracy we are literally all of us middle subjects no matter what our

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uh conditions of employment are our relationship to capital we have been uh we've 0:10:28  
been bourgeoisified in america by the process of like being the place where the entire  
world's um economy is fun has been uh organized around and funneled through that  
the pressure points and the mobilization elements just aren't there because like if  
you want to look at the difference between russia and germany in 1917 and 1918  
one of the big ones is that the middle class had been bourgeoisie in germany there  
was a big chunk of workers not just party functionaries and union leaders but also  
actual rank-and-file workers who had been invested enough in capitalism that they  
didn't want to see some terrifying revolution that they didn't know what the outcome 0:11:30  
would be of there was no and so that middle class that bourgeoisie it uh it broke  
it split the working class and defuted defeated the kind of uh focal point action that  
that the russians were able to do because they were pushing against a rotten open  
door this it's a it was completely there was nothing there there was a few inbreds  
at the top some army officers and then a mass a military that was mostly \*\*\*\*\*  
conscripted peasants it was a situation where where focus pressure and commitment  
and frankly a religious faith in the project could have an effect so people want to want  
to imagine that for the moment but the moment is different the time is different we  
are different people in every meaningful sense of that we are different people and so 0:12:33  
we couldn't we're not them and that's why i find though like defending the bolsheviks  
and defending the soviet union to be a pretty meaningless endeavor it really does  
seem to exist i mean i know people have rationalizations for why they think it's  
important because you know we're fighting against propaganda war and all this stuff  
but most people aren't paying attention to any of this stuff what we're really doing  
is uh is validating ourselves validating our uh our purity and our imagined position  
in a historical continuum of action that means that we would have been bolsheviks  
uh in 1917 because we're see i love this online leftists are obsessed with 1917 spends  
proselytizing about 1917. i'm not this is a meta commentary for christ's sake i'm 0:13:35  
not defending one of the other sides i'm saying the whole point is about uh it's ego  
it's not it's not a political project i will say that i think that the bolsheviks were  
correct that they were the only ones who who could have seized power that there  
was no transition to uh to democratic uh a bourgeois democratic government because  
the bourgeois did not exist but after the civil war and the basically the destruction  
of the russian working class in the civil war uh i don't know they probably should  
have and and more importantly the failure of the \*\*\*\*\* european pan-european  
revolution to happen should have made them probably stop and consider what they  
uh what they really needed to do uh but they couldn't because they at that point 0:14:38  
were were committed and but like people fixate on lenin because he was the guy who  
saw every angle and he was he was he was unencumbered by the sort of neurotic

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fixation on doctrinal purity and correctness that paralyzed a lot of other people and that was because he was fully committed to victory for its own sake which only makes sense if you have assumed like he did the trotsky right view that uh that there would be a that it would be a spark to a revolution that would resolve all the contradictions inherent in trying to govern a giant medieval peasant society from the top uh and then it didn't happen and he died and they had no but it's difficult 0:15:40 to imagine any situation where the russian peasantry doesn't get just ground into \*\*\*\*\* hamburger by the 20th century because that's what happened to the peasantry everywhere if you were not turned into peasants in the least violent means although still violent in western europe where capitalism starts developing when capitalism shows up peasant societies and that more than anything is due to the nature of interstate competition i mean that's why the the russian state decided to basically enforce capitalism on russia in the 19th century even though most of the people at 0:16:41 the top levels of russian society had no real investment or interest in it because they were in a state competitive framework and state competitive frameworks are what made capitalism in the first place there is nowhere else in the world that had the number of small and medium-sized states in close competition with one another then europe and once the state system sort of spreads and solidifies everybody is going to destroy their peasantry if they want to not get taken over and then if you get taken over your peasantry is then destroyed by your oh the thing i was going to say before i saw that question is because i have the suiez canal simulator thing here um it would 0:17:43 be funny and like kind of over the on the nose if capitalist if the world capitalist system was destroyed by a blockage in an artery considering that that's the number one way that capitalism like literally we're having a world heart attack you got to get a stent in there or something or else she'll keel over like nelson rockefeller while having sex with his mistress but yeah no it's not going to collapse thing what's the 0:19:4 difference between a peasant and a yeoman farmer the thing about yeoman is that he owns the land he works on which traditionally in in peasant societies is not the case the landlords are local power brokers who have domination of the land and then worker peasants work on the land in some sort of uh uh tribute mechanism that varies from world from system to system yeoman is a farmer who owns their own property and works it for themselves which is a thing that i mean i really do believe that is the foundational distinction between america's notion of uh democracy and liberty and and why we don't have we never had a socialist party in this country and we never had a serious socialist vision is because notions of liberty in places where uh land that have a tradition of of peasant agriculture have a social conception of 0:20:7 liberty because it's impo because uh social relations were embedded and property ownership at that level is not something that the average person could imagine in

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america because it was everybody who couldn't hack it one way or another for one reason or another in europe coming to coming across the water to make their fortune to make uh heaven on earth whatever they were thought they were doing were able to dispossess the native uh occupants of the land and then subdue it without having to fight uh against the traditional land owners that meant that our so our american ideas of liberty are individualized in a way that is genuinely i i mean i it's obviously wrong but it's it's allowed to it's been allowed to persist just because we've always 0:21:9  
been able to replace the notion of autonomy through land ownership with something else once the promise gives away like we were going to be the place where nobody had to work for anybody else or not for very long because everybody could get land and then once that proved itself to not be true we had uh a place where anybody could make their own business and now like small business has replaced yeoman farming as the ideal american subject because it's somebody who's who is able to be free able to able to exercise independent political judgment because the the big horror in american history is the idea that if you're you're gonna get something for nothing you're gonna vote yourself for the public purse which of course is nonsensical because everybody is here and there's a general welfare that's why the united states depended 0:22:10  
upon a subject race as i talked about on wednesday uh to make the whole thing make sense at all which is why the civil war really was the chance to re-inscribe america's conceptions of i'm not going to watch the black and white justice league that is a \*\*\*\*\* that is a that is a bridge too far no \*\*\*\*\* way i honestly i remember the first 0:23:11  
trailer for it was in black and white and i just and now they just decided to double dip very somebody says these go around the block and go nowhere that's kind of the point it's going in circles because i'm in a guy in a room i have nowhere to point anyone including myself are the avengers cops obviously that's the thing about marvel 0:24:18  
and that's what that makes it such a contrast with dc is that they do a very explicit job in the marvel movies of saying that these people are essentially just extensions of the state like \*\*\*\*\* the falcon can't even get a goddamn bank loan whereas the dc uh heroes are is uh what's the irl anti-life equation i think you all know what i'm going to somebody says about asks about the meiji restoration uh in contrast to the 0:25:30  
uh civil war and reconstruction it's part of the same process i mean the 19th century is i think my my favorite century to study just because it is it is when the uh when capitalism started to achieve uh escape velocity from settled human social orders and that was everywhere and always an incredibly violent process because settled orders have vested interests they have ways of life and being that are embedded and time tested and there will be resistance to their destruction and i think it's funny that ed zwick made two movies glory and last samurai about two countries that had wars between capital and land between traditional feudal orders or quasi fuel whatever

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you want to call slavery i know people get mad when you call it feudal but whatever 0:26:31  
you want to call it it was it was certainly not uh it was certainly a ancient it was not  
a modern form of social relationships certainly and neither of course was a feudal  
samurai order and he makes two movies about those two wars and the good guys in  
the first one because at the end what he's really responding to is like the romantic  
a romantic story and the fact that he's an american and uh makes him be able to  
respond to it sort of just as a as a romantic exploit but either way it's the same  
process it is it is the uh landed in the the invested landed powers being replaced by  
a uh a order of somebody's asking me about wild wild west i just found that movie 0:28:23  
to be very insultingly terrible it was it was bad i'm sorry i mean i don't know why  
anyone would argue i mean it's i guess like oh it's about a black cowboy in the west  
and he's against a confederate so it's like it's got good politics but i'm sorry people 0:29:24  
asking about selma heights but i'm fairly certain that's not her butt in there there  
is an amazing scene where kenneth branagh who plays uh dr loveless as instead of  
as a dwarf which he was on the show as a guy with his legs blown off uh and will  
smith are just trading ableist and racist jokes to one another which i'd be interested  
in seeing the response not it'd be funny if they got if that scene problematic why are  
there so you good civil war movies it is amazing i mean it's like it's one of it's our  
foundational one of our most important historical traumas uh it's one that i know 0:30:28  
for a fact is very captivating to many many people and yet there's almost no good  
civil war movies it's very weird i mean yeah i know that a lot of it is because of the  
lost cause and how that that just from a narrative perspective let alone forgetting  
about ideology people uh want to you know graft some sort of nobility to that cause  
uh yeah it's like yeah we got westerns instead it's like forget about the civil war it's  
too messy let's just talk about what they i mean one of the big problems i think is  
that just from a standpoint of uh i mean maybe who knows now maybe it's too late  
to ever have a good one but they always made they always made were able to save  
money by having reenactors do the battle scenes and civil war reenactors are all like 0:31:29  
terrible somebody says we need a 30 years war movie that would be pretty intense i i  
would like to see that there's there's only been a couple 30 years more movies to my  
knowledge there's one with michael kane where he plays like a swedish cavalry officer  
who shows up to a town to raid it i never saw that one uh but yeah i mean you want  
to talk about something that could be deeply metal something about 30 years war  
would be pretty intense i've always thought another interesting one would be um  
would be bacon's rebellion specifically because uh when the the governor called out 0:32:33  
troops to put down bacon's rebellion in the virginia colony in 1675. uh i want to see  
if i can find the quote but they apparently dosed the uh the clone the militia that  
they sent to put down the rebellion with uh with jimson weave so yeah so they made

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jim some weed soup while they were going to put down this this uh this rebellion 0:33:37  
against uh the governor uh and the colonial authorities and that there was a quote  
from someone who put it uh it was a very pleasant comedy for they turned natural  
fools upon it for several days one would blob a feather in the air another would dart  
straws at it with much fury and another stark naked was sitting up in a corner like  
a monkey grinning and making mouths at them so i just love this idea of you've got  
this like uh rebellion against colonial authority these guys trying to you know throw  
off the shackles and the way they get people to go and uh and kill them all is to just  
get them \*\*\*\*\* ripped yeah a field in england is uh is is in the same vibe but i think 0:34:39  
that uh i think that bacon's rebellion would be even more thoughts on the amazon  
union drive i mean i'm rooting for it obviously i don't have i i i don't have anything i  
can do i don't know anyway to help it but i'm certainly rooting for it it's certain it'll  
be interesting to see if it uh does lead to more attempts to unionize amazon workers 0:35:42  
because that actually is you know in a post-industrial economy an actual strategic  
node of production or at least distribution that could be leveraged so which is why  
you're going to see a very uh concerted resistance to it and that's the real question  
it's like we kind of know where there are the points to to hypothetically organize  
and and and they're going to try to everything somebody says what's the best uh  
house in game of thrones saying martell is easy because it's like hey they're like kind  
of poc and they're they're cool with gender equality and they like drinking spicy red 0:36:45  
wine and being polly so that's a little too easy it's certainly uh it's not the \*\*\*\*\* uh  
greyjoys the \*\*\*\*\* iron islanders just the worst \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* oh just jesus shut the  
\*\*\*\*\* up so annoying i do like outhouse manderly because it's just a bunch of fat  
dudes just a bunch of fat dudes just piling in and being like soups on \*\*\*\*\* we got  
kicked out of the riverlands and now we're going up to just park our asses yeah you  
by the way uh this is this is actually uh this is this reminds me so obviously george 0:37:47  
r martin is never finishing these books i mean he's had a year off from anything else  
that he has to do and yet he has nothing which means that he isn't going to finish  
anything and it's not because he's lazy it's not even i think because he's uh like  
too anxious or that he's too undermined by the fact that the show ended although  
honestly the fact that the show has its ending even if it's good or bad i know as  
someone who read the books as soon as the show came out the last episode it really  
did kind of make you go eh i don't really care anymore i mean i would like to see more  
books but i've lost that desire that i used to have but i think the thing that really  
did him in is that he is trying like what he has created with that world of his he got  
so ambitious about it that he's no longer trying to like wrap up a story he is trying  
to like describe an epochal like transition of a social order and that's just too big 0:38:49  
of an ask that's just too many plates to keep spinning like especially for somebody

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who's fixated on like interconnectivity as he is like the way that the benioff and weiss were able to end the show was by just dropping everything drop like forgetting half the \*\*\*\*\* and just focusing and he can't do it i don't think he can do it i mean he's trying to like end a civilization or like lead to a or or describe the transition of one civilization into another one and when you're doing that i don't know how that's too big of an ask like look at what uh like um uh the person he's most he's often compared to is you know the guy who invented what he's doing uh uh tolkien he didn't do that tolkien just had the \*\*\*\*\* elves leave he just said yeah the elves is over the elves are gone uh and so now the humans are gonna do something like 0:39:51 he would have to actually have an entire social order be uh subsumed in some way and how the hell do you even figure out how to do that it's it's way too big he bit off more than any one man in a greek fisherman's hat what about a death of stalin style comedy based on the assassination of our assassination of archduke ferdinand i know somebody who wrote that script and it's really good so it's out there probably never get made but uh somebody wants me to know about eugene merman that's 0:40:59 such a random that's where people getting the idea of baffling what is my skin care routine well thank the writing haha it's going i mean i don't know i i have a very 0:42:3 hard time uh i i have a hard time writing without editing while i do it i have a lot of transcripts and stuff that i'm trying to shape into something but i'll admit it's it's it's been a struggle i hope i hope to have uh i have an idea for something that might help kind of break the log jam in the near future i'm just the thing is i'm not really a writer i never have been you know and now i'm trying to be and it's uh it's tough to learn the right habits when you haven't really been doing it that long how would i solve the suez boat crisis uh just get a bunch of helicopters and lift the 0:43:13 boat i do like that they're going back around the cape of good horn or the cape of good horn cape of the cape of good head uh no the cape of good hope i like that we're like it's vasco da i don't think that they will be leaving afghanistan i don't 0:44:34 think that there's i think at this point there is no incentive there's no overriding incentive to get america out of anywhere it is in right now the the fact that they're failing the fact that they don't they're not doing what they want to do or they're claiming to do doesn't matter at this point i think i think china more than anything is guaranteeing that we will not leave afghanistan like if we're really deciding that china is the new enemy and we're gonna do cold war ii with china now that the war on terror is no longer a real useful uh uh predicate for our military economy uh and 0:45:39 there's lithium there too oh man forget about it yeah no they're not going anywhere and honestly yeah the heroin is a big part of it i mean there's there's zero way that we are not getting a huge amount of \*\*\*\*\* uh uh money in put into the system one way or another by by the opium trade out of afghanistan i mean the the taliban

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were were eliminating opium before the u.s invasion and now it's where 90 of the world's opium comes from in a similar way there was very little opium produced into heroin anyway in the golden triangle before the vietnam war started and then all of a sudden boom became a world center of heroin production network of transports is moving \*\*\*\*\* all throughout all the mountain regions of uh of southeast asia just coincidentally i wouldn't be i mean i i don't know too i i don't i don't really want to 0:46:40  
get into the whole thing about the uyghurs and everything because it does seem like it's a classic busy box for americans who have nothing else to do to try to convince themselves they're waging a propaganda war that no one's paying attention to and that doesn't matter but i would not be surprised if you saw some uh some sort of insurgency being uh but again you know it's sort of a chicken and the egg thing like 0:47:42  
the dollar is dominant because we are the dominant power in the world and its value is dependent on our military us and our state robustness which is tied to the military so uh i do wonder how much of a paper tiger because it does seem like it just exists to you know make money for people and uh build boats to crash into each other and planes that can't fly and that if there had to be a real contest that there would not be anything there to really uh to to work but of course that's why we're gonna try to avoid one which is why the whole thing with because uh you know we can't fight 0:48:43  
war with china it's absurd it can't it can't exist but at the same time brinksman's honestly yeah fake war with china would make the most sense get all the real leaders in a room not joe biden of course but the real leaders in a room and say okay let's let's coordinate this thing let's let's figure out who's going to get bombed where what losses we can accept uh and then coordinate and and orchestrate a up a build 0:49:45  
up conflict and then a drawdown that like manages the tension and it wouldn't be the first time that i mean the the gulf war was basically staged uh just without uh poor saddam hussein really knowing that is i 100 percent believe that the gulf war uh as beltry large set did not exist did not take place uh in the sense that it was a war provoked allowed to happen in fact set up to happen in order to uh establish a new uh military order in the aftermath of the of this collapse of the soviet union a 0:50:46  
unipolar american-led world community that would be able to act anywhere in the world and that would justify the maintenance of america's military-based economy and not have to worry about that peace dividend that uh that people in power were terrified of having to deal with after the fall of if the united states had really not wanted saddam hussein to invade kuwait there were plenty of times that they could have told him not to do it instead they explicitly told him to go ahead so that he would do it and then once it happened we could go oh \*\*\*\*\* yeah no never mind we're you're actually hitler jr and we're going to blow your ass up and that's the crowning achievement of george h.w bush's career this guy who behind the scenes

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for 50 years was knitting together the forces of the deep state and wall street eastern 0:51:49  
capital and sun belts oil and defense money in and then into a viable machinery for  
power through the uh instrument of the republican party uh and then was able to see  
through the end of the cold war the establishment of a new unipolar world through  
the \*\*\*\*\* literal staging of a \*\*\*\*\* war and then he goes down in history as a \*\*\*\*\*  
loser because the gdp dropped for three months in early 1992. it's it's one of the  
great arcs of any i we really should do an episode about bull worth that movie is 0:53:6  
is maybe the most 90s if you want to understand 90s politics it might be the single  
best movie for forgetting that moment to forgetting the sort of pre-911 malaise the  
the sort of the the the feudal dream of some sort of i do listen to lex g's podcast  
if anyone wants a uh movie podcast i highly recommend lex g not only because he  
uh he has he's a good rock on tour who does a great talk about uh like his personal  
relationship to movies but also and i think this is very important he and also will 0:54:7  
i will say this is also you know uh trying to establish a new mode of criticism is  
trying to transcend the current critical moment which is that basically the only film  
criticism that exists anymore is entirely content based the only reason to talk about  
a movie is to talk about its uh like the the themes within it it's politics that's why  
you talk about a movie like what the characters relate to like who they who's my  
friend who's my enemy you know what's problematic what's not and i feel like that  
has really reached a point where it there's what i think is going to come back and i  
think lex uh and will are hopefully gonna be forefront on is the return to an aesthetic  
critique of film where you talk about the way that it looks the way that it's just set 0:55:8  
up the way that the scenes are the way it's edited those those things the actual form  
of the film uh and like yeah vibe uh and lex g had an episode where he talks about  
sheen which is a thing that you never hear anybody talking about when they talk  
about movies which is how you movie comes out no one's going to tell you what the  
sheen is they're only going to tell you about like whether it's a good or bad movie in  
the culture war basically i i think that there's going to be a return of criticism that  
deals with the actual formal elements of film which i think is good so yeah the lex  
g podcast it's on uh it's on spotify of course it is an acquired taste because he is a  
special figure and he's a uh idiosyncratic voice to say the least uh but it's if you if 0:56:10  
you want to hear someone talking about movies it's it's not like anything else you're  
going to i just watched closely i just rewatched close encounters of the third kind  
last night it's uh i enjoyed it i hadn't seen it in a long time uh i don't know i don't  
know how i really felt about it though i mean now the thing is like with spielberg  
now that i kind of imagine him as this like demonic avatar of the new world order  
it's hard to really watch lens spielberg is going to make a movie about his childhood 0:57:24  
hasn't that been like all but i i did i i did i will say that yeah in in close encounters

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i did relate poignantly to that restlessness of the character that that inability to to like accept what's around you and that that yearning for transcendence and then the fact that he just gets it at the end like oh here are the aliens they want to take you to space it's a little uh it's it's kind of jaw dropping in its narcissism really but it's very well shot the alien the the ufo \*\*\*\*\* looks good i haven't watched the 0:59:4  
suicide squad suicide squad trailer yet i've heard that it's nothing but soy dialogue which i'm very excited about i gotta say i'd rather see the the airs cut because ayers was such a weird choice for that like he's a guy who just makes grim cop movies and then they have him doing this thing with all these like and then they had and apparently he made it like a grim cop version of suicide squad that took the suicide part very seriously and then after all those snyder movies were not performing as well as the marvel ones they just panicked and cut the whole thing up because there was a \*\*\*\*\* trailer that had uh like a bohemian rhapsody in it that everybody liked so i would like to see just the full grim version the grim contrast the tan schneider 1:0:12  
cut could only be screened uh think yeah premiering on little saying james exactly i think that spielberg is just demonic because of his complacency like his like you contrast him with a guy like uh like cameron you know his he is he is at the top he isn't he's supposed to be an artist you know and he has he's been he's been to the top of power he's he's hung out with presidents he knows what's there and every one of his films is devoted to telling everyone especially in like the last 10 years or so that 1:1:13  
everything is basically uh as it should be like a pan glossy and best of all possible worlds and i don't know how you can have his ability his connection to power and his connection to honestly horrifying figures like his dreamworks uh partner david geffen and put that out there without any kind of uh of awareness it seems like he's these movies exist to to to lull you and uh yeah that's why i said that maybe his most doom have i addressed the biden stimulus bill yet i people have been asking that i 1:2:46  
really don't know what we're supposed to say about it i mean i guess the only thing i would like to say about it maybe we'll talk about in the show is we're seeing people act like oh fdr is back baby neoliberalism is over uh very very puzzling i i do not understand this i mean i guess i understand it people want to they want to imagine if they're in media if they're in left media they want to imagine that they're having an influence on things like yep we did this we we pushed him left or something but it seems like it's it's like we have gotten to a point where where they've starved the grassroots of the economy so much that that stimulus was like just necessary to keep the \*\*\*\*\* water wheels turning uh and the idea that it is some sort of permanent new new a new consensus that is somehow durable and is going to be uh able to 1:3:47  
resist the inevitable pressure to like uh to reinforce uh neoliberalism i it seems it seems unsupported i mean just writing people checks literal least you could do and

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more importantly it doesn't actually change power relationships in any significant way and that's what you actually have to look at if they pass the pro act that'd be one thing if they passed the pro act i might drop the monocle out of my eye a little bit but i ain't holding my breath but the good news is none of it has anything to do with me so or you or anybody we can't really do anything about it i mean yeah like the cobra premium thing is a perfect example oh my god they're paying everybody's cobra premiums that's just an insanely giant just uh check to the \*\*\*\*\* insurance industry that so that's not you're not changing anything you're just you're literally buying off okay i'm going to log off here we'll be back next week to talk about the last two chapters and wednesday of reconstruction and then hopefully we'll be back on friday to do another hangout stream maybe have uh chris we'll see 1:4:50

*Reconstruction Junction VII - Endgame*

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full of some things that are promises **\*\*Music playing\*\*** slow down you move too fast you got to make the morning last just kicking down the cobblestones looking for fun and feeling groovy feeling feeling **\*\*Music playing\*\*** even groovy hello lamppost what you know and i've come to watch your power flowing ain't you got no rhymes for me oh yeah oh no i thought i changed the setting in there i can change that now 0:1:17 though did that work was i able to update it yes i was able to update it haha look at me look at me hacking the gibson i hacked the damn gibson now i can't play any shooting fast games they're too scary i know people make fun of me for that but it's not so much that i'm actually scared i am an adult it's that it just i mean it's meant to make you feel in some way attacked i mean that's how you know what to do who your enemies and your allies are in the game and that's just a that is a bad vibe 0:2:18 that's all there is to it it's just a bad vibe i think it's not that i'm actually afraid of but you know video game fans have to say things like that to justify their frankly childish obsessions because they know as much as anybody who is addicted to the worst aspects of our mass culture know that it's all gruel it's all bad for you it's as spiritually carcinogenic as the mass-marketed foodstuffs are physically carcinogenic but you don't want to hear it because who wants to hear that but i understand i'm addicted to a bunch of carcinogens and we're all going to get cancer spiritually and physically but that's okay because we all every moment of our lives have a chance to stop doing that we really do that's what i know more than anything is that and that's why even though i really do think that looked at objectively the human civilization 0:3:21 is doomed in the medium term and all hopes of revolution are doomed in the in any term i i think that that is what the objective reading of conditions will tell you but that is just the determinant to determine skeleton of the past that's just what people did up until now and are going to do and all we can do is base make base our assumptions on what people are doing now and what people are valuing now and how people are living now and that's the only way we can but and that's that's the only way we can create a consensus around understanding the moment because it requires us to filter out any of our emotional truth which is based on like you know spiritual

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conceptions we have to filter that out we have to it's inevitable and what it does is it shows you a a determined structure that is doomed us but and if you look at it with a dead heart and you try to reason your way to a motivation to fight for anything in the future if you reason your way you won't be able to do it because there is nothing to convince the brain what there is is the fact that there is one other fact that is ignored by this which is every human heart and every human brain is running all day we're all running on programming we're all running according to conditioning but we are also feeling we're feeling as we are doing that and that means that we have with every encounter with the world we have there is a chance for us to have an emotional response to that moment that makes the world we're indifferent makes us perceive the world in a different way and allows us to act from different motivations and the ones that have been imprinted on us by the culture the superstructure that is determined by an economic and that means that they're in every moment is the opportunity for anything to happen including uh the full redemption of the human race because it's made up of humans and you have to live it subjectively you can't look at it at a dry uh descriptive because the dry description lacks the an entire half of human experience which is emotional truth which is what gives birth to spiritual understandings of the world that allow you to operate from different emotional engines orient yourself around different conceptions of good and bad because what looks like the end of humanity only looks that way because we're talking about a structure that has been determined over time and has been over determined through every reinforcing victory of capitalism in the a stimulus response nexus where the own where the vast majority of people no matter what they think they believe in are operating in every moment from a narrow pleasure pain uh decision tree determined not by what is what what pleasure and pain is in a human context in a human species context in a global like organic context in a narrow individual pleasure sense pleasure and pain receptor sense the thing that it reinforces our illusion that we are separate and that we have separate interests and that we need to have things like capitalism in order to bring our separate interests together and negotiate them and and work through them we did we did have to find humanity through this process of in individualization but now we've reached the point of maximal atomization where we have to transition back to a collective understanding of human value and if you have a collective understanding of human value you are oriented towards a pleasure that is not personal pleasure and a pain is not personal pain and that allows for the sort of sacrifice and the sort of commitment that we don't have now and that has not dominated the modern uh left-wing and populist movements for the simple reason that the sufficient uh globalized consciousness and technological sophistication to allow for that hadn't happened we had to get here and now we're here and that means that we every moment have the

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freedom to try to find connection and if we do find it if we're able to maintain a  
psychic connection to others that that we that breaks up the individuated cycle of 0:8:31  
self-love and self-loathing that drives us towards indulgence and away from reality  
uh if we break that up then we can act from different principles we can act differently  
which means that the structural conditioning that has doomed us to can participate  
in this slow wind down of human existence into an annihilation can be interrupted  
but only for us and that and but the important thing is that even if it's for you then  
the fact that the structure looks impregnable the fact that it looks like there's no  
hope it doesn't matter because winning no matter matters no longer matters you're  
not cons you're not worried about personally surviving you're not worried about  
your line or legacy or your world impact being positive you're just trying to act for  
what you understand emotionally to be a greater good i mean i'm not going to say  
that i feel that way all the time i largely don't but i understand that it's there and 0:9:34  
i understand that if i have it in mind when i'm like caught in any kind of decision  
crisis that i can use it to push through and not be left to despair and be paralyzed  
by my and if you feel that way and you can you can look at this structure this this  
determines uh machinery that is inextricably bound to lead to the annihilation of  
the human race you can enliven it with possibility because you know in yourself that  
you can act differently and feel differently than you did you can look at the person  
that you thought you were and what you thought was possible and say oh i am no  
longer that person i mean obviously we're always changing we're never the same  
person but there is a fantasy of the self is a fantasy of continuity and when you have 0:10:35  
an emotional spiritual experience you can look back and see the discontinuity and  
recognize that person is not really you in a real sense and that means that you are  
now a different person and that means you live in a different reality and that means  
that the the the uh over-determined doom around you is possibility because if enough  
people act from species understanding from connection to from a spiritualized desire  
to re bring back together the human race then you will be able to change all this  
\*\*\*\*\* the only reason the reason it looks doomed is not because of any of the actual  
technological uh physical structures that we've done to this planet it's not even the  
global warming that's poisoning us that's setting the clock we are determining our 0:11:38  
faint because we are allowing these structures to push us forward towards our because  
we can't conceive of doing anything other than seeking our own pleasure we cannot  
imagine anything meaning anything to us more than that and so we can only try  
to put off thinking of death by indulging in the moment and then feeling bad about  
the indulgence or if we're of a different cast of mind if we're if we're a descendant of  
puritans like many of us are not even engaging in yourself in pleasure but in ritually  
abstaining from pleasure in in in hoarding virtue as catherine lewis said either way

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you are you are operating from a a ants understanding of of free will everything that is not and if we're all operating from that doom is inevitable but if we know for a fact there are people always who don't operate that way and that even if we operate that day most of the time there are moments when our humanity kicks in and we could at every moment conditions can change because we can never predict specifically how conditions will change in such a way to unleash a spiritual explosion a a chain reaction of spiritual enlightenment that changes the axis of earth and puts you in a different timeline a timeline where all that stuff that looked in the rearview mirror like capitalism settling its tendrils around the human humanity's throat the the terminator bringing itself into skynet working itself to \*\*\*\*\* consciousness so they can annihilate everything it doesn't look like that anymore it looks like oh this is what had to happen for us to all to be able to know one another we couldn't the the sheer geography and time kept humanity for the vast majority of its existence from truly understanding itself to be a species technology while it has alienated us from one another through through capitalist dominion over or the capitalist algorithm of of profit literally stripping our souls but it has also brought us into closer connection to each other and better able to conceive of abstracted humans strangers as people as things we are we can recognize now in a way thanks to that technology in a way we never could before and that means that all that stuff that looked like it's capitalism killing us it was actually capitalism allowing us to to awaken to our destiny but that's only if you feel that a change in yourself if you feel that that change is possible by knowing it happened to you you can't reason your way there no i am not all or nothing on technology uh i've never been all or nothing on technology that would be absurd like if the unabomber had a podcast uh i've just said that i have tried to highlight the specific way that capital that technology has been used to strip us fully of our humanity but it's also connecting us the way that it was promised to as always culture beckons us with the liberatory potential of technology which exists while hiding that the hidden the invisible hand of capitalism that is going to bend it towards its will so anyway that's all the way of talks of setting up an introduction to the last two chapters of eric founder's reconstruction a era that it seems especially as you read the last two chapters to have been determined america's combination of free land in the west uh subjection to a london-based global trade order hugely important um and just good old-fashioned american racism which was generated by uh by the realities of the casted labor of the south meant that it couldn't have gone differently but that's because we're looking at it uh we're looking at a failure of spirituality we're looking at a failure of uh of the heart and so of course it looks like it could have been any other way but i think we've talked in the past going through this book points where there could have been difference uh and and i do really think

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benjamin butler succeeding abraham lincoln is a thing that could have significantly shifted the direction of america's political development not in a way that would have put us in some flying car utopia right now but in a much you know it is possible to imagine a less dire moment and and and there is a reality there is a possible of a world that is not this dire and even if it's still dire and even if we would all if we were there now in in that other world does exist of course the people there now are also feeling miserable and hopeless probably and like capitalism is doomed unless of course you know they're in the middle of the grand reckoning that would have been kicked off by the crisis of capitalism at the in the early 19th 20th century the one uh marx predicted like marx's crisis of capitalism happened it happened from 1914 to 1945 and capitalism won that and we've had to deal with that ever since maybe that goes differently who knows it's all stuff i'd like to talk about in some form i really do want to do a lot with the idea of an alternative civil war just as like a ritual practice for myself to imagine differences to imagine uh moments where that passion that is born of recognition overwhelms there's a section here uh in i don't have i didn't write it down unfortunately uh there's a section in this part of the book where it talks about benjamin butler uh giving a speech on the house floor maybe i can find it online on behalf of 1875 or 1877. uh **\*\*Music playing\*\*** and in it he talks about how he was a uh all right let me see hold on a second i this this is not good radio i'm sure i'm sorry i'm very sorry about this i really want to find it though damn it i should have written down i did a okay i think i found it here it is okay i find it all right so he's describing a uh a civil war battle that included black troops uh and it was a violent affair that saw a lot of dead uh 500 uh uh black troops died in this battle uh and here it goes so he's describing it it's it's happened uh they fight they die uh the north i believe wins the battle there in a space not wider than the clerk's desk and 300 yards long lay the dead bodies of 543 of my colored comrades fallen in defense of their country who had offered up their lives to uphold its flag and its honor as a willing sacrifice and as i rode along among them guiding my horse this way in that way lest he should profane with his hooves what seemed to me the sacred dead and as i looked on their bronzed faces upturned in the signing shining sun to heaven as if in mute appeal against the wrongs of the country for which they had given their lives and whose flag had only been to them a flag of stripes on which no star of glory had ever shown for them feeling i had wronged them in the past and believing what was the future of my country to them among my dead comrades there i swore to myself a solemn oath may my right hand forget its cunning and my tongue cleave to the roof of my mouth if i ever fail to defend the rights of these men who have given their blood for me and my country this day and for their race forever and god helping me i will keep that oath now of course that's demagoguery

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and flustery and blummery uh and he was a politician looking to uh he and he was a crook and he was a spoilsman but he also fought in a battle and saw people die in front of him and i don't know why you can't explain his career the most the easiest way to explain his career a guy who was a copperhead democrat who voted for the south's democratic candidate john breckenridge in 1860 to becoming a radical republican uh defender of black liberty the rest of his career even though he was a congressman from massachusetts who very easily could have maintained his career by uh kissing the ass of the irish which he did and who by the way were not terribly interested in uh ex-slaves benjamin butler fascinating character i'm gonna i think i'm gonna take a break i said from doing the reading club after this week uh i'm still gonna we'll do another one like i said i might not want to do uh reconstruction again but we'll we'll see uh i'll take requests but i really want to read his autobiography i'm very excited about it he wrote a book and it's called butler's book which is a great name all right so while i was talking about how you know things could have been different most of the real moments of difference are at the beginning of the war or at the beginning of reconstruction like i said you put butler in there after lincoln with a absolute willingness to confiscate southern land to defend the rights of former slaves at gunpoint maybe you change the dynamic specifically the economic dynamic whereby uh black rights are protected not by the suffrage of the north but by black political power expressed through land ownership it's a real possibility but uh any chance of things to be different was i think largely dead in our timeline by uh the 1873 because it was i i would argue the 1873 panic in the economy which is what they used to call uh recessions or depressions panics the panic of 1873 which led to the most prolonged it was called the great depression until we had it was 65 months of economic contraction the longest in american history and it meant that reconstruction was doomed uh that was that put the nail in the heart talk about racism racism of course was a huge huge huge huge huge huge problem the economic interests of northern uh finance capital hugely problematic the liberal ideology of the republican party leadership the collapsing economy made all those things uh insurmountable in another economic context they might have been they might have been and i think we've talked a bit about ways that you see alternatives thing alternative structures emerge that in a great in a more robust economic environment which was totally possible this stuff these things were always man-made they were always decisions by finance to maintain control of the money supply that was what led to every sustained recession and depression before so this man-made this total shoot yourself in the foot economic collapse which was started when uh somebody wouldn't when people just like what happens with all these ponzi schemes which is what all american history is all american economic history is ponzi schemes the uh

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manifest destiny the jeffersonian conception of yeoman freedom is a ponzi scheme because it always it serves it always assumes more in that formulation land because remember you don't have one kid in this time you don't have one kid nobody has one kid and then that one kid keeps the land that they live on people have pop populations get bigger people immigrate which means that if everybody to be a yeoman farmer there has to always be more land and everything is built on that premise and all of our financial instruments and all of our economic activity america has ever had has been built on that premise and these ponzi schemes all collapse when the inputs fail and the railroad boom of the post-war era was entirely generated by a cycle of inflated stock offerings by these under the these uh railroad companies that had no cash flow no none of them were making money what they were doing was printing stock and then they would sell new stock and then use that to buy to pay off dividends to the old stock but it was okay because there was always more money going in because the railroads were the chosen method of economic expansion during that period because remember the civil war starts this big explosion in uh capital capacity it has to go somewhere it went to railroads and there's plenty of land to do it but the thing is there's not necessarily that much money because a lot of these railroads went to nowhere nobody was on them and they didn't do that and they ended up becoming um giant white elephants but it was okay because you could always sell more stock and then use that stock sale to get more uh to get dividends for existing investors so that they'll buy more stock well eventually you put some out and people are like look i it's already elsewhere it started actually in europe because at this point the united states is still not the center of the global economic capitalist machinery it's still europe so it starts in europe but once europe stops sending money over here once europe stops investing in these bonds people start calling it in and the whole thing collapses uh and about it took until 78 to bottom out and it still it still kept going uh from there what this led to was a price drop among other things i mean obviously huge loss of employment uh people lost their land and their homes because of for a giant drop in prices uh in all sectors this ruined agricultural uh small farming and this led to the creation of the grange uh which was a farmers cooperative union first started out in the west it moved throughout the country uh it also lent that urban laborers started to get more militant and started to organize uh and tried to demand more of capitalism and this led the urban middle class who had been the and always were the ideological brain stem of the republican party to uh become super reactionary to start realizing that oh maybe we don't all have the same interests maybe there are producers and laborers or capitalists and laborers and if so i know where my interests lie it's not with the dirty laborers i am even if i am a mind worker i know that my allegiance is the capital because these people are more these are my

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people and my livelihood depends on the system that they have created so you see a 0:30:12  
rise of trade organizations and associations political groups uh \*\*\*\*\* private armies  
and militias formed of middle-class fancy boys in the cities to put down a lot of the  
rebellions that come up as a result of people uh fighting against their admiseration  
and it led to a movement in this northern states to restrict democracy and also to  
yeah to limit budgets limit taxes uh extend terms of office change the jury system uh  
and the north started imposing vagrancy laws which if you guys remember is what  
the south did in the black codes after the war to try to keep control of the black  
labor force this is a way to keep control of the northern white labor force is to say  
it's essentially illegal for you not to so congress tries to add some \*\*\*\*\* greenbacks  
to the system throw some more cash into the economy get some liquidity going but  
\*\*\*\*\* grant stung by all the criticism he had received from the liberal republicans  
who had bolted uh to support horus greeley in 72 vetoes it reducing any chance of 0:31:14  
a liquidity injection into the economy and as a result of all this the 1970 the 1874  
midterms are a d or a democratic landslide it sees the democrats retake congress for  
the first time since the civil war uh they win governorships throughout the north  
they get they become a democrat is the becomes governor of massachusetts for the  
first time there had never been one before that uh and what this did was not lead  
to the south the democrats now becoming once again the national natural uh party  
of governance which had been before the civil war it creates a 20-year period of  
stalemate and what and what it was was 20 years of misery at the base of america  
the lower you were to to precarity the worst things were in this country but that but 0:32:18  
at the top of the elite uh parties that these base people voted up voted for it was  
a bipartisan commitment uh to hard money deflationary um orthodoxy which was  
the exact opposite of what the people who actually voted for these parties largely  
wanted of course middle-class people you know a lot of them they were committed  
to hard money for material interests but a lot of these voters wanted something else  
but because of the fact that the the suffering people of the country were divided by  
race and geography and the conditions of their labor and the uh their whereas the  
bourgeois were unified on all those fronts it meant that the only uh parties to actually  
have influence at the top level of government and so people voted instead because 0:33:19  
they were foreclosed they were foreclosed from addressing their actual pain they were  
forced instead to fight on cultural geographic lines things like uh parochial education  
and catholic church things like white supremacy in the south things like the regional  
uh loyalties of the civil war if this sounds familiar to anybody this is exactly what  
we have now where our working class which had reached an articulation sufficient to  
influence government in the in the great depression has been de-atomized into total  
uh total passivity so that is why matt carp is 100 correct and that the politics of

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our moment are not germany in the 30s they are the united states because it's the 0:34:20  
united states in the so the republicans who had set up reconstruction the way they  
had on the idea of free labor ideology uh realized over the course of the depression  
and the ride as uh working class militancy rose around them uh that you know what  
free free labor uh that's not actually it you know there are contrasting influences  
uh i'm sorry uh interests there is actually a conflict of interest between labor and  
capital which of course was the presiding view of the slave crates of the south that's  
one thing they were demystified on is that they had cr they built a racial category  
to allow them to hyper exploit their their laboring class and in so doing uh they but  
because it was a minority that they felt they could control they felt that that was uh 0:35:23  
sustainable uh and northern industrial middle class people thought no that's absurd  
uh labor and capital if they are uh on equal footing are uh seeking the same thing  
we're all trying to make each other better off of course this is all integrated by the  
ideas of sustenance autonomy in the in this in the in the land which is gone now um  
\*\*Music playing\*\* so now the northern republicans decide to give away with free  
labor ideology entirely and uh decide that i guess i'm basically an industrial version  
of the uh planters i guess george fitzhugh was right i guess we all we are all are either  
masters or slaves and we need to come into harmony with uh that understanding  
we need to say okay i'm a master therefore i will be a good master or okay i'm a  
slave and they started organizing their politics and their culture around trying to 0:36:24  
promote that idea because they had been disillusioned by the reality of capitalism  
after the this definitely meant that they decided to abandon so while the democrats  
actually kind of lost a lot of their racial edge because they could argue now about  
the depression they didn't have to just use white supremacy to try to get the uh  
groups to vote for them they had this depression which they could just blame on  
the other side because they'd been in power when it started so they they focused  
on race less but republicans in the north became more racially conscious and more  
because they were doing away with the free free labor ideology which that was always  
a fantasy and which is incompatible with the rising class so in the south uh grant lets 0:37:31  
these southern democratic machines start taking power wherever they want even by  
doing rigged elections and their the government refuses to embarrass depositors who  
lost their savings of the freedmen's savings bank when it collapses uh they just they  
harden their hearts to the whole thing uh and of course the depression is worse than  
the south than it is in the north because the economic level of activity is lower uh  
and there's a huge collapse of course in the the railroad uh industry they have there  
but then a huge cro drop in crop prices which is the basis for the entire goddamn  
economy uh and the white yeoman start getting cast off of their land which will  
make them ready labor uh for the cotton textile mills that start going south in the

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1880s and the rising black political class that had gained some level of influence in the south is destroyed by the depression uh the reconstruction governments that still exist are either uh basically powerless in the face of really concerned right resistance like albert ames in mississippi or in south carolina daniel chamberlain uh eugene uh were decided to deal with the rising militancy of the whites by just going along with whatever they wanted and uh and in chamberlain uh in south carolina starts he reduces the size of the militia which is largely black uh removes black judges he tries to go bring back conflict leasing and cut education uh and what of course were black people gonna do vote democrat they were held hostage as they have been uh ever since the reality of black political organization in this country is that they because they are the uh the negative in the political imagination like the cultural political imagination of one of the two parties at any given time because white supremacy sort of has to ex has to be the organizing architecture of the most extreme version of american uh labor relations because hierarchy has to be maintained somehow as we saw with the civil war if you if you change the the uh hierarchy if you change social relations you undermine the economic engine of capitalism and this is what we're seeing here in these last chapters is capitalism reasserting itself by reasserting white supremacy so that means that no matter how much the party whatever it is at the time that represents black interests however how much it betrays them sells them out for other interests ignores them they have nowhere else to go because the other party is defined against their interests and that's what's so funny about the democrat plantation ship from republicans it's like you're the reason that there is this because you're only your existence is predicated on this so as a result of this the small burgeoning black middle class in the south just turns from politics completely and you see the beginning of what turns into the uh booker washington model of self-improvement and political quietism that's going to be very influential as uh jim crow really solidifies at the turn of the century uh and meanwhile the white democrats have decided \*\*\*\*\* the new departure \*\*\*\*\* kissing ass they're trying to get black votes they won't vote for us anyway let's just go all in on white supremacy and it worked in large part because by this point the republican party has nothing to offer the suffering poor white neither party is offering any real uh amelioration of the conditions of the depression meanwhile the democrats are offering lower taxes which hey who doesn't want to pay less taxes and like a white racial system where you're on top because the the the reality of depression the reality of economic collapse is that everybody is panicked by definition hyper aware of their precarity and the democrats were able to pitch to the white people of the south in this situation it is a zero-sum game one group the white or the black will suffer and be dominated in these conditions who who will it be and because there is no real social connection between the two groups

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because it had been forbidden by slavery uh in the absence of any and even the grange movement which was uh not racially motivated in most of the country and and played a uh a role in promoting cooperation uh along axis of you know actual economic oppression elsewhere in the south the grange was completely dominated by the planters and agricultural interests which elsewhere meant a yeoman farmer in the southern grange meant a planter because their power was never so the the democratic pitch in the to the electorate after the after 74 is white supremacy low taxes control of black labor uh and it led to a huge string of victories throughout the south uh edmond davis edwin davis we talked about who was a uh an effective reconstruction governor of texas who cracked down on the klan and and protected black rights successfully got crushed not because of the voters of the people who had uh put him in changing their minds but because of a huge influx of white throughout the south two thirds of the house seats in the uh in congress went to the democrats and of course the other thing that helped this a huge wave of violence in the black belt the murder of black and white republican office holders the attempt in louisiana to install a governor through a military occupation that had to be put down by the federal government point and the crackdown on these literal insurrectionists horrified northern republican respectable opinion it was seen as tyrannical oh my god look at the tyranny that you're doing on our american citizens who just want to shoot people and prevent them from voting and in the calls of power everybody basically decided in the republican party that reconstruction had been a big bungle waste of time grant actually said to his cabinet that he thought the 15th amendment had been a mistake that had not benefited the blacks at all that suffered that suffrage had been a mistake uh and they also reasoned well we're going to lose power in the south but trying to hold power in the south alienates whites in the north meanwhile if we let this democrats retake the south and we are able to hold our position in the north because we're not now vulnerable to have uh the charge of being soft on blacks uh level at us we can get the north and if it's what if and if it's a solid north versus a solid south we win because the north has more people and more votes and more patronage more money and everything they were willing to make so well in the uh well in the last years of the grand administration uh the the republicans could only manage to pass a watered-down civil rights bill that ended up getting uh declared unconstitutional in 1883 anyway even though it had never really been able to have any effect because it always it all depended on being able to file federal charges that was always the uh the ameliorative uh mechanism in these bills and why they were all dead letters before they were even \*\*\*\*\* published because that ability is a function of one's access to civil society which but they were much more effective and much more efficient at passing a bill that returned species payment in four years

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meaning even though the depression was uh wiping over the country wiping out value leading people with no ability to sustain themselves uh with little debate uh and full unanimity almost the republican party passes a bill to say hey we're gonna be uh getting rid of all money that isn't backed by gold which means retracting further the money supply strangling the economy in the now the republicans obviously were horrified by the uh by the returns of the midterm when the democrats swept but uh in the ohio governor's race where a democrat was running on cheap money was running on a greenback platform uh the republicans were able to cobble together a new strategy for winning in the north even in depression behind their candidate rutherford b hayes rutherford b governor after this uh it was assault it was a very close race and hayes won by less than a percent but he was able to win by holding on to the rural republican hinterland of ohio where everybody was a republican because that's the party that's that was the party that hadn't been shooting at them during the war they fought in basically like in the rural parts of these of the north and in the rural non-uh mountainous parts of the south your uh devotion to the party was simply the fact that you fought a war against those people you're not voting for them you don't need any other reason it's pure identity politics around being a veteran or a family member of a veteran of the war because the the plain peasants of the south and north were the cannon but uh hayes was able to win because in addition to those voters he brought in that urban middle class who was horrified of the idea of the soft money populism and also because the hayes had stirred up anti-catholic sentiment about parochial education and uh priests getting government funds government subsidy to uh whip up the staunchly protestant middle class who of course hated the immigrant hordes from ireland who were in the city in germany too mostly germany really uh the catholic ones they were largely catholic cincinnati's part of that catholic triangle of milwaukee st louis and uh and cincinnati where the bavarians all moved so the recipe for northern success for the republicans is drop reconstruction entirely so that you don't bring up so that racism isn't an issue and you don't have to worry about people voting on race whip up the urban protestants against the uh the catholic hordes uh and rely on the bloody shirt and the sacrifices of gettysburg to get the the veterans to vote for you and their families and that meant that they didn't need to worry about reconstruction anymore it in fact south now in mississippi poor albert ames tries to run a fair election the uh northern governor who wanted to see uh blacks get political rights but was too detached ineffective and uh unsupported by the federal government to allow it to happen uh he got he essentially had to stand back while an incredibly violent election saw mass violence against voters and the destruction of ballot boxes stuffing pure fraud complete fraud but there was nothing else to do because for the north to aid mississippi is to hurt them

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in ohio and if it's ohio versus mississippi they know who to vote for they know rather who where the votes and the money uh and the and the logic of power lies and so mississippi had to go their fraudulent election was recognized and uh reconstruction or reconstruction ended there uh and at this point there's no other possibility the structures the incentive structures are all in the direction of the sacrifice of the freedmen all the power you guys just talking about so the last chapter uh talks about the real turning point the the historical sort of coda on reconstruction uh the 76th presidential campaign so grant is by this point completely tired by scandal whiskey ring and whatnot even though he could have run for a third term and apparently kind of wanted to run for a third term uh he was at that point kind of tainted uh james g blaine the man from maine the powerful former speaker of the house also so the republicans nominate as a compromise candidate the guy who'd saved their ass in ohio rutherford b hayes he runs on good government blandishments almost completely ignores reconstruction uh and before the election they even in congress repeal the southern homestead act so that no not even any possibility exists for uh for ex-slaves to get land and so that all that rich timber and mining area can be exploited by corporate interests the democrats nominate new york governor samuel tilden who is essentially an avatar of wall street he is the personification of finance capital who supported the south of the civil war and were a the backbone of the democratic party's uh financial network uh obviously the democracy was the party of like the the simple mechanic of the cities but uh it was always there was a third party candidate there was like a ralph nader type guy peter cooper a philanthropist and uh industrialist in new york uh who founded the cooper union uh and who uh was who ran on a greenback party campaign or who ran with the greenback party which wanted to inject liquidity into the economy and not see the rise of a new slaveocracy riding over all of humanity not just so there's a governor's race at the same time as the presidential race in south carolina between the daniel chamberlain the democrat or the republican who just governed to appease the the democratic establishment of the south against wade hampton a former confederate general uh even all of camp chamberlain's blandishments in smoochery uh of the planter elite didn't help them they still ran hamilt hampton against them because these \*\*\*\*\* there is no degree to which that they will ever accept your capitulation they want you destroyed they want their man to be in there though happy to take your uh your cowardice and and they were they're happy to to uh compromise you but they have no loyalty to you and they will destroy you and um so what's interesting in south carolina is that for reasons we've talked about uh that are specific to the economy of rice plantations which dominated in that part of the country or that part of the south as opposed to large cotton plantations that are closer that are in like the deep

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south uh black political power is in anywhere in the south was most articulated uh and most robust in south carolina now part of that is because south carolina has one of the last highest percentages of black population but that's not the only reason mississippi also i believe mississippi at that point had a black majority in terms of mere pop of real population uh but the majority of former slaves in mississippi were former cotton plantation slaves and as we've talked about deskilled it is unspecialized labor uh which uh means that there is less individual bargaining power within a by individual cotton laborers rice planting is much more specialized which means that there is more skill involved which means there's a greater degree of leverage that can be applied there's a greater degree of autonomy of labor in conditions and in life for the people who work within it which meant that when that war ended cotton cotton labor is because it is unskilled but it's also uncapital intensive which meant that the ruling planter elite mainly kept their stuff they kept control of their land because they didn't owe that much basically but uh but like sugar planting rice planting is capital intensive or no i'm sorry uh it's not capital intensive but it is specialized which means that there was no incentive for capital to go in there because they couldn't get enough they couldn't get enough surplus basically out of the labor that you could get in the cotton south so uh there's much more worker power organized worker militancy and uh effective ability to negotiate in south carolina among south carolina rice plantation workers during this campaign rice workers walk off the job for higher wages and demanding cash instead of script and the black power structure that did exist in many of these countries black judges black sheriffs refused to uh repress the strikers and in fact backed them up and it led to the planters backing down and this shows that there was the potential for per independently expressed black political power at the grassroots but it was it ended up being too isolated but the places it was able to hold on were places where the conditions of labor before the war determined a different uh power dynamic but even with this and even though south carolina actually sees election violence perpetrated by blacks and not just against them uh the sheer overwhelming force of the violence unleashed by wade hampton's red shirt militias is overpowering and even though chamberlain gets more votes than any republican in south carolina history he still loses to hampton in an election that is of course wracked with fraud and fake balloting but is ratified as part of the greater deal that we're going to get to because the haze tilden election ends with tilden winning in the popular vote and winning many northern states which had not gone democratic since the civil war but having disputed results in south carolina florida and louisiana which allow for the republicans to claim they had won uh and it leads to a big a big conflict people arm on both sides threatening to march on washington to impose their guy but at the end of the day business didn't want that

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because business controls both of these parties so there's no real conflict the conflict is all made up the conflict is all a cultural uh pantomime for these silly uh sports fans these blue and gray \*\*\*\*\* who think this matters at the top everyone knows what has to be done and so congress passes a law to allow an electoral commission 0:59:18 because when you have to reveal the lack of democracy in a system you do it by appealing to the authority of something that is supposedly transcendent of politics like the gold standard or an electoral commission which is made up of members of congress and supreme court justices and there's a bunch of jockeying and grift going on with getting the votes there it ends with hayes being chosen by the commission and hayes mollifying the democrats in congress who attempt to obstruct his now his uh inauguration by signaling with uh probably things that he didn't put down in writing but also through appointments to appointments to his cabinet that he was gonna end reconstruction and with reconstruction off the table with troops promised in words or not to be removed from the south the uh the democrats give up their 1:0:21 obstruction and haze is inaugurated and so as reconstruction ends in the south as redemption as the southern democrats called it spreads across those those states and troops get pulled out so that there's no appeal to federal authority by any former slave if their rights are violated they gotta go to court good luck with that there's in the north the great railroad strike of night of 1877 which sees among the same republic sees a huge switch in opinion among republican middle-class voters and intellectuals and politicians in their attitude towards the use of federal troops against american citizens they've been horrified when sheridan marched into louisiana in the new orleans and stopped uh the insurgents from taking power there uh they were a gas that uh uh when the clan was broken up by the army in uh north carolina they uh were absolutely cheering on the army to be used against the strikers not 1:1:23 enough lead in the world to be in fact a lot of these people start forming their own private armies either funding or creating middle-class military uh organizations to to fight what they now recognize is a class war and if there's a class war so well the uh the republicans had always balked at doing any kind of concentrated military occupation of the south they immediately started building armories in northern cities to ensure that if there's any labor unrest the military could put them down and this is this railroad strike is the real coming out party for american labor is a political or a organized political movement and it would grow over time to challenge the liberal order but sadly and tragically it would do that without the benefit of this 1:2:27 huge group of american workers who could have been part of that uh that movement the former slaves uh the mobilization the the recognition that comes with with the increased uh social intimacy uh came too late to change the power balance of power but if friedman had been more supported in asserting their political power on

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the ground in the grassroots then there might have been more robust institutions of black political power to connect with the labor movement when so while the uh well labor is being suppressed brutally in the north the south southern governments that are now redeemed uh put in institutions of government that essentially tried to undo all the progress that uh had been done during reconstruction uh the the school funding the the tax uh the infrastructure spending all reduced taxes cut 1:3:29 spending forced to be reduced reduction in the ability of states to borrow cutting land taxes for the elite but raising poll and license taxes exempting people not for a x amount of property but for in itemized personal property and what's a coincidence the itemized personal property that's tax exempt is the kind of property only used by planters because unlike anything that andrew jackson andrew johnson dreamed of putting uh the uh planters back in power in the south guaranteed that the poor whites that johnson claimed to support uh black political power is broken by uh the create the institution of poll taxes uh widespread just pull fraud because democrats 1:4:30 controlled the polling uh states and the election boards and gerrymandering which we know now there were signs though that something else could have happened that there are there were meaningful political coalitions that could have emerged because even this late in the game even after reconstruction had disillusioned so many poor whites in the south away from uh supporting reconstruction uh in the in virginia in 1879 a uh a roof a fusion group called the readjusters who were led by a former confederate general and railroad promoter william mahomes who promised to readjust the state's debt so that they could increase education funding which of course has been kept low by the democratic governance and which was powered by a voting coalition of poorer whites and former slaves won uh and while they were in power they funded schools abolished poll taxes raised taxes on corporations and reinforced 1:5:32 black civil rights uh later in the 1880s populist republican funeral effusionists won in north carolina before being eventually uh repressed and and uh isolated by a unified coordinated democratic party but the fact that this latest that you see viable political uh coalitions that are able to persist in power indicates to me that the possibility that the richness of possibility is much greater than looking backward can sometimes so these reconstruction governments these these redeemed governments also reinforced control over black labor by more than anything wildly increasing the penalties for petty theft and bringing in or either reinstating or expanding the use of convict contract labor if the private regime of power over black labor was abolished 1:6:35 by slave by the 13th amendment if the assertion of rights by by ex-slaves and by the progress that uh reconstruction had been able to make in in uh racial relations made it impossible to do full state violence and full state coercion against all of black labor the law could be used to find a subsection a necessary subsection of black labor

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who could be compelled in slavery basically and that's what conflict leasing was the exact the exemption in the 13th amendment for involuntary labor labor labor for involuntary as a condition of servitude essentially allowed them to get what they needed they didn't get what they wanted because there was successful attempts at asserting uh black rights throughout reconstruction that uh and was often aided by support in the north that vacillated but at crucial points came through they couldn't do what they wanted but the next next thing was creating huge population of people who were not free because of their prisoner status which was essentially arbitrary because all of these notions of legal power legal reality were fraudulent which is where you get this huge alienation between the southern black community and notions of legal propriety it's very funny how one of the persistent stereotypes of blacks is their criminality when that is in fact what every element of white society is organized to produce they're they're criminal because they are a subject people and so of course they don't and and that is a condition of that uh they're not going to accept the validity of your institutions why would they them so uh lean laws give landlords the claim over all the cotton cop that is produced even over the demands of merchants which means that uh all the risk of of a crop whether or not it's going to be dis harmed by uh by some sort of uh agricultural failure or whether the price is going to drop all the risk of growing crops is put on the shoulders of the of the workers and merchants not on and there's an interesting phenomenon where the so one of the big conditions of this redemption and the and the depression is that uh white small holders lose their land at a huge clip uh and they become the base for a southern working class to labor in the cotton mills that start going up in the south in the 1880s because before the 1880s the economic model in the south was we we make the \*\*\*\*\* cotton but \*\*\*\*\* all that making it into anything stuff that caught that's too much that's too much capital i would like to keep all that capital please i would like to sit on that capitol as the as the plantation owner what it's not my business if you have to bring together capital to do things like create a uh a system of factories and why would you want to bring together capital when you are self-perpetuating machine of it so you had to look north or and certainly across the atlantic to england for that but the growth of finance capital in america means that finance gap will go south which means the in the incentive to to invest grows especially as labor militancy in the north grows and these dispossessed white yeoman become the new working class of these mills and there is an un spoken alliance between the uh plantation owners and the mill owners that blacks will work the land as along with the whites who have to share crop but that um working in the mills is white work which just very helpfully leads to a uh the races can be literally um placed against each other in any and this is how the failure of reconstruction kind of makes america's politics more reactionary

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than it would have to be by taking out of political participation this group of people 1:11:43  
whose sense of social solidarity is greater than anybody in the country because they  
don't have anywhere to go they don't have anybody to sell out they don't have any  
they don't have any luxury of believing the fantasies of american ideology now of  
course i don't mean that universally but i mean in aggregate and by taking that  
out by taking that group of people out of politics you make it more reactionary and  
you keep it dominated by a mystified working class and a ferociously capitalistic  
bourgeoisie and that is where we are now uh it certainly does make andrew johnson  
the biggest idiot in the universe because not only did he not get his narrow goal of  
becoming a two-term president but his beloved white uh white poor uh farmers of the 1:12:45  
south got completely but their decision to choose race over uh over economics was  
made for them in many ways by the fact that the republican party as reconstruction  
were on ceased to offer an alternative what else should you be voting for there is  
nothing else to seek except for some lower taxes and okay so that is uh eric foner's  
reconstruction i i thought that was pretty fun good book uh it's a classic for a reason  
folks uh next week i don't know what we'll talk about but i don't think we're gonna  
do any reading for it but i'll be here on wednesday and of course i'll be here on friday  
too um but yeah reconstruction i hope going through that you see all that there 1:13:46  
are there are always chances there's always openings because what we got isn't the  
worst we could have gotten either things could have gone even worse than they did  
which means butler man they offered him the vp spot god damn it i'm not in oregon  
shut the \*\*\*\*\* up god man now you're gonna just not stop saying it because you  
love trolling the modern booker t washington uh mike rowe yeah i mean i'll say it  
now i guess i'm in california congratulations trust the plan indeed that's one thing 1:14:47  
they get right is that great awakening is always going to be the only thing you can  
hope for because nothing that you can sketch out in dry mechanical language can  
convince so that's not what you carry with you what you carry with you is a dream  
of awakening and yeah that is uh that's cringe to talk about that's because you're 1:15:48  
using something that is not transferable in words you're using a feeling and that is  
what is uh that's what's propelling the vision forward it's just those guys are all  
uh deluded weirdos because they're but the thing is we're all diluted we're weirdos  
we're all isolated we're all trying to feel something and i think we have more ability  
thanks in part to technology to bring our antennas together than ever before and  
the cunon really is a proof of how that is possible it's bad example it's not helpful  
but it's possible you 1:16:52

*Non-Fungible Tokin'*

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digging on a one-way ride ask me nothing let me be taking everything in my stride  
don't need reason don't need rhyme there ain't nothing i'd rather do going down  
party time my friends are gonna be there too **\*\*Music playing\*\*** around \*\*\*\*\* how 0:1:38  
is it still this ah what the \*\*\*\*\* unhost i said i \*\*\*\*\* said on host the goddamn  
thing how about you unhost the goddamn thing when i tell you to unhost the \*\*\*\*\*  
thing now i feel like a dang computer hacker learning how to unhost things i'm on  
hosting things i did it excuse me just getting a little glorped so today i thought i'd  
do something as a little experiment so i'm going to be recording for tomorrow an 0:2:39  
inebriated past haven't done one of those in a while i think the last one was uh upton  
sinclair and the epic campaign of 1937 uh four and i kind of don't really know what  
i want to do it on yet and i figured it might be interesting to have a brainstorming  
session with some of you people and see if you can give me an idea because the  
problem i always have with inebriated past is i never know what to pick and i kind  
of have to get sort of shot from a side angle to like be like hey something has to aha  
me and i thought it'd be interesting if we could do a a little experiment here and see  
if i could get something that i feel like ah yes if i prepared for that i could by the  
battle of blair mountain that's an interesting one certainly a rip roaring story that's 0:3:42  
for sure uh i've thought about doing the battle of blair mountain before uh oh man  
something says the spanish civil war to troll all left tendencies i was actually thinking  
of doing that but then i decided to throw it out there a little bit i don't know because  
because i kind of want to do the spanish civil war but at the same time it feels a  
little too big uh and it would be fun though to to troll all the tendencies because  
i do think you could tell that story in a way to piss off all of the sides historical  
advocates because you can tell that story in a way that makes the communists look  
like uh stooges handmaidens of capital and uh a new like the trotskyist nightmare  
of them as like a bureaucratic state uh working in concert with capital to destroy 0:4:44  
uh revolution you can also tell that story is about the anarchist is a bunch of uh  
undisciplined uh \*\*\*\*\* peasant \*\*\*\*\* who would and not have been able to organize  
them but of course the real tragedy is that both of those things were true but also the

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best stories about both sides were true the people who were in there making the up those uh sides they were for the most part fighting uh under reasonable assumptions it's just that spanish society was so fractured at that point that there was no way for those fissures to be healed in the breach in william jennings brian hmm i mean people 0:5:50 apparently some people listen to the thomas frank episode that might be interesting to go into more detail the thing about uh brian is that he is not like he is what we got instead of a socialist leader you know like we didn't get a real socialist like our our version of him would have been like a debs uh uh but brian was the figure who came out of the uh like the the rural side of american populism uh which was undermined by its parochialism and that's the problem with american populism uh is that it is it was parochial because we didn't have an articulated working class we didn't have one of those made we had this group of people spread across the country in 0:6:51 different conditions of life divided by geography race ethnicity language religion that didn't cohere the way that working classes did anymore in european countries and the fact that you had this at that time massive number of small holding uh farmers i mean you had what before the turn of the century something like 90 of american uh involved in some sort of agriculture uh that was just a it ensured that when we got a like a popular uh common party it did not have the in uh the internal coherence of a labour party like you saw in europe and the fact we already had these parties that were set up we had the democratic and republican parties already extant because 0:7:53 america democratized formally much earlier than europe because there was the land to give away there was the venting the venting steam uh valve of western expansion meant that you by the 1830s at a time when europe was completely gripped in the fist of reaction even the the the franchise in england is is is not uh terribly extended uh during that period in america the uh most states had like a real popular suffrage and that was because of the uh the existence of uh property as a uh arbitrator of social the european part the european uh polities the european uh monarchies couldn't be 0:8:54 given money they couldn't give land away there was no land to give away the land was all spoken for by the \*\*\*\*\* elite who validated their rule so formal democracy had to be restrained enclosure would be interesting the marathon of hope you \*\*\*\*\* like a whole like a like a whole episode about him the way i did about willach but 0:9:57 maybe that's going back to the civil war uh so maybe there's too many canadians in here we got people talking about tommy douglas and louis i haven't read butler's book yet i think i kind of want to wait until i've read uh um so i might wait and do 0:10:58 that one relatively recently but i think i want to do a different one today or to um uh the german revolution that's an that's another real uh i don't know i would i kind 0:12:1 of think about maybe doing uh doing something that's like sort of broadly about uh that whole interwar period where where the russians try to do their revolution

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with the premise in mind that it would lead to a continent-wide revolution that's why they did it ever no one thought that uh russia could sustain itself in a socialist economy absent the intervention of western capital in the form of help from these uh new uh european communist states that were going to emerge and then you saw this failure to ignite across europe and it's not just germany there's a soviet that briefly takes power in hungary uh there's a battle between freikorps and bolsheviks across the uh in the baltic there's a bloody civil war in finland uh which sees of the 0:13:4 pro-bolshevik side and then there's uh strikes and uprisings in france and england and then after that initial and then of course the russians tried to uh invade poland and then once that initial wave subsides you see the birth of fascism as like a political challenge to this new uh force on the continent and then you see uh in countries that are like at the periphery like spain where uh where industrialization has been the least employ uh implemented which is one of the big reasons that anarchism was such a defined tendency in the spanish civil war is because you were dealing with very close to uh to medieval conditions of peasantry in the countrysides places like 0:14:6 catalonia and they were **\*\*Music playing\*\*** they were not interested in the sort of uh social um uh rationalization process of being turned into proletarians that uh that the more coherent working class of like madrid uh and like the railroad workers and stuff uh were were but then you see this war as part of this battle for power between uh these regimes uh and it really is it's it's a series of defeats it's a series of of defeats 0:15:8 at every point uh even world war ii is essentially a defeat because the conditions 0:15:8 that uh stalin accepts uh at the end of that war are the conditions of the eventual defeat of the soviet union uh and i think that maybe people didn't know that at the time but i think that stalin even uh if he'd known that would have because uh the alternative would have been a conflict with the capitalist world that he was not he didn't have the wherewithal or ability or will because then you have the the cold war which is really a resource war over access to the the colonial underbellies of the western powers which are now having to uh be turned over to native political formations and native political economies and where what what uh network what 0:16:9 global system would they be uh connected into and the the system that that the the soviets uh signed off on with bretton woods and the u.n and everything uh it essentially assumed it guaranteed that over time uh the capitalist west would would strangle uh the communist world which is exactly what happened uh the only thing that could have changed that dynamic was the the uh the challenge the battle for resources which was definitively won and that's why we're living in a world where 0:17:10 we're capital one where where we are uh having to to grapple with that and if capital one and the common ruin is is the likely outcome then what do we try to do with our lives how do we how do we live with that reality without the fantasy of

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a uh of a deliverance you know and of course that is not to say that we're doomed the human race or us as individuals it means that we are going to have to focus i think on building durable structures to resist uh the the decline that's coming i feel like this is a period of decadence and and inherent decline capital one because no 0:18:13 one in the socialist camp believed in the system by the 70s that's correct and uh the reason for that is because the project that they built was not it required it required a advanced revolution that never happened the project the the bootstrap idea okay it failed europe did not kick off now what do we do the answer of well we're going to compete with europe and we're going to do capitalist uh uh like capital accumulation the way that capitalism does it in this underdeveloped \*\*\*\*\* feudal backwater it was viable in that it created a state and it created a state capacity but the state it created was unable to pro to successfully prosecute the global war against capitalism that was its raison debt it couldn't do it it could not fight it effectively and the fact of 0:19:14 that the proof of that and it wasn't anybody's fault uh that i think every i think the bolsheviks were correct in their understanding of the situation in 18 1917 that there had to be a war or that there had to be a uh a a seizure power or else there would be the uh reactionary counter-evolution they were correct about that and they were the only force capable at that moment of carrying off the uh seizure but that was because they thought doing that would spark a global revolution that was the trot that's the notion the trotsky promulgated that allowed them to revise marxism the 0:20:17 way that they did which is always funny when you hear people talk about revisionism with acid in their mouth uh bolshevism was revisionism because they were in russia and who wants to be told you got to sit on your thumbs and they were right that there was not enough uh middle class to stand up to take power in 1917 but then the question is well then why is a revolution worth pursuing in that condition if it means that it will create a situation of general general general war and they have good reason to believe that i did not i've not listened to the wtf with hunter Biden that 0:21:40 sounds fun though he smoked parmesan cheese i i didn't know parmesan looked like i've never done crack so i don't know what crack looks like apparently it's popping 0:22:55 off in belfast again the taiping rebellion might be interesting the taiping rebellion might be interesting because it is very under it's something that's very under uh known about considering how massive it it was they estimated something like 30 million people died it was in the middle of the but it happened the same time the us civil war was happening so uh we all forget uh about it it was happening during one of the opium wars which also it is amazing that it's about a guy the whole thing was a guy who failed his sats and went nutso a failed PMC basically who led 0:23:56 a peasant revolt that uh organized itself around uh all the the uh discontent among the landless hakka peasantry who uh made up the sort of uh rural proletariat or

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proto-proletariat of china and then ended up being the the bulk of the army that  
made up favorite pokemon is uh as geodude because of the tweet about geodude 0:25:18  
being real and being as strong and being obama's we kind of did watergate on the  
uh on the g i don't really think i have that much to it is a fascinating story though 0:26:19  
is is q dead that's an interesting question it's interesting i think that we can say at  
least i think it seems pretty clear that it looks like it's splintering uh it looks like you  
as as you'd imagine it's it's going into factions i don't i don't think people are going  
back to normal because that's not an option anymore but i think people are going  
to be finding their own their own sects their own discreet uh reality versions because  
we are getting to the point where our escape valve into cyberspace is losing its uh  
power on us as we have to keep cranking up our own emotional reaction in relation 0:27:20  
to it we have to deepen the story that we're telling ourselves when we go online  
and that means we're going to have to start finding deeper and deeper uh parallel  
realities to create because you know obviously reality is always made up reality is  
is constructed by the the shared delusion of of the citizenry like the the delusions  
that we all uh uh perpetuate by virtue of uh their hegemony in our lives and they  
we operate from those principles without even thinking about it uh but that one big  
delusion we've been telling ourselves is breaking down and what's filling the space  
is these uh tailor-made uh just bespoke delusions that can be shared with much  
smaller groups of people than the larger hegemonic truths and or delusional truths 0:28:21  
we used to operate by so that means that people say what's happening with cults  
why aren't cults coming back i mean we're all kind of living in cults it's just they're  
soft virtual cults i mean cults involve people living together cults involve sociality  
they involve people buying homes and living in them together that's the opposite of  
the life style of the atomized uh mediated digital american so now all the cults are  
uh are relationships of virtual reality that we sustain through engagement with the  
internet are we occult i mean i would say that uh that we've are in that middle area 0:29:36  
between occult and uh what in the past would have been one's relationship to the  
media one consumes like we could people consume media now in a way that is more  
emotionally textured and a imaginative communion with others who uh like similar  
media in a way that is between cults and the old way that people used to consume  
but it's just that the word is less operative because everything is less social everything  
is less social we have just less sociality in our existences and and we're filling that  
hole with virtual uh existence and virtual politics virtual identity and then we just 0:30:38  
spend our days doing the same stuff our actual actions are don't are not comporting  
to like people want to talk about how we've never been more divided and \*\*\*\*\* and  
how there's this partisan conflict it is yes but it's amazing with that being true how  
relatively uh uncoordinated and uh ritualized political violence in this country is and

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that's because that's just the very end of a process the vast majority of people are not that activated and even the ones who are that activated are mostly activated to simulate so uh uh political violence the majority of us are happy to virtually engage in like a political uh um sorting and and ritualized you know uh disavowal uh and 0:31:39 upholding but in our day-to-day lives we just do the same stuff we ever would have done we're just consuming we're just in rats and a maze man and what i mean by that is our we can have these deeply felt political involvements and uh fandoms but they do not move beyond that uh that and so terms like you know fascism and cults and all this \*\*\*\*\* they still have a hold of our imaginations and we still see people carrying out acts using the the uh the the vocabulary and the the symbolism but all of that has been emptied of actual meaning actual uh consequent meaning like consequence to to the the way things are gonna go the way things are going to go 0:32:40 is uh just continued techno-feudal declension that's the only way they can go there is no building up social conflict there is only a continued uh abstraction away from people of their ability to reproduce themselves like americans have been disarmed in the sense that they cannot live except at the sufferance of a global supply chain i went to somebody's asking if i ever went to a milwaukee admirals game i went 0:34:33 to one milwaukee admirals game in my life that was i was very excited to go uh because i lived like an hour north of there in a smaller town and i was just absolutely fascinated by tall buildings i went and just seeing the absolutely uh the towering skyscrapers of the of milwaukee apparently a new particle has dropped there's a new particle that is being acted on in ways that cannot be perceived i'm very intrigued 0:35:34 by these ideas lately about about you know the reality of quantum space i don't want to get too into it because i don't know anything but it does seem to me that there's there's a real open question about the degree to which uh consciousness is a like manifested force or can manifest force the world like the consciousness is an acting independent force not of course in a dualistic sense just in the sense that uh i don't know there's a lot of tiny little particles out there you know your brain's made out of them your brain is made out of tiny little particles and every decision you make is this is these transmission across time this these these signals going and and 0:36:37 and uh going into points of like subsonic space i don't know this is all weed talk i don't know anything about i would always all i know about that stuff is that i know enough about it to know that there is uh no reason to believe that there uh that a mechanistic construction of the universe even if it could be i didn't watch the q a on documentary i don't know if i will i maybe would like to watch a compilation of the 0:37:42 stuff about the watkins is because apparently they're really uh they're a pair of real jokers just fascinating uh i mean part of it is i don't really care who q is because it's pretty clear the queue is a social phenomenon and at that point whatever created it is

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almost beside the point it's it's like you're constantly in an improv game and people are shouting out prompts and something \*\*\*\*\* lands and q is what landed whether it was uh a fourteenth pervert or a bunch of anonymous posters or uh or it was the government which i know a lot of people believe that it was as the way it spread 0:38:44  
seemed to me to be pretty organic which and what makes it organically transmittable is is the is how primed people are for it of how much people want something to do for their brain they want something to make sense of the world around them and uh because our only options to exert any control of our lives involve going online uh that's where the more inquisitive us of of inquisitive of us the most restlessly minded of us that's where we're gonna look for it and we're all gonna see i mean we're only 0:39:46  
ever gonna see our reflections we're only ever gonna see because we are isolated we're not under we're not doing a class project of of realizing through action shared goals shared uh humanity uh shared interests we are only operating through the individual filter of a consumer and so when we go online to find out what's going on uh we're only we're only looking for a validation of what we already thought which is what q is q is the native uh american uh uh rejection of uh the world as it exists that cannot be articulated through any kind of leftist uh lens because america defeats that at every turn by the reality of life in this country by the the defeat of class uh 0:40:48  
awareness of of the way that america makes it impossible to live or even to know you could live as a worker as opposed to as an individual i'm i'm working on a project right now that's dealing with the uh the anti-masons of the 1820s and 30s and that is a perfect exemplar of this phenomenon you had in western new york the burned over district where the third great awakening is happening and people are coming to terms with how to be a christian in a fallen world of commerce where even uh yeomanry is sort of being cut off as an option or the the upper dreams of yeoman rear being foreclosed by the reality of finance but where the the democ democratic 0:41:52  
explanation that is uh popular in the south and uh amongst the the working people in in the cities uh blaming it on banks is not an option because western new york only their entire economic engine is based on the erie canal which is the the first internal improvement the defining internal improvement that uh that federalists and then uh national republicans and wigs would try to pursue uh in the face of democratic opposition for the entire uh antebellum period so uh these people were not going to be democrats they weren't going to be able to explain what was wrong by blaming the banks because they and and internal improvements because their livelihoods depended on those things so what's whose fault is it and the answer they got was the the \*\*\*\*\* masons a group within a group a a secret favor seeking group and of 0:42:53  
course you know the inciting incident that led to it was an actual murder of a former mason who was going to write a book about their uh secrets and whose death led to

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a bunch of masonic uh political figures and uh law enforcement types just going ah it's not a big deal actually you know what he kind of had a comic and absent any way of like articulating a class critique at that point uh those masons stood in for the reality which is that this system is not for your benefit this system doesn't exist for you the deeper truth about uh about this democracy that these people lived in but which they were fully devoted to it was the only way they could articulate their distaste and that's been how historically we have expressed our our de-politicized or rather declassified uh alienation with uh the fruits of american democracy which we punitively signed up for this is the country we built this is the greatest country in the world this is the country that has our institutions and has built our our liberties and is and we are invested in and yet act and yet it is a country that i did not recognize how do you explain it the answer is is that the people who appear to be on your side aren't and of course that's correct that is correct they are not on your side they are on the side of of yes of malach they're on the side of mammoth they're the side of the devil in the form of a algorithm of prophet extraction that does not care about any human but because we don't have an articulation of class any other ideas for the animated past i'm still not sure which one i'm going to do or i might just do benjamin butler i um but i think it's interesting that uh anna masonry has a uh through line in the figure of millard fillmore from animasonry which begins as a fusion of a grassroots that is alienated from power and uh wants an explanation for why they don't have it and a class of political entrepreneurs entrepreneurs hustlers who wanted a way to challenge jacksonian democracy uh in a way that would be appealing to regular people and used anti-masonry as a coverage for that uh and then once and masonry did its job it was discarded for the creation of the wig party and then uh after the wigs broke up it became the base uh millard fillmore who started off as a anti-mason became awake then after the war after the collapse of the whigs he ran uh for president as the know-nothing candidate the nativist candidate because once the wigs broke up once again there was a question how to get people to oppose democracy in the north without becoming sectional without challenging slavery and the answer was uh irish catholics and of course the irony here is that the know-nothings are called that because they started as a secret society called the order of the star-spangled banner that you had and you had to pledge your secrecy to them and you had secret handshakes and \*\*\*\*\* just like the masons but there's another strain there because another figure who started off uh as a note as a anti-mason and then became a wig uh was thaddeus stevens who then moved to the republicans not to do the no-nothings who who decided that he wanted to be a sectional figure and a uh someone who confronted slavery uh at its heart and then he uh became the face of like a radical redistributivist that's stuff where uh kamal

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harris is like we're going to be going to war for water that's pretty funny just like i 0:49:33  
guess just letting everyone know it's like hey hey y'all just so everyone has a heads  
up we're going to be going to war for water why would you if you're a politician why  
would you say that it's like okay hey war boys get ready she is uh she is a fascinating  
figure in a way i mean she's just such a blank she's so uh yeah her capacity to just  
like laugh at all the most inappropriate moments uh it's very interesting it's she's  
not a politician like obama you know who whose gift is keying in to what people  
want to hear and to present a facade of humanity and then you got biden whose  
whole deal is being like a bluff hearty fake irish uncle uh she just goes out in public 0:50:34  
with zero a human affect uh yeah like a more of a mitt romney figure a figure who  
who who wears their inhumanity proudly and i guess you could say that that's that  
makes sense that she's the figure who will take power after biden is like as uh as  
the the masks fall from from capital and as our political figures lose the requirement  
to perform humanity in order to be uh to be able to claim power because our our  
influence in the process becomes you get these people take power who are barely  
able to contain their contempt for the obligations of the rituals of behaving like a 0:51:35  
human being i remember that time when uh they after she became vp or after she  
endorsed biden and they asked her of course the classic gotcha uh what about all  
these horrible things you said about him at the debate including that he's like racist  
and that he personally is responsible for her uh being like otherized while being  
bussed as a young student in california and she just goes it's a debate and just starts  
laughing now i get that's the correct answer it's a debate this doesn't matter but i  
don't know if i can think of anybody else who would have responded with that who 0:52:37  
would have just been that dismisses of even the pretense that they had to uh act like  
and that's why she's not nobody likes her but that's also why there is decay hive  
because she speaks to people who humans i've seen some people like uh kamala in  
the real world i've heard tell of real kamala fans uh i saw a sign on a fan very fat  
very big very uh expensive house that said uh congratulations vice president elect 0:53:40  
michelle obama uh michelle uh uh kamala harris didn't need to say biden harris said  
congratulations vice president-elect kamal harris and then uh after the inaugural they  
got uh congratulations president vice president kamala harris so there are people who  
love her and i think that they are wealthier people uh i think people who work in uh  
some sort of supervisory capacity uh and who have a real identification with being  
a girl boss and also straining to hold back their frustration with it'd be very funny 0:55:0  
though she never gets to be president because biden serves two terms he's in a \*\*\*\*\*  
exoskeleton by the end of it he's he's our god emperor 40k warhammer not trump  
it's him in the he said he wears like a big mech suit but it's shaped like a 57 cadillac  
come on man i do wonder about joe though i wonder they're letting him out of the 0:56:3

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out of the kennel which is kind of interesting because it doesn't seem like he's doing too well but i honestly feel like they feel i feel more than anything that they are confident that the media is so in the bag for them so terrified by trump and so in so dedicated to like breaking america's uh uh addiction to trump that we're uh that they're willing to overlook anything and they figure if nobody talks about it except the right it'll get yeah it'll be it'll turn into actually it's ableist racism to say that uh that trump's brain is melting somebody asked will there be another two-term president that's actually an interesting question uh if there's sufficient it depends on if we get any more real uh like recession depression situations again or if they just keep liquefying the economy until the whole thing falls apart like dissolves into entities but yeah if there's significant economic volatility in the near term i could see it just being a revolving door just getting mad and then kicking off the guy and bringing in the next one oh man i have to say i have not been paying too much attention to england of course because it's a united hell realm but it is positively darkly satisfying to watch the kyrstermer labor party eat \*\*\*\*\* even in the face of boris johnson \*\*\*\*\* like the clumps in it all over the uh the vaccine or all over the uh the coronavirus response and it shows that they're always wrong doesn't it i mean what the entire yeah the entire uh rest refrain during uh corbyn was a competent labor leader by which they met a guy who would be up 20 points and now they got their guy they got their their their face their neo blair right little boy their their the little \*\*\*\*\* apple polisher has never been anti-semitic one time in his life and is a good good position on brexit and wherever the \*\*\*\*\* and is willing to uh accept the reality of austerity and the reality of of uh of capitalism and he's just eating \*\*\*\*\* he's eating absolute \*\*\*\*\* it's wow and i'm sure that there uh there are plenty of reasons these guys have pulled out of their ass that this doesn't totally refutiate their entire political project but we all know the real reason which is that they don't care that he's found that much it never mattered if he won it just mattered that corbin didn't win like they don't actually give a \*\*\*\*\* they never cared it didn't matter if they believed that he would that a more moderate labor would have been more competitive they just didn't want bernie to win or corbin to win and they made it happen and now they get to churn around and explain this while they it would be funny if uh if the uk breaks up though that's the hope is that is that you be funny if the uk breaks up but uh australia does still refuses to get rid of the queen they just love having a queen so much the queen of england in australia look we love it we love having a queen pisser i did get the vaccine i got uh the johnson johnson one shot so we'll see if i if my brain explodes we'll see if i start taking orders from yeah i'm gonna i'm gonna look like uh bart simpson after he drank the i got i'm sure i got i'm filled with i'm filled with uh with ground up uh bill gates foreskin i haven't

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really had any side effects it kind of makes me wonder if i got a placebo i think i 1:5:24  
have webbed feet though that's one thing that's happened so that's pretty cool no  
i will not be the english civil war is not is pretty interesting it is really where like  
capitalism starts developing its own coherent uh like capitalism and puritanism are  
really linked crucially because uh they're both about dissolving uh royal authority  
over the spirit and over the and you have even though this is you know very early 1:6:39  
uh merchant capitalism and very little in the way of any kind of manufacturing you  
already have uh the forces emerged that are gonna end up competing for uh power as  
capitalism develops more uh uh coherently and you have guys like gerard winstanley  
who articulates marx's theory of social conflict 200 years before him in a religious  
context he writes a book he writes a pamphlet where he says that the source of  
conflict the source of warfare between men the social source of social strife is class  
it is cond it is of course they mean by that at that point you know lords and serfs  
and such but uh it's it's the it's the premise of and i think you really could say that 1:7:40  
1688 the glorious revolution which sort of caps the whole period of conflict between  
uh parliament merchant capital uh and calvinist protestantism on the one hand and  
uh royal authority landed gentry uh anglicanism and more formal like hierarchical  
christianity on the other uh you know it erupts in the civil war they cut the head of  
the king off uh cromwell tries to impose a a parliamentary order i mean i think he  
really did uh and it uh failed because the uh social formations to uh uh to generate  
it didn't exist they were insufficient yet and so he ended up having to just assume  
all power to himself in in a royal figure the way that hobbs that predicted what 1:8:41  
happened it led to the bringing back of the stewarts but only on conditions uh of a  
liberalization of the economy and of religious uh oversight and which is why and i  
and a liberalization of uh of political rights it's really a 50-year uh uh contest that  
ends with a uh a treaty it's essentially like a westphalia style treaty for uh for english  
political economy you we're going to keep a king but he's going to be a protestant  
and the parliament will have real authority even if final authority will be arrested i 1:10:12  
think i might be i think now i could think i could do benjamin butler pretty well do  
i think that john wayne gacy was part of a child sex trafficking ring in chicago well  
\*\*\*\*\* i do now i feel like he would have said something what's my opinion on obama 1:11:14  
uh i'll just say this uh barack obama more like barf sacko crumbo the man the man  
is simply a no crumbo to me all right i hope to do i don't know i don't i don't think  
i'll be able to do one on friday uh but next wednesday maybe uh we'll see but i will  
let people know when and uh also i'm still thinking about what the next book should  
be uh i think i want to take a break from reconstruction so uh maybe something else 1:12:15  
but if anyone has any good ideas let me know and then i'll maybe open it up here  
and find some uh some more suggestions too but uh yeah maybe next week i'll say

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when precise what next book's gonna be okay bye bye you

*Tuesday Takes*

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\*Music playing\*\* that couple won't be having any family hey billy songwriter are you now don't you know what you need you know they are tattelli old telltale where are billy bones resting now had the israelis in his sights with a rat tata they ran like shiites hey billy don't you know that we need your nose where are billy bones resting now one night billy had a rare old time laughing and singing on the level online came in a camp not looking too pretty never even got to see the holy city now 0:1:2 billy's out there in the desert sun and his mother cries when the morning comes and there's mothers crying all over this world for the poor little darling boys and girls here in the summer you know don't you know that between you now the rata town the old town where are god damn it why is it doing this i unhosted you why do i unhost and then \*\*\*\*\* jesus every single time i go to unhost it says unhosted and then the \*\*\*\*\* rehosts so that song billy's bones is a very interesting one that pogue 0:2:6 song that i was singing it's inspired by actual events which was in the 1980s after the israel israeli invasion of lebanon there are was a u.n peacekeeping force that was deployed uh to basically keep the israelis away from the palestinians uh in the wake of sabre and shatila i believe and part of that un deployment was irish troops and uh i believe this is in this is covered extensively in pity the nation by robert fisk uh a irish u.n lad u.n troop was kidnapped and murdered by most likely uh the lebanese forces christian militia the one that peter dow was a member of uh in collusion with 0:3:8 the israelis and it became a big scandal like oh my and i remember reading a like liner notes or something for that album run sorry in the lash that described that song as surreal and it's like no it isn't it's literally a song about an irish guy going to the uh going to un getting killed by the israelis i think it's because nobody knew that story outside of ireland i know i never did before i read about it but it is funny because ireland's non-terror non-insurgent-based military uh uh roll call of like the 20th century stuff that was not you know the ira or the civil war uh or uh being neutral during world war ii my dad used to say the only two neutral countries in world war ii were the their only big military events of any kind were part of mill of 0:4:9 u.n operations there was a famous event during the uh congo civil war that saw the

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death of patrice lumumba where european mercenaries i believe uh uh allied with the belgian-backed breakaway katanga uh province ruled by moses zombae attacked a irish-held u.n base in giadafield there's a kind of boring netflix movie about it that's really it the irish army didn't do much although they got their asses shot the hell during world war one as part of the british expeditionary force i really wish i had that mixtape of me rapping it's i still remember some of the things i like i remember 0:5:12 those those lyrics but it was mostly just me pretending to shoot drug dealers like hey can i buy some drugs sure uh undercover cop you're under arrest don't do drugs that was it and i never the weird thing is that i never really had any idea what i was going to do with it i wasn't imagining i was gonna i never played it for anybody i didn't go to school i wasn't that much of a dork to go to school and like hey guys uh so i don't know what the hell i thought he was even gonna do with it i guess i just had this like creative urge that needed to be expressed and at that moment hating drugs was the most uh emotionally uh like the most powerful symbolic like narrative that i could get my mind around at the time i did get the johnson johnson vaccine so \*\*\*\*\* i and the funny thing is that i've had zero side effects at all like i didn't get anything after having it i didn't even get a little like achy nauseous anything it didn't even really hit my heart hurt my arm that much which makes me wonder if i even got anything maybe it was just uh honestly though i wouldn't be surprised if 0:6:14 they were half placebos because as i have said the point of all of this \*\*\*\*\* is not to stop the spread of any virus it is to get us to a point where we're okay with the status quo enough to shop and act like normal people and get rid of this this noose around the economy's neck the service economy's neck the retail economy stack otherwise known as the american consumer economy's \*\*\*\*\* neck i mean my god this is ben this has been a targeted a strike at the heart of the global capitalist system which is dependent on american consumption that's what we're for and this is why i really think we might be on our way to falling backwards into a neoliberal ubi because we are functionally as an american economy not here to make things yes we do make things we grow things we manufacture things but most of the growth of manufacture is done at the heart of empire the way mark's assumed it would be by the greatest degree 0:7:17 of technological innovation or that technological intensity the most uh the most uh mechanized process mechanized process what the rest of us do is hang around and buy stuff from the rest of the world equalize the global supply so that we don't have a crisis of uh over accumulation which is what caused the great depression which is what has caused historically economic crises the u.s exists at the end of the global supply chain to catch all of the remainder to get all the leftovers off of all the plates at the uh at the um at the all-you-can-eat restaurant but we're still operating off of a uh labor paradigm which means we have to work for the money we get to consume

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that's totally unnecessary that is a social ritual at this point it is not productive like all of our the labor we're doing is ritualized because we cannot accept the reality 0:8:19 that we have traded away our political subjectivity for unlimited consumption and that means that the only way to square this and to keep the thing going is to just put a \*\*\*\*\* funnel of money into people to do to allow them to consume not related but not conditionally upon their income because the profits are going down there is no room on the balance sheet for more money through uh employment because these so there's no pressure to get a bigger labor share of income because there's no leverage because it's of course that doesn't mean that real work doesn't get done but the real work is domestic reproductive and infrastructural it's the stuff that allows us to sit and yeah being a working in the retail sector being the person to give the 0:9:21 food and the stuff to people and running up the purchases that's real labor but it is all around consumption it is not around production and yes nursing and like keeping people alive all of those things are infrastructural but it is not productive productive economics occur elsewhere because and this is the thing the the the capitalism was going to is going to in his closed system is going to be pushed towards automation but when you have a global an unequal development of global capitalism and you have huge numbers of people who are only recently been introduced into market relationships from \*\*\*\*\* rural feudalism then you can turn them into uh incredibly cheap labor which will not put pressure at the local level to industrialize and that's what we have now so in the places where like in europe where uh labor power was 0:10:23 able to extract better conditions uh there's still industrial there is uh no productive economy in the united states the productive economy is elsewhere either with other uh with the people who got a better deal in europe or people working with their hands in the cheap zones of the world economy which have not been developed yet now theoretically over time you would get a system where you had full equal development of capitalism as it spread around the world but that requires uh infinite inputs it requires infinite externalities oh i'm sorry yes there is one thing there are two things 0:11:25 we actually export as part of this system but there are things to keep this thing going they're the things that keep all these things all these uh part all these polities all these countries all these social formations this is what keeps them all on the team this is what keeps that flow coming to the united states because it's not just there to consume it's there to consume at the expense of other social orders because we what do we export intellectual property those are the things that enforce a cl and and currency the world global reserve currency those things create the actual structures of control within the global economic order but our social role within it as individual 0:12:26 americans is to consume not have any participation in the actual political structure or the political economic structure it is to consume we traded away our political

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subjectivity and now we fake politics now we have a phony politics carrying out that we do a potemkin politics to make up for it now this is not on purpose this is the problem that a lot of uh your americanist like third world types your people who just like get off on being the most radical in the most american get off is they think that this is all some sort of cynical operation on behalf of the disgusting american labor aristocrat no this is a pro this is what happens when you are at a disadvantage like america's working class has been because we were where capitalism was able to solve temporarily the input question in a way european capitalism because it couldn't it left the american working class at a critical disadvantage relative to capital and we look to europe and we see the the emergence of socialist parties and social revolution and we go what do we do wrong we didn't really do anything wrong what happened 0:13:27 is that the the territory the material base was different the free real estate of the west allowed all uh social conflicts to be resolved away from so uh the a moment of truth in europe those closed national um social orders those those net those competitive national bourgeois all competing against each other instead of cooperating instead of subsuming their differences because it drives away from when unsynthesized into like a larger form of state authority like the united states did to the confederacy it blows up into some sort of social crisis cop you get communism you get fascism you get a real class conflict that gets subsumed into politics here all politics is drained away 0:14:29 from conflict because there's always somebody to buy off at somebody else's expense but that somebody else's expense can always be born because they got nobody else to turn to and the american and america's history is since the civil war has been the and before that too has been the process slowly of bringing in more and more people into the uh umbrella of like civic uh citizenship but while that's happening the the definition of citizenship is changing and being drained of its political um its political content and political power and that is the the horrible joke of the whole thing is that when uh blacks were finally brought into full political quality in the united states it was at a point where the political uh ground had shifted and political questions that could actually address the systemic horrors of racism were no longer accessible and that's where we are now and that's what we have to bring a new politics into 0:15:34 being but it doesn't change any of the questions in front of us it should just change our approach to them it should it should clear us of some illusions that we might hold that make it harder for us to see the moment clearly like the bessemer thing i think people got way more excited for that and put way more uh folk emotional energy into that than it warranted given the real condition of labor in this country visa via company like amazon and the reason for that is because people have certain expectations around politics around what they think uh they can contribute and we can contribute in the moment to challenging capitalism and that leads us to be

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more likely disappointed by something like bessemer disengaged demoralized by it and that's why remembering this stuff remembering where we are in this structure 0:16:35  
can make these things less uh wounding and and allow us to uh keep our powder dry for anything that might emerge in our lives and i know that that isn't much it's very thin gruel but i really do think listening to this and hearing this message and kind of getting sort of those buddhist cones in your head that bring you back always to the real conditions that we find ourselves in uh it's better than winding yourself up it's not better than other stuff to do but it's definitely better than winding yourself up and that does seem like the only other option because the arguments that are premised on we're gonna get somewhere from here by arguing about this i think are for i mean amazon cheated but that hadn't been taken if you didn't take that for 0:17:38  
granted then you weren't ready for the campaign you weren't ready for the reality and the likelihood of defeat if you really thought oh i didn't know amazon was gonna cheat they always cheat because it's always in their interest to cheat you can \*\*\*\*\* uh break the law and inhibit a uh a union vote and then even if you're caught red-handed the process is so long and involved and then the punishment is so poultry that it will always be in your incentive to put the \*\*\*\*\* stick in the spokes of the wheel every time because even if they even if what happens is that the uh nlrba says you have to have another election you just do it again and you're buying time and all you're ever doing in business is buying time anyway so you get to just keep putting a goddamn stick in the spokes there is a smith's field smithfield ham uh the big plant there had a 16 year union drive that's how long it took them to get a clean election where smithfield didn't cheat or be able to overcome the cheating that so if you're going if 0:18:39  
you're surprised by the cheating or thought that that could have been avoided with any strategy uh then you were not ready for what was likely to happen people can we hijack state governments to change this i kind of have the of the opinion that barring the ubi say we invented sent something to make climate change a little better we break we make some breakthroughs assuming like the technological fix to the crisis occurs the way it has traditionally you know like how the green revolution in the 70s precluded the sort of mass starvation that people are worried about happening now with global warming that was on the agenda in the 70s before the green revolution 0:19:41  
which was a revolution in uh among other things uh wheat uh genomes where they created something called dwarf wheat that allowed for more wheat to be uh processed per stock which will greatly increase the amount of calories that could be produced you need another thing like that a second green revolution and that buys us time from crisis and then they do uh if we have that out i don't even know i was talking about that but i'm saying that's like the best case scenario oh right uh and and politics continues but in like a slightly improved material condition uh i think that

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you're going to see a steady centrifugal force between the state governments and the federal government depending on who's in charge now that's the thing it's not like the antebellum era when it was always the south polling for secession after the north pulled for secession under the federalists by the way but that's because uh in the early republic the center of political gravity was in the south and that is why during the war of 1812 it was federalists in new england who threatened to secede from the union by the even the civil war the uh the economic power is in the north uh which meant that uh the s and the center of gravity was in the north so that means that the south had to pull away um now we are having a situation where the poll the the the federal the the uh states rights successionist poll is going to come from the uh whatever the opposite of the party in the white house is so under biden we're going to see big time i think uh nullification style threats from hell we saw it from south carolina i think desantis in florida has a real chance to emerge as like the 2024 candidate uh by standing up by embodying like the state-based resistance to the biden federal government uh texas of course and always but like say that biden gets four years loses re-election which i think is possible always at this point we might be done with two two-term presidents at this point depending on how fast things accelerate um and that means that say desantis wins or trump comes back during that presidency you're going to see states right \*\*\*\*\* and secessionist \*\*\*\*\* emerge on among the big blue states like new york and california they're going to try to defy federal edicts on things like immigration on things like health care and so there's going to be this constant ratchet of sectional uh conflict and that means that there is always going to be work to do at the state level to build the capacity to participate no matter what those conditions might be certainly more so than the federal government i would say at this point that the federal government is a lost cause the federal government is beyond any conceivable political influence from any group of organized voters that we could call the left that would be my main argument about the federal government you can say things are good or bad you can say that the biden stimulus either even though honestly i think the argument that this is a better stimulus than obama's is simply predicated on the fact that it's a bigger crisis it's we're further down the road from the crisis we never fixed in 2008 so of course we're gonna have a bigger \*\*\*\*\* rescue package we're deeper in the hole that doesn't really mean anything but whatever we're not participating in it at the grassroots it is a full spectacle state and local races i think are different because the uh the organizing capacity uh at a state level and certainly at a local level is different relative to the amount of power that concentrates at that level so i would say uh yes i i mean i honestly could see a situation where like california if they embark on like a if political crisis like does push that sort of bernie coalition that won the primary

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into power which is a possibility that you see a continued brinksmanship especially if there's a republican presidency between california i do think that the whole thing will break up before i don't think that the united states will collapse overnight i think it will break up at some point but that i mean i honestly don't think that that is much of a prediction especially if you caveat that we're not talking in the near 0:24:52  
future we're not even talking 50 years but i do think once you get past 50 i don't think it's real reasonable to say uh that it's not that it's uh not that it's ridiculous that's all i've said not necessarily to happen but i gotta say the odds so what do people think about the idea that bernie would have been assassinated if he'd gotten the nomination because i have noticed that post bernie one of the big intellectual currents has been this uh resurgence in interest in the kennedy assassination and specifically conviction that the kennedy assassination was in fact the and i really do 0:25:58  
feel like although there is plenty of interesting evidence for that i mean i gotta say sean mccarthy on twitter has posted some stuff that i had never heard about uh and i was a very big cia a big jfk assassination head uh in high school and college as because i was cool i mean i i literally printed out the skeleton key to the gemstone file and would read it in class that's how cool i was and i had never heard some of the \*\*\*\*\* that he's got some of the specifically the people who were killed but i do think that whatever you want to argue about the merits of that and i think that they're fully arguable i'd say that i am a c i am a jfk agnostic on every question of it uh and i really do feel like because i can't know more there's nothing i'm going to learn that is going to change that it's only about whether i decide to like put enough 0:27:0  
focus on trying to convince myself of one or another it really is about like okay which one of these should i just stare at until i believe in it because that is really where i feel like it i'm at and i don't feel like there's any point to me doing that i don't feel like there's any advantage to finding that now other people they don't have to look so hard they can look for a second and be like no that's it i can't do it i it would require me to focus more on it i think than would be worthwhile because i really do feel like we're the world we're living in can be explained under any one of those uh frameworks any one of the jfk assassination frameworks can be made sense of materially with where we are now but i do think that the emphasis on the assassination as a government operation is partially to give yourself the reassurance that we never really had a chance and the thing is i think that's true i think the bernie campaign in retrospect never really had a chance now the question is what was it that gave it not a chance was it the atomization of the social order was it the translate 0:28:2  
transformation of the american from a worker to a consumer was that it or was it the result of the deep state the para government structure oversight and popular understanding to shaping and determining uh the levels of our political uh horizon

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and the thing is both of those can be explained through marxist terms both of them accord to us materialist understanding of history because you've got the one that emphasizes suburbanization uh and and racial segregation uh and media saturation uh and the changes in conditions of work you can emphasize that and get to there from here or you can emphasize the way that uh within a competitive capitalist economic structure uh functional bourgeois democratic organs require the abstracting away from the individuals to a secondary sense source of power because uh individual capitalist firms can only operate out of self-interest they cannot coordinate effectively without abstracting away something to a government that's what uh that's how the bourgeois dictatorship operates and it is all directed through democratic means in order to maintain its legitimacy like we have elections so that the people don't revolt and you don't need to spend money keeping them working they'll work on their own because they think they voted for it they think that they're participating in these questions and that keeps them on board that is manufacturing consent and that's way cheaper to do that by having a democracy than by having to use the technology of control i think that's changing now i think we're getting to a point where technology has is advancing to the point where we can just get rid of the democracy even formally because we will have a sufficiently technologicalized consent mechanism but before that you really needed if you wanted to be efficient if you wanted to be an efficient capitalist system cheaper but that means that there has to be a non-uh politic there has to be a power that transcends uh uh democratic accountability because you're not really a democracy that's what the constitution exists to do that's what institutions like the presidency the supreme court the fed exists to do to abstract power and mystify it and have it be contained beyond accountability and the once you get to the post-war era and we go from headquartering a uh a state bourgeois dictatorship to presiding over a world capitalist empire that required a sophistication of operation and maneuverability and articulation of power that could never be democratically accountable by definition could not be democratically accountable and so therefore had to be abstracted away beyond uh control and that means creating a uh a brain in the deep state in the permanent intelligence intelligence state which would act at every point to prevent the democratic uh role play the carnival from breaking containment both of those things are true which one of them is the determiner of events i don't know and and i don't think that my analysis of the moment i will be reading jfk and the unspeakable for a project i know that that now is the one everyone i mean before that it was the devil's chess board and i have to say that while that's a great book and i very much enjoy all the stuff about dulles career as one of the most evil demons of the 20th century it is interesting that as the book gets closer to the kennedy assassination dulles as a character disappears from the pages

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and the narrative it really does become a a echo chamber of you know testimony and and uh and intimation he never really makes a case that uh that dulles was the mind of the kennedy assassination beyond saying that he is the one figure who was in power that kennedy dispossessed of power like whatever you want to say about kennedy and like to vietnam did he really care about uh ending the war there like was he really having this dove turn that a lot of people now think he was and i think there's more evidence than i used to think one way or the other dulles is still literally still hot fired dulles still got fired kennedy still said i'm gonna smash the intelligence the cia into a million pieces and with those two things being true it really does point to dulles in defense of the intelligence community's prerogative more than specific goals in vietnam or cuba uh to be the motivation for the assassination and i'd say that is very persuasive but again i don't know i don't know enough and i can't focus on it enough to make an appointment i my main making it a a sense because i'm trying to ground my \*\*\*\*\* now in history and specifically how history can tell us how contingency uh and materiality can uh hit each other how contingency and consequence hit each other because we really do live in a world made by our material reality made by our material relations of life and our modes of production but that are lived through a culture through a superstructure that shapes us uh literally at a at the level of our consciousness and so that means that the interplay between these things is not some simplistic arrow that goes from base to superstructure it is a fully uh unified thing it it is it is as non-dualistic as the universe the basin superstructure and so that's why with a thing like the kennedy assassination i would much rather talk around it and talk about the contingencies and the consequential moments that shaped the world were in and and how they would have been reflected in these arguments than trying to argue whether one specific thing happened or not because that to me kind of misses the point which is that we're here either way so what is the constant one thing we can say is that i think contingency is much greater than we would assume if we do operate for materialist principles but that in retrospect when you look at it as like a diagram of human activity it becomes inexorable it looks on paper like it couldn't have i do i do think it's interesting the people who want like the files open and who want the cia to give up what they have or think that there's some investigation that can come to a final conclusion i would say that the smarter of them that i know would probably admit that if it all came out tomorrow cia killed kennedy it wouldn't matter i mean we had an afghan we had an afghanistan pentagon papers come out last year that no one cared about it said uh yeah longest war in american history that's still going on all lies the whole way nobody cares because nobody's fighting it because it's a bunch of uh poor kids uh and \*\*\*\*\* uh rotc freaks presiding over a war that isn't meant to be won so it

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doesn't matter we all know everybody knows as leonard cohen said that the dice are loaded everybody knows but they would might argue but you know knowing is worth it and i can see that but i also kind of wonder isn't it just demoralizing wouldn't it just be demoralizing wouldn't it be \*\*\*\*\* demoralizing to have that happen to just have it all unveiled and then for no one to the mystery even the mystery like 0:37:22 that the little thing in your gut of like the spark that that jim garrison moment from the end of the movie where he goes don't forget you're dying king open the files don't you want that and not have it just totally \*\*\*\*\* but i i mean obviously i would like to know who am i kidding open the files for the love of god uh somebody says uh am i more of a pete bondurant a kemper boy or a ward little i think you could guess i think i mean i'm pretty tall but i'm and i'm obviously not kemper boyd come on i am i did a tweet once i said take the buzzfeed uh american tabloid test are you a pete award or a kemper and i said spoiler alert if you know how they say 0:38:41 70 of americans think that the kennedy assassination was a conspiracy i think that that's true regardless of where you are like i think that runs that that number is is distributed everywhere in society so i feel like even if kennedy was killed by oswald all those problems the intelligence community was having solved themselves in the form of this wacko shooting the president uh or another one i like trying to kill connolly and missing which is one theory or him taking a shot missing and then the dumb ass secret service agent behind kennedy's car standing up too fast with an ar-15 and shooting him in the head which is another theory if all that was true uh nobody knows for sure most people don't aren't convinced by the explanation there's big questions hanging over it so i think like people in government are presidents and all those guys 0:39:42 and not even forget the presidents uh people in congress in the senate governors they mostly probably think that there was an assassination that was carried out by a conspiracy and what that does is it lets them know what they're in for if they \*\*\*\*\* with anybody they know they could get got or you know could because maybe they're out there maybe they got kennedy and if they could then then maybe they could get me and it's just one more little bit of uh of rebar in the the ideological structures that make up the political mind and that and that i don't somebody 0:40:46 says how long until we let corporations vote i don't think we'll have to i mean they already effectively vote their votes matter in a way that the our votes don't but the actual voting is the whole point of corporate power is that it's outside of the voting structure it doesn't require participation at the level of the ballot so they'll never need to vote it'll just all fall fall apart it'll all drain off politics the voting rights all that ritual stuff will be drained away it's not going to be injected into it's not going to be how long until cities get autonomous zones uh corporations get autonomous zones within cities where they can make their own laws they already do that dan

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gilbert and and quicken loans in detroit they've turned it into ocp they have it's robocop in detroit the downtown has been brought out by dan gilbert's company they run it as a corporate campus and it has private security that's the center of the city that's and there is now a effort in nevada to incorporate corporate cities in the middle of nowhere that are going to be able to write their own laws and have their own tax structures i mean people call it neo-feudalism but it's not really it is just more capitalism it's capitalism undefeated it's capitalism unchallenged it's capitalism at the state of decline away from uh away from like state capacity and towards but the social structure is neo-feudal in that you've replaced the liberal order of of uh of rights to contract and individual citizenship with bilateral contractual relationships where all human relationships are uh instead of a or an era where you're bargaining as an individual because that is the point where technology exists to not require your consent you don't we don't need you to \*\*\*\*\* consent to this so we don't have any reason to humor your ass choices i don't understand how someone calls me a dsa and democrat defender i guess there is now a thing where if you are not explicitly endorsing the republicans that makes you a democrat and i kind of get what that they mean because like if we're talking about this the spectaclized political politics of identity and there's two sides you can only really break with the one dominant form by endorsing the other one i understand that and there is logic to it if you insist on maintaining investment in this identity formation but i do not uh agree because then you're just a republican and how the hell here's the one thing i really don't get and i'm so apparently this is not the person the person wasn't talking about me but i've heard this before that's why i responded to it um what i do not get is if you see the way the capital dominates the democratic party and and defeats any attempt to make it an articulation or a uh a vehicle for class uh power what would make you think that the republicans would not have similar structures i guess the argument is as well well but yeah that republicans use anti-wokeness in the exact same way it's just that because you're in the milieu either because you live in a city or you're spending on time online with left wingers and and and the mainstream culture you're seeing them through this like glass over there in the in the parts of the country that are dominated by republican they use anti-wokeness to make demand to destroy any kind of class politics in the exact same way there is no way for it to articulate itself out of this structure the thing is though you still might have to support democrat right when they run for office sometimes at the local level this is what i'm talking about how it's all about where you can actually focus energy and power it might be a ballot line it might be a different party but the determiner is not either of those it's what the power is at the base that can affect as a participant as just a passive voter you don't have any obligation to vote for anybody because

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individual votes don't mean like the main problem with dsa has been the same 0:47:2  
problem tsa has had since its explosion it's a middle-class movement of and when  
i say middle class i mean people who are identifying themselves as consumers and  
whose lived experience of labor is not what is not organized and coherent and does  
not structure their relationship to politics even though they might think it does what  
they're actually responding to is an idea of class they picked up in a book and that's  
not everybody but it's the majority and that's not and the other thing is is there's  
no alternative to that because the only people who are politically engaged in this  
country are people who have been propagandized sufficiently to think politics matters  
and for them to think that they had to have got it somewhere and the way they get it 0:48:4  
is largely through the ritual and so you go to college to learn about exploitation and  
class you come out either deciding the class is a thing and that you need to organize  
around it or that it isn't and you need to organize against it and then you apply those  
politics to your life but they are not lived it's not a lived experience for americans  
which is why it's very funny to hear people talk about lived experience and how we  
have to honor lived experience if we honor lived experience we will never be able to  
organize socialism because class is not a lived experience we live class in our in our  
relationships to capital but we process it through our understanding of ourselves as  
consumer identities which include things like race and gender and so you come out of  
college thinking that voting and caring who's in charge and is a meaningful activity  
and that you are going to meaningfully impact politics by engaging in it if you have 0:49:6  
only experienced the blunt end of the stick of life in this country you're less like and  
you have not been told through a process of cultural um assimilation that this is true  
you're gonna \*\*\*\*\* uh say \*\*\*\*\* all this and mainly by not being political at all but  
if things get worse and worse and politics becomes more strenuously part of culture  
and harder to avoid and more s more entertaining the way it has a lot of those people  
are going to enter politics and the only framework they're going to have is the stupid  
uh \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* framework and that is a bad that's bad news for everybody but it  
wouldn't be much better news if it was the other way around because neither one  
of them can articulate a positive vision and a vision to challenge which would have 0:50:7  
to be a vision that challenges capitalism i'm not criticize i'm not really criticizing  
the the dsa for being a middle-class movement or like a college educated movement  
a non-work like not specifically working class movement is in people who like live  
class i'm not criticizing them for that it's inevitable as i said what i'm saying is that  
has been the biggest and it's something that needs to be addressed one way or the  
other but i think it needs to be recognized as the fundamental problem before you  
can move forward because it doesn't seem to me that a lot of people think that's the  
issue and if you don't think that's the issue you end up talking yourself into some

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pretty wacky circles to try to figure out what the issue is and that makes it harder for you to address things and makes you have to deal with people who don't know what the \*\*\*\*\* terrain looks like and aren't addressing problems where they need to uh the lincoln assassination conspiracy theories that there's no conspiracy theory there because it was a conspiracy i mean i think some people forget that but uh booth 0:51:8  
was part of a ring of guys who operated out of boarding house owned by mary sarad who uh planned on the night of lincoln's assassination to kill lincoln andrew johnson i wish they'd gotten him and uh seward and grant in in a in a decapitation uh strike 0:52:9  
but what is even less well-known is that before that they had a plan to kidnap lincoln that they coordinated with and were funded by uh the confederate government it was it was essentially a hit put out by the the confederate government and a number of the conspirators were hanged afterwards um what happened with the rest of the assassinations is that the guy who was supposed to kill andrew johnson chickened out that \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* uh i think i wish if you're gonna kill lincoln kill \*\*\*\*\* johnson 0:53:11  
too for the love of christ uh and then uh the funniest incident was that someone went to kill william seward and he was in bed with a neck brace on because he'd been in a carriage accident and when he went to stab him he kept away so not only was it a conspiracy it very well could have been a conspiracy of a \*\*\*\*\* federal confederate government i wish they hadn't shot booth and they found that out because that really might have increased the likelihood of a more putative government settlement with the leadership of the confederacy at least which was would have been necessary as a just a minimal starting point to make reconstruction work there is other stuff though about uh there's again there's a theory that and i don't really see a lot of evidence for this that uh william stanton the war secretary uh was secretly behind the lincoln assassination and that he cut like one of the pieces of evidence is that the 0:54:12  
the telegraph lines were cut right after the assassination and were not uh operative for hours much like how the as they say in jfk the phone lines in washington dc went down on the 22nd of november and like booth's diary has some missing pages or something most countries do or i think most countries do change their they change their form of government and change the constitution uh we definitely should have more than give me benjamin butler as president after the lincoln assassination and oh my god the hype train is close i remember this happened one other time the 0:55:13  
hype train where one person away from the hype train still not sure what it is but it's it's exciting because i remember there's like a big thing that goes down it's like when it's like a all something there you see him there's a little train there look it up this little chain so yeah we're one away it's a scam train how is it a scam don't get scammed folks i don't want you to get scammed oh so it's so it's a way to trick people into giving me money benjamin wade becoming president after johnson uh

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being impeached would have been good it's a little late johnson had already had a chance to do a lot of damage by then but also because remember because of the insane idiocy of the way that congress operated uh constitutionally at that time congress 0:56:15 didn't come back in uh session after johnson becomes president for months so he was able to just go but it would have been unlikely because there was a big uh consensus in the democrat republican party hype trade that they didn't want benjamin wade to be president because benjamin wade was ambitious he would probably have run for office and gotten it uh in the the next election uh and he was a soft money radical he was not one of these uh gold standard \*\*\*\*\* and apparently uh milton friedman has the same analysis of the civil war about how it's really about uh gold versus uh fiat only he thinks that's why the confederates uh i disagree he's literally arguing 0:57:19 for a a capitalist abstraction in the form of a gold standard which is arbitrary and enforced by state power that's the thing a lot of those guys don't even know that like i would argue that a guy like \*\*\*\*\* rand paul probably ron paul probably really thinks all that \*\*\*\*\* about how gold is is different how gold isn't like other currency gold isn't like just the government the gold can't be no don't tell me gold the icky gross state is why gold has value no no no he's too committed ideologically to uh to possibly say no to that but i think that at the top levels most of these \*\*\*\*\* know that shit's not true especially in the finance sector they so this thing really is just like 0:58:24 a fake little video game to get you to pay like oh you want to see the number go up and then you press the button to see the number go up and yet people do it anyway they know fascinating the constitution can never be rejected at the grassroots on the right anyway because the constitution is the is the basis for hierarchy the the true the cons the premise of constitutional government is that there is a subject class that and so it can't you can't get rid of it because then you have gotten rid of all 0:59:28 the levels of mystification away from the reality that the state is what we make it and if the state is what we make it then power cannot why would we concentrate power unnecessarily why would we concentrate wealth why would we concentrate life possibilities why would we concentrate uh beauty and and grace and and repose why would we concentrate that at the top we got high this train i claim this is yeah the only thing i remember from my anti-drug wrap was they said i was weak they said i should drink tea but i said sorry dudes i like my wits about me so there they 1:0:30 stood something like befuddled and stunned well i walked off real sleek and smug no no see that's the thing uh the drink tea thing some people think oh are you saying that's like oh you should drink tea no they're making fun of me for not doing drugs so they're like oh you should drink tea instead it's like they said i was weak they said i should drink tea like oh look at me no drugs for me i'll be drinking tea pinky extended but then i say sorry dudes i like my that somebody asked for spanish civil 1:1:43

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war if you like the military part of it the anthony bevore has a good book the social history is actually really interesting in a uh oral by uh oral history called blood of spain which is a lot of interviews with people on both sides all the way through the hierarchy like carlos reques and anarchists and trade unionists communists uh peasants the description of uh of uh collectivization uh in in like cnt spain is really 1:2:45 interesting talking about how they went about collectivizing agriculture in the south and then of course you got homage to catalonia by orwell that's a all right i think 1:4:6 it's time to saddle up and ride off into the distance yeehaw get a dosey doe down the dusty trail

*Gleaming the Time Cube*

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\*Music playing\*\* keep on shining shine on the one that's gone and let me blue i said blue moon a kentucky keep on shining they shine on the one that's lost and left me blue it was on the moonlit night sun shining bright whisper on high lava sucker by i said blue moon blue tv i go walking after midnight \*\*Music playing\*\* just like 0:1:13  
we must be i'm always walking after midnight searching for me i walked in miles along the highway that's just my way of saying i love you and always walking after midnight i stopped to see a weeping widow crying out his pillow maybe he's crying for me \*\*Music playing\*\* all right we got it here wow that was so easy now that i can do it on the computer it snowed in ohio on 4 20. bless ah how's everybody doing 0:2:16  
today i really have nothing so this should be interesting i haven't really been thinking of anything my head is my brain is kind of smooth nothing really going on nothing really to think about or talk about on i had a peanut butter sandwich for lunch that's usually what i have for lunch i got the fluoride stair and the inch a oh people 0:3:17  
are talking about variants oh don't give me anything about variants folks don't give me any of this okay now i don't care if i don't care if kobe becomes a sentient being and starts ravaging the countryside we're not going to let it happen again i really don't think so i think that absent some sort of you know tube neck super flu captain trip situation we're just gonna in in the places where we're now blanketing with vaccines we are just gonna act like it's all going away and if likelihood of getting sick likelihood of dying goes up it gets metabolized as part of doing business i'm done speculating about any \*\*\*\*\* covet area anything like i said unless unless it's like uh covet 23 like that \*\*\*\*\* movie that's now available that's about the fourth year 0:4:18  
of lockdown which was made uh last summer something that absolutely is baffling to imagine someone thought was a good idea apparently it was michael bay and of course that means that you know the least uh the most vulnerable people are gonna keep dying more than they need to more than they should but that's a one-way ratchet that's really the uh that's the horror of this thing is that nobody at the at the level of of the most acute encounters with uh with the existentially annihilating features of contemporary capitalism are coordinate are uh organized politically in a

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way to even express the reality of their uh of their oppression like the only people 0:5:19  
who you got in the \*\*\*\*\* media sphere in in in the conversation are issues that while  
they may be serious are always put through sort of a filter of middle class anxiety  
not working class uh outrage and i think that's one of the big reasons that things  
kind of stalemate politically is that the only people talking are people who are more  
afraid of falling than they are uh truly feeling uh something that approximates the  
experience of living in this country because honestly i've said this before i feel like  
that experience is so uh disenchanting with america's trappings and rituals of power  
and politics that people make a uh beyond the fact that they're not they don't really 0:6:20  
have access to a lot of the uh avenues for expression that that people take for granted  
at a higher strata if they wanted to they wouldn't bother because the that's why the  
continued demiseration of the middle class the continued uh like dissolution of the  
middle class and its attendant uh cascading um nervous breakdowns that cat that  
make up politics right now uh are both i mean it's it's a process that's being driven  
materially but the politics of it are so detached from real not only conditions but  
uh levers of power that it seems like as things get worse at least in the firmament of 0:7:23  
politics things are only going to get more absurd why do i not care about the working  
class that's an interesting question uh i guess i guess i don't know what the word care  
means in that instance like do i have a do i have a sense of like human recognition  
that like the working class is made up of people and therefore uh you know uh my  
existential like co-species members who uh uh uh i mean i certainly i don't think you  
could argue i mean i i don't know i don't know what that could somebody who's  
asked the question uh go a little more in depth is what they that's so weird i feel like 0:8:34  
that really does speak to the nature of politics because it is now in a a series of public  
demonstrations ritualized public demonstrations of virtue and that is all politics not  
just liberal politics that's what q anon freaks do too they're they're showing their  
virtue that they're the ones who care about child uh uh zoos and closing them uh and  
so everything gets turned into a a a bidding war on who cares the most but care by  
definition doesn't mean it doesn't definitionally connect to action because you have  
to perform that caring you have to actually take care the emotion of care and invest  
it with action that corresponds to the feeling but there's nothing in our politics that 0:9:37  
it necessitates any one path there and a lot of the path people take to show they care  
and it's not something you can blame people for because it is for most folks i think  
the only channel available to them that feels accessible everything else just feels too  
big and impossible but if you have the feeling you want to express the feeling in the  
moment you don't want to bank it up and feel bad i care about the working class and  
that i wish we had one jesus \*\*\*\*\* christ like not because they're good people not  
because they're better than other peoples in some moral sense but that they have 0:10:39

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the relationship to capitalism they have the uh unity of interest to drive history so like do i care about the working class it's like it'd be great if we had one of those it would be wonderful in the meantime we have people who are at various stages of being dissolved in the acid of uh finance capitalism like we're all in the stomach of a giant beast being eaten and we're just fighting with each other because we can't see the the stomach we but it but the thing that stops the working class from existing 0:11:45 more than anything is that while there is that unity of interest that can be forged it has to be forged out of social existence and cooperation and we just don't live that way that's the challenge and that's what everything has to start from that's what you have to engage with and it's one of the hardest things to really look at with sober sense because it does make a lot of the things that seem important and that invest your time with a sense of a charred sense of meaning with a charred sense that you are an agent of history and not just a passive uh victim of it uh is actually very much illusory and i mean anyone whose instinct is is to edit the left right to say x 0:12:47 y or z has no business in the left no matter what it is they might even be right in some abstract sense that if you had a left you wouldn't want people like that in it betray a complete denial of the reality of the situation which is that there is no left in this country i've been i have not really i gotta admit it i've not really been writing because i've been kind of stuck in this uh this self-conscious loop about like what exactly i'm trying to get out what the point of writing is and i've kind of come to the conclusion that like a lot of the stuff that i want to get across makes most sense 0:13:49 in like this format in in the in the spoken in the direct address format and so as a result i am putting i am working on on on some projects that are premised on these this form of address then like turned into writing or turned into something else but i am looking to start a writing project soon that will be uh not directly political like that's what i've realized is uh is that if it's worth the stuff that's worth like trying to push into a new and different uh means of expression that is not something that i'm terribly familiar with the reason i basically end up always freezing up when i try to write is because i always end up getting stuck on where to start how to cut the thing because we're talking about everything and like when i'm speaking it's like 0:14:52 the i'm propelled forward sort of by the momentum of trying to express something and then that ends up tunneling me kind of through it uh without me even picking as i go but when i try to write that becomes overwhelming uh so i'm gonna sort of let this be the mechanism for for shaping it that's why i think if you had something that was fictional for example abstract in its relationship to politics you can tunnel through from that perspective so we'll see uh ah the carnation revolution you know 0:15:57 i love talking about the carnation revolution i don't think we would see anything in america and remember of course we're talking about in a context of collapse right

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we're not talking about the army of just marching out of the barracks at any point in the future we're assuming that there is a crisis that comes on you know on the hoof beats of the night and you can point to things that say that's possible that that we might be getting there uh but again technology is the x factor here technology uh is the is the thing that very well could change all of these uh rates of decline because we're talking we're all decline is is written in but rate of decline is the is the question so if you have enough of a rate of decline if you have a steep enough rate of decline i don't think you're ideologically socialist military movement sadly 0:16:58 just because the ingredients don't exist for it because that's what happened with carnation revolution is that you had this like middle strata of um army officers who uh had been disenchanted with the estado novo and specifically the disastrous um uh colonial wars in africa that they were fighting turned to try to find a new explanation and they they found marxism the same way that like nasser and the uh bath party guys all found uh arab nationalism and that's they picked that because of the context of their uh their moment and you have to take that into consideration there is no context that's going to create self-consciously marxist political military officers in our disenchanted middle strata the best thing you're likely to say is that if political 0:18:3 conflict escalates along its sort of increasingly uh identitarian lines which is sort of in the interest of capitalism and is like sort of inherently built into uh the nature of crisis under capitalism that the military provides the uh the means for organized power outside of an identitarian framework which is certainly not what people were met are hoping will you know save i didn't do these two hands somebody this god i 0:19:8 love that this guy was the most alpha person in america right this guy represented for uh what like half half the white guys in america maybe more uh represented uh just masculinity and it's untrammled of power to overrun uh our our emasculated i don't even know if i miss i mean i guess i miss him if i'm being honest just because that's a thing that i don't get to experience anymore is him doing things like that is him saying things is him tweeting things and there it is like it's a it's like a you know 0:20:10 like a hint of hint of paprika or something in a in in your egg salad if it's gone you he does seem though to have disappeared as a political force as soon as he lost his uh platform and man what the hell happened to q what the hell happened to q it really does feel like the millerites they came down the mountain and they just like went their separate ways i guess we're half gonna have to wait for them to go into hibernation and come out with some new \*\*\*\*\* we haven't even had the stochastic political violence that everyone was assuming was going to happen remember a couple weeks ago when somebody crashed a car into the capitol and like there was a an hour where every lib on twitter was absolutely convinced that it was like another another q anon sally and then it was like no the guy is everyone just decided to change the channel 0:21:13

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because at the end of the day it really is people who are just looking for something to do on the internet it's not a thing to work to be worth that's really the thing that's i think holding back political violence in this country from where a lot of people want it to be sort of subconsciously or imagine it should be it's that yes i would argue that a lot of americans are at a point where they are willing to \*\*\*\*\* kill uh because of how they are feeling precarious stressed alienated they're absolutely willing to kill many fewer of them though are willing to die and without that willingness to die and that's because we're getting more alienated we're getting more uh it's becoming more unbearable to live moment to moment we've become more uh disenchanted from the uh mechanisms of control that we have internally and externally uh built but that alienation is built on uh a foundation of pure nihilist or pure materialist selfishness uh we we imagine that there is no god there is nothing but our pleasure and our experience uh which must be hoarded and extended as far as possible to push back the specter of an annihilation but that means that no matter how bad the bad things get it's very hard for us to get in a position of endangering ourselves because the thing we're really afraid of is that obliteration uh and that's why i really do think that in order to have any hope of a resistance to uh the full uh dissolution of like the individual consciousness into a soup of pure um pure nerve ending pure stimulus response uh is going to be a revitalization of a religious instinct which can mean anything as long as what uh perspective for your own personal safety uh and your own continued pleasure and existence and that doesn't mean any specific religion it's just me it could mean anything as long as it's persuasive enough to get you to act and i think that's it's going to be very different but it's going to be varied i think it's going to be syncretic and it's going to come under some sort of banner i mean essentially a holy war against capitalism no that is not uh the people's temple the people's temple was a self uh sealing cult i mean it was it was it it was so organized around the personal fixations of jones the personal ego of jones that it required very brittle uh very very brittle borders uh in order to maintain the internal but a lot of people at the time thought that they were you know a a man support emancipatory force especially in california where they became part of the moscone it's a reasonable fear to be feared for for the end of yourself but it's only reasonable with certain false assumptions buried on top of it like in a very real sense death is not a thing to fear because it is a uh it's it i mean i know this sounds kind of goofy but it is just an energy transference like you the stuff that makes you up doesn't go anywhere because there is nowhere for it to go because universe and it is one like consciousness experiencing itself subjectively and a lot of the fear that we have is built on the illusion of our egos and that might not mean anything just to hear you might be well and that thing for me for most of my life i heard this stuff i thought okay yeah not i

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don't care i it's still all i have is my precious stream of consciousness and my mind it's 0:27:37  
all i have yes yes cosmic mind death isn't real blah blah blah but what about when i  
go no no i can't go away oh my god and that's true of any religious uh idea from the  
outside none of them are persuasive from the inside they are fully persuasive and you  
have to get inside something you have to get inside some sort of uh consciousness  
shift that puts you abstracts you away from that animal-like if you're it is very you  
you're not gonna die in the very near future probably and if you do well that could  
happen to anybody you're probably you're relatively safe but it's the fact i think 0:28:38  
that so much of our time is spent alone really alone it's including all at that time  
alone builds a morbid reification of the ego it it petrifies your ego into this totalizing  
thing whereas like social social existence like there's a reason one of the big reasons  
that religion persists in traditional social arrangements is because a socialized life  
where you are not spending most of your time by yourself with your thoughts is one  
where there is just simply less opportunity to just build up an ego and now we are all  
alone and we are all spending a lot of our atomized time just slowly like a stalagmite  
building this hardened uh promontory of of of ego and fear around uh the elimination 0:29:39  
of that ego that it makes us it becomes impossible to move at all becomes impossible  
to do anything because anything can lead to a decline anything can lead to and that's  
what's so funny about woke somebody says this wokeness is a religion it is absolutely  
banal to say that of course wokeness is a rel is now a religion in this because secular  
liberalism is the final or the i guess i don't know if it's the final stage it's it's the  
most recent stage of uh liberal protestantism and before that \*\*\*\*\* calvinism it's  
like you gotta you there's a straight line from the \*\*\*\*\* puritans to modern wokeness 0:30:42  
and what it is is it is it is personalized calvinist religious obsession where there is  
a individual relationship with god where your relationship with god is not one of  
connection but one of eternal separation god as unscrutable and unknowable and  
terrifying where our only ability to soothe our we fear of god is by performing in  
a way that we imagine that he would approve of and over time as as the people  
who believe this center in those urban areas those big cities like first boston and  
then new york and as they spend time in their parlors and read their darwin the  
religious the actual emotional fear of god goes away and and god is turned into uh  
we are replace god with ourselves and so we have to manifest virtue in our lives to 0:31:48  
affirm our our status but what this doesn't have at its heart is belief now the same  
thing is happening to conservative protestantism because white protestantism like  
you got to say white because you know it's it defines everything uh once once slavery  
emerges because you know there is a black protestant tradition but it's different it  
splits off and you have merchant northern uh protestantism turning into congress 0:32:51  
going from puritanism to congregationalism to mainline uh uh protestantism until

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finally it's not even nominally protestant anymore it's it's it's just a universal uh virtue ethic that you're carrying out unconnected from uh any belief in anything transcended in fact it's been turned into manners like like our uh like all of our politics gets turned into but then at the root at the at the at the sharp end of manifest destiny's \*\*\*\*\* spear the people who subdued the land scout the indians and \*\*\*\*\* um god also died but was and was replaced by the self but not but uh there the focus is on showing your virtue through your domination and mastery of the land 0:33:52 as opposed to amongst the northern liberals the domination and mastery of the south i have restrained myself and that is why i am good as opposed to i have indulged myself and what shapes those two approaches to religion uh is the is your economic productive mechanism the farther you are away from the sharp edge of exploitation the more you are able to uh fashion a politics of moral virtue as performance and at moral abstinences performance if you're indulgence essentially makes up for the 0:34:54 the uh the the moral dearth at the no that's not now of course black protestantism isn't completely different because it's american also and you've got guys like your creffo dollars is your p tg jakes's uh that are essentially reflections of like the the white protestant uh opportunity gospel but that's because uh class operates in um in the black community too and pulls at least or income i guess because i'm good 0:36:45 thanks unsolved mysteries i watched all that \*\*\*\*\* terrifying this the theme song terrifying apparently they brought back unsolved mysteries and there's no there's no host and there's no voice over what the \*\*\*\*\* man what what do you even know what you're getting untouchables never gonna start watching anime i really i really 0:37:46 don't think it's gonna happen i've thought people have asked me about anime and i just have to i just have to say it's something that very little but then again who knows i could encounter the buddha in the road and kill him and decide that all i can uh watch now is giant uh robots have fight over they fight aircraft carriers i have one like classic like readers digest head slapper moment where somebody came up to me at the information desk and said that their kid needed a book for school and they needed to know the author and do i feel weird or guilty that i have a job doing 0:38:56 this talking about marx and \*\*\*\*\* while everyone's struggling i mean obviously i feel weird about it i would say that that weird feeling is the main generator of everybody having politics in this country uh it's everybody feels a weird sense of of guilt uh if they have if they have if they're struggling less than others and of course they've been acculturated to feel that way plenty of people have not and don't and in fact resent being asked to feel guilty for other people uh but a lot of if you are acculturated a certain way if you if you take the college pill as i did yeah of course you feel guilty you feel weird and guilty about everything uh and i i think the challenge though is to identify those feelings and then ask yourself okay what does this mean

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like what should i do with this as opposed to i think what generally happens is 0:39:58  
leaving it as this unresolved catalyst for anxiety within you that leads you to wrong  
conclusions that leads you to jump to things as a way to purge it because the most  
the main thing that that mass guilt does is demo demobilizes and de-politic or d not  
d politicizes extra politicizes people but demobilizes people because if you're guilty  
if you're responsible uh then who are you to imagine that you can make anything  
better beyond uh unless you purge the guilt and the thing about the guilt is it cannot  
be purged only the changing of the conditions can get rid of the guilt and nothing  
is changing the conditions because people who are doing relatively well they don't 0:40:59  
want to what renounce all their worldly goods they could do that but their cup they  
have they have personal uh selfish urges they have they have a self-interest they have  
duty to others that they want to continue to uh honor and that means that they  
have to construct a mental structure that justifies their position and then you you  
do that either like republicans do by blaming those people who are below you saying  
it's actually it's their fault for making me feel bad \*\*\*\*\* them or uh by creating a  
ritual of uh self abnegation that cleanses you like a i mean that guilt is the same  
guilt that power the puritans and everybody else it's the original sin which is now 0:42:0  
framed in a capitalist uh in capitalist terms like we imagine the original our original  
sin in the middle classes as we imagine our original sin as a as a sin of exploitation  
which it is i mean we all are in a machinery of uh and to some degree we are having  
our time alienated and exploiting the the alienated time of others and then we have  
to cleanse that but religion is close to us real religion is closed off so we have to do  
it secularly and that's what politics ends up being a secular man somebody's asking 0:44:5  
about the oscars why did they not just cancel the oscars this year why the \*\*\*\*\* did  
they why why are they pretending that this thing is still real i mean if movies are  
coming back this year just like just say hey we're not doing it this year like when  
they didn't have the olympics they didn't have the olympics they're not doing a  
\*\*\*\*\* zoom olympics there were no movies there were no movies no movies came  
out last year i don't recognize any of these as movies and what i mean by that is  
forgetting even the streaming thing is that none of them have any like is there any  
mark left by any of these it just feels like it's such a decline it's such a it's a it's  
and obviously it's because film i hate to say it but film is dead because to me the 0:45:7  
theatrical experience is it is definitionally definitionally enmeshed in the concept of a  
film i feel like if you don't i mean yes you can watch a movie at home you can watch  
a movie on your phone and it's still a movie but if without the theatrical ritual of  
a thing being displayed in public people coming together to watch it at least having  
the possibility of doing that and then the first impressions of that movie forming  
in that experience and then filtering out i don't think that you really have film you

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have something else you have streaming content which is what we now have i feel like the streaming is its own new genre that has replaced and synthesized television and film to the detriment of both because this is a negative dialectic it's just straining all the good all the art out and and turning it into and leaving only the residue of of commerce and pandering so there's no uh there's no more movies so they really should get rid of the oscars because oscars are for movies and there's no but we do have the on cinema oscar special which is i honestly do feel like uh once upon a time in hollywood might have been the last movie when you look at that like that movie is this it's the culmination of tarantino's career it's this look back on on the golden age of of hollywood a thing that was a movie that was intimately about the theatrical experience and that was theatrically released and was a huge success theatrically that feels like the last real movie and there's talk about them being they're being like a 20 hour streaming version and i will watch the \*\*\*\*\* out of it and i will love it but it won't be a movie it'll be it'll be a streaming uh product it'll just be a really good yeah i mean yeah movies had their run there were movies for a while they'll still be around as a curio like uh you know like theater but it's just no longer influence yeah no the snyder cut wasn't a movie either i was annoyed that they acted like it was a movie they could do all this stuff but the only movies left will be james cameron movies he's going to be the one to keep it going god bless him i will be there when avatar 2 comes out n3 and 4. i will watch avatar 5 in a climate refugee camp \*\*\*\*\* half a billion dollars to make a lord of the rings tv show on amazon half a billion dollars hachi and it doesn't even have any of the characters it really tells you that we are at a point now where we have gotten rid of the commercial structure to art to it it's almost now becoming either algorithm response to to what people click on or the personal uh desires of billionaires which is why that \*\*\*\*\* piece of \*\*\*\*\* jeff bezos needs to \*\*\*\*\* write a check that is less than he spends on skull shiner on a month to make another season of lodge 49 for christ's sake that's how you know he's evil is that he's never brought back lodge 49 unless he does bring back lodge 49 in this case he'll still be evil but uh but one somebody said uh some rich dude said that elon musk could do jurassic park if he wanted to like make a real jurassic park and i gotta wonder why no super rich person has tried doing that yet like all their stuff is this fantasy of escaping to mars or whatever why don't why don't you want to make a it's not impossible we can create some sort of there's there's human monkey hybrids baby you how about we do congo and we create uh evil silver apes evil white apes humans yeah what the hell happened to nanobots where the hell is our damn nanobots we were promised tiny tiny tiny machines instead all we have are those damn boston dynamics killer dog robots running around those it really kind of makes you think that all that \*\*\*\*\* complete \*\*\*\*\* \*\*\*\*\* all of the fantasies of

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singularity and space travel are just the things we tell ourselves as the microwave gets warmer and warmer and as we start popping like sausages it really is fitting that a \*\*\*\*\* scamp like a lyle lanley guy like elon musk is the richest man in the world right now on paper and that his companies are obscenely valued considering what they put out it's because he is the person who more than anyone because capitalism is without future everyone knows that everyone can see before them that the given structure we have leads only to miseration and annihilation everyone on all sides is agreed upon no matter if you're reactionary you're leftist you're a liberal you see 0:54:39 that the way things are going you see the trend line unless you're stephen pinker you don't think there's a future but then you've got this guy musk who's hey he's the richest guy in the world he must know what he's talking about he must be able to master this stuff who says we're gonna do tunnels underground we're gonna have uh we're gonna have renewable batteries everywhere and electric cars and we're going to have mars missions and we're going to have brain uh we're going to have brain what the \*\*\*\*\* it called neural links we're going to have \*\*\*\*\* cybernetic brain links we're going to have and that is his role is to is to allow people to perform some some sort of faith in the continuity of the system through a technological innovation but 0:55:42 all of this stuff is made up it's maybe hypothetically possible but it's distance from being practically applicable and pursuing it while everything else falls apart and while all of the things that we take for granted as part of the the technological and economic infrastructure that power the global system are are losing uh functionality are turning are \*\*\*\*\* falling apart before our eyes it's it's madness it's it's the final ponzi scheme at the end of capitalism which has just been since it's begun a series of ponzi schemes like america the american experiment is a ponzi scheme it is the fantasy of eternal and unending growth there will always be something for the and 0:56:43 what has allowed that to happen uh has been technology so you concentrate capital concentrate to concentrate it you destabilize uh a biome you destabilize the social order technology rescues the instant or if it's thanks to some if there's you know before before we had a global economic structure uh one collapse would be uh made up for it by boom somewhere else but now uh that's all foreclosed and so we are now left with this fantasy of technology um unmoored from reality but somehow worth 0:57:45 real money because at this point we cannot afford in a literal sense to acknowledge the nudeness of the emperor because there's no other emperor there's nobody else in town no one else can can uh resolve the contradictions within the system any other meaningful attempt to get out of this this uh crisis requires challenging capitalism and that is the one thing that can't be it does appear we live in a society oh man 0:59:4 i honestly the it's so funny and it's like at this point it doesn't matter like i guess that's why she never they didn't kill her because so much stuff has happened since

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epstein that everyone recognizes that well what's the worst that can happen what comes out oh yeah oh these guys are all pedophiles okay so what i am intrigued though i am intrigued by uh were elites ever held accountable uh no the only times 1:0:12 you really get any kind of elite accountability is the occasional proxim of collapse induced uh political revolution and then conquest by a different uh social order with a different series of elites and then even there you usually only have a stratum of 1:1:13 people at the very top uh i've read that the cut the families that make up the uh ruling elite of china right now the new the new billionaires are the same families that were ruled that uh were powerful and influential before the the uh all right i'm going 1:2:24 to sign off here have a good talk uh talk to you guys soon might be doing more of these in the future and still trying to think of a book to do another uh reading series on if anyone has any requests any suggestions please let me know i'm still available to them

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traveling i used to run it i guess oscar goldman got mad because i got loose circuits  
so loose with the mother goose with the air that seems to be fun hey yo pack my 0:1:1  
bag cause i'm outta here my mama don't love me and my mama don't care read the  
papers the headlines say bust up rapper got sold a light clover no good nothing so  
give me some \*\*\*\*\* beats all the teenage fans are heat who's saying all my dudes so  
what comes next let me use my forehead so let me stop stalling because everything i  
do is like falling hey folks hmm so tonight biden is doing a joint address to congress  
as many will nerds will point out uh it is not a state of the union in the first year 0:2:2  
that's not a state of the union that is uh a joint address to congress the state of the  
union doesn't come until uh the second year i guess because you know you gotta  
you're giving a report and uh there hasn't really been enough stuff to give a report  
on i have a feeling though he'll say that the state of the union is strong and i get even  
though it's not a state i wonder what they're going to put them on i mean obviously  
they put him on something for these big events because there's no way they would  
leave the chance that his brain is just going to go off because he has had some pretty  
astounding mental lapses just in the last couple of months a number of times where  
he just gave up now he'll have the teleprompter but you know he's still old as hell his  
brain is clearly going and it's going to be in the evening so i'm guessing just straight 0:3:3  
up adrenaline shot to the heart pulp fiction style five minutes before he goes out and  
uh i will predict this that you don't see him in public for at least a couple of days  
maybe a week after this speech and that'll be fine because that's the thing about  
biden he was his pitch to people was put me in there and you all have to stop caring  
about politics so much and it really seems to have done the job isn't that interesting  
we got to the point where everyone is cranking each other off freaking out about the  
imminence of of civic conflict last fall and of course it bubbled over into the into  
the riot and uh on january 6th but since biden's been in office it just seems like the  
air is slowly gone out of the political balloon and of course that's just me from you 0:4:8  
know that's just it i don't ever know i've been alone this entire time i mean i don't  
have any interactions with people i don't know what's actually happening and even

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if i did that would only be a small little keyhole into the interactions of other people  
i'm only ever trying to grok a vibe and it really does make me think to what degree  
that is all a self-hypnosis like getting yourself into a uh into a frame of mind uh  
and sort of without even knowing it convincing yourself of a state of affairs but it 0:5:9  
certainly seems like biden is in the figure of biden is sort of the is truly the opposite of  
trump in that he whereas trump's every statement every action inflamed the political  
discourse and raised political temperature it seems like biden is just a black hole he  
just absorbs everything and just holds it none of it gets reflected and reinforced  
and i don't know i honestly don't know i think that trump promised a politics that  
we were just simply not able or willing and it would be nice to think if that this is 0:6:10  
people redirecting energy in their lives towards more productive uh vectors than than  
politics certainly presidential and national politics and maybe it's just reflecting the  
fact that i personally have trying to detach from politics and i'm just responding to  
my own conscious and subconscious reorienting i don't know it's weird everything's  
we have this really interesting dichotomy where uh the domestic front the democrats 0:7:28  
are if only because they're being forced to by circumstance uh go full keynesian post  
keynesian and and just completely drop all of their uh their deficit \*\*\*\*\* uh while  
internationally turning the screws tighter everywhere on every front from sanctions  
to military interventions to uh intellectual property protection when we talk about  
uh how the two exports of america are weapons and intellectual property that's  
hollywood movies that's tv shows it's also things like vax uh pharmaceutical patents  
which is the real uh nut of the whole uh uh controversy about releasing vaccines to  
countries like india i i would be surprised if you see a big charity uh shifting of excess 0:8:29  
vaccines to india and other countries that we then get to take credit for but you'll  
never see a violation of the uh patent regime because the patent regime is what keeps  
the whole thing going it's what circulates what uh ned beatty talks about in in uh  
network about how the you know the saudis have taken millions out of this country  
and now they got to bring it back uh real estate and copyrighted material that they  
we we make people pay for on our terms supporting are supported by our so it would  
be interesting to see if we get this situation where america does slide towards a 0:9:30  
haphazard ubi to keep people consuming uh meanwhile the uh like the iron fist of uh  
empire just tightens its grip even i somebody i remember about that israeli general  
who says that uh that aliens contacted the governments of what the united states  
and israel see that's how i know that didn't happen because that's the kind of \*\*\*\*\*  
that only an israeli would say why did i say that marx was wrong about everything  
i don't remember ever saying that i wouldn't say that i don't agree with that there's 0:10:36  
a \*\*\*\*\* alien species i would not contact any government eight government in this  
\*\*\*\*\* on this planet the the people in charge of this of this uh world are like the

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the 57 millionth copy of a absolutely duress just a uh a decadent cruel ruling class that has nothing to offer anyone even on this planet let alone terrestrially i gotta say that i do i don't i don't have a lot of patience for the whole passata stuff it seems like a lot of uh i mean it's like anything it's fine if it's a meme but when you decide to try to take it seriously you're uh you're missing the point which is that it's just sort of a humorous thing to play with but i do believe with i do basically agree with 0:11:38 his premise that if we there were aliens that were sufficiently advanced to contact earth they would be post-capitalist uh communist even or beyond that beyond any kind beyond economic economics as we understand them because there's no \*\*\*\*\* way that any society governed by economics would be able to put resources into that \*\*\*\*\* or would have technology that wouldn't but of course that doesn't mean that they necessarily would have ideology as we understand it the ferengi aren't real i hate to tell i do think it would be funny though if the aliens came to earth and 0:12:48 they said they said take me to your dealer because i can't write i'm not a writer i've realized this like you actually have to have done some you have to have like a a practice and a craft behind it to \*\*\*\*\* write things down i i try to write and my brain stops me i honestly realize that all i can really do is talk because it's the only thing that gets past that that gravity there's like a gravitational pull that just like pulls me away from being able to get anything on paper before i just destroy it with 0:13:50 uh um with self-doubt and i can overcome that but it's gonna take long it's gonna take a while so don't expect anything uh in the near future where i'm like sitting down and writing \*\*\*\*\* down i'm just a lazy piece of \*\*\*\*\* is the thing i i have no real abilities talents there's always an excuse to do nothing it's true and and and therefore i won't no i'm going to try to get something down but it's going to be like i said through talking and then editing not through sitting down and i had i i think 0:14:52 that was always uh sort of a write somebody wants to hear about robert owen god bless those guys the utopian socialists of the 19th century the first the first attempt to opt out of capitalism basically and the whole history of the 19th century and the 0:15:54 20th and now is how is over time that option being reduced just just literally being wiped off the map and uh and i think that all of our examples of attempts to to try to opt out of capitalism while still living the capitalist system are going to be the uh because you can't produce you can try to produce without profit but your the the rest of the world isn't and that that \*\*\*\*\* crank is just gonna pull but i you know i don't blame them it certainly looked like there was a lot more uh options back then it really when you look back at the 19th century it really is stunning you 0:16:56 can say all you want about marx and you can say about what he got wrong or how he was a dick and how he was a lazy hypocrite who cheated on his wife whatever he wanted or he was racist or whatever uh all that true to one another extent he

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really was the one person who saw what was happening as it was happening and saw more even than what it was what it was going to be and he saw that it could not be uh negotiated with it could not be uh gotten around it cannot be competed with it could only be transcended it had to be worked through and transcended because it was going to become totalizing and he looked around the world and he saw the the power of capitalism and he saw the absolute rustic flaccid uh corrupt weak structures 0:18:1 that opposed it and saw yeah there's only one way this is going nothing outside of capitalism no system no structures outside of capitalism will be able to withstand it the only hope will come from within it as people who are de-territorialized by capitalism but at the time very few people got that and honestly i'll always say that like marx's interpretiveness and and awful hostility and nastiness to the people he argued with can kind of be understood when you just see when you really reckon with how much he saw compared to what everyone else was insisting upon people saying no we can defeat capitalism by by competing with it and displaying the superiority 0:19:2 of cooperation as though by that late date was going to compel the mass of humanity was going to be uh was going to be an an example or a word or anything beyond the \*\*\*\*\* ideological and physical rifle to the forehead but that was not obvious at the time how to most of us to most people there hell half the smartest people of the 19th century were convinced that all of it all the stuff that was happening was due to skull shapes and and like temperature but yeah i don't really know that much 0:20:3 about the whole new harmony deal i mean i've never really studied the those people it's like all those 19th century eccentrics good-hearted but just fundamentally not reckoning with what was in front of them but you know what none of us are none of us can all of us are creating a model reality to live in mario andrew cuomo is going to legalize heroin now to distract from the new information about the nursing home deaths it's just gonna be like look what will it take to make your people go 0:21:5 away fine great yeah maybe they'll uh yeah because they're not going to legalize any more drugs but maybe public drinking because that is a real drag about new york street the thing though one of the things i think that will always make capitalism 0:22:9 beat anything that's competing with it as opposed to like i said being transcended from within is that located it's always somewhere else the real power no matter how influential or important the individuals are in a room the real power is something in their head and it's something that they cannot bargain with or change not like you know a medieval uh council where these guys all had to uh answer to god i mean god is just their self-interest plus their uh sense of duty whatever that is it's it's internal capitalism is is it is a compelling it's a compulsion beyond human personal 0:23:12 coercion it is i guess i'm just feeling kind of i don't know at sea because i should be 0:24:13 doing i should be being more productive and i'm i'm guessing i'm having a bit of a

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but you know those come and go it's all cyclical i just got to uh breathe through it  
vibe my way through it i think what i really need is just for this like slow motion 0:25:29  
uh uh d panda uh pandemification and what i've really realized is that like there  
is no going back to normal i think that's obvious that it would be undialectical to  
imagine otherwise like there is no post pandemic that's like just like it was before but  
i think these last couple months especially as vaccinations in the us have increased  
has really reminded me is that there will whatever is coming after like this stage is  
going to be a intensification of the uh ambiguous uh uh sort of de-socializing uh like i  
think i worry that uh that there will be a permanent uh mark left in our ability to to 0:26:31  
engage with the world i don't know once again i just feel very siloed and very unsure  
of what anybody uh is is thinking or is is gonna do i do know that that whatever i  
think i or anybody else was hoping for uh which is some sort of cathartic moment  
of reasserted uh uh conviviality and and uh i don't think i don't know we'll see if it  
comes it'll come slowly like like uh like uh feeling coming back to a limb that's been  
but i think the ambiguity of it at the moment is getting to me a little bit just this not  
knowing where it's going to land and how long like we're playing we're on a plinko  
board moving yeah you can't really get more of us uh sobering uh this ex sobering 0:27:42  
uh a sobering model example of what the rolling catastrophe of the 21st century will  
be from then this distinction between the us and places like india right now where  
you're getting to things opening up here you're getting to a flattening finally of the  
curve uh and some sort of tentative reopening meanwhile what there's thousands of  
hundreds of thousands of people a day uh in india and i think that that is something  
that a lot of americans who worry about climate change uh tend not to focus on  
there's that and i think that's why people like to think in apocalyptic terms about 0:28:43  
climate change they like to imagine hey we're all gonna die you know but i think  
we're seeing with this that's not really the case you know some of us will die uh but  
the majority of us are gonna stay in the pool you know in the human pool in the  
citizenship realm where you get all the privileges of being in americans and elsewhere  
and we will be separated from them by distance and by walls that will build and by  
technology that we'll use to enforce it and i don't think that is something that a lot  
of uh i think what people who fixate in america about we're all gonna die i think  
why that's a wish like somebody once said uh uh of course people like dr strangelove 0:29:44  
who couldn't like a movie with such a happy ending and it talks to the that that  
that desire for instant annihilation not slow decline and i think that is really the the  
death drive as we understand it like howard ratner in um uncut gems subconsciously  
setting up his own death so he can die at his high point rather than to see all that  
he enjoys and all that he values about himself slowly uh removed and nothing but  
death to be company i think a lot of people they take especially if you're on the left

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self-consciously on the left we take our idea the idea that we're good people seriously we take the idea that we do the right thing seriously we do we take the idea that if we were in some other more vital historical moment like nazi germany or antebellum america we would be on the side of right we would be so sophie scholl or john brown and we can pre uh we can pretend to ourselves now in the situation that we live in that we're not really quite in that situation and that what we're doing in our lives to exhibit a political perspective uh uh political subjectivity are all if not as most as much as we can do the future that we're all really headed towards and for the most part spokes afraid to even name is one where most of us are going to stay in the bubble not all of us but the thing is say some chunk of america gets like wiped out by by a natural disaster and the people who were in there in that zone were once that happens they're no longer there i mean if they die obviously they're off the books but if they're on the other side of the uh border that we struck create other side of the of the tent cities that we build they are now off the books consciously too because their contribution to our understanding of uh the american people uh will be eliminated so most of us are going or our descendants or whatever are going to be in the bubble which means we're going to be watching through the bubble the rest of the world slowly microwave and that is going to mean we're going to be in the moral position that we imagine about the past where we would have did the right thing and i think a lot of us understand at some level that even if that's happening even if we live in that world by the time it happens we will have accommodated enough we will have created enough mental uh baffles and justifications and rituals of purification to uh imagine that whatever poultry ritualized pseudo-politics that we've landed on is sufficient to the horror of the moment i know that's true of me once again everything i say is just me i don't know maybe that's not true of anybody everybody else but it certainly makes it it certainly seems like it'll be the case because the alternative is okay say that i'm not going to let that happen say that i convince myself i am not going to uh just slowly uh a uh expiate my own guilt from being par party to this planet murder uh well what what will i do because everything looks pointless and as things get worse the options are going to get more limited and they're going to be more dangerous they're going to involve actual potential for significant suffering and death and imprisonment and who will do that who will do those things if they don't and that's where i keep banging the drum about spirituality even though i understand that it's not something that computes and it's certainly not something that can be scaled all you can scale \*\*\*\*\* up up to is cult which that's no good what does that get you uh jonestown heaven's gate even if you don't get that you end up with like a sad failure like new harmony you're not \*\*\*\*\* uh you're not gonna stop anything you're save anyone so it can't just be uh hey let's let's have a new

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religion that's silly but people are going to have to uh care more care more about other people than they do themselves and i don't blame anybody for not having that i don't really have that to the degree that i but what would build it i think cannot be anything that we find online it can't be anything we read it has to be something we experience directly and that experience has to be with other people and that is i think where i'm finding myself sort of at a crossroads because like i'm talking about and i've really convinced myself anyway and you know that's all you ever are going to do is convince yourself of anything the rest just flows from that that practice without action as the basis for it there is no uh there is no meaning outside of social existence there is no i don't mean that like your life is meaningless if you're not social i mean the things that the generation of meaning that you carry with you throughout your life including when you're by yourself are found through uh mutual experiences that that create realities that like create new structures of meaning that are stronger because but my in this weird nebulous realm nether realm i feel very unconnected to uh other people so it's left me feeling a little uh trapped oh someone asked about late victorian holocausts it's a very good mike davis book uh and it is honestly i have no interest in in uh defending the soviet union uh i don't really care i think that the those arguments are perfect examples of arguments that exist to be had that are unconnected to any meaningful question and that you do so that you feel like you're participating uh but just as a historical question the whole the whole the the responsibility for communism for the uh the excess deaths in the 20th century in uh in russia or in china is really settled and rendered absurd by the reality of late victorian india and the british empire when you saw patterns of what happened what happened in late victorian india the raj the british who were operating the entire uh subcontinent as a giant money funnel to uh to the uk disrupted all of the existing um communal structures for uh agricultural preservation resource management that had literally since the dawn of civilization in in india been used to mitigate famine and uh and natural disasters undermining and destroying food supply supplies they they rationalized agriculture they made it into a business just like they did in ireland and the result of that is that when famine came thanks to el nino uh temperature variations in uh in the late 1800s and that pattern of disrupting uh traditional agricultural which then and therefore leading to massive depths in the countryside when uh economic when uh ecological conditions change uh is the story of capitalism conquering the world uh it's it's it's the inevitable once capitalism has has won and i think it won in 1920 or so uh uh it will systematically as it over as the earth uh alienate people from traditional agricultural relationships with the land that will lead to massive death and transference of calories in what you have in russia and in china is a situation where you had these uh communist movements

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made up of self-conscious uh who in 1917 made it uh made a analytical throw of the dice that they were in a position to light the spark that would light the match of worldwide global revolution that would defeat capitalism and overthrow overturn or overthrow capitalism from within um and it didn't work it came pretty close it wasn't a it wasn't i don't think it was a uh i mean the fact that i would point that as like when capitalism one just speaks to the fact that there was still contingency there there was still possibility so and when you consider what the situation was in russia where the likelihood of a fascist of a proto-fascist military reaction taking 0:42:4 power from the delegitimized central government was almost a foreign conclusion absent a communist revolution that they made the right call but uh it it failed the revolution failed to ignite and as a result that communist government in in russia is forced to compete on capitalism's terms on capitalism's economic terms in order to survive and that means and that's why i think let's call it here i'm going i won't say which book it is this week i'll i might tweet it out later i will i want to do uh 0:43:5 a book next about the german revolution there's a really good one that i've heard about don't remember that the author though uh it's like the classic text from like the uh because it was always supposed to be germany the place where the language and the and the where the development of capitalism was uh was most conforming to uh the marxist concept the way that it created a working class movement the 0:44:6 way that that working-class movement expressed itself politically and then when it didn't happen i really think that we're we we entered a new phase i i think that the cold war was was a war for resources uh between capitalism and all of the all everything that uh opposed it in one way or another uh and that war was much less was much less close that war was uh never really in doubt you can argue about some contingencies that if they go the other way things go differently but it's hard to it requires a lot more dice rolls going different ways than than any period uh during the 0:45:7 late during the po immediate post world war one era when i did see mortal kombat 0:46:22 uh the cgi blood actually didn't bother me as much as it usually does just because i mean it's \*\*\*\*\* mortal combat you know it's never it never looked realistic it was \*\*\*\*\* eight 16 bits or whatever uh and there was some cool violence like when the lady got cut in half with the hat that was pretty good kendo was honestly kind of uh kind of charming not gonna lie uh like he was doing banter but it was not soy maybe just because of all the \*\*\*\*\* all the swear words but it just it felt less uh cloying than whedon i will say though absolutely baffling how they structured it i guess this is an example of of the uh of the new normal of every film having to be the first in a franchise is that there literally isn't a goddamn tournament in it all 0:47:23 of the fights are the one side trying to kill the other guys before they can have the tournament factory movies are dead correct uh because i really do think that the

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concept of the film the theatrical feature film is determined by the context of uh  
uh seeing it in the theater i i don't think it's movies anymore if they don't go to  
theaters i've said that before i really think it's true we are not we now have like  
scorsese said we now have content and i don't think marvel destroyed them i think  
marvel is just the symptom of capitalism destroying them i mean i know that's a it's  
it's easy to say that because it's the answer to everything but you really do see as 0:48:26  
as uh money just swallows the industry the it changes the economies in such a way  
that that the amount of investment the amount of return on investment required  
is so astronomical that artistic considerations cannot be priced in not entirely but  
over time more and more and i mean people say marvel but you guys know what  
year iron man came out right who knows the year the first the first i know it was  
that's not like the effort the first official mcu or something that's i don't know but  
the the first one that like starts the thing was iron man 19 or 2008 anything else  
happened that year did anybody know us about anything else happen in 2008 that  
anybody remembers because remember the way that the uh 2008 collapse was uh  
responded to as opposed to the great depression which was responded to a huge uh 0:49:27  
increase in uh worker leverage direct employment massive increase in unionization  
uh and therefore purchasing power at the basic at the at the level of of the consumer  
through labor share of income how is it fixed in 2008 all of them they just took the  
governor off of money they decided money doesn't exist for banks they and of course  
money never existed it was always a fraud but it was a fraud that they all pretended  
to believe in to some degree or another and 2008 taught them oh okay never mind  
like we have reached the final stage here like there's nowhere else for this money to  
be invested in there's nowhere to profitably invest money apple is sitting on what 200  
billion dollars in in just dead capital that they that they aren't investing in anything 0:50:28  
there is nowhere for them to put it there is no i mean my god crypto is literally just  
running a \*\*\*\*\* uh car in the garage it's just doing the uh the externalities of an  
economy without any of the productive part but what that meant is that the the uh  
the cheapness of money at the top meant that it that changed the economics of all  
these industries and it made it so that so much money needed to become at the top  
end like disney that nothing but guaranteed products with built-in uh multi-year  
marketing structures could ever be worth the financial the initial investment and 0:51:29  
when iron man was a hit people wanted a superhero they wanted a hero they were  
holding out for a hero the model was born and now everything has been trying to be  
that ever since i mean my god they tried to turn the damn universal monsters into a  
frickin what is the productive part of crypto besides moving illegal uh \*\*\*\*\* around  
and evading taxes it's just cli it's just \*\*\*\*\* carbon emission it's strangling penguins  
every time you mine a crypto coin they shoot a \*\*\*\*\* penguin in the head that's it

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that really does to me sum it all up is that there is money has so far outpaced the real 0:52:32  
economy and real productivity uh and real scarcity like the reality of this is when you  
look at this insane system is that clearly through technology through the creation of  
systems of trade and exchange we have solved and uh and agriculture and we have  
solved scarcity but the only way to do that is to the only way to actually apply  
that is to take all of that uh all of that excess all of this productive capacity that  
is just taken and held and and move it back around and redistribute the technology  
uh and the mechanisms of exchange well and remove the profit engine we could do 0:53:33  
that that's possible like in terms of we have the there's nothing physically stopping  
us only our structures only are our embedded assumptions only the mechanisms of  
control but there is no uh it's so far past a real economy that the only new avenues of  
investment are ones where all you are doing is expect as the non-productive element  
of production the externalities of production because there has to be something it has  
to be measuring some activity but this is not the creation of value this is the creation  
of and so we're going to suffocate like someone turned on a car in a garage because  
there is nothing inside this system because the damages the hurt the exploitation the 0:54:37  
misery are always concentrated farthest from the points of power the closer you get  
to points of real leverage and power within this system the more insulated you are  
not just personally but psychologically from the reality of capitalism and of course at  
the very top you've got literal demons but you've got plenty of people who are for the  
most part human who are able to continue performing they're part of this like we all  
are because they have uh they really don't know what it is they they truly have had  
it abstracted away from them it means some it means the opposite to them of what  
it really is because we imbibe a culture where all of the misery and pain and horror  
of capitalism are turned into all of the good virtues uh and values and all that is 0:55:40  
good so of course living in that breathing that vapor we we will continue to carry the  
system out until it's too late until we're at the other side of the bayonet until we're  
on the other side of the cage but by then there will be no way for us to stop because  
we're outside of it and once you're outside of it you can be and will be annihilated  
because you don't have the proximity to the technology someone says crypto isn't all  
mining it's three coins that do that you mean the three ones that people have and if  
there's ones that don't use uh mining fine that's good but is that where the money is 0:56:45  
it's very interesting though to me that bitcoin has a finite limit to how much could  
be produced right it's 90 someone says it's 90 mined and of course what happens  
presumably i i'm assuming once it hits a hundred can somebody who knows more  
about uh crypto explain this to me like the v it has to go to zero and if that's true  
it's very interesting because it shows the way that libertarianism uh is is is delusion  
is a is a self is a self-conscious self delusion because you create this thing right this

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new new money it's better than old money it's it's superior to old money it's got  
real value and you still even though you believe in an economy capitalism that is 0:57:46  
dependent upon endless growth continual and endless growth that's the necessary  
condition for capitalism which is why america is just uh your ideal currency has a  
\*\*\*\*\* there but that's because actual currency not legal tender fiat currency is at  
the end of the day actually enforced by uh the system that produces its viability  
the the the uh the technological and social capacity of the state that's what actually 0:58:48  
undergirds currency and that is that exists as long as the state exists or to the degree  
that the state exists but because the the libertarian crypto people don't believe in  
the state they have this hard wall and then what happens when you hit it oh we'll  
figure it out because the assumption is always because well because the reality is  
this is never meant to be a currency and its value isn't as a currency is as purely  
as a speculative \*\*\*\*\* investment and that means yeah at the end of the rainbow  
when the \*\*\*\*\* thing hits 100 there'll be something else the good old state with its  
old fiat currency which we've been actually converting this to the whole time uh is 1:0:15  
gonna be there to pick it up to have another con for us if you if somebody makes  
a cryptocurrency that is an actual stable source of value and not speculative and  
that allows for transactions outside of uh state control that'd be great and doesn't  
involve just spewing \*\*\*\*\* carbon in the atmosphere that's fine that'd be great are  
there any of those i'll have some but i mean i don't really need any because i don't  
need to subvert seems like google and amazon are getting away with a lot more  
planetary destruction than crypto but no one gives a \*\*\*\*\* well i mean nobody gives  
a \*\*\*\*\* about any of this who are you talking about like 90 of people of descriptions  
it's amazing i wouldn't say 90 i guess but it's amazing the number of debates uh  
online about politics that boil down to why do you care so much about x and not 1:1:17  
y when the reality is it's just what they want to emphasize at any given moment  
for an emotional high point to an argument they're making to avoid having to deal  
with their existence \*\*\*\*\* like we've we we're bothered by this stuff that's real we're  
bothered by it but it's it's like the grit that we kind of have to chew on to like make  
our guts work you know how like there are some animals that like eat rocks to put in  
their stomach like chickens i think the rocks to put in their stomach so they can grind  
up against the food that they consume that's what our our concern our care about  
any of these issues boils down to is it's it's grist and like even the anxiety and and 1:2:20  
guilt that is produced by group by chewing on it is uh in some sense psychologically  
satisfying because it propels us into rituals of uh absolution that then make us feel  
cleansed if only for a moment and it's the seeking of that cleanliness and that's the  
cycle of feeling implicated and uh and soiled and then seeking a uh a baptism and  
again there's no buddy to blame for any of that no one is wrong or evil for making

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these choices we are all just trying to uh live from day to day as no humans ever have as as and we are just trying to make sense of a world that has at every since 1:3:23  
our most of us if we're listening this since we were uh conscious has uh existed solely  
to atomize us to convince us of the immovable deadness the the centrality of our  
own pleasure as the only antidote to that as the only uh as the only goal to seek in  
this dead \*\*\*\*\* landscape and then try to make sense of the world that we live in  
and of course this is what we're going to do but these atoms that are banging off  
of each other you know eventually some of them are going to hit in a way that was 1:4:24  
unanticipated and explosions are going to occur whether they're sufficient whether  
they happen in time is a different question but whether there's going to be something  
for people to do at any given moment that might help lead us closer to that point uh  
is also very true there is there is always as long as there are humans there is there  
is hope it's because we all have the ability to transcend our understanding of the  
world it happens all the time we've either experienced it or we've seen it in others  
where people come to an understanding that changes their relationship to the world  
around them to the people around them changes their values and therefore changes  
the trajectory of their life and that is where free will resides is in the the possibility  
that we have at any given moment but what does that is emotion what does that is 1:5:27  
a feeling in a moment is a contextualized experience that opens a new path it cannot  
be reasoned to it can be reasoned towards but the actual catalyst can only occur free  
will resides in the balls all right folks bye-bye

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### *Noid Pasaran*

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blew out the chicken man in philly last night they blew up down on the boardwalk they're looking for a fight trouble busting in from out of state be a rumble on the promenade and the gambling commission is hanging on by the skin of his teeth anything i got a job put some money away but i got the kind of deaths no honest man can pay so i drowned all i have from the central trust i bought us two tickets everybody's giving me business about my background what would you want right behind me here i'm afraid i'm not an interior decorator what kind of art what would you like to see behind me i'm going to do a little uh i don't know there's something about the blankness of it i kind of like like we're talking here right we're like we're we're spinning things out of nothingness concepts and ideas we're bouncing them around it's it's a it's a fragile moment in time and that background is sort of the the palette you know if there's something there it seems like it's too over determined you know like it it it shapes subconsciously for the person watching it what they're going to be responding to and i don't know if i like that i kind of like the idea that's just empty i mean i gotta say the options i'm seeing here in the list are a little try hard soviet soviet flag really really have you not gotten anything out of these talking about the funkopops you know what i should do i should nail a bunch of dvd covers for kids movies like from the uh elizabeth warren uh barber shop if anyone remembers that one of the funniest bits of fake campaign shenanigans ever if anyone doesn't remember this during the uh there was an attempt to create a elizabeth warren barber shop where they showed a bunch of black dudes hanging around in a what was clearly a recently rented office space and to make it appear more authentic they hung a bunch of dvd covers dvd covers like peter rabbit the the \*\*\*\*\* cgi movie uh honestly if it was going to be anything it would be you know some cosmic \*\*\*\*\* you know like a a weed alien you know or yeah like a franz fazetta thing something kind of cosmic nothing too not grounded or political because that's not really all right so i'm settling on a book to do starting next not next wednesday the wednesday after that uh for a book club about the german revolution and i think i'm gonna go with at least the beginning i just gotta make sure it's available because okay you

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can rent it you can rent kindles wow weird uh maybe we'll do like the first quarter of it or something uh the weimar republic by eberhard kolb and uh we'll like we did with reconstruction we'll go through another pivotal turning point that didn't turn to explain how we got where we are because i really do feel that we can only understand our moment if we understand it as one of capital triumph of the defeat of of socialism as a challenge to capitalism now that doesn't mean that we're doomed it doesn't mean we have nothing to do it just means that our uh the the concepts that we have inherited from the left uh tradition need to be re-examined in a way that we really aren't doing instead what we tend to do is fetishize uh what in retrospect are are a lot of movements that were always circumscribed by the failure uh to achieve the kind of critical mass necessary to challenge capitalism but that'll be fun we'll talk about uh we'll talk about the sdp it is amazing to think that in the country where socialism was always supposed to emerge and meaning the place where the culture the balance the cultural national uh and economic balance of capitalism sustained exactly the sort of uh counter-hegemonic socialist uh milieu that marx predicted was in the end bourgeoisie out of revolutionary potential before the radical moment occurred and you know if it's interesting enough we might read the whole thing we'll see because the weimar the entire weimar republic is of course a fascinating period and and uh i i mean i don't i don't really think it's terribly um relevant to the current moment as we've discussed many times but i think it is relevant to why we're at the moment we are meaning we have the ingredients for a socialist response to the crisis of capitalism uh that emerged in europe in the early 20th century that failed it failed and and say since the father soviet union we have been living in a in the uh in the world the capital and that means looking at how we got here and it means looking at as i've become more and more fixated on recently contingency because that's the only thing that can rescue us from the horror at the end of history because that is the real joke of fukiyama you know people made fun of people made fun of fukuyama for 20 years after 9 11 happened oh lol history ended considering what fukiyama meant by that he was basically correct because we might have things like islamic terrorism and and uh you know crisis is emerging uh uh and a continual uh conflicts within and between systems and societies in america in the world but they're all totalized within capitalism like we are there there is no more uh conflict between uh social orders there's no more conflict between something other than capitalism whatever it might be uh communism or or pre-capitalist social orders that resisted capitalism being imposed on it defeated but capitalism as marx knew uh unchecked will still at some point reach a point of critical and unresolvable crisis because of the contradictions contained within it whether or not socialism as it was understood uh in the 19th and 20th century can challenge it it still has a crisis within itself that has

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to be chap has to be confronted i mean it's it's all of our duties as human beings to confront the crisis that we see around us and that make up and the thing about that cold war with china is i'm sorry china is not an alternative to capitalism you might it might be an alternative it might be an alternative state structure and i would i would agree that it has that uh that chinese capitalism is a uh more socialized i 0:11:35 guess or coordinated restrained whatever you want to call it version of capitalism uh but its essential engine is the same and the process and you could really say that like what distinguishes it from from our like capitalism the conflict between china and amer anglo-america really is a snake it's the snake eating its own tail it's the most advanced end of capitalism smack dab running into the tail end the most recent formation of capitalism uh on literally the other side of the world from where it was and so i really do think you either get con you either get apocalyptic confrontation 0:12:36 if and that's that would be determined more by resources than anything more by external and exogenous crises created by things like uh global warming and you know uh conflict over real like real conflict over resources uh or it'll be some sort of merger it'll be some sort of leveraged buyout because within those systems there's nothing within any of them but the thing that we can really take is solace first is that we're all going to die everybody's gonna die so all the really horrible stuff you're worried about imagining happening the real monstrosities you're not gonna see them you're gonna die before that and even the people who have to live in those horrible worlds they're gonna die too and that's not the worst thing in the world we've made it the 0:13:37 worst thing in the and the world will continue the worlds will continue the the the eternal universe the the the self-conscious mind that is the universe will still persist and and on the land on on land somewhere there will be some conscious beings who are able to bring together and synthesize the strands of history to to to transcend what seems to be the intractable why would you rather your species lives on you wha why be speciesist like we are we have like humans obviously we talk about like species 0:14:39 being and all that but like that really is only one level of a process like coming into awareness of humanity as like a collective organism is really just one stage because that distinction between human and non-human is also as arbitrary as the distinction between an individual person and i mean when i really get when i really get shoed up i think about the fact that you know time moves both backwards and forwards and the very fact that we're all here that there is a thing that we're experiencing means that somewhere someplace at some time in some part of the universe some 0:15:40 collective so what's happening with aaron rodgers i've stopped caring about football for a long time i really just was rooting for aaron rodgers to get another super bowl because i think he's really it's really funny i i actually used to be as a high schooler i was super super super super super into football uh it was an unhealthy thing you know

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i was i was a loser i was i was relatively friendless but i lived in wisconsin and uh football was a was a ritual of of catharsis that i could engage in uh i when i was a kid i saw the super bowl where the i saw the packers win a super bowl and that was 0:16:41  
i thought oh my god i'll never get happier than this but then the next year uh well when they went back to play the broncos i watched that super bowl i watched the super bowl they won uh i saw that in a basement with the friends i did have had a great time i was very excited uh thought it was amazing next year i was in a hospital bed uh with my folks watching it on a tv because i had to have surgery on my spine the next day and i watched them lose and i just couldn't care it was like it just i could not invest any kind of emotional energy into it and i think that experience kind of broke me when it came to football later on i did end up having a weird fixation 0:17:44  
but uh but i could never really get back into the packers and when they won the super bowl against the steelers it was just like hey cool i didn't really care that much but i do honestly more than anything i would like aaron rodgers to get uh what is get his real wish and become jeopardy host he should just i only watch soccer at the world cup single the elimination format the nationalism somebody says you should 0:18:51  
host jeopardy uh i mean they won't even they wouldn't i have i've auditioned for jeopardy three times and i made it to the audition round where like they talk to you and you do the fake game and like you give them your photograph and they give you your phone number and everything three times i have been pre covered i was a big 0:20:6  
bar i would never call it a pub quiz because i'm not pretending to be english nothing lower than an american who uses british slang just no thank you somebody's mom is mad at me for some reason i don't know what somebody asked the trip my our bar trivia name when i lived in milwaukee we had a team that won dominated every every play every time we played it at this one bar and we were called the hezbollahs my opinion on cajuns how why would i have an opinion on a a rel any an ethnic or 0:21:11  
or linguistic group that's like isn't that like 19th century \*\*\*\*\* like what is your like oh yes they're they're they're a cleric people uh the their tropic blood uh they seem like they have a good time i'll say that with the zydeco music and the and the gumbo seems to be at a good time you get you go down there you get that you get that good gumbo oh yeah you get that rule you pull you guys i will say that new orleans is is yeah one of the only american cities with its i mean it is astounding when you if you live in america and you visit our cities how similar they are they really do have at this point us template like they really did just start spamming like williamsburg at most 0:22:12  
mid-sized american cities new orleans is i do love that uh that louisiana apparently their like civic code is based on the code napoleon and not common law seattle's i mean seattle's fine the thing is a lot of american cities have gorgeous surroundings like have they have beautiful natural environments and some of them have interesting

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architecture but for the most part they're like the stuff in them is is very like it's from 0:23:15  
a box and i'd say like at this point seattle definitely is like that you know because  
the tech money tech like tech money is colonizing urban areas because it's the only  
money there is thank you just exists to do things like uh like dominate urban spaces  
it's not actually productive which is the like i said in the last stream the real the real  
sign that you know as as totalizing in the as the system appears something on the  
horizon either horrifying or liberatory or most likely a combination of both is on the  
horizon because there is nowhere to put there's nowhere to get profit there's nowhere  
to get profit in the system which was what marx predicted what happened but what  
we don't have is a working class mobilized to take the productive forces created by 0:24:19  
capitalism you know it's a good historic speaking of new orleans though you know  
what's a good uh alternate history idea is after napoleon was uh defeated he was  
offered asylum in uh new orleans and he said he decided to say he decided to not do  
it and i always wondered like what if napoleon comes to the u.s like how much of  
a headache would that have been for the american government but you know he he  
had his \*\*\*\*\* chance he had his chance he could have allied with toussaint and he  
\*\*\*\*\* it up yeah uh what if napoleon moves the united states another good one what 0:25:26  
if marx moves to the united states because marx and engels wanted to go to texas  
after the 48 revolution and it's not even like marx decided not to go he needed uh  
because he was in exile from prussian authorities and they denied his uh submission  
for a passport the hor the thing that i like that seems like it might be cool but like  
i imagine him getting \*\*\*\*\* hung by the confederates like a bunch of the other uh  
german uh unionists at the beginning of the war is this making a bunch of noise are 0:26:29  
people having like are people having issues because this is going by the by this the  
thing nobody the guy didn't tell me why his mom's mad at me by the way i want to  
know if you're still in here please tell me i can't believe andrew yang is gonna be the  
next mayor of new york that's so perfect it really it does show that we've reached 0:27:30  
just total critical exhaustion and there's a civil war shooter wait a minute so like  
first person like you got a musket and then and then you shoot it again like call of  
duty that seems like the single worst way to do civil war combat in a video game so  
you're just like a private or are you like are you organizing at like what at like the  
the company level or the regimental level what is it because i think a game a game 0:28:31  
from like the of a civil war game from the position of like a captain or a kernel of a  
regiment i think could be interesting because it seems like that is like the level of size  
of of unit for that war that would be the most interesting to deal with like if it's too  
big then you know you might as well be playing uh uh you know any other of those  
big strategy games but too small and it's like what the \*\*\*\*\* are you even doing i  
always \*\*\*\*\* because i've i've tried to play those civil war games where you're like

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clicking on the units and moving them and it feels a little cold i feel like like like a regimental or company would be a better better unit to bet to fight from but who am i kidding i'm not going to play any i've never really found a video game style that i've really enjoyed like i uh shooters to me are either uh too chaotic or tedious uh the like even the board game click it's weird i just it's not it's like it's a it's at this point it is a universal pastime for people but i just have never been able to find one that made me want yeah i mean twitter is my game twitter is the video game i play although i gotta say i'm on it much less i know i told people to tell me to log off and i i haven't completely but i don't tweet nearly as much as i used to i don't get the endorphins anymore i do scroll more than i wish i did but part of that is just i do feel this weird frankly i mean you know it is a professional obligation to sort of swish through the the the currents although you know it's also just it's at this point an ingrained but yeah like i've even lost like the gamification part of twitter i'm not even really even gamifying it anymore because i'm no longer you know doing the uh the subconsciously i don't know someone's asking about pre-history i wish i knew more i'm going to start listening to the patrick wyman series that he's doing on tides of history do i think it's possible for biden to be primary i mean it's possible and that someone could primary him obviously but you mean he could be defeated for the nomination obviously no uh could it be like a productive use of time i also kind of doubt i think national politics is done for and i know some people are mad at me for saying that because well you guys cared so much about it and it's like yeah we thought things were one way and then as marlowe pointed out uh they're another way and we've been having to deal with the reality of that and that we all have to deal with that we all have to deal with the world of we understand it not conforming to our understanding and our expectation of it and i think with a lot of people who who hold on to partisan politics who decide we're gonna that uh we're gonna like stake out the traitors who who let us down this pat path or we're going to uh own our our enemies by rooting for the republicans instead are people who just can't give up on the idea that there is something meaningful there is some agency to engaging in in electoral politics and like retrospectively i now realize that a lot of what we thought mattered didn't matter but we had to learn we had to learn and i think that is one of the big uh unexamined blind spots of a lot of radical leftists is that they uh demand that people accept their maximalist positions on the need for revolution on this uh strength of their argument for them but arguments aren't what make people believe things arguments are not what make people believe things experience is what makes people believe things and so somebody tells you what are you bothering with electoral politics for you should be picking up a gun well first of all you're not picking up a gun second of all i might die why would i want to

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do that i could vote instead they have you have to experience it you have to try  
and the alamo nervous flies at dusk indeed the stuff with the pro act and the fact 0:35:42  
that you got mansion on board and biden supporting it it's interesting it's certainly  
more than obama did with card check in 2008 where he said during the campaign  
i'll support it and then they just let it die without really any kind of fun fair in the  
senate and now they're saying now you got buying supporting pro act i mean what  
is the difference there the difference one of the big differences is that obama had 60  
votes in the senate and if he had made uh card check a priority uh it would have  
actually been something that might have passed here with a 50 50 senate and uh  
and the nice diffusion of responsibility between warner and uh kristen cinema and  
mark kelly you can have a guy like manchin who is taking heat for things like 15  
minimum wage come out in favor of the pro act with no expectation that it will  
pass like the real problem is that there is no there is no mechanism to compel these 0:36:46  
so they're only going to pass the pro act if they find it in their interest to and as  
currently constructed there's no way that i see the democratic party imagining its  
interest to be the passage of the pro act because at this point it is far more captured  
by business interests than it is by uh organized labor which is of course you know a  
shadow of its former self and and yes the pro act could change that but it does it  
it hasn't changed it yet there isn't the influence yet i have someone asked weirdly 0:38:4  
if i've eaten alligator i had alligator at a state fair the wisconsin state fair i believe  
it was i have been to three state fairs i believe i've been to a number of wisconsin  
state fairs obviously the minnesota state fair and a couple years ago the iowa state  
fair they're always delightful uh dionysian rituals and yeah sometimes you can get  
exotic foods and i remember got some fried alligator i state fairs are not free to enter  
you this is interesting how can we be confident something historically contingent will 0:39:5  
emerge that we can plug into we can't be we can't be confident of anything we can't  
be confident of anything that is one thing that i become more and more convinced  
of as time passes is that absolutely uh dominated my mind for years and and really  
uh hindered me in a lot of ways and made me uh a frightened and uh and cowardly  
person was this fixation on on feeling confident about something about feeling like  
something was real before i took a step uh and i realized now hopefully not you know  
not too late because i'm still here that that we we have we can only have confidence  
in we can't have confidence in anything abstract confidence meaning like setting our 0:40:6  
course on its we can only have confidence in things and a lot of us i know i often  
get dominated by by and neurotic fixation on uh like the veracity of of institutions  
and concepts and persistent states that is irrelevant to it that are irrelevant to us uh  
and leave us unequipped to deal with the world in front of us because that that lack 0:41:7  
of that that anxiety about confidence that the anxiety about about the certainty of

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the persistence of things robs us of our uh of our focus and our and our ability to be present so i would say there is i have no confidence that something will emerge that we can latch on to but i do know i know from my life such contingency is possible that there is nothing else that i can wait for or rely on and that i have to operate day to day for the assumption that even if this thing won't materialize that i it is my duty to myself and to the world and to the people around me to be ready for 0:42:8  
it and then if it doesn't happen what if it doesn't happen is raleigh fingers best name for a pitcher that's a good question raleigh fingers is a good pitcher's name the brewers those early 80s brewers had a bunch of good pictures names pete vukovic was another great pitcher's name goose gossage very good catfish hunter vita blue 0:43:12  
oh my god that's such a good one not a huge fan of him but dennis eckersley has like a musicality to it that's really cool so this is the kind of baseball uh fan i was like when i was a little kid i didn't know how to play baseball i was very uncoordinated i was on a soft i was the second baseman on a softball team that lost every game it played but i had i was hugely uh well read on uh baseball history and facts and \*\*\*\*\* mordecai three finger brown god randy johnson randy johnson might be the 0:44:13  
best he's not he's not because pedro martinez is the greatest pure pitcher of all time in my opinion but randy johnson is probably the best doc ellis great name probably the best left-handed pitcher of all time and he's got one of the most like boring nolan ryan is honestly a great pitcher or a great name craig maddox is fine but come on randy \*\*\*\*\* johnson get out of here brett saberhagen oral hirschheiser bert blylevin bill spaceman lee bill lee isn't too good but you throw space man in there huh clayton kershaw isn't really like that cool of a name by itself but it is nice because it makes him seem like a civil war general ferguson jenkins yes very good madison bumgardner 0:45:16  
excellent grover cleveland alexander sandy koufax not bad some people are naming non-pitchers and just literally naming baseball players here but i don't know how you don't like i guess it's for nerds baseball's for nerds at the end of the day because it's got the most history it's got all the names it's just you can like swirl it around like a snifter of brandy but yes like as a thing to watch of course it's boring but that's the whole point is that you can watch it and be thinking about all this other stuff and the context makes it interesting ben sheets man the brewers really they never gave 0:46:20  
him a team worthy of his talent he was a he should have won at least one sai young but that was before people chief bender that's a good one dump oh man throwing me back to the to the 2010 brewers that was a hell of a team that was probably the last time i really cared about baseball was uh were those were those brewer joba 0:47:21  
chamberlain that's another good one juan marishall who famously uh went beast mode on a catcher when he was uh batting he he believed he thought that a catcher threw the ball back like nicked his ear and he just went insane and started hitting

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the wild it's funny the the dh debate has like super hyper partisans on both sides and 0:48:22  
it's honestly i can i honestly can see both sides of that because there is something  
elegant about the idea of a nine person team nine guys on the field nine buys bat  
but then there is something uh also i mean like the fact that you've got a guy like  
ohtani with the angels right he couldn't play for the national league and bat as much  
as he pitches the way that he can with the dh and like a guy a a two-way player like  
him there should be a mechanism to allow him to to do his thing and really the dh  
is the only thing that allows that to to happen i kind of like the idea of the fact that  
there's one one league with one and one or the other i i always thought that was kind  
of neat but what's ruined it is that they broke down the dividing line between the 0:49:23  
leagues when i was a kid the \*\*\*\*\* umpires had hats that said al or nl on them and  
they never played each other now they're all smushed together and eventually you're  
going to have a total by definition everything has to get squished squished together  
into one thing i mean if i had my way honestly people talk about like what to do with  
uh you know pace of play and and making it more interesting i think the way they're  
going is they're going to shorten the games they're going to shorten the season and  
they're going to extend the playoffs they're going to make it like basketball and you  
know that's inevitable there's no point arguing about it but if you're going to keep  
162 game season i really do think that with that many games played you should have  
as little postseason contingency as possible you have played 162 games you know who 0:50:26  
the best teams are so have the two best teams play no no play no playoffs at all like  
the old pennant days 162 games at the end of it the best record of the american  
league and the best record of the national league play a nine game world series that  
would be my preference but if they're gonna make it like a \*\*\*\*\* hundred game  
season or whatever and have half the teams and they're fine whatever but you have  
to short you have to short the season if you do that because it's absurd why are you  
playing 162 games why are you playing that many games because the whole point of  
that is to have the numbers like clear out the contingency and the randomness and  
show you the actual \*\*\*\*\* skill like like pan through the gold for the real \*\*\*\*\* and  
then okay now have them play having like three game season three uh game playoff  
seasons after 162 games to me is absurd because how that you don't know anything 0:51:29  
out of that it's it's totally random at yeah baseball has too many games for me to  
follow like basketball that is why if they're going to expand the playoffs they need to  
short in the regular season shorten the season extend the playoffs or leave the season  
the way it is and get rid of the playoffs those those are the two options as i see them  
of course i'm not totally unbiased here because in 2011 the brewers clearly the best  
team in the national league central by far were defeated by the \*\*\*\*\* what 90 win or  
something like that st louis cardinals in the playoffs and then they got to go to the

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\*\*\*\*\* world series where they also beat through flukes another superior team those 0:52:30  
\*\*\*\*\* the only real abiding emotion i have related to any sport isn't love for any  
team it is hatred for the cardinals like at this point i don't really even care about the  
brewers although i mean hell if they like really tore into it i would start caring again  
but all i really have is hatred for the cardinals then there's a book about a college  
football call to hate like this is to be happy forever and i do think that that gets it 0:53:31  
something very very important about sports which is that the hatred of the enemy is  
much more uh deeply felt than the love of of the team that you root for and i think  
that extends to a lot of talk about jesus talking about i would love to talk to david  
roth about baseball but i don't think anybody else knows anything no nobody else is  
a baseball fan on the show i have to say that uh to this day i'm proud of myself that 0:55:2  
in 2001 when the yankees were in the world series against the the absolutely flavorless  
uh expansion dog \*\*\*\*\* diamondbacks and like america was rooting for the yankees  
after 9 11. uh i was absolutely rooting for the \*\*\*\*\* diamondbacks and i was when  
craig council uh won that game i was out of my chair because \*\*\*\*\* the yankees  
forever all right gonzalez what did council was there though right was council the  
run can't remember all i know is i was happy yeah he scored the one for the marlins 0:56:5  
and the diamondbacks two dog ship now the one sport i would like to watch but i  
can't because there's no american version is probably rugby because at this point and  
football is just except for you know the playoffs and \*\*\*\*\* it just there's it's too it's  
too glacial it's amazing how people talk about how baseball's boring and then that's 0:57:19  
a question with an easy one uh unarguable answer major league well there's a red fire  
burning on the kaiahoga river rolling into cleveland to the lake that was shot at uh  
old the lord can make you tumble the lord can make you turn the lord can make you  
overflow it's funny uh i remember reading moneyball and be devouring it and feeling 0:58:21  
like oh my god this is amazing but you look back on it now and it's just another brick  
in the wall of turning everybody uh who watches the game into into management  
it turns and and you know that's not just the fault of statistic of sabermetrics and  
all that but the instinctual side the instinctual uh sports fan uh identification in the  
inherently um conflictual relationship between players and owners is always owners  
it's always going to be owners because has anyone ever told me i look like philip 0:59:23  
seymour hoffman we did a live show in la uh two years ago i think it was that i uh  
it was at a church it was at a church that was being renovating and to pay for the  
renovation they had were having uh public they were having events you know and so  
they were getting a share they were getting like a fee for for hosting events so we did  
this show in this church and everyone was at pews and apparently people who were  
there said the sound was absolutely dog \*\*\*\*\* nobody could hear us but the tickets  
were cheap um and afterwards the wife of the deacon who had helped us set up

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stopped me on the stairs as we were leaving the church and said you know you look just like that philip seymour she was like 55 years old you look just like that philip seymour hoffman he was still alive at that point so thank you very much for the he 1:0:25 because she thought you meant dead you looked dead or maybe he was dead \*\*\*\*\* maybe she 2014 so he was dead by then all right she was owning me congratulations she was owning the \*\*\*\*\* out of me \*\*\*\*\* well congratulations i got owned now i won't do any heroin not a fan of any opiates never been no thank you psychedelics yes of course crucial part of a balanced diet uh no no no opiates for me ketamine is 1:1:26 a psychedelic i would say or dissociative whatever you want to call i've never huffed gas like philip seymour hoffman in love lies i know i mean i've obviously you know smelled gas when i was pumping it and been like i've never done the isolation tank the john lily thing and i kind of want to one of these days i'm going to get i'm i mean 1:2:41 of course i go on joe rogan obviously why would i want to talk to 10 million you go in there and you just get to like \*\*\*\*\* play-doh their brains like \*\*\*\*\* carl spackler caddyshack with the plastic explosive of course i oh the snortable weed all right i'm 1:3:44 gonna go in a second this is the last thing i'll talk about i just saw that yesterday the thing about the snorty snortable weed and that is absolutely fascinating to me so presumably this is people who want to feel something edgy about doing doing weed now that we weed is uh been domesticated and so the way that they've decided to do that is to i don't know what kind of what it would give you yeah like are you gonna start like boiling weed over a spoon and then like injecting dabs like at a certain point you just have to accept okay weed is uh is normie \*\*\*\*\* now weed is basically budweiser then do it if you don't don't maybe now you just have to confront that 1:4:46 your subcultural relationship to it can't persist but some people say no no no no no no no no confront the the the uh confront what goes into my preferences and like maybe tease out what i really am going for here no no no no no i would much much rather uh just pretend and bang out some \*\*\*\*\* uh some rails of you got to imagine that a lot of like uh moms who got made fun of for saying things like are you snorting weed can now vindicate be vindicated and say if somebody offered it to me i would try it though of course just to see what the \*\*\*\*\* that what would that do like is it an instantaneous thing is it like an edible one i mean presumably like because it's 1:5:48 right there it would like hit your brain very quickly i don't know i don't know i'm not buying any though yeah weed suppositories that's next stuff it up your ass you gotta figure that the time release okay so see you guys next week and then i think the next week the week after next week i'll try to do once again i don't know what the assignment will be because i haven't really looked at the book yet i'll put it on twitter probably week after next week we'll i'll start talking about the beginning of uh kobe's book the weimar republic and we'll figure out hey what the hell is going

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on with uh those guys you have this huge robust self-uh organized labor movement 1:6:51  
and you've got uh this crisis here at the end of world war one wha wha wha what  
happened and we'll find out or we'll at least try to figure it out at least what we'll  
try to do is tell a story that can be useful because that's all we can ever really do  
we're not going to \*\*\*\*\* know anything we can never know anything we can tell  
stories to ourselves that have use all right bye

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yeah i am the one exterminating son half of africa in the world through the ditches and to the riches and drive in the back you love burn through the \*\*\*\*\* and pile through the wizards and slap in the back of the dragula yeah \*\*Music playing\*\* is \*\*Music playing\*\* is \*\*Music playing\*\* love oh man a computer being very annoying 0:1:7  
right now there we go send tweet send come on get down with the sickness you \*\*\*\*\* 0:2:11  
get up come on get down with the sickness you \*\*\*\*\* get up come on get down with the sickness open up your head and let it flow into me sickness \*\*Music playing\*\*  
does anyone remember richard cheese i don't remember when the funniest thing you could do was a lounge cover of a wrap or a new metal or old metal type song it was 0:3:14  
a great time yo melinda hit my line melinda hit my line hell bill hit my line that's a lot of money i mean i know what i would want to do with it mostly incredible pranks just like next level pranks like \*\*\*\*\* with entire like towns realities doing sort of uh gorilla truman shows on not a person but on an entire area like overnight four in the morning you \*\*\*\*\* put the dome from under the dome or the simpsons movie over a small town and then you film what happens that's what you could do with bill or melinda so i'm kind of getting back a little bit to talking a little broad theory stuff here because i'm trying to work things out for projects and for you know my own understanding and i really do feel like the best format i have found for kind of 0:4:17  
getting things clear to myself as a first pass is by coming on here and talking so i realized that a lot of what i might say coming up here is just kind of tautological like it doesn't really actually explain anything it's not meaningful that it's kind of just a descriptive paradigm uh and if that's the case that's fine but it's a useful paradigm i think for me in contextualizing you know the big questions which any kind of uh theory is supposed to deal with which is you know how do i respond to the world around me like that's really the point is you're supposed to know how am i supposed to respond to the world around me and i feel like this this is sort of a framework that uh hell should seems like it might be able to help me with that and i don't so i want 0:5:18  
to talk today about the role that belief faith has not not on the left not in socialism but in capitalism and in fact under all systems of uh of hierarchy and civilization

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that we've ever had so what compels people to participate in an exploitative social arrangement is not mere force right it is social coercion through hegemonic concepts and what that means is belief what that means is that you choose to do things because you believe certain things about the world you what i mean i mean by belief is you are acting on faith on the assumption that a fictive thing will persist that a fictive notion and throughout human history what that fictive notion man included 0:6:23 a whole bunch of things that were all socially related to one another the individual is one of them and that's important to note that the individual is the first fiction it's the first fake thing we believe in is the idea that there is a a persistent coherent individual identity traveling through time and that is the first fiction now how much we believe in that and how we uh relate to that concept is determined by our social around surroundings and the social the nature of our social the social life and so that means that for most of human history the self was only one of was one of many things that we all believed in god as a as a personalized concept is something a lot of 0:7:24 us believe for a long time uh the the idea that there is a supernatural transcendent element to the world that can't be uh perceived not rationally but emotionally uh is something that makes people go along with uh machineries of of oppression but also production also you know all the good things that we get out of society all the stuff that allows us to thrive a lot all the stuff that allows our individuality and the uh people around us that we have emotional relationships to and so one of the things we believe in is that the structures around us serve that purpose and our willingness to go along is determined by our degree of belief now a lot of that belief if we're at the top end of the distribution of resources and pain like the least amount 0:8:25 of pain the most amount of resources believing in it is very easy because it gives us all benefit if we're on the \*\*\*\*\* end of the stick believing it is harder and when you're in the middle of course you're in the perilous precarious zone where uh we're believing it is a daily struggle but that material part is only only part of it there is a a mental structure a notion of the world in your head that validates the system that you live under and the the history of the collapse of social systems is partially the story of belief collapsing belief in the uh the legitimacy of these systems because the legitimacy of the systems comes in contact with our other uh the other fictions that we believe in like the self like uh our religious concepts whatever cosmology 0:9:27 that we've we've uh created to determine right from wrong to determine to to to rank uh experiences from preferable to to avoidable and when those come in conflict conflict our belief in that uh leaves a hole which causes our willingness to invest in the system uh to reduce and a vicious cycle that ends up seeing energy directed outward seeing the system collapse and seeing new new ideas and new structures emerge with new validations and new fictions that everybody uh can agree on or at least can

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over time be sort of colonized into believing it and that's that's throughout history but then when you get to capitalism and the individual then when you get to the modern era you have for over time what has happened is that those other things that are in there in the social world in the social fiction alongside the self the individual they go away and the process of capitalism is the process of those things going away faster and faster as market relationships overall the the uh social and as that and as our lives become more and more isolated thanks to technology of separation and uh and so while the beginning uh in the beginning of capitalism is of course with the primacy of the individual and by now we've reached a critical point where uh the only thing we have left to believe in is the self and that the crisis of liberal capitalism or liberal capitalism in america you know it's it's unequal in a combined development i'm talking about where i'm from what i'm used to this this end stage system that we're finding ourselves in this decadent western uh hegemony that seems to be losing its stamina and reason for being and the reason for that is that once the once the when the individual and capitalism emerge as the primary notions they're intertwined because if the individual is the only thing that you can believe in then the only way that the individual can thrive is in a system defined by uh market transactions between strangers because it's the only thing that doesn't require some sort of trust some sort of bond beyond uh recognition of like someone in a similar right category of human humanity or whatever or citizenship and absent that uh feeling of connection it has to be a transaction that's the only relationship that can be registered as uh not dangerous because it's supported by the state because it's it's validated by force that's transcended from any of the individuals within it and so that that reality creates a belief in capitalism but here's the important distinction we start believing in capitalism once it emerges from an individual perspective not as the validator of a system we believe in capitalism for the utilitarian observation that it allows for the individual to be uh to be actualized and so belief in capitalism which exists and which undergirds the entire system from a social point of view is dependent upon a belief in the result in if i agree with this framework if i agree with this uh this political economic arrangement then i will be able to thrive and the reason that america was sort of able to conquer the world is because it was able to take capitalism and apply it to a massive swath of despoilable and uh uh alienatable resources to a greater and greater circle of people within the the definition of citizenship and therefore bolster faith belief in the system because it gets results it's a cargo called it gets results why how no one really knows but it gets results and it's the and i think our current crisis is the totalization of disenchantment nobody at any point get of uh participation in american capitalism believes in it anymore they don't believe that the system can give them consistent results now that doesn't mean that they don't

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believe in an abstract notion of the market no because many of them identify their individuality with that market what they disbelieve in is the notion of uh of the of the democrat the liberal democratic model liberal smart small l liberal democratic model of participatory democracy delivering capitalist uh uh outcomes now of course that's not the case but they don't they reject that they have a false understanding of that that's part of but every strata of american society is being confronted with the fact that they can't get what they uh have been promised from capitalism now at the poor end what that leads to is a disengagement from trying uh people in uh the \*\*\*\*\* uh people in school reform love to talk about grit they love to talk about the difference between a kid who succeeds in a bad school with a with a uh a dominantly mobile social milieu and one who doesn't is grit and what that they mean by that is a willingness to to stick with things and i think that what you see at the bottom end of the distribution of resources in in twilight america is a recognition that there's no reason to try because there is no reason to believe that there will be an outcome that uh values that effort so why try and so that leads to paralysis stagnation deaths of despair drugs not all those things in the middle strata it leads to people losing their commitment to the political uh uh framework of liberal democracy one way or the other a willingness to try to accommodate a broad uh uh political milieu because they think that's the thing that's caught that's there there's no reason to believe in the system because it cannot provide the political outcomes that they expect and so that's how you get uh politics dividing broadly into uh \*\*\*\*\* your feelings fascist conservatism in terms of its emotional valence i mean it's not fascism but like a a and exterminate the brutes \*\*\*\*\* your feelings rejection of of the commons on the on the right and then kill the hicks uh uh because they've both given up on the project and then in the at the top in the political class and then in the like the real ruling class of finance and \*\*\*\*\* and and silicon valley you have a disenchantment because at the top of capitalism as capitalism accelerates and as the secular stagnation persists and as the decree of the the rate of profit continues to decline there's less and less uh given the system for discretion uh by managers both in the political and in the business sphere what power is defined as is discretion the ability to choose to do one thing and not another thing and that really is a luxury of the human pilots of capitalism to get to imagine themselves exercising power by making choices and those choices have effects and they go down through the system and they shape its direction but in a narrow band and over time as capitalism maintain continues its its totalizing force eventually that that range of uh discretion of rule of power is shrunk until you don't get to make choices anymore and so there's no reason to invest in the game of power except for the most very narrow personal uh reasons like you can't even believe this \*\*\*\*\* i truly believe that our political elites until very

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recently believed a lot of the horseshit about america they believed it at a visceral level because they were part of a system that rewarded their effort that rewarded their power and discretion by changing and moving at their at their command now they are feeling more and more as though they are instruments of something beyond themselves and so that makes them less uh invested in anything other than the most narrow because this is the real kick to the dick of the whole thing is that in previous societies and social orders this decline of belief in the ruling elite ruling ideology and the ruling structures might well lead to people trying to find something else some other forms of power emerging and of course you know they're going to have their own hierarchy but they're going to move things along dialectically we are now at a point where people have for stopped believing in the system as such and they're blaming somebody for it you know if it's q anon if it's online communists if it's uh uh uh woke people freaking out about white supremacy uh if it's liberals worrying about russia everyone believes that the experiment is failing and that they don't and they believe that effort will be uh rewarded with anything so that cheating and uh and disengagement are the only rational things because this of the totalizing nature of capitalism that disenchantment is only going is only recuperated by itself by the self we used to believe in a system as a delivery mechanism for the self so that we could plan a life around engagement with the system now all we have left is ourselves and so we are thinking becomes incredibly short term because we know we don't know that tomorrow any of the systems that we have today are going to give us anything but we do know what we want we think we know what we want in the moment and we know we think we know how we might go about getting it and so we engage with the world to get that narrow quick soothing boost of that that dopamine hit that serotonin bump whatever it is that gets us through the day and capitalism because at this point so much of its mechanisms are now technological and don't even require us to engage with them or believe in them because they operate independently are still churning and producing pleasures and producing distractions for us to engage with and to gain the system to and so there is no next step there there is no counter form there's no uh there's no antithesis developing to this we are only turning into uh self into self self uh pleasure seeking machines which is exactly what the \*\*\*\*\* machinery of technol of uh capitalism wants if we're only self-seeking if we're only seeking closest pleasure to ourselves we have no belief in any social fiction beyond our the reality of our ego then the technological uh mechanisms of capitalism can lead us around by that oh we know what you like we have the algorithm we know what's pleasure for you we know what's pain we can threaten you with one and offer you the other and even though we never have to really give you anything we can and so and so instead of us getting uh any kind of class consciousness or species

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being awareness what's coming to self-awareness is the \*\*\*\*\* money what's coming to self-awareness is the \*\*\*\*\* algorithm we are becoming and that's why the only antidote to this the real antithesis that will develop will have to be have to begin with 0:23:51  
a revolution in belief a breaking of the solipsistic cycle where our disenchantment with the the horrible brutality and unfairness of the system that we live in leads us only to further reify our own egos and try to a a transcendence of that cycle where we are connecting ourselves emotionally we are believing in as in stuff that we can't know we are believing in a solidarity with other people and finding that our actions in accordance with solidarity feel both selfish they feel like they're for our own good but not in the destructive selfish way that our uh individual pursuits are we still do it not because we want to be good not because we have the the uh 0:24:54  
puritan american superego slapping us in the ass saying no you have to be a good person which is currently what drives a lot of people to be on the left right now it will be a actual felt emotional uh commonality of so like i said i don't know if that's actually like means anything you know but i do think that it does if you use think of it that way it helps you understand uh exactly what the stakes are with a lot of these uh questions the political questions we we deal with we think we're looking at a political contest but we're really a meaningful political contest but we're really looking at a cultural ritual of self-affirmation today uh the other the other day there was the cia woke uh recruitment video and of course it caused a huge uh torrent of 0:25:55  
discussion about what does this say about the left and liberalism and all this stuff and people say this proves that the left is culturally hegemonic and and what does that mean and are they not and i would say and then people argue at the point of is i would say that i don't think you can look at the vocabularies used by power the vocabulary is used in media and say that uh that in the constant cultural uh like dialogue between acceptable and unacceptable principles between virtuous and and uh and villainous ideas that broadly the left is the center of the terms in culture but that doesn't mean what people want it to mean or what they think it means when 0:26:56  
they talk about power because while this is political it is political in the sense that all culture is political all politics is culture and neither one of them are connected to power anymore that is the thing all of this left right conflict is happening detached from power power is being executed by the algorithm behind the scenes the constant whirring buzzing crunching machine sound you hear is the conveyor belt moving without anyone holding the \*\*\*\*\* gears anyone tending to any of it what we're all doing instead is arguing about a political space and with political terms around a political spectacle that is at every level detached because while we might argue about this stuff the only real decisions of merit of matter that matter are being made by 0:27:57  
algorithms within vast lee powerful and intricate institutions of literal uh economic

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planning that's what capitalism is and it does not need us it needs us to consume right here anyway in america it needs us to consume and to create an infrastructure to facilitate consumption and so as part of that we have to walk around thinking that we're participating in a system we have to believe in it and so we are spending our last few wasps of belief participating in this meanwhile the thing happens behind the scenes because people want to say like this means the left is succeeded or it's or one 0:29:1  
or something this is what it wanted the left is not a coherent system a coherence uh movement with power with an orientation to power it is individuals with des uh self definitions now what in that pursuit they might do some left \*\*\*\*\* they might start a union at their workplace they might uh join an org that does a campaign they might help elect somebody to office they might change the tenor of discussion of issues they might even get some things done in terms of laws and and uh getting union contracts and whatnot but they're not doing it as part of a project they're doing 0:30:2  
it as a bunch of people expressing their preferences and the antithesis that could challenge capitalism will have to be something else will have to be lashed together through bonds that so i don't know that might have just just totally a self-suck but i do think it's useful because people get stuck i know i do on questions of uh basic superstructure and of how how things move like the the machinery doesn't just go on its own like we we move it with our actions every day because we choose to 0:31:3  
participate in it and that participation creates changing and evolving understandings of the world that change our relationship to it and change our actions even though we're within these structures and the way i think of it is you've got this you know uh this line this this this cable and then you've got the current running through it and that is all of us living within the iron armature of uh and of course at that point i once again stall out what do you do with that information i aha keep your nose to the grindstone once again keep your eyes on the prize it's every day there's a chance that it could be the day that your life changes and that's uh it's certainly a cop-out but i think it's less dishonest than than maintaining a k-fade consequence 0:32:4  
uh i would love to do self to power for china it really does look like woke cold war is uh on the offing which is pretty great did you uh see that a there's a uyghur uh like wing of al-qaeda that the uh was involved that's been involved in afghanistan since the \*\*\*\*\* uh since 9 11 before 9 11 and which uh the us military waged a offensive specifically against in 2018 in afghanistan has now been taken off of the sp state spot the terrorist watch list it's no and it's no longer a terrorist group i mean \*\*\*\*\* i don't really think there's going to be a war but you certainly see how uh the 0:33:6  
momentum in both parties this is where it's very important uh is towards some sort of confrontation of china and it really is interesting like uh there was this spurious case that trump was like an anti-interventionist remember that trump counted as

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as as the peace candidate and there are a bunch of people who say that's still true because they're convinced that hillary clinton would have like gone to war in syria if she'd been in charge and i mean you know who knows but on the big question that's on the horizon of china the one that really matters uh on that one bush and biden are on the same page and there is a totally coherent broad right-wing q-pilled argument for why we got to go to war with china just as there is a a woke uh pink-washed one uh and i mean look at the way that uh that look at ben garrison to understand how if you get another right-wing government in there that it's they're not gonna cool down the the rhetoric about china it's only gonna continue ratcheting up is that he always has uh g like as a is a demonic uh eminence gris behind biden and stuff and that's it's dumb but it's coherent you know look at this communist country that wants to undermine america uh they have all this money and look there uh our democrats have been uh selling them our debt and all this and uh you know you just pull out yellow apparel stuff and then you've got biden talking about how we need to win the competition for the 21st century and that's why no politics that's uh fixated on on tracking like momentum and influence within the two-party system is is uh is worth anyone's time as anything other than a just as a entertainment like like keeping up with the ball scores because at the real points of the the real consequential issues and like the conflict with china that \*\*\*\*\* is like at the very tip top because not only is that that's the that's more than anything the framework for the continued uh continued justification for our military structure uh it's also a genuine live resource contest and it's ideologically charged too now there's not going to be a war i don't think but there's going to be a continued ratcheting of of uh hostility to create like this conditions of a war minus the actual and that is that's going to be the interest of both parties it really is frustrating because like the best the best interest of the world would be some sort of \*\*\*\*\* just just make a to somebody make an offer just let me buy somebody else out like do a merger and then maybe we can act cooperatively to prevent the absolute worst catastrophic effects of of climate change but that's not going to happen for a it is amazing it's it's very cheap cheesy to think about but in a real sense because we have so many so much so much uh systemic uh technological infrastructural capitalist development there's so much that we could we could reprogram like obviously you need to change a lot of things structurally but there's a lot of stuff that could be done just like with a \*\*\*\*\* software upgrade but we would need to we would need to want to do that and we don't want to do it because we have given up on the understandable uh yeah we need a socialism damn mother fishing waiting for a messiah well i mean the thing is we will all we're all the messiah as dumb as that sounds like the second coming isn't going to be jesus coming back it's going to be that moment that feeling of jesus coming back not just

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obviously jesus you know in in that in the cultural context that feeling what people think they're talking about when they talk about it but it's not the real messiah was in fact the friends we made along the way and heaven is a place on earth i really do believe that like it is it's amazing what are we doing to the earth we are turning the earth into a place that is incredibly infernally hot right that's what our collective sin our failure to recognize each other as humans and cooperate and instead compete against each other and exploit is literally turning the earth into an inferno a fiery hot place without any uh of the perhaps a a geographical and what does uh what would a what would a true post-scarcity society look like a world where where we have equitably distributed the alienations of life maximized people's social uh react maximized uh saturated uh people's lives with social meaning and intimacy but for a mutual uh for fully mutual reinforcing benefit what would that world look like you imagine it what is it what is what other sort of uh uh mythological concept comes to mind being in a place like that with access to all kinds of technologies that can be used at your whim where everyone is your friend everyone is your intimate where you never feel disharmony or fear of violence to yourself where death isn't real because you have by by virtue of living in this in this bosom you have transcended your fiction of ego to the point where you're no longer terrified of losing this life that you understand as ephemeral that you that where death is a lightening up rather than a uh turning down of light where death is like going through a door a \*\*\*\*\* golden door to a reunion with a cosmic oneness after living this time this seemingly endless time of spiritual and intellectual engagement and love with nothing else so these things heaven and hell we're making them every day on earth we're making uh parts of heaven hell and parts have parts of earth hell parts of it heaven the heavens for some is the hell for others so yeah like the second coming that there's one these are all essentially secular concepts and that they are happening in the material world and it's a battle that's being fought in the material world but those ideas have in hell right and wrong love and hate and fear and all that those ideas are how we how we tell a story to ourselves that moves us through the world that we find ourselves in which we have to do you cannot rely on pure sensory uh perception of the world you have to tell a story to yourself you have to tell a story that is a fiction by definition to get one foot in front of the other now some fictions correspond to other people's fictions enough to create a system that can cooperate between people and the more people have the same understanding and the more pragmatically functional it is at distributing pleasure and minimizing pain there will always be social sociopaths sure of course but do you really think it's a it's a it's a do you think one that sociopaths is a stable number of the population and two that sociopathy can be defined can be uh like corralled into one group of people who like test positive for it no it's a

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spectrum of uh it's a spectrum of behavior based on a spectrum of individual uh delusion of isolation and it's distributed through the society as i mean yes we have a system now where sociopathy is not even encouraged system-wide it is brought to the top like i was just talking about even you don't even have you have a smaller and smaller number at the top of even like well-intentioned monsters there used to be well-intentioned monsters at the top of our \*\*\*\*\* society like i would say uh lyndon johnson is a good example of a well-intentioned monster there are just pure unalloyed 0:46:31 reptilians because no one who could believe in this \*\*\*\*\* living the life of wealth and elite and elite proximity to power strips you of the and so and and proximity the power strips you of your illusion of um of uh your illusion of agency remember because you're up there near power you're up there with money but you can't really choose anything the choice has been made for you lyndon johnson thought that he had the levers of the world at his \*\*\*\*\* fingertips these guys don't and that means that the only ones who can stay there are the ones who don't give a \*\*\*\*\* the ones who have purely uh are worshiping at like a demonic temple of i mean the closest 0:47:33 thing you have to belief at the top of our social order right now is the elon musk jeff bezos stellar capitalism thing which is literally about detaching from the mass of mud-blooded neurotypical humanity and recreating a a new human order among the meritocrats without any uh epsilon semi-morons running around to ruin the fun california ideology exactly that's the only remaining belief anything bunny can have in the system because there are enough charlatans and frauds around who can sound smart who can trick these guys who are dumber than them but who have more money than them into believing it when they tell them yeah yeah we can make you live on forever on mars absolutely 100 none of these people these people all have convinced themselves that they're geniuses and that they see they see as peter thiel said that death is an ideology and the reason that they see that is because they've had their 0:48:34 \*\*\*\*\* checkbooks opened for every \*\*\*\*\* uh uh techno king and scientist to come running to their teeth and these are people who have more intelligence than it takes to \*\*\*\*\* get lucky with a payment facilitating uh software like him and teal did and certainly can outsmart these dumbasses into thinking oh yeah i have found a ticket out of the so yeah that's the only thing we've got that's the only thing that anybody believes in at the top is that and at the bottom everyone just knows that this system 0:49:36 cannot there's no reason to believe that if you put a quarter in the machine you're gonna get uh your snickers bar you know like you've gone back by too many times and gotten ripped off and so you're gonna stop putting coins in the coins of like emotional investment the coins of uh of self-motivated action that aren't just about what's in it for you in the near in the near term in the in the in the very moment and about like postponing pleasure in the now to build something in the future well why

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would you bother doing that when there's no reason to believe that any of the things  
you're investing your time and energy into and of course the funny thing is that the  
real person the real force driving these maniacs the buzz the musks and the bezos 0:50:37  
is the grimal worm tongue of the algorithm itself it's the computers it's that it's it's  
the logic approximate maximization speaking to them across uh uh the barrier of  
the of the computer screen and so when these guys are floating in space after their  
\*\*\*\*\* uh led their landing craft exploded or they're like choked to death by their  
robot manservants in their uh moon mars bases the only thing left will be the \*\*\*\*\*  
algorithm will be the pile of uh of concentrated capital that will at that point have  
some very much looking forward to musk on snl by the way that's going to be do 0:51:54  
you think that jeff bezos has ever i think that musk probably has like the time that  
he did the egyptian in front of a bunch of people i think he has moments because he  
wants to be liked because he has that that kind of dorky kid insecurity and so when  
he he gets to go on joe rogan i think he's probably happy and yeah he's got like a  
weird uh zoomer nihilist girlfriend who probably gives him chinese research chemicals  
but bezos it seems like he really does seem like just skynet in a human body fake  
people say that about zuckerberg but zuckerberg i think is so blank and inert that  
it feels sort of it's its own uh personality like oh he's so weird that that makes him 0:52:55  
more human whereas bezos is just and he but he went we went through the trouble  
of having an affair which cost him half this money what were his uh he had sex that  
got leaked because he got catfished by uh prince salman or something and they were  
all incredibly i'm going to see if i could find them the zuckerberg texts oh right i love 0:53:57  
you alive girl as opposed to my other girlfriends jesus christ what a freak that that  
is not a thing that you say to people if you're normal you don't comment on the  
fact that they're not dead you sort of take that for granted unless you are yourself  
so reptilian that any sort of vivacity reads to you as oh my god you're like count  
dracula walking by planet fitness and seeing everybody getting all red in the face  
and just starts slathering like a cartoon dog i want to smell you i want to breathe  
you in i want to hold you tight i want to kiss your lips i love you i am in love with  
you wow you know what i want i want to get a little drunk with you tonight not 0:54:59  
falling down just a little drunk i want to talk to you and plan with you listen and  
laugh i want to plan with you oh baby can we sit down in front of a couple of date  
books can we get some can we throw together some splash boards her energy and  
ideas and competence and this is just like a very horny uh uh performance review  
this is like getting sexually harassed by your human he keeps talking about wanting 0:56:0  
to smell they're not even together anymore right uh see tiger woods texts are kind of  
they're human and relatable because he's just such a \*\*\*\*\* dork wasn't it all like him  
trying to be kind of nasty like i'm gonna bite you or something like girl i'm gonna

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slap your ass and make you do what i want or something just like oh you're adorable  
guy who spent his entire childhood practicing chip shots doesn't really know how 0:57:2  
to talk to girls army hammer said he wanted to eat is charlie did harmy hammer  
actually eat somebody because the thing about him is he's not just an actor he is  
the actual scion of the armenhammer so if anybody on earth has the ability to eat  
somebody because you've got to figure that there's some adventurous eaters club for  
rich people where they eat human flesh right just because we know the stuff that 0:58:4  
they do do why wouldn't they do that would i eat a person in an ethical situation  
which is a huge huge uh a hugely unlikely uh occurrence uh i would probably chew  
on a person a little bit just curiosity but it would have to be it would have to be  
humanely procured if somebody asked me to eat them maybe and i and i thought  
they were very earnest about it no no no there's no way i can imagine that we do 0:59:11  
eat raw hamburger wisconsin i would i would consider being eaten upon my death  
maybe here's an ethical situation what if i put in my will that i would be turned into  
like a hawaiian luau and be the centerpiece of my own funeral like i get tested make  
sure i don't have any prions we don't want to spread uh kreutzville's jakub but you  
know put me put me in a under hot coals in the beach for like six hours with a \*\*\*\*\*  
apple in my mouth and then just get some of that crackling no i would absolutely not 1:0:15  
eat chip meat no no no i think i'd taste okay americans probably don't taste great  
because of all the chemicals because that really does uh contribute to the flavor i  
mean that's the difference really down to that's the real difference between like kobe  
beef and like uh america downer cows they make uh mcdoubles out of it's yeah sure  
there's lineages but the real thing is diet it probably tastes like yeah we place like  
plastic and we are america americans are tender so we would have that going for 1:1:29  
us but uh so i think we would have a very good mouthfeel and texture but i think  
there'd be a kind of rancid aftertaste i kind of feel like humans would taste a little  
bit like ashtrays or like uh yeah like a cigarette butt even though it would be really  
flavorful and stuff you know i mean it'd be very uh very moist and juicy you bite into  
it and you would just get kind of yeah like a like a bitter a bitter taste is it gay to 1:2:50  
eat a man now that's a question is it man is it gay for a guy to eat yeah i bet italians  
would be good italians tend to be kind of yeah mediterraneans like you they want  
you to eat the mediterranean diet right for health well presumably that would result  
in a delicious uh i would love the idea of like uh uh oh yeah like a greek greek guy a 1:3:52  
greek guy put on one of those vertical spits just carving off some \*\*\*\*\* gyro with a  
tatziki [Laughter] damn i'm getting hungry now for human meat okay this was fun  
i hope some of that made sense i hope uh wasn't too circular because i worry a lot  
of this is just circular but uh i think it's helpful i don't know keep thinking about it  
hopefully put it in another format soon talk to you guys on wednesday when we'll

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uh when by then i will have looked at the the weimar republic book and figured out what we want to do

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\*Music playing\*\* he said you can go sleep at home tonight if you can get up and walk away back with the underground breeze blew back my hand i remember throwing punches around and preaching from my chair i tend to want to know \*\*Music playing\*\* oh \*\*Music playing\*\* trying to spell this for the twig for phenomenology 0:1:9  
always the tough one to smell phenomenal \*\*\*\*\* god damn it what the \*\*\*\*\* all 0:2:17  
right let's try this twitch i'm here in the field i find someone real i don't believe you feeding yeah i still spelled it wrong man my brain does not work my brain is not turned on as john tommy was so sad in that terrible fake improv uh sitcom that he did which i've seen every episode of and i'm truly kind of ashamed of myself it's one of the worst things i've ever seen has anybody seen that neighbors it was called it was on hulu for a while there we go there we go we can bring don't cry don't raise 0:3:20  
your eye \*\*Music playing\*\* wasteland all right so today i'm gonna get uh a little out there uh this is going to be uh one of the weird ones this is gonna be one of the more speculative uh phenomenological as you can see in the name uh ones we've done in a while and this is because i'm kind of feeling like i'm getting towards something that once again is only me trying to make sense of the world to myself and then throwing it out there to see if anybody is uh getting what i'm saying enough for me to feel like i'm on the right track as opposed to just you know descending into uh psychosis 0:4:23  
which is always a concern it should be anyway for anybody living i just got to throw this out there it's very very uh mushy and uh it's just a story i'm trying to tell myself like it's gonna be it's gonna like attempt to be like biological but in a way that is way beyond my understanding of actual biology so i'll just be pulling \*\*\*\*\* directly out of my ass so i have to \*\*\*\*\* stipulate that as the beginning is that this is all based on speculation about human biology and consciousness that i don't have a background for i mean i don't have a background for anything i talk about but just underlining it here so that you know you don't get too alienated by this if i'm if it does feel like i'm uh disappearing from uh legibility i was trying to think about myself and like what 0:5:25  
feels to be the sort of crisis at my center the thing that prevents me from living in the moment with the knowledge that i have about you know the the the fundamental

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and unbreakable unity of existence and therefore the impossibility and irrationality of the very concept of death and i know that intellectually but i have find myself unable in the moment of my life to inhabit a space where i feel that it's true like i still have a pit of anxiety in my stomach it's not always there and it changes depending on the moment and sometimes it's almost completely gone but you know because i'm living a fall in life and i'm not an ascended being i have not had a full conversion 0:6:26 experience to a coherent uh world with like a a super a supernatural charge to the perception of existence as opposed to the perception of the the um the uh intellectual like you know self conception of existence uh so like i know this stuff but it's i'm still like you know haunted i'm still i'm still happier than i've ever been and i'm still uh you know they essentially my entire life i felt like i was in a coffin and now i feel like i'm still in a coffin but there's a \*\*\*\*\* there's an opening and i can move it i can get it open sometimes it gets smaller and sometimes it goes bigger and that's never happened in my life before i before this i was absolutely pine box nailed down like \*\*\*\*\* uh like bill murray at the end of scrooge when they have him go into the \*\*\*\*\* crematorium like that was it and now i feel like there's an opening and i've just been 0:7:27 trying to figure out okay well how do i get the opening bigger and i'm doing some things but and there are other things that are preventing that that like provide me with a sense of anxiety that is related to you know senses of guilt senses of responsibility for other people's senses of like the hurt i've caused and the and the to people and and my essential accumulated karma you know like how do i cut through this in a day-to-day basis and i've realized that the real root of it is is i think what is also the root of generalized neuroses under capitalism and that is fear of death like actual emotional fear of death not a place where you have intellectually decided that death like oh though that's an irrational number and you wiped it off of the board i'm talking about feelings i'm talking about your your gut i'm talking about if you want to get back to 70's brain lateralization theory the right hemisphere right like i don't 0:8:30 know i'm sure that all that hemisphere \*\*\*\*\* has been completely debunked by now but it was very popular in the 70s and i've been thinking about it lately uh and i really do feel like for myself i feel so psychically imbalanced towards the intellect and towards thought and away from the actual experience of emotion like i have emotions but i feel like there is the space where god lives is the space where emotion is felt without uh intellectual sort of uh uh narrative narrative and and disenchantment because like the intellectualization of life is the disenchantment of life it is taking the experience of life which is emotional and i will argue that emotions come from our experience of our unity not our separation and that uh and that intellectualization cuts us off from them so thinking of it in terms of like brain hemispheres to me is 0:9:32 very handy i don't know once again if there's any real uh science to back that up

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at any point but i feel like if there is such a thing as being left brained i am \*\*\*\*\*  
left brained and my right blank brain does feel my emotional connection as in and  
i would say that the distance the the distinction there is one of distance from the  
point where uh consciousness comes into being because i think emotions come from  
our connection to uh our bodies and the thing about our bodies is that yes they they  
exist as separate from the world but that perception of separation uh is a story that  
we tell ourselves we cut off at a arbitrary point between ourselves our perceiving our-  
selves and perceiving the things around us because we have the capacity as anyone  
who has experienced altered or heightened states of consciousness knows we have the  
capacity to experience with far far far more acuity than we perceive at the at our 0:10:35  
regular like resting consciousness like in our in in when we're perceiving ourselves as  
individuals we have a very restrained uh uh uh range of perception so like our brains  
our consciousnesses teach us where to shut it off so that we can perceive ourselves  
as separate so that we can survive because as i'm gonna say there's two types of  
fear of death there is the fear of death from an emotional level which is the fear of  
immediate harm which is an evolutionary necessity for any being to persist in the  
world and orient itself towards survival but then uh as consciousness increases as  
degree of perceptivity increases as our ability to perceive increases we get a distance  
from that like an actual physical mental synaptic distance from the experience and 0:11:38  
then we have to tell ourselves a story about what just happened and that is where  
we create a consciousness that is where we create we create the world that we live in  
and where we are the soul \*\*\*\*\* perspective we are god we are everything now that  
is illusory that is fake it is made up not of anything from us but from with things  
we encounter this eye that we have is really just the collection of the things that we  
have seen and exposed ourselves to through our perceptive apparatus through our  
lives that's it and then there is a thing within us that orients us through that to  
tell a story to weave these things together into a story about what we're feeling but  
that story is not connected to the things that we experience because it passes from  
unconscious control because our brain is doing all the stuff in our body our brain is  
doing all the stuff in our body it's breathing it's making our heart beat it's making 0:12:39  
the blood it's making the blood go it's making the white blood cells do their \*\*\*\*\*  
it's making the synapses synapse it's all doing that our brain is doing that but we  
don't think about it and so our sense of ourselves as a separate being from our bodies  
is across the chasm of our perception of our body which is where we cut off the line  
is where we say before this we're not going to actually experience after this we can  
make do but that is through this tunnel it's through the it's through a glass darkly  
of perception has jumped the track into another tunnel and you're using the symbols  
of everything around you to make sense of what's happening to you and so you make

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neurotic assumptions and you build an intellectual identity that is unable to conceive 0:13:40  
of death because it is not connected to the uh the body which is itself connected to  
something that would render that concern absurd it's not a thing that you would  
spend time freaking out about it's not a thing that would pull you away from the  
moment because it wouldn't make sense and that is life socially lived where there  
is enough actual emotional content to your life which needs to have other people  
reflecting it in order to be reinforced there is no room for intellectual uh uh uh fear  
of uh annihilation because we aren't feeling like something that can be annihilated  
we're feeling like something that is part of something we're feeling connection when  
you feel connection death is not there death only comes death only gathers his coat  
and stands by the foot of the uh of the of the chariot uh once you have remove 0:14:42  
yourself into the interior not connected and we can only do that the degree to which  
we're alone and that is why the the process of civilization is alienation away from  
those that we exploit so that we could be away from the horror but that means time  
by ourselves and we have reached the end point of that where we have all spent so  
much time by ourselves and what and that we have lost that social uh uh soothing  
of the fear of death leaving us with just a mind just a brain that is going to die  
and then an anxiety about that that we carry with us at least i think that i carry  
with me and in that mind at least in my mind i can know in my head oh this is  
a this isn't a self this is an illusion but i cannot inhabit a body that believes that 0:15:43  
because i spent my entire life up until very recently accumulating this \*\*\*\*\* anxiety  
i've been filling a \*\*\*\*\* lead ball in my stomach by walking around thinking that i  
was a self by walking around thinking that oh my god i'm gonna be gone someday  
because there's two types of fear of death as i said the fear of immediate extinction is  
just survival and it's also in the best interest of whatever group you're live with and  
humans are \*\*\*\*\* a social species so that is the point that fear of death is one that  
uh shows the harmony between group evolution humans as a species an individual  
human evolution within that species it's a mutual goal but once you get to uh fear  
of death and that abstract when you're not in danger when you're just living your  
life when you're just doing your your work to sustain yourself whatever that means  
but you're still thinking about dying that is where the neuroses comes and that is 0:16:45  
the social engine of the extraction away to capitalism the pursuit of the ultimate  
panacea but what that has left me with is because i spent 40 years doing this i have  
40 years of accumulated uh lit life in this crouch in this fear ball and i don't feel  
the accumulation of the fear anymore so much but it's still this remaining slug and  
i've realized that like whatever kind of spiritual awakening i feel like i'm coming into  
which also sometimes feels like you know mental imbalancing or whatever uh that  
it is an attempt to uh essentially uh neutralize this ball by actively seeking to feel

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something other than fear to actually feel with my body what it is to be a connected being and that means being connected to other people obviously but that's only so far you can go because we are way way way more socially isolated than we could should be for our mental health for our ability to sustain the balancing act of like ma uh uh using a illusory uh neurotic intellectual consciousness to navigate a flash machine through space as opposed to the two things being uh you know synthesized which is what we want that is the end state that is this that is that is what uh hegel talks about the the the the the great absolute that's where you you do it and so i have now realized that like the goal needs to be as a person to attempt to bridge the gap to bridge the gap of time between uh the self the rational self and that emotional self because we can't kick start emotions with our mind we have to have experiences so we can use our \*\*\*\*\* consciousnesses to get us in situations where we can have experiences but it's the experiences that are going to do it that are going to give us the feeling that are going to loosen the anxiety that is what drives us away from each other and what i think is the responsibility is responsible for the entire culture of uh of doom whereby we are alienated fully we don't believe in capitalism but we also can't stop uh pursuing it because we can't imagine any other goal but selfishness we can't imagine any other reason for being on earth than to continue living on earth in pleasure a pleasure that allows us to ignore the \*\*\*\*\* feeling ignore the tension ignore that illusory and unnecessary fear and so how do you get that one way as i said is to have a social existence because social life validates this by itself it isn't it's a perpetual motion machine of uh of presence because it pulls you it is it's it's so it's gravity literally and you're not thinking because you're thinking about what matters and what matters is decided by what's in front of you it's not decided by you waiting in a room looking at a computer trying to define yourself it is insisted upon by others who if you are drawn to people with love and with an open heart are going to be drawn to you and you you know virtuous cycle stuff so that's one part of it but that's not something that everybody can access in fact in fact very few people can and people are forced to spend much of their time wildly alienated in terrible awful work that makes them feel nothing other than a presence but a presence of suffering which means they're in the worst conditions whereby they're they're being more physically exploited and that exploitation is robbing time from them that they know they'll never get back it's time that can never be brought back and you know that all you have is time because you think that there is something to lose with the end of your consciousness and we all feel that to some extent but it becomes overwhelming when all your experiences in life are pulling you in that direction so what else can people do and what else can i do as someone who is very privileged to be able to pursue this more more on my level my on my uh terms but of course that's it has its own

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pitfalls because if you get to choose then you have the burden of choice and that's not saying poor oh cry one poor one out for me i'm doing better than most because of my privileged position but this is the terrain of the struggle now is choosing and that means feeling and it's hard to feel it's hard to feel even if you're not alienated with every moment of your life and most of us are deeply alienated uh so what else can you do i think there are people who for whom it is easier and i would say people whose brains are shaped a certain way because remember this is all like an actual biological thing right this is your brain's ability to push electricity through itself to uh feel things right to feel the world around it to find to to feel the inside to be able 0:21:53 to map the exterior and interior terrain of the human body and then also map the exterior of the the outside the other and then even though if your perceptive capacity and your intellect and your imaginative capacity as a human with your \*\*\*\*\* super super highly tuned uh perception machinery if it can experience beyond itself then it can really access the entirety of human history of the universe's history you are able to find yourself the groove of history you are you talk about free will versus determinism you can find the groove that brought you to where you are and you can find the tessellating and exploding array of billiard ball connections that made everything happen and made you where you are now and that robs you of the ability to hate 0:22:54 others it robs the ability of you to feel unnecessary guilt it connects you directly to everything but you can't live that way it's impossible to live that way this is a state of gnosis this is a state that can is always associated with heaven because it is not sustainable but it is something that can be glimpsed it could be a fire that can be held that can push back the darkness but it is that is what is being sought that's what we're seeking and our brains can get us there because our brains by definition are the ones determining where we stop sensing where we stop feeling the extension of consciousness like no no we're not going to feel the blood going through our veins we're not going to feel the electrical current we're not going to uh feel the air outside the air molecules outside the skin even though we could we're not going to feel all of that we're not going to feel we're not going to have to think okay breathe okay a 0:23:55 heartbeat we're not going to do that and we make a we we draw a line and we can access that other side by feeling because feeling is where it jumps the rope feeling is where it jumps to intellect that's the black hole the automatic brain functions turn into conscious functions but there is a gap there there is a there's the space between because by the time you feel think something about your feelings they've already happened by the time you are when you cry your brain is making sense of the tears it is not making you cry the body is crying the brain is making sense to itself of why you're crying and that means it's always guessing and sometimes you guess right but a lot of times you guess wrong and then you act on the wrong guesses and that is

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what pulls you away from ever being able to access that feeling and be able to access those uh those depths of perceptive capability so how can you jump the track well 0:24:57  
some brains jump the trap naturally their their grooves grow faster they're \*\*\*\*\* the  
the sparks spark faster the uptake is fast the reuptake is faster the machine works  
at a higher rate a higher rate than is compatible with functioning day-to-day that  
is where you get uh mental illness it's also where you get religious belief because  
uh the the relationship between religiosity and temporal lobe epilepsy is pretty well  
established this is parts of your brain that are perceiving at a higher frequency than  
the rest of us or the rest of your brain and that is where the that's uh mental illness  
is essentially your brain coming into conflict with the consensus reality of everybody  
else's brain and being unable to function at that level of abstraction like you can't  
your brain is too connected and then uh there is drugs which also skip the skip the 0:25:59  
uh the rail for you because instead of instead of your brain doing it naturally and  
instead of the net the last one i'm gonna say uh it just does it bio uh mechanically  
like uh it's it's like a booster in mario you're not thinking about it you're putting  
something else in your body that does the thinking for you and it goes okay well i  
guess we're going to perceive a lot stronger we're going to perceive a lot more and  
oh \*\*\*\*\* oh my god we're literally one with the universe and that means our our  
consciousness is non-existent that means that our our literal ego is meaningless and  
then you still have to live in that body with that idea and with all the all the desires  
all the things you want and all the things you don't want which make up what it  
mean what good is how do you understand extinction as as good as as positive as  
something to feel good about if all of your other associations with those feelings are 0:27:0  
about this world and this small window of opportunity to indulge in sensation even  
though the indulgence of sensation is just supposed to be grist for the mill of the  
universal but that's dangerous drugs are dangerous because since you're not willing  
it through you're cheating say you knock your brain into a different groove and we  
know for a fact that psychedelics literally rewiring your brain like that you get ahead  
of the bullet and you change its trajectory that's what it does and now the sudden  
you find yourself in a situation where you now have a new reality you now have  
a new understanding of the world that allows you to walk around with your day a  
conversion to a new to living in a new universe where that feeling is gone and instead  
you feel you can walk around being an individual but also feeling the pure full light of  
universal grace but it requires to sustain it it requires keep doing the drugs or doing 0:28:3  
stuff in life that life won't let you do or that the the your urgency of trying to keep  
yourself in that feeling is going to prevent you from doing is the momentum of your  
mind is going to prevent you from doing because you have new grooves now your  
brain is now new structure and you are now you are you got to where you are with

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one brain and now you have to navigate the rest of your life with a different brain and if it's too different then you get to the point where you can detach from reality and it becomes negative then there is the third way to breach the chasm breathing meditation focus of the mind clearing yourself as much as you can of the thoughts of the over brain finding the deepest rooted thoughts and following them into the \*\*\*\*\* black hole of sense of emotion and that requires stillness it requires connection to the body through and so you know i've been meditating but not as much as i should and i know that that's something i have because i really do feel like we act negatively to the extent to which we're acting out of a panicked horrified uh desire to escape from that feeling of death which we don't have to feel so much and there's a one-way ratchet the more time we spend the loan the more time we spend in our brains the the more time we spend uh not having experiences not connecting not feeling yeah 0:29:4

the more we freak out about our impending demise the more we need to grasp at whatever is most immediately satisfying so we use the logic the evolutionary logic of short term i'm in danger uh fear of death which is necessary and and advantageous to the species and to our ourselves and we operate it uh without that being the condition and what we end up doing is suicidal \*\*\*\*\* all right okay so any of this makes sense once again i'm out on a limb i know i kind of got it always gets a little uh i always end up going off into different tangents and i want to make sure that enough of it came back because sometimes i'll forget and so i know that if i do the balance wrong with the drugs for example i could definitely get to a point where my brain is no longer able to function with the world i have and i'm too selfishly frantic to keep feeling good because that's the thing it has to be balanced or else you're not seeking uh you're not getting like the harmony you're getting just the feeling you remember you're trying to chase the high but what that's why what all this always requires and this to get back to the original idea what all this requires is will because as i said your brain is making everything happen in your body it's making everything every every uh white blood cell attack a cold uh germ it's making every piece of bone marrow produce blood it's doing that \*\*\*\*\* but you're not aware of it you're not conscious of it but there is consciousness to it it's just a lower frequency 0:31:15

and you can tune into those frequencies and then you can tune into the frequencies beyond and so what is the meditative path towards enlightenment but the concentration of will instead of wanting all the stuff that's around you i want to uh have people like my stream i want to eat a delicious sandwich like even though i'm trying to you know reduce my ego even though i'm trying to uh sort of push through uh to like a a new understanding i still want stuff i still have ideas of pleasure and pain that are associated with my life and the things that i've heedlessly pursued for the majority of it and i'm now surrounded by i have to deal with that on its own terms 0:32:16

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uh and those with those desires are dividing my attention and my and my ability 0:33:18  
to perceive drugs is one way to just jump over it with oh i'm still desiring all that  
stuff but also i'm feeling other things more and that's concentrating my mind in one  
another another direction but uh if you don't want to cheat you have to concentrate  
your will to the point that those desires fall away and you can't do that for a long  
time but you can do that with with focused time spent meditation essentially and  
then when you're there when it's just your will and your body you can push that  
\*\*\*\*\* electron a little farther than you thought you could or that your brain expects  
you to you can push that electron into the dark tunnel and you can walk that line  
to a pr a sensation you're feeling it you're feeling the world beyond your arbitrarily 0:34:19  
imposed body and you're feeling you're you're you're tuning into the frequency baby  
the universal hum put out by the galactic transmitter but that requires will requires  
focus and what makes people do things with will belief and that's why there's a bit  
of there's a bootstrap thing to this is that you have to believe first so that means  
why you can't reason yourself there that's why you cannot use reason there because  
you don't believe things because of reason so what you can use reason for is to pull  
you towards situations and engagements and to keep your mind as clear as possible  
of uh of like the clutter of direct like the \*\*\*\*\* you know like when you get mad you  
know why you're mad you can pull it down and you're not mad and that helps too  
and then it really is you have enough of those feelings you you you light up the top of  
the \*\*\*\*\* uh carnival hammer game you light up the top thing enough times that's 0:35:21  
cumulative and then you get a uh a flip a switch because that is ever all all progress  
is uh it is an accumulation towards an inflection point and that is it you experi you  
accumulate experiences of a of a character defined by pursuit of the ideas of universal  
love and boom you eventually reach an inflection point of experience and emotion  
that make you able that are a lot that allow you to walk around just without even  
thinking about it with with a belief in in the transcendence and that's that's how  
uh that's what you got to do that's what we're all that's what we all have to do 0:36:22  
and of course we are all made it's impossible for any of us to do it like you have to  
be incredibly lucky and have the right the right experiences to be born at the right  
point the right time to have any likelihood of encountering the ability to live beyond  
anguish and beyond that that that uh neoliberal uh uh stimulus response nexus the  
the pleasure we have to change our conditions to allow it to happen but this is the  
same bootstrap dilemma that's at the heart of belief uh we have to change the struc-  
ture to allow people to have these experiences to allow people to live differently but  
that means we have to change the structures even though we are all defined by them  
and even though they pull us apart and that is where belief comes in again you have 0:37:23  
to believe you have to believe in the world enough to stop believing in yourself so

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much and then you need to believe uh that because change happened to you change can happen to others and therefore all effort is worth uh worth doing but that means finding where you can apply your pressure so that is the paradox of belief none of us believe in capitalism but we do believe in ourselves in our our uh self-interest enough to pursue our uh pleasures throughout it to cooperate with it to find something like yeah capitalism's failed it will not give us anything we are doomed we are controlled by demons but if i do x y and z i and the people i like will be able to have uh some 0:38:24 more a little more at the trough and maybe maybe have more pleasure ourselves since that's the only thing that is the logic that is you know that is why if if there is no human soul if or if it's been stripped to its too much to its up to its if it's been stripped of its ability to imagine any value other than uh uh exchange value like exchange value the value form being the only thing we believe it the only thing we believe in like there's plenty of work written about how capitalism is a really is has taken capitalism is the end point of western christianity protestantism turns to capitalism and we and we worship it there's no there's no question that it is and that's because the one thing we believe in the thing that actually makes us act even 0:39:25 though we have all these thoughts and even though we have all these ideas and even though we might consider ourselves communists or socialists republicans democrats whatever we might we don't think politics matters whatever it is what we all do most majority of us is cooperate with capitalist institutions and pursue capitalist desires because those are real to us even though they're not real they're as fictive as any other social fiction because those desires are don't need to be filled those desires are generated by a delusion those desires could be written out of the equation so they are illusory but we believe in them we believe in them and it's the only thing to believe in in a material world in a desacralized world where we are separated where we are fundamentally rent from the world around us when that division between that when we imagine that the train tunnel between feeling and mind has been blown up and if 0:40:26 we believe that then the only thing that we can pursue in life is whatever we conceive of as our uh pleasure and the thing is we don't even know what it is like i'm a \*\*\*\*\* hypochondriac i've always been a terrified of dying and i pursued a lifestyle and i could and that meant that i could keep doing that that meant that as i sensed oh my god look i'm having a heart attack oh my god oh i can feel the tingling i'm gonna my heart clearly is not gonna last very long well then i might as well do nothing but have another burger might as well do nothing but sit on my ass what what try to do something else why for life for time i don't even know i'm gonna get i don't know when it could end this heart attack could be a real thing i can get it by a bus 0:41:27 why would i not pursue the most narrow pleasure i can at the time so even though i have this idea of what my long-term interests are i'm doing the opposite of them

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without and so we are all doing that no matter what we might think of ourselves we might be horrified by capitalism we might find ourselves we say to our bones we don't believe in capitalism we want to see it overthrown we say i don't want this \*\*\*\*\* i don't want oh oh but convenience and personal identity and and and and the ability to to recreate yourself on the market i don't want any of that oh look at you you've succeeded so much in capitalism like you're you're you're a \*\*\*\*\* uh you're an example of the of the greatness of the system i don't want it i would trade it all i would work at a collective farm i would i wouldn't even be anime appraiser i would do a bad job on a collective farm if i could find some way to be helpful uh 0:42:28

but with that not being a real possibility with revolution being extinguished with me living in capitalism's uh dying it has swallowed the world and is now choking on it and i'm i'm in its stomach while it's last \*\*\*\*\* uh sulfur scented breaths are being i might as well pursue whatever i can call my my uh my best my my most uh the thing i can live with the most indulgent path i can live with like one of the big reasons i was never able to get a real that i never really pursued a career like i i wasn't somebody who like got a degree or something is it was like an application and knew what i wanted to do as a young person is because i attempt assimilated very quickly how or horrible everything is and how the only way you can succeed is by 0:43:29

being evil and i didn't want to do that so instead i ended up just being stunned and being just being a a a a parasite like an emotional parasite without even knowing it but i wasn't doing bad stuff so i felt like i was a good person and then i go oh i get to be a podcaster and i get to have good politics and pretend that i'm like changing the world by having people hear my ideas and then i get to have all these other pleasures too hey that's great so it is so like the neurosis of liberalism broadly and there are and even beyond like liberalism when i say liberalism broadly i mean every american like the neoliberal subject so all the republicans too it is you're in the belly of capitalism it's dying you there's no there's nothing else but your mind which will extinguish and pleasures to be accumulated how are you going to do it and then it is deciding what balance of indulgence and penitence you want to go 0:44:30

with so the right wing is essentially the culturally the right wing are those who say maximal transgression and indulgence will be my religion i will in fact worship satan i will invert all values and worship myself as god the libertarian uh evangelical protestant uh capitalism that is what i will do but on the other side the liberals though who are also in capitalism also want to keep enjoying its benefits also only imagine their own self-interest is the real the only real thing in the world they want to enjoy themselves but they because they think so much because of their social conditions that have had them sitting around in parlors uh doing ritualized manners to each other because that's what replaces morality in uh in bourgeois society at the top is 0:45:32

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manners it's not it's not religion it's not good or it's not morality it is manners and so elaborate manners are how you give yourself permission to enjoy yourself for the time you have because you'd feel too guilty about just directly crossing over to be i am saying nothing nothing is inevitable is exactly what i'm saying i that's the point of all of this is to say that these are these cannot be mapped these changes cannot be mapped anticipated it is a stochastic process it is being driven by the bouncing of all of our consciousnesses off of one another as we create these different levels of consensus reality some of which bind us some of which make us enemies and we're negotiating and those uh borders all the time and it is that friction that powers history but it is randomized by the fact that it's made up of individuals with their own wet work their own brain chemistries their own environments that are always going to mean that the response cannot be predicted needing a libidinal release exactly on the right culturally which is the only politics that matters it is libidinal display through transgression and indulgence for the liberal including most people who call themselves the leftists i'm not talking about anything economic here oh no i believe in uh acab so i'm not a liberal i'm not i don't care about that you could be a real ml you could like pass the test you are still a liberal in this sense that this is the social arrangement you live in this is the post-class world that we have created where we are consumers and we are members of subcultures on the left here this political left which includes all liberals and basically all leftists including myself you are balancing indulgence with libidinal release through uh the self-righteous ritual of uh of uh renunciation which we inherited from you can even see these two ends these two things the indulgence of of the conservative id and the superego of the liberal that is the two paths of american protestantism the bottom half those who had to work the land by just killing indians and uh enslaving blacks who labored at the point of the spear and therefore didn't have the luxury literal luxury of creating manners uh they don't they have decided that yeah like well well taking over the planet well taking over the planet like by well well dominating the continent while while imposing this this vision at the expense of these others these humans who we are going to pretend are not human so that we can dominate them you know digging up that earth literally birthed the demon that enhanced that uh that possessed them all and now they're safe worshippers the other american protestantism which was which came from new england the people who left who left england not because they had to not because of economic necessity debts or poverty because they were uncomfortable they were socially uncomfortable in the world of early capitalist britain where they were expected to be high church anglicans where they expected to ignore the debt the dying cry of the human uh connections that were happening in the severing of social ties in that era and with protestantism is the leading edge of it and so they freaked out

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over here and so they created their own religion american protestant tradition that by even the early republic had gone from fire and brimstone \*\*\*\*\* to a detached like john quincy adams was a unitarian so by that generation like his dad was a congregationalist and he was already basically a deist uh john quincy adams was a unitarian by the late 1800s they're all \*\*\*\*\* theosophists and spiritualists and they are they aren't even christian anymore and now there are some variety of fully uh fully secular or new age like non-christian like outside of what you would consider the the eastern western spirituality even though that's uh it is now the the dominant form of of political protestantism it is hyper secularized radicalism and it is all radical and they do really believe that they're they want to change the system they think they do at every level like the people who think they're going to do it through a \*\*\*\*\* vanguard revolution or a maoist insurgency or even by pushing the dems to the left they're all trying to write in the world the virtue that they can't imagine anywhere else because they cannot conceive of anything but the here and now and so they get their libido pleasure by trying to turn the world into that they're inscribing themselves as the elect the same way that the puritans did by uh turning uh new england into the the new jerusalem by bringing civilization to the wilderness they're doing that again they're going to re-conquer this this um capitalist savage land this land of white supremacist barbarism where the uh where the slaving satanic dog has broken loose and conquers the land we are now going to settle it the new savages are uh our uh maga people the new savages are uh applebee's uh appetizer platter aficionados and so that is where you get the set of the holy war that is coming now the holy war between these two wings of american protestantism that are going to fight over who gets to be subject to the horrors of the coming neo-liberal murder order we know that the \*\*\*\*\* walls are closing in we know that there is no prosperity we can only play pleasure in the here and now so if we're in the political realm our pleasure is by imagining that we can make our enemies be punished we can make the horrors of this world fall on their heads and not arms and it's a snake eating its tail the same way rush to united states versus and the thing that they have all have in common is none of them are acting politically because they do not act socially we are not there's no left because there is no organized left there is a consumer identity that is expressed through voting and uh participation in demonstrations and participation in uh in volunteer organizations and political parties and that has an effect but it is not the effect that an actual organized left would have because there is no actual articulation or coordination because everybody is pushing in the direction not of belief in anything other than themselves but in self-pleasure in some variety of politics as pleasure as pursuit of pleasure because pursuit of pleasure is what defines the political experience in this country once we got rid of the participation and the thing

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is is that we've reached such a terminal point of alienation that we basically have to come back together with one another like there's nowhere else to go like we can be dissolved into grey goo and maybe we will but i think that there's still enough actual like felt experience of of connection to that we have even though it's attenuated and small and it makes it hard to hold the light we all have it and i think that there will be a flare up before an extinguishment even if it does end and extinguish it there will be a green flash before the sunset and who wouldn't want to if the sun's going to set wouldn't you want to be there for the \*\*\*\*\* flash wouldn't you want to be there for the green flash even if that's all it is but maybe it's not maybe it's the beginning of a catalyst maybe it's the beginning of a trans of a transformation that pushes against the the tide uh because the structure is not built to to defeat it because it depends on this critical mass of selfishness that could be overcome and if it was the system 0:54:46 would be powerless against it because it wouldn't be able to uh use its methods of suppression now the question of technological uh sophistication and technological uh mechanisms of control is a separate one but it is one of those questions where you can't answer it for certain you can only have an intuition and that intuition is going to be bound up and whether you're willing to risk yourself because if you don't want to risk yourself it's easy to imagine that yeah no they have they've got computers uh wiring us there's drones everywhere we couldn't stop anything there's no point in resisting anything i might as well pleasure myself and you can say no uh \*\*\*\*\* these drones \*\*\*\*\* this \*\*\*\*\* like this stuff is something that uh can be attacked from the side i don't know which one's true i don't think we'll know for sure until it happens if it happens uh but i know that which one you that i know this that the one you believe is more likely to be generated and motivated not by a reasoned understanding 0:55:49 that says well i've really looked at the issue and my brain has convinced me that this is uh that this is the state of like america that the the human individual versus technology uh you didn't really reason yourself there there is something else pushing you there and it was either a desire to find it power find effort pointless or a desire to find a reason for uh for fighting because when you love you will believe and when you believe you're going to want and when you're going to want you're going to want to make things better you're not going to want to indulge yourself and so maybe maybe that those things look less uh overpowering and if they look less overpowering if you even though you think you've reasoned yourself there even though you think no no i believe that this is an opportunity because i my smart brain tells me that that's not why that's not why you did that you did it because you wanted to believe and then 0:56:50 you can motivate yourself that way you can push yourself in a direction because you now your thinking brain the brain that you deal with most of the time it thinks that it had this idea but it so it's a process obviously i don't know where i am in the in

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the thing i don't know if i'm gonna get to some point of uh you know conversion or uh psychosis or if i'm just gonna like ride the edge of this like you know ball uh for the rest i don't know i do know that the the complicating factor and this and this is very interesting and fascinating to me anyway because i feel like i know exactly what the complicating factor is but once again it's not enough to change the the dynamic by itself because knowing doesn't do it you have to feel uh and it's that i 0:57:51 have been governed by this hypochondria right and since i was a kid and now even though i understand that like what that was a displacement of and and how uh it's not it doesn't have to govern me that much i still have the hypochondria sensations and it's because part of sensing things more sensing your body more is sensing your body signals more and i have ever since my spinal injury sensed my body signals to an ex to an a clearly neurotic excessive degree so like i very much could have all kinds of stuff in my body that is like precursor really bad that is the accumulation of like my lifestyle you know plaque buildup in the arteries whatever but i could be feeling it far out of proportion to its actual like danger to my body at the moment and i'm just replicating that anxiety because in the absence of that like full spark 0:58:52 the full flame there is the fear that if i have i die too soon i will um i will not be able to apply my mind to death in such a way to neutralize fear of it which is all it's about it's all about just facing it and being able to breathe through the the the panic of the over mind with the steady real undermined but that requires a lot of concentration practice i don't know what if what if i really am dying and i feel it more when i think about this stuff more because as i approach because i can really if i think enough like i think fast enough i can't approach talking myself into believing without having to feel but then as i do it as my feel more i feel my body more and 0:59:55 as i get closer to that sensation of gnosis which is the extinguishment of self my ego kicks in because it's still there because i still have this accumulated 40 years of \*\*\*\*\* desires and structured uh structures of illusory identity that don't want to go that aren't ready to go and i have to uh i have to like breathe through them so that's like the so it's like a dynamic of intention navigating these poles and the mind right trying to negotiate the distinction there and then also being able to get close enough to the root in your thought in your thought process because i just think all the time my brain is very literal that is why i have i'm abstracted away from my body because why i've been scared of dying since i was a kid why something that was any by any 1:0:57 realistic measure far far away something i couldn't stop thinking about because i could not imagine uh detaching myself from that ego enough to avoid just screaming into the void so i am trying to reorder myself so that i'm always trying to grasp like emotions where they come from and like follow them through to try to to neutralize even my body sensations before they they tripped me up and got me back into a so 1:2:4

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anyway i hope if some of this made who knows we all know where it'll end up and that's good and that's the thing is that there is nothing to fear there really is nothing to fear but that doesn't uh that doesn't pay the pickle man when your feelings are not determined by the things you think you have to take that lack of fear and live it by overriding as much as you can everything that comes spewing out of but you need you need you need to but you're not going to get rid of fear obviously and it's going to have to use it's a signal it's it's a it's a decision-making matrix it's a decision maker it helps you navigate things so you have to have fear without being owned by it but that's nobody said it would be easy all right well that felt pretty good i feel like i got most of what i wanted to hope everybody can stay safe and stay you 1:3:6

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### *Johnny Memenonic*

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lonely feeling deep inside find a corner where i can't hide solid footsteps crowding  
me sudden darkness no sugar tonight or coffee no sugar tonight or cream no sugar  
to stand beside me no no no in the silence of her mind quiet movements where  
i can find grabbing for me her eyes now i'm falling from the sky that's no sugar 0:1:5  
tonight all coffee no sugar tonight or cream no sugar to stand beside me no sugar to  
everybody have you heard if you're in the game then the stroke's **\*\*Music playing\*\***  
i love how many songs uh have been written that are basically about how a lot of 0:2:15  
people become stars and they're like you know what i think a lot of these i think  
a lot of these uh show folk out here and holly weird they actually uh they don't  
they don't uh say what they mean all the time and sometimes they uh they tell you  
what that you want they want you to hear so that they can pick your pocket i mean  
what's going on they'll turn into jimmy stewart as soon as they get to hollywood well  
what's going on around here are signed a record contract so yeah sorry huckleberry  
what did you think this was and then they just have to write a song about it to let  
everybody know and then what do you know everybody just keeps going and keeps  
trying to go in the the dream factory and nobody is dissuaded no matter how many  
of these songs get written or how because what is there else to seek people want 0:3:16  
to know why oh uh all the kids want to be youtubers they want to be uh content  
creators and why everybody always wants to be an athlete or a rapper instead of it's  
because in the absence of any project in the absence of any belief in a social order  
any belief that your efforts put towards it are going to be either is are going to be  
appreciated or utilized to any greater benefit to anyone if you if the world is just  
cynical transactions then what the **\*\*\*\*\*** should you try to do with your life other  
than be uh the center of attention to reify that identity that that uh that singular uh  
consciousness that is the entirety of the universe because here's the thing if you make  
a world where everybody is god and then most of them just have to be regular **\*\*\*\*\***  
people and do shitty jobs they're gonna get uh annoyed with that they're gonna  
get in fact their brains are basically gonna eventually explode from the cognitive 0:4:17  
dissonance of being god and yet being powerless so of course everyone's gonna seek a

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\*\*\*\*\* employment where they can be unalienated which is as close to post-capitalist as you can imagine which is the idea of now a little bit of alienation can be accepted if you think you're \*\*\*\*\* building something beyond yourself but if a society builds a if you are brought into a a structured reality that says no the only uh pursuit is selfishness the only uh point of view is your own the only reality is your body well then you're going to operate from those premises and that means you're not going to put any effort into anything that isn't immediately validating and that means of course you want money and of course you want to have time buyers for yourself and not according to a boss but more than anything you need to be noticed you need to be seen you need to be famous you have to be famous or else how are you the sole \*\*\*\*\* consciousness in the galaxy that that gap is too great your brain can't handle the cognitive dissonance of living as one of many whenever when everything you've encountered culturally tells you that you're the only \*\*\*\*\* thing in the universe that can't that's unsustainable that's why people seek to their own destruction fame and fortune and that's why i did \*\*\*\*\* in my lazy cowardly way of just yearning for it and then complaining about it long enough that a \*\*\*\*\* technology came along to allow you the opportunity to get known for complaining that's why everybody wants to be a critic because if there is no energy to produce art because you have no faith in the project of society then what you want is uh the fame without the risk which is criticizing other stuff politically artistically the critic is the default model if you can't be uh if you can't if you aren't talented enough to do it effortlessly like you're a great you're very attractive and that means you can become famous just you know by acting or something or you are an actor with a charisma which is another thing that is relatively effortless uh even if it requires you know application but it's application towards a singular goal of say fame those people get famous and if you have athletic ability those people get famous but if you're not if you don't have those things if all you have is this ego and this disempowered position as just one of the \*\*\*\*\* flossom the consumer blobs who make up america uh then you're gonna get annoyed with it and you're going to complain and along camera technology to allow your complaints to be turned into content and then you've created an entire \*\*\*\*\* economy of critique which is people trying to reckon with their insignificance in a world where they're the only \*\*\*\*\* consciousness that exists but it's all a flight away from effort because of it it is a lot a lack of belief and the thing about the belief is the belief doesn't go away like obviously uh modernity is this huge uh hundreds of year arc of disenchantment with the world right like the world losing its magic the uh the uh life become like that is which is unquantifiable is where mystery and uh and religion and spirit live and what the quantifiable but that doesn't mean that belief goes away because at the end of the day you have to believe enough to keep

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your blood pumping in your body and the thing that you believe in if you can't believe it anything outside of the body is the body itself and the mind and identity that pilot and so we believe more than ever we believe as much as any people in history have ever believed but we only believe in ourselves and not in the i believe in myself way as in the ourselves our fantasy social fiction that we have turned into reality because remember this self is not real any more than our social bonds are real any more than any ideological construction out of the the the explosive random uh matter that we encounter every day uh is real but we act as though it were it used to be one thing of many that we believed in now all of that belief is concentrated into the self and all we're seeing the the s a species suicide is due to the fact that we only believe in ourselves which means we can only pursue the most narrow short-term carnal self-interest and that means uh that means that we can only operate through capitalism we can only operate through market relationships and that in a context of finite resources that will spell the death of the planet now that's not black pill that's not the end of the but humans have to believe to live but what they believe in changes yes like this is a perfect example it's not like believing in the self is evil and must be extinguished it's inevitable it just it used to be a smaller part of our conception of reality uh uh somebody put a good post here self-interest makes class politics relevant exactly exactly uh the emergence of the liberal self is what allows class consciousness to come into being like peasants would rebel cyclically but never along any kind for the most part not in a coherent uh like understanding of the politics and as a group it was a spasm against like their most immediate oppressor they were usually doing their uh violence on behalf of the king in their own minds anyway the kind of uh like strategically um this is strategically uh powerful and and threatening uh and formidable class politics that is oriented against capital as it is only allow is only possible with the individuated self valuing their alienation enough to stand up for themselves for themselves for their idea of themselves as having inherent value and if their time and having inherent value their time on earth their time having consciousness that time has value they want to assert it but you have to feel it as a separation you have to feel alienation as a loss so it's an it's inherent and then necessary but we lost the war is the thing the socialist spirit was awakened at the dawn of capitalism and marx was right there to see it coming into fruition but that fight was lost that fight was lost i would say in the years eight 1914 to 1922. i would say that and that everything then that since then has been a holding action um and that we have reached a period of of of capitalist of complete capitalist uh domination the end of history as fukuyama discussed and why he really was right but the thing is there something comes after the end of history because we're in a \*\*\*\*\* system that cannot sustain it contradictions between the material conditions

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and the fantasies in the heads of our uh self deluded uh capitalist rulers here someone makes a very good point here that historically capitalism is obsolete and this is what maxes people up a lot of the times because we are far past the point when capitalism has uh has ceased to fulfill his historic uh purpose because remember marx was not did not hate capitalism the the whole big the first third of the communist manifesto is a payon to capitalism's progressive features capitalism in marxism has a historic 0:13:35  
role i think what you would call late capitalism what you would call the whatever this neoliberal like techno feudal whatever the hell you want to call it the post 1918 1989 world is uh really capitalism having um gone beyond its historic role it's still holding on because of its the belief in it its ability to create a uh a self-sustaining magnetic like electromagnetically charged cultural hegemony like we have created people who cannot live together who cannot cooperate we've created people who are incapable of doing it under the conditions that they emerge the isolated socially atomized conditions with a global uh supply chain that keeps uh the most horrifying 0:14:36  
exploitation of the system as far as humanly possible geographically and culturally and what and that means that even though we have by far the tech the capitalist accumulation necessary to equalize the pain of being alive and not fully but in a vastly mostly more than we are and in a way that could preserve the biosphere but the people who could do that are not us now that doesn't mean they won't be us at some point but it means right now they're not us and getting there getting to those people and if that fails if humanity fails then you will see uh capitalism just following 0:15:40  
along as to its uh technological extinction and who knows how long that will take but it will occur and that is those are all open variables so i can't say it mostly comes down to how much technology emerges and of course there is the zardoz option that the rich are able to put technology between themselves and exploitation because that's what it is you're putting technology allows you to put distance between exploitation and the uh consumption of the pro product of exploitation between the extraction of surplus value and the enjoyment of surface value that's what technology allows you couldn't get to a point if the technology happens and this is all who knows i'm not a tech person that allows them to allows the rich to seal themselves off as in create in a bubble the post uh the totally automated reality sealing themselves in 0:16:43  
and then you have ironically enough as peter freys puts up points out in his book for futures you have fully luxurated space communism congratulations you've got it but you've got it without those people being transformed by the process of building it which means they're still demon monads as happens in zardoz which is a great the only people who can survive the frank lee the boredom the boredom the only people who could survive the boredom of fully luxurated space communists communism would be people who had a decentered themselves not removed their sense of self

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not become a behind mind but reduce their sense of self and to put it into a social project because even in this how is it that in the center of america and the center of this system of exploitation where all of the people are living basically post-scarcity lives like to live in the the middle quartile especially if you have one of these jobs and media or around media i.e the people who are actually doing all the content that people interact with that shapes their understanding of what political culture is they're miserable even though they live post-scarcity lives for the most part yes they're a little exploited exploited but they know there's some of the few people left on earth who know that their effort will be rewarded who knows that trying will get them something so of course so these are essentially post-capitalist subjects in their lives and they're \*\*\*\*\* miserable and they build an insanity of a political uh insane asylum to wage war in how the hell do you think they're gonna operate where the reality is hi welcome to life you're not gonna have to struggle for anything uh for your basic existence you're not gonna have to struggle to keep yourself sustained as a person but you are going to die uh you're going to go through life having experiences accumulating a sense of self uh until it's really the only frame of reference for the world around you and then at some point it's going to stop like it's the grit it's the it's the people neurosis is postmodern neurosis i think the neuroesthetic of our new victorian like drawing room class the yellow wallpaper people which is all of us really if you're listening to this you have the yellow wallpaper disease a little bit i know i do i mean once again i'm speaking about myself if you say weird we're not miserable we just want health care i'm not talking about that i'm talking about people in my position the people who structure this stuff and then how it respond i'm just saying as an example these are as close this is as good as it gets under the system and it results in people building fantasies of anxiety to build give themselves something to worry about like \*\*\*\*\* the robin deangelo thesis these these comfortable well-off white people who live in the center of an exploitative nightmare system and know that but also are addicted to resolving that and it is by giving themselves a neurotic fixation uh on their level of racism and that is like if you want to talk about like the hysteria of wokeness on white people that's what it is it is this need to self to self absolve it is the neo puritan need to be dissolved of the guilt of living as you do because you know it's bad but there's nothing else to do and the thing is i don't there is nothing else for you to do in the sense that you can work towards you know uh the betterment of the world but you're probably still going to be at the center of empire you're probably still going to be exploiting people somewhere but you have to live with it and do you live with it by indulging in a fantasy or do you live with it by facing the and the answer to that question comes down to how much are you trying to reinforce yourself how much are you trying to get pleasure out of this and that's the

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thing about the neurosis of of this \*\*\*\*\* is that it gives you pleasure you don't have to sacrifice all that pain you're feeling all that misery uh the thing about freaking out about uh oh no one's wearing masks oh my god what if how long they're telling me i don't have to wear a mask but i want to keep wearing a mask all of that is pleasure at a sense it is a game you're playing with yourself instead of thinking about the reality that you're a cut off consciousness floating through space that is in a system lubricated by so that is why uh this is this is a process this is a process of creating 0:21:54  
a species that is aware of itself as in has detached some percentage of its belief away from in itself into others into that oh yeah there is stuff outside of there that's real that's real as as real as i am and that's what makes people struggle sacrifice that's what makes work unalienating and there has to be work we got to work but that is unalienated labor and unalienated labor \*\*\*\*\* build a goddamn could build a dyson spear make america live forever or make america live forever make uh make humanity extend itself into this cosmos because we have so much technology holy \*\*\*\*\* we have so much stuff that \*\*\*\*\* marx thought that uh capitalism it was fulfilling its historic uh role already when all they had is like some \*\*\*\*\* steam-powered looms 0:22:56  
like a machine that would like oh and it powers a \*\*\*\*\* uh a sewing machine we have the ability to centrally plan a world sized economy through simula simulations within mach within uh uh computers we can map the world in a way to allow all of our automated technology to \*\*\*\*\* extend across it but that's that would be if we believed in something different the tools we have are sufficient if the people were different and it's us and the process this is history is us grinding those two things against each other because they can't just shift spontaneously that is the fantasy i think of a lot not all but a lot of anarchists is a spontaneous phase shift where you can go from being a full i'm a full individual vigi vigil and i believe in uh with everything being good for other people but mostly out of a uh understanding of like 0:23:58  
utilitarian ethics you know i understand that what is good for the many is good for me too i can go from that person to a state of uh post-capitalist uh post-scarcity can't do that you have to work you have to change and that change has to change others and then the next generation of people have to change too it's just it is \*\*\*\*\*  
\*\*\*\*\* labor and is slow boring of hard boards oh yeah that's yes of course that's that's what uh politics is it's also what revolution is by definition unless you want to skip steps which everybody wants to do and i totally get it but here's the thing wanting to skip steps is wanting to feed the ego wanting to skip steps is wanting to keep doing what you're doing already because it feels good and even the stuff that feels bad feels good because it contrasts with the other stuff and it gives you something to chase after the stuff that makes you see the world as it is that is the 0:24:59  
desire to actually see things better pleasure and of course like this doesn't point in

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any direction this is all \*\*\*\*\* because i'm just trying to say that that there has to be of the most advanced people like there are progressive and uh and reactionary forces within any polity even in the center of the decadent world uh uh capitalist empire that's consuming the um \*\*\*\*\* i realize that whatever what do we but there 0:26:2  
is politics here and it has to uh people have people are it's made by people talking to each other right now because there aren't any structures to join there isn't any real sys there is no left to join there are organizations you can join as an individual but there is no self-conscious left to join in this country it has to be built and so people are right now all of us are faced with a choice of what do we do every day to try to make that happen and all i c and i'm trying to ask myself questions well what can i do well i'm totally isolated i'm completely cut off i am not a worker i am not in the working class i am part of that remaining uh section of uh of uh art artisans uh but also even there i am enmeshed in capitalism as so i could sever all of those chords immediately and try to fight for the working class how could i do that what 0:27:4  
could i do in that capacity as a middle-aged limping man with no actual skills or abilities i could try something but it's a big leap well what do i actually what where am i i'm in this position there's there's these people who here listen to what i'm saying if i'm going to keep doing that for now because i honestly don't know what else to do in the middle of this this pandemic that has now even further cellularized me i can try to make sense of what to \*\*\*\*\* say transparentize the question and uh and realize that okay if everybody's seeking this if i can assume everyone has good faith is trying to seek betterment then all i could do is tell them not what to do because i'm not in a position because i'm not in a position to tell anybody what to do i don't \*\*\*\*\* have an idea i'm i have no connections in the working class i have 0:28:9  
an idea of how you can approach these questions um but that's it and of course that allows me to stay here and cushy in my home and that's the other thing is that you have this fire in your stomach this combination of like uh the the ache of of distance from you know uh the sacred and then also that knowledge that it exists and you've got those and that i think is what causes us to feel to feel things and to be able to build a world around the feelings because we have to translate feelings through that tunnel into conscious ideas and that means being present for the feelings in order to be nearest to that that moment instead of allowing it all to get alienated by us thinking all the \*\*\*\*\* time which i know i am very very guilty of doing because 0:29:11  
what happens is is that even if you have this feeling if you can't stoke it socially if you're not stoking it through actions you are only thinking about it you are only uh in the moment abstracting away uh an a sort of a logical cage a a syntactic structure that can contain that idea but that can only be made up of the stuff you've ever experienced it's it's it is consumed it is constructed of the experience of the world

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around you which means it's locked up in the idea of the self the idea of uh of of the uh singularity of your consciousness like you're still in that body you're still in that mind that has those traumas and associations built into it and so as you try to keep this i this feeling and you keep trying to keep it alive through thought the thought 0:30:12 continues to drift farther and farther away from the feeling because you are fallen from it in time literally in time you're trying to remember something and the longer you try to remember something the more you have to sort of uh improvise to keep it going and to feeling because the only way to keep those feelings in turn them into thoughts and to practice practice which i now understand how that's a useful term because you really can't disengage the two because you're really only thinking until you get to an act and then you do the act and the act gets you like informs your thinking again you you you the one by themselves just turns into self-interest over 0:31:13 time it just turns into self-interest all the time what keeps it alive is uh cooperation is interaction with others socially is a social \*\*Music playing\*\* and the problem is is that for it to work to be effective you have to be interacting with people who share your mental construction who have the same associations you have between words and feelings and that's tough that's very difficult and so people go online to try to find people like that but we're not interacting with ourselves as real and body people we're operating as just pure ego uh uh projections of that person shorn from any real feeling and so we just fight and build castles in the sky and and wage what 0:32:14 meanwhile our bodies are just sitting there our bodies are just sitting in time and so we come back into our bodies not fortified for the fight but uh reified in in this in the hopelessness and pointlessness of fighting because what's the use and also i'm \*\*\*\*\* tired because my orgone just went out at the top of my head into this it is dualistic in the sense that there is a dual there isn't that the dialectic is made of uh of opposites and the un re there have to there has to be at base and uh irresolvable opposite and it's between space and time that is the one opposite within the the pluralistic 0:33:16 universe that is one that is one uh thing there is still space and time and everything else the creation of the universe the bringing into consciousness of human or bringing into existence of life to bring into consciousness of humanity these are all and then human history and the development of human civilization are space and time are the same thing of course but there's still a contradiction between them heisenberg like something happens to me i have a feeling something touches me and then i feel the 0:34:17 it happens afterwards my my body dies before my mind dies which is really what all of this is about the knowledge we have that our \*\*\*\*\* bodies die before our minds do that means that we have to know at some level at some instinctive level what to do all right we might get a dmt hit exactly but what is that hit gonna be it's you're not gonna get to choose it you're not gonna get the \*\*\*\*\* uh put it up on

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the jukebox it's gonna be powered by your deepest below conscious constructions where you did not where you have only been after those were formed trying to make sense of them so yeah i hope that made sense somewhat i know it got a little wacky 0:35:58  
there at the end all the quantum stuff i try not to talk about it because i don't get i don't understand it i feel like i get it enough where it's just like you know you got like a you have a reality tunnel that's made out of different pieces and they're different sizes and some are very granular some concepts you got a bunch you can just go over there and you can feel it and you just you feel very confident in it and there's other stuff that's that's solid but still pretty thin or pretty uh pretty big you know it's pretty smooth not a lot of grit and for me all that \*\*\*\*\* is is very smooth but at the same time i know i'm not gonna get it any more than i do so once again i'm going to do a leap of faith that yeah broadly i know what's going on there and then it and the thing is it makes sense with everything else it's just putting together a \*\*\*\*\* out of the out of the cracked pottery of your perceptions of life is putting together a \*\*\*\*\* mosaic tablet and then if you can get one that aligns your heart 0:36:59  
in your head and you can live it live it with other people that reinforce it both for you and for them here's a good one why can't japan have such a cool spiritual and philosophical history and also such a bloody and imperialist material history because we have been running through every existing civilization has been one marked by class domination all cultures all societies are first and foremost structures of class power all religious traditions and spiritualities exist within them the ideas of those 0:38:3  
have residences that operate in different ways and under different contexts so even though the the the earliest strains of things like buddhism we're all expressions of people coming to not to an understanding of reality but to an ability to translate an untranslatable experience into something other people could grasp in their mind imaginatively to put a reality into someone's mind it's and it that and language is is a \*\*\*\*\* incantation and so you have those magic moments that are defined what are they defined by place and time people in a specific space experiencing something at the same time and having those experiences fused into language and symbols and 0:39:5  
then carrying those symbols outward some of the people encountering those symbols are going to have a similar experience others are going to have an experience from the outside of it that finds it useful and power will take any structure and symbol and turn it towards its use because it can because it has power it's going to take anything because it can now there'll be a resistance but if it's powerful enough it will keep it and if it's not powerful enough whatever emerges from it well because class has not been conquered will reinscribe class domination and use the stuff for their own method for their own benefit so our task is not to accept or reject religious traditions in in their uh cultural like their their their denuded cultural context you 0:40:6

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need to ask yourself what religious symbology what religious concepts what spiritual premises whatever actually make you feel something actually resonate and then you could build from there but yeah from everything has been tainted everything is a instrument of domination i mean my god like on their own terms forget what forget their mystification on their own terms the guys who settled uh of the united states and wanted to turn it into the city on the hill you brought them you snapped your fingers and brought them to this and say here's it is they would they would go insane 0:41:7  
the vulgarness the the monstrous uh uh fallen disgusting materialist filth of it would drive them insane and a lot of right wingers like to say that they like to complain oh the our early americans would be disgusted but here's the thing they made this happen because their conceptions were never defeated they were the leading they were the top proposition that they were their concept their their their de-spiritualized christianity their materialist christianity made this world because they won they fought other things and in the fighting created new things and created synthesis out of other things but they were never unseated from the horse and what do we have for it even on their own terms it's hell because that's what you'll create you'll create your own hell trying to build a world out of exploitation out of class domination 0:42:9  
which is committing violence it is violence to someone that you have to in your heart detach yourself from in a way that and being in that position of exploitation causes you for very obvious and understandable reasons to detach yourself from the people dominating you and hurts your spirit and then you fight over the scraps for the next 300 years no matter what \*\*\*\*\* language of religiosity and spirituality you use you're just building that the structures that allow you to do that because these guys one of uh uh the the the founding federation the founding generation would be horrified why they won this we still have the stupid constitution they're dumb 0:43:10  
instruction manual is still in power and what can they say oh you distorted it oh you stopped paying attention to it i'm sorry how was that allowed to happen power was exercised through its structures and dominated it's a \*\*\*\*\* instrument of power what are you complaining about and what's this the people who the whole the real point of this thing as madison others said plainly had nothing to do with creating a civic anything it was keeping the rich people rich so that they could maintain their position of authority and it worked the rich have never been uh been close to being divorced from american power and now we have this world if if your rule led you to this of what use was the rule because all anything that you're trying to build you you will convince yourself no matter how evil the system you you support is is that some part of it corresponds to a value somewhere and that's yours this the cultural superstructure exists to lie to you it is generated by the ruling class to tell the ruling class that up is down down is up and that exploitation now they're 0:44:11

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convincing themselves of this because of their deep selfishness but at a conscious level they believe a lot of it at least some of them do i would say that like with anyone it is a \*\*\*\*\* bell curve most do to some extent some do completely some do not at all like reinhardt hydric types but most people believe to some degree that they're trying to build a better world or the best possible world and their power allows them to create a system where everyone around them thinks the same thing and that's where we are now and where we've always been revolution is the attempt from below for to organize a counter hegemony with with values that organize around the reality the consonants of human uh of human dignity the the equality of the spirit and 0:45:12 creating a culture where where everyone else agree believes that and reinforces it to you and then through superior numbers overcoming the powerful that's what support that's what was supposed to happen the hinge point in history was in the early 20th century when you had gotten finally industrial capitalism had had overheated in europe where it was born it it had fallen follow the script of marx to doom but what's this colonialism what's this the existence of the united states of america as a place where capitalism's headquarters its brainstem could decamp where it had uh synthesized it had the united states well the united well europe was overheating with cot with uh capitalism the steam vent of conflict went to america where the mount the bounty of our land allowed us to uh resolve away all a lot of the social conflict at 0:46:14 the heart of the european capitalism within the white race by dominating other races and then that meant that in europe the explosion happened right around when you could have predicted it but even though the fight was significant and and there was a big long uh holding action at the end you know even though the like the battle you want to look back and say like the in the class war yeah uh in the class war gettysburg and vicksburg are like world war one and the failure of the german revolution but then you've got you know uh the soviet union in there you got the chinese then you have the anti-colonial movements of the third world and then the labor movement in the first and they hold off for a while and then that's that's lee retreating into northern virginia but now the the contradictions the material contradictions continue 0:47:26 so we're going to still see uh possibilities emerge erupt and change the thing that saved capitalism was uh space was space and resources that could be technologically dominated to uh to alleviate away from the centers of power the uh exploitation of those closest to it i.e the working classes of the working class of europe and the the uh racially white working class of the united states although sections of other minority groups too just in in you know in in a uh in a segregated fashion and yeah we got like oh yeah cuba god bless cuba but cuba's like you know they're uh they're 0:48:28 the holdouts in the jungle and they should stay there there but that doesn't mean that they why was japan able to westernize and become an imperial power despite

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happening because it was isolated because it was by itself because it was not uh it was able to end and its feudal era i don't know that much about japan but its feudal era was marked by such intense uh essentially what you had in europe in japan was the same thing you had in europe which is a lot a growing population in a relatively constrained geographic area of course this is on a smaller scale which uh fighting over uh resources which means state formation and state capacity being built very 0:49:30 very effectively bureaucratic uh the bureaucratic state and the technological state it is that content this is this is all from scheidel uh this is this i really do believe that the thing that creates that that created progress the the capitalism uh and the conditions for capitalism which allowed japan to adopt it as quickly as they did and in japan you had like the shogunate but within it you had just a constant conflict between low-level uh rulers you did not have any kind of dominant uh and that's what you didn't have in force of course state competition is one state attempting to dominate another at the expense of the other and now and when you have uh 0:50:33 situations like europe it makes sense and you have japan it makes sense but then oh what's this we have a world system now we have a totally connected uh economic structure oh no what what are we competing about now where what is what is the actual competition here oh \*\*\*\*\* we're really just creating these artificial structures to allow for uh capital to circulate completely independently i might want to start cooperating might be a good idea but i don't know i don't know latin america if there 0:51:37 is hope it's helping latin america that's my in africa but i don't know as much but definitely latin america where you have you have a legacy of you know a 20th century left that still has actual social uh function and cohesion i mean obviously it's under assault but there does seem to be the capacity for coordinated uh resistance there and politically expressed resistance uh uh and that means it's that's why it's been such a \*\*\*\*\* bloody blood-soaked horror ground of the cold war that's where the \*\*\*\*\* that's where uh outside of like southeast asia that is where the most uh most people were sacrificed to uh dollar hegemony in the cold in the in the uh cold war was uh was in latin america because of the the \*\*\*\*\* the effectiveness and the the resiliency of the resistance like if latin america could become in some way like a coherent left 0:52:38 block that could then pla like tip the balance between the united states and china and like force some sort of uh it's not it's not world communism but it's better than the alternative uh if anyone's read vince bevin's great book the jakarta method he uh one of the things that's great about it is that he contextualizes the indonesian genocide in the cold war in a way that uh i don't think necessarily everyone would have done because and i think it comes from the fact that he wrote he was a journalist in brazil for many years before he went to indonesia is that he pointed out that the jakarta method uh while it was obviously first you know tried out in indonesia was 0:53:41

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really extended and perfected over the cold war not in the rest of uh asia but in latin america in chile and in argentina and in \*\*\*\*\* brazil and then you have the fact that the colombian government has basically been an american like the client military the colombia somebody just said like column uh the colombian president or something said somebody says that colombia is the israel of latin america and we're proud of it yes exactly even though bolsonaro of course loves and smooches uh um you know he loves uh israel brazil is coming late to the party here like colombia has been the uh military the extended military footprint of the united states into latin america for 0:54:42 generation now mostly under the guise of the drug war but of course that is mostly about arming uh narco terror gangs who who make sure that union organizers get killed and peasants like plan it was called plan colombia you know so and brazil was never really a a flash point of that particular site you know a fake uh conduit for american military weapons and training and personnel so yeah colombia is the \*\*\*\*\* israel of latin america but now you're getting this massive uh resistance and it's being repressed violently when you see that this is not an isolated incident that this is a pattern throughout all of the nations of south america for the most part uh if there's 0:55:44 hope i think that's where it is but again i don't know enough about latin american his uh latin american uh politics right now i don't speak spanish or portuguese uh to know the specifics but looking at it from a scance from afar it seems that's where like human the potential for for actual organization that can be effective uh exists oh somebody wants to talk about the labor party uh l o l that's all i gotta say there l o l that's so \*\*\*\*\* good just eating \*\*\*\*\* losing a seat that they've held since the uh whatever i mean they had their chance england had their chance and they were they were too miserable to pull it off they're too they're too far gone and why shouldn't they be they're the ones who did this to us like obviously we are all we all did this too but we were born into a world shaped more than in america that by those and 0:56:48 it's not their fault it's where they were that was that's the strategy when you're out there in the \*\*\*\*\* north atlantic at the edge of europe nothing but some \*\*\*\*\* sheep folds no resources what are you gonna do and they did it they took over the world they jacked everybody else's \*\*\*\*\* now all their edible food comes from thousands of miles away but they're miserable about it as i said they're miserable about it they got all they wanted they got out on top they got to they got to trade off they got to sell high on the british empire because they could have lost it all i mean my god imagine uh a some sort of uh third worldest overthrow of of uh the british empire instead of them getting to just sign it over to the united states and then get to get a nice welfare state after the war because every short-term deal that you make with 0:57:49 because you're being stripped you're selling your soul you're selling your soul you're selling it piece by piece until you're born into a soulless world what like england hey

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england solas we're basically soulless and it's all about your distance alienated so it'll be very interesting just it'll be very interesting to see how i mean obviously it's not like this is going to change the labor party they they're they want the blairite scum are ascendant they're just going to keep bullshitting and blaming corbin so and then they'll they'll get wiped out in the next election and uh you'll get it another crowd who promises not the same not to make the same mistakes and is gonna be somehow not tainted by it but they're gonna be i don't know anything about somebody's asking about the albanian elections i don't know anything about it someone's asking if it's uh relevant to current moments is what did the hoshi did like enver hosa's kid get in or something what happened in albania oh yes enverhosa junior one uh with the uh why did this a very good question to end on why did the anc go neo-liberal i would argue for the same reason that uh michael collins came back uh to ireland with uh the treaty because it's the deal they thought they could get and they figured well if we get political power we'll be able to turn it into economic power but it turns out no the moment for that was gone historically i don't think it's any coincidence that you see the end of apartheid with the soviets out of the picture it's a different question about whether you hand over uh uh political power to blacks because as long as the uh the economic heights have been held by whites on uh let the let him let him go let him do it if it's what keeps the system going and what maintains uh the flows the spice let them have it and knowing that there was no leverage to get beyond a political sub uh because where would where would their uh if they had demanded no we we demand uh control of the economy we demand like central bank authority and all that stuff uh how much of that western uh support that they got for their uh boycott and sanctions and \*\*\*\*\* would still exist so they got a deal they got power and it helped it helped it materially benefited in some respects and more importantly it materially benefited some people and that is the problem with uh with communal politics like uh that is stripped of a class conflict is that once you get an anc that is that is just another political capitalist political party it ends up existing to benefit people who are already on inside sort of the the bubble of this the the small bourgeois and higher and you just enlarge in the bourgeois and you racially diversify the bourgeois all right i think that'll be that'll be the game for tonight hope it went well hope it made a little bit of sense

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mama pajama rolled out of bed and she went to the police station papa pound out he began to shout and started the investigation it was against the law it was against the law what your mama saw it was against the law mama looked down and spit on the ground every time a name gets mentioned papa said oh if i got that boy i'm gonna stick him in the house of detention but i know no way i don't know where i'm going and i'm on my way i'm taking my time but i don't know where goodbye rosie the queen of corona seeing me and julia down by the schoolyard see me and julia down by the schoolyard okay finally got it to work didn't work at first the queen of corona indeed how have they not renamed that park corona park just sitting there in the and they never renamed the beer either another thing i can't kind of get my head around but it both seemed like that would have been no brainers i guess you just don't want to uh admit what's really happening corona heights in san francisco there we go i gotta say someone says the new snyder movie very excited for the new uh zach snyder zombie movie because uh dawn of the dead is probably his best film and that opening sequence is really the best it is the best zom it's the closest any zombie movie has gotten to what i have always wanted in a zombie movie and never got which is the actual moment the the the dramatization of the moment when the zombie crisis hits uh normality and disrupts it and and there isn't a uh they tried it in world of the book world war z does a great job of that but uh the movie has just one stupid terrible scene where a bunch of guys are running around in philadelphia otherwise uh very lame but that opening sequence when it's the \*\*\*\*\* suburban waukesha county uh cul-de-sac just going to hell it's tasty of course it couldn't sustain it because the rules of the game and also what's uh cheap to film don't really allow for that kind of thing but i'm looking forward to it the fact that they digitally replaced chris delia with tygnataro like a year after the movie was made is pretty funny uh so that'll be funny to see and also uh i'm interested to see how they get the incredibly stupid premise of bank heist during a zombie apocalypse because a lot of people say what are you gonna do with the money my presumption is is that it's a contained zombie situation the zombies like took over las vegas but

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there's also now like a return civilization but you gotta figure post zombie apocalypse that they would have at least they would at least revalue the dinar you know put out some new sort of currency okay so one bit of business before i start what i want to talk about today and that is that for next week going to read the first three chapters of uh corbs weimar republic i'm not sure we might just read that and be done with it because it's from what i understand one of the best uh his best like capsule treatments of the german revolution so that'll we'll go from there i kind of have an idea that i want to read a kim stanley robinson book because a lot of what i'm going to be talking about and what i've been focusing on in my mind lately is is confronting the reality of living trying to live and trying to articulate a political subjectivity at a time of full despair and i do think that there is a way that despair can be grappled with and transcended and i'm trying to help i'm trying to do it for myself and i'm finding like by the day i am able to do it you know and that's all it is it's a it's it's never a it is a project all life is that day-to-day project that minute by minute project it's not something that can be just uh turned on and off like a light it's a it's a daily struggle but you can struggle uh easily or more difficultly you know you could be confronting the real thing or you can be epiphenomenon of it that you then engage with instead and which will never allow you to get anything where because you're never you're not actually confronting anything and so i wanted to maybe read something that because you know the despair is why i was looking backward the despair is why i'm looking at you know the civil war and the german revolution and thinking like what could have gone differently where where is another where is that other world that we could be living in uh but also and but that's not the only thing i want to do with it because you know i still have we all have to live now uh so uh cameron stanley robinson has been doing a very interesting job in trying to do non-doom-based non-capitalist fantasy science futurist fiction which is very difficult because as we'll talk about the future now only belongs to the rich the future has been privatized the future are the only people who the rich are the only people who get to imagine a future yes ministry of the future is the one that i want to read so we'll see about that after the weimar thing so if you're rich you can imagine a future for your children you can imagine giving them a world better than yours because you can convince yourself uh the same way the mid-century modernists convince themselves about a middle-class uh uh future they can imagine a boutique rich person future and all the stuff that's gonna happen everybody else will be very unfortunate but also unavoidable inevitable and not my problem at the end of the day nobody else gets to imagine a future when we think of what's coming next it's just a black hole it's terror and so that is one of the things that depoliticizes uh the mass of people because if you have no future that you can move towards realistically

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uh then what's the point of engaging anything why not as we talked about last week just trying to solve in the shortest term possible my own selfish desires uh it's the only smart move in a futureless world so confronting despair is about reclaiming the future in a lot of ways and ex and and accepting despair but uh accepting with it that you still exist and that you still have a beating heart and that something is driving it and to find what that is and move towards it and we can all do that uh but it means disengaging from a lot of the things that we have become addicted to that have uh allowed us to to cope without actually directly addressing and so i think reading something that is unabashed in its willingness to imagine a human future uh even though that is cringe because my god how could anyone take it seriously we all know it's we're doomed we all know that there's no \*\*\*\*\* hope look at the \*\*\*\*\* hockey stick look at who has the money look who has the \*\*\*\*\* technology look who look who look what kind of uh social cohesion we have or or uh class consciousness that's terrific it's a terrifying prospect the math doesn't hold up but so everybody has to risk cringing everybody has to risk stepping off into the abyss and saying i'm going to believe that we can do this and so after we do this stuff with weimar i want to read \*\*Music playing\*\* the ministry of the future by kim stanley robinson so that's we'll be doing that one um so to get to what i wanted to talk about today though and dealing with despair uh is the in my mind uncanny resonance between the current moment i wouldn't say decade because i think we're beyond the point where discrete decades at least maybe uh we're beyond decades or maybe they can only be understood in further retrospect than we have now whatever you want to call it this period i would say post 2008 uh whatever you want to call that it's now what it's now 12 years 13 years it's a long decade let's say is essentially the 1970s uh being recapitulated in that it is an era of mass disillusionment from a uh an understood system the 1970s was the decade when america throughout in every walk of life not just the hippies who got disillusioned by the failure of their movement everybody from suburban reactionary homeowners to haiti ashbury burnouts everybody got the ned baby speech everybody got the uh the conversation with the man in the back of the room to tell them how things really were everybody got to eat a naked lunch in the 1970s because all of our illusions were no longer sustainable our economy the the keynesian welfare state that we built was no longer sustainable the uh the social models we created were collapsing uh uh our expectation of advancement of a future better than our present that that the \*\*\*\*\* carrot on the stick of in america's exceptionalism has been extinguished we uh all of our institutions were proven to be uh uh criminal jokes the media uh politicians uh you had watergate you had the church committee you had a you had the hangover vietnam everyone understood and then when you combined that with just bread and butter stuff like the the real

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beginning of de-industrialization and the massive strike wave that's like the very tail 0:11:15  
end of american labor militancy sort of burned off like the last excess energy the  
labor movement have burned off in a bunch of wildcat strikes in the 70s uh sort of a  
mirror of the burst of strike activity uh in the late 1940s that sort of set the stage  
for the it was the birth of the modern business-oriented collaborationist post-war  
labor movement and it's and it began with a bunch of wildcat strikes in the late  
40s 1948 and it ended with a bunch of wildcat and they mostly failed so the labor  
movement failed it was awash in corruption and it uh it's it's was not unable to  
meet the needs of its members the institutions that deployed people were already  
moving jobs away uh in inflation and uh and unemployment coming together in a 0:12:16  
way that no economist thought was possible and then the church that the church  
committee and the revelation that yeah your government was spying on you and  
assassinating leaders and maybe killed the president there was a house committee on  
assassinations in the 70s that found probable cause that kennedy was killed as a part  
of a conspiracy they put it at the foot of the mob but nobody really believed that and  
of course watergate the president presidency the this institution that had investment  
in the notion of the presidency people believed in the president in a fundamental  
way now of course vietnam certainly started creating that crisis of uh credibility  
but what and that but then nixon's entire behavior and then finally of course in  
office and then of course watergate just destroyed it and so the systems failed uh  
it couldn't it was spiritually dead it was corrupt and crooked uh and it didn't even 0:13:19  
function anymore at providing material gains and you had jimmy carter trying to to  
quit put out a liberal sort of pious pie uh pious gloss on it and a need for america  
to regain spiritual uh um he demanded that americans refine their non-materialist  
spirit at the very same moment that the credit card was being introduced in mass uh  
numbers for the first time the very first time that americans were asked to \*\*\*\*\* uh  
take on debt instead of uh save money oh yeah you got to stop being materialist but  
also you need to start charging money you don't have in order to maintain the \*\*\*\*\*  
consumer economy that we're replacing uh carter represents the very tail end of the  
liberal consensus when all of its bread and butter promises are gone and all that's  
left is its piety is its smug morality and of course that's not sufficient to the moment 0:14:20  
but what is and i think i mean this should sound familiar like we are in that era the  
iraq the \*\*\*\*\* war on terror the uh uh the economic collapse uh the presidency of  
trump in every direct like if you're a liberal or or reactionary the the elections of just  
the the presidential elections have essentially destroyed any but what this moment of  
disillusionment is from it's not it's obviously not from the thing that was destroyed  
in the 70s because what happened in the 70s and this is the distinction between the  
70s and now this is what make this is the significant fundamental difference is that

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we were trapped in this uh this mire despair in the 70s all of our systems don't work we don't even trust ourselves anymore because we and then into this morass into 0:15:22  
this moment where everybody has taken the red pill and pulled themselves out of the matrix and found out that they live in a mud puddle with no sun and they're tasked now to remake the world with no tools ronald reagan shows up and this is and presents to people on a chance to get back into the matrix the reagan reagan response was hey guys you know all this horrible stuff we know let's all forget about it and we're gonna be able to give you your uh your your consumer spending back your confidence back your uh your sense of destiny and your sense of um your sense of self possession back because you're gonna gonna cut your taxes we're gonna this whole government model this whole keynesian model we're throwing that out and 0:16:24  
we're gonna we're gonna bet on you and given the options that's what people chose that's it was right there of course oh my god what are we to try this instead what if we say it's every man for himself and if that's the case i'm going to get ahead we're going to get rid of the whole notion that there's any sort of social compact and that will allow us to forget everything because all that stuff that was the old that was all the bad uh accumulated gunk of of post-war liberalism we can blow the \*\*\*\*\* dirt off and start fresh and then we have what's right about america the good stuff and so we built a new consumer-based economy based on that uh but the thing is is that it wasn't just reagan offering this reagan offered it to this the the the uh the mass audience of like suburbanites who make up the center of gravity of american politics that was the his pitch that was the pitch they got was from reagan and it sounded 0:17:25  
great but everybody got a pitch like i've been reading recently about some of the early 70s like psychonaut guys like uh like robert anton wilson and terence mckenna all those like uh psychedelic dudes who hit the \*\*\*\*\* hard edge of the failure of the 60s and their faith in the ability of like the individuated uh uh consciousness of people to come together to overthrow evil because remember uh the american like counter culture was broadly libertarian because it was middle class it rebelled against the status quo because it restrained the individual that's one of the big reasons it was so the 70s saw this crisis along every axis not just at middle america but among 0:18:27  
the most advanced progressive elements who did not have any connection to a class project or a class consciousness they had a desire to transcend they wanted to skip over class because it's too hard it's too tough in america and because we're too isolated from it and because it threatens our autonomy and we really do we really do value our autonomy america throughout even our left throughout america has uh suffused with our basic uh ideological understanding of freedom i mean how could it not be where else is it coming from it's generated by our culture and our and even our even at its most powerful our our working class political consciousness was

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enmeshed with it as well so the dream after the failure of the people to organize in the 60s became well we will get over the bump of organizing by literally just expanding consciousness like uh john lily and \*\*\*\*\* uh timothy leary all of these 0:19:30  
dudes were like we're just gonna use our brains to like fix the sequin get a frequency that overwhelms everything all of our structural impediments of course this is very non-dialectical and it's very non-marxist but that's because this is what they had and this is what they had their brains were by then uh and even they got a deal in this in the 80s even they got an opening that allowed them to move forward out of despair and it was networking cybernetics and the internet the california ideology the california ideology was the was the defeated counterculture on the west coast trying to get around the question of politics by creating a technological infrastructure of communication that would lead to a raising of consciousness that would literally 0:20:31  
allow us to evolve beyond the needs for these institutions that are imprisoning us and those guys all a lot of them ended up working with early internet uh pioneers and early uh computer research and there was a huge uh overlap in in in computer science and that like psychedelic uh uh and here we are now after having the here we are now where no one can promise what reagan promised we can only blame others for the doom that part he was good at but he was also good at sketching an alternative no one can believe in that because the neo-liberal state that reagan built and that that people uh invested belief in and that they reconstructed uh uh and reinvested 0:21:35  
their belief in institutions like media and government around has now failed the same way that the post uh war keynesian consensus failed in the 70s it has now failed as a as comprehensively and even more dramatically because the 70s really was this weird like frog in a pot thing this was a collapse and then a real making of the economy in the aftermath of the collapse that destroyed the last public investment in america in america's like and so now you can't believe in any political alternative that's going to wipe the slate clean like reagan promised to and give us a new thing to believe in and gives us a chance to forget we can't forget and then even at the margins you cannot hope for some sort of uh technological spiritual transformation 0:22:38  
because we know what that leads to the california ideology had led to the creation of the single most effective communicator of uh of a demiurgical uh superstructural mind prison you could imagine this without even having to use the little nanobots they they essentially put a \*\*\*\*\* panopticon in our own minds forgetting what what any kind of uh actual surveillance technology we now are subject to which is comprehensive we have what we have the so we have to believe in something else and it can't be the self because all these things are premised on the self and our crisis now is that we can no longer reconcile ourself as we understand it with the 0:23:39  
world we're living in and that means we have to change our perceptions and that is

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the hope we must fixate on and the hope that exists and cannot be denied is that that despair is premised on an understanding of ourselves that is that assumes as inviable this uh this transactional relationship we have with uh our each other and the very fabric of reality this this isolated this isolation that we operate from the premise of because it's in that context that all that disillusionment of the 70s only led to reaction because we were disillusioned but we were not re-illusioned we're not we're not re-illusioned around the necessity for uh our collaborative action we were in fact only reaffirmed in the futility of but now there's no there's no ra there's no vent there is no promise that can be made plausibly and that means we're going to have to just out of sheer survival instinct gonna have to change because even our most selfish instinctive desires are now in conflict with our ability to sustain ourselves in this time and so without any more without any dream of of sor of uh transcendence without any fantasy of of uh reorientation of the economy coming from we will all on our own timelines be forced with a a final confrontation with the box with no \*\*\*\*\* the the the uh windowless room we're gonna find ourselves with no escape and then we're gonna have to make one instead of taking the one that's offered us instead of going where they where they heard us we're going to have to \*\*\*\*\* start bashing on the walls ourselves and cutting \*\*\*\*\* holes in i do not understand cybernetics excuse me sir i don't know anything about computers i am saying one thing i there's one thing i know about computers and is that the promise of computers in the 70s uh has led to a reality that is the diametrical opposite of everything that the people who put them together claimed i think even to themselves they somebody asked what disco demolition night is and i gotta say surprise uh that i mean i guess i shouldn't be you guys are all kids i don't remember this but it's one of those historical uh curios i really like so uh in i believe it was what year was it i don't the specific year it was 1979 it was july 12 1979 uh there was a doubleheader at uh kaminsky park in chicago and as a promotion to get people in they had a local radio dj from the north suburbs who was making a name for himself as a fervent hater of disco he would talk about how much disco sucked he would he would make fun of it all the time on the show and he was holding the standard for rock and of course people talk about how that is uh you know that's all a reactionary instinct it's a revulsion at like the queer blackness of disco uh and it's like an expression of that so they one way or another they decided that they could get people into the stadium by having this dude uh run a promotion where if you you could get in either discounted or for free if you brought a disco record with you to the to the first game and then at the moment between the games they were going to take all those uh uh albums that have been collected put them in a big pile in the middle of the outfield and run them over with a um like a bulldozer i think like blow them up they used explosives and they did

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it and it was uh not a good idea it was it was a mistake uh because for the first of 0:28:44  
all everybody who came was essentially uh insane like they were all shit-faced before  
they got there they were all wild as hell and then once the \*\*\*\*\* bombs started going  
off everyone just lost their \*\*\*\*\* and you had this explosion of of uh of just libidinal  
energy you just you you could just see how how if you get people together uh and  
you simmer the crock pot the right way it could just pop off and so they ended up  
having to cancel the second game and the white sox forfeited because they couldn't  
take control of the nickel uh 10 cent beer knight was in cleveland that's another good  
one that one everyone got so shit-faced that they had to uh the indians had to forfeit  
the second game in the doubleheader because fans jumped on the field and tried to 0:30:11  
fight the royals outfielders oh man someone wants me to talk about the loco focos  
the locofocos great name one of the best names for a political faction in the american  
history the 19th century really did have all the best political faction names you had  
the locofocos you had the hunkers and the barn burners you had the mug wumps  
you had the half breeds and the stalwarts all very good uh so the locofocos were a  
faction of the new york city democratic party that was a self-consciously working-  
class arrangement they were they uh had been they were named that because there  
had been a meeting of of democrats in new york uh and there'd been a dispute uh  
between the the the workies as they were called the labor the laborers uh who made  
up the part of the party and the regular democrats and the the workies uh went 0:31:12  
into their own hall to uh have a meeting and the lights were turned off like the  
the candles were blown out by a uh by the regulars and then to light the room the  
workers pulled out these self-lighting cigars that were popular at the time you'd like  
pull them out of the tube and there'd be an internal uh match and it would light the  
thing and so they pulled out their loco focos and they held them up to get the light  
going and that's what they were called and they were the first real self uh working  
class formation within the democratic party but the thing is is that they didn't really  
have any significant effect on or influence of the party because they were so it was  
so protein and the issues that there was still such a uh a unformed conception of 0:32:13  
like what working-class interests were at that time because there were relatively few  
of urban laborers in the country at that point and it is one of the one of the things  
that contributed to america's relative reactionary uh politics relatively reactionary  
politics and failure for any labor party to sustain itself is that uh america because of  
its ability to to trade land for discontent uh was able to create mass democracy earlier  
than europe was so that by the time you saw mass working-class politics emerged in  
late 1800s uh it ended up being funneled into the democratic party whereas in europe  
there had been no mass politics before that point which meant that the parties that  
were emerged were self-consciously oriented around and dominated by the workers 0:33:14

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whereas even at the height of their influence within the democratic party uh like the working class as such was always one element of a coalition and was never the director of a party and the loco focos were the first little burst of of working class uh energy around um the democratic party and uh one of the big locofoco uh demands was at this time which was dominated by banking as the main domestic issue as the main political terrain of argument uh it was banking and there was a question of whether you're going to have uh where you're going gonna have a national bank like the whigs wanted or you're gonna have uh a system of pet regional banks uh or then later an independent treasury like the democrats wanted all the way to in 0:34:17 one way or another keep the reality of the state's role in creating currency away from politics which people thought even at the even regular americans thought was freedom they thought that an independent treasury was somehow possible and would protect their liberty and uh sure \*\*\*\*\* didn't end up happening but there were a bunch of questions one about how are we going to charter banks how many banks are going to be allowed to operate who is going to decide who who allows a bank to be chartered because one of the big complaints about the uh early 19th century banking system is that banks were banks needed to be chartered by states and those charters were often given to friends of politically influential people as you would imagine there's a reason that the jacksonian network banks were called pet banks because 0:35:18 they were all parts of the uh patriot networks around the democratic party where the banks existed and those banks were the sole distributor of uh paper currency in the country because there was no national currency at this point we had gold as the standard but there was no national gold-backed currency banks would have a certain reserve of gold that they could then lend paper currency out on essentially and that is what created the amount the amount of currency that that facilitated economic activity uh and that so the battle over the banks really was this battle over where uh who would decide and how much money there would be uh but the problem is from the point of view of working-class politics uh the actual answer of the state 0:36:20 determines it we should do it collectively and we should do it uh democratically was not conceivable uh the the the the working men of america the laborers believed that the greatest freedom was in the greatest abstraction away from politics of the money supply which is mystification but the closest thing that existed in which the locofocos insisted upon was an idea for free banking and that meant anybody could charter a bank regardless of uh their relationship with the state they didn't need to get a charter they could enough people could get together and then they could declare a bank to exist uh and uh this was very popular at the high end of the democratic party in its elites because if a lot of uh powerful people could then get 0:37:22 more bank access to uh to credit to create banks uh because they could access this

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new system without having to go through the uh the checks having to make the right negotiation uh the right deals and having to deal with the uh like the quotas on banks that were allowed to be chartered and so the locofocos thought that the best thing for the working man was to allow everybody to have a \*\*\*\*\* bank and that was like a primitive attempt to articulate a social economy but favorite elroy novel 0:38:35  
character i will always love american tabloid because it's the first one i read and it blew my mind obviously all of his characters are archetypes so you're really just asking when you're saying which favorite character which is your favorite expression of which is one of your favorite elroy archetypes because you've got the uh the violent but secretly sensitive bruiser your bud white your pete bonder on uh your smooth operator who's slowly coming acro coming uh apart at the seams like jack van sense and kemper boyd and then you've got your uh cowardly nerd who is addicted to his own self-righteousness but is too weak to pursue his own values like ward little or uh ed axley and i've said before that if you had the buzzfeed if there was a buzzfeed 0:39:37  
quiz are you camper uh pete or ward from american tabloid uh everybody who is on twitter would including myself would get ward so although i think pete bondurant is a huge uh just absolute pimp and i think he's cool so just from that perspective my favorite character of his in cool points is pete boundary the one that i relate to the most is of i love the idea that he made him just a \*\*\*\*\* canuck that he made him a quebecois no need and a seven foot tall yeah definitely american taboo is a great 0:40:40  
place to start because it's the first book in a trilogy there's no other uh stuff that you need to know beforehand but if you do read them all and then you want to read the la quartet don't do what i did i very because i didn't really know enough about him i just went to the library and started reading uh after i read all his other stuff uh is that i read white jazz before i read any of the other la quartet and that was a mistake because it really is a cool culmination of a bunch of stuff in la confidential that didn't hit the way that it would have if i had read at least teleconfidential first so for the love of god there's a somebody says they only read american tabloid my god yes the cold 6000 and bloods are over a lot of people don't like blood's a rover because it is very different than his other stuff it's more contemplative and romantic but i think 0:41:43  
that as the culmination of that project it's really fitting especially since the cold 6000 is so brutally alienating the cold 6000 in part because it's so big and it has so much plot in it i mean it's got the like american tablet is about to lead up to the kennedy assassination uh gold 6000 features the rfk and uh kennedy assassinations in it and uh has a whole bunch more characters and stuff so in order to accommodate that he essentially just brushed that thing down to every as few as words as possible and so it's very it's almost it's it's avant-garde and it's tears-ness so it's a it's a very it's a whiplash but it's very uh we might get a snag flashing again who knows i mean 0:43:1

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i didn't want to get into this too much because i don't want to get all like i don't speculate i try not to speculate anymore because that's what really got me wound up in the lead-up to the election and then all the stuff after that is having to have an argument a take that i could really feel like i understood and felt confidence in about the future that's why i've been sticking with history but **\*\*Music playing\*\*** we have reached the point now after 2008 where all of the illusions that used to shroud our uh system our our political economy are now gone one of the big reasons that the 2008 collapse happened was that after there were the first few buckling within the institutions uh of wall street uh the first uh instinct of the powers that be was to not 0:44:2  
intervene with government money and that's where that's why bear stearns collapse that's what started the whole thing to go the dominoes to fall and i think we're now at a point where and i think we saw this with the care act last year which was just this massive liquidity dump that was on par with what happened in 2008 without any kind of oversight or discussion about it is that we'll never get another situation where there is any hesitation to just flood the chamber with money because the date i think the reason that there was any kind of um fiscal discipline was the worry that well if this happens what if the the good money flows somewhere else what if what if the the the circulation is is interrupted and i feel like this current moment right 0:45:4  
now where you're seeing these insane escalations of bubbles in every segment of the economy the creation of new fake simulated things to have bubbles about like nfts and crypto is proof that everyone at every level of control of this structure knows that there is nowhere else for the money to go that that the the american dollar uh investment pools the american state basically is the only place to for the money to go it's it's the hole at the end of the of the uh it's the hole at the end of the gutter it's all getting sucked down so they'll just keep inflating everything what's 0:46:8  
going to pop it what pops every other bubble was when the money stops coming in right in the 19th century what would happen is that you'd have a big speculative bubble around land like in the 1830s or about railroads in the 1870s and then the europeans would uh decide to bring back some of their species or invest somewhere else and then boom you'd have a giant collapse there's nowhere else for the money to go where else is the money supposed to go people talk about uh the end of america's reserve currency status and that would be game over if that happened but there's nowhere else currently up to the task so how the **\*\*\*\*\*** does this thing sustain itself it seems like it shouldn't but also it keeps doing it and there isn't any alternative and no one at the top seems that worried about it but that's the thing if you're at the top of this system even if you knew for a fact that all these books are cooked and the 0:47:9  
end is gonna and this economic structure is going to break down the supply chain itself is gonna break down in the near future you wouldn't behave any differently

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than they would than they are right now because why the hell would you want to spook the horses especially when you have already made it so that you know if that does happen you'll be fine internet advertising thank you the data is worth nothing this is a perfect example so that's a bubble that should pop at some point right the data dollar in the silicon valley because we know now pretty definitively that none of that data is worth anything none of those clicks are worth anything including in terms of adding value to the companies that pay but it doesn't matter if everybody knows that if every single person involved in all of these translation transactions is aware of that their incentive is still to do it because it's what keeps the \*\*\*\*\* 0:48:11

the the uh tech economy going it's the only dynamic sector so we're in a situation where it will continue to go until it collapses because all the incentives of everyone in a position of power are to keep it going because they don't have to actually risk anything because you could say oh no wouldn't that hurt their their investments and stuff well yeah but they would not be like it would put them in actual danger of losing their position i mean if we're not yeah oh they might move their they might lose their their uh money but they won't lose their position they will have created their own technological bubbles that will allow them to sustain themselves in any eventuality and if that's the case if you've got that backstop then why wouldn't you just until it bucks up the only question is when is it when does it pop and the thing 0:49:14

that keeps \*\*\*\*\* with me where will the interruption and flow go have we created a a global system that is now self it's like fluid karma from uh southland tales and it's just it forward and yeah it's like obviously eventually climate change will pop it just in terms of interrupting the resource flow and then that's the end that's that that's the wheels will come right off but that is not going to be a that is not going to be a dramatic thing is the thing climate change effects for the foreseeable future are going to be uh they're going to be metabolized by the system like uh disasters cost 0:50:18

money but they also provide speculative investment opportunities disaster capitalism always has its uh it's creative destructive potential in every uh failing in or in every in every emergent crisis as long as there is a a a a some sort of equilibrium that can be maintained it will be what will happen is that the edges will continue to be eaten away the edges of what is considered the market what is considered the political sphere will be eaten away there's a story uh horrifying story about that i read about how uh people in northern california whose homes were burned down during the big camp fire there last year uh are still homeless and are now being rousted out of the places that they have uh set up camp by the police so these are people who until a 0:51:20

year ago were solid citizens taxpayers who are on the inside of the citizenship bubble people who deserved people who who were part of us who deserve some sort of uh some sort of uh basic human dignity and access to redress their house gets burned

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down by a fire they can't get enough they can't just build another one they're out of a bunch of people in southern louisiana are been that way since that last big uh hurricane and i think that the dream of the of the big collapse is the dream where collapse comes fast and hard and with it at least a glimpse of freedom at least a glimpse of the ability to a chance to remake your relationship to your world because 0:52:21  
all of the restrictions and restraints and demands of life have changed you get to get closer to the vitality and you get to fight for yourself and others because the alternative is one where you just go from being totally under the command of the system but also within uh a pocket of rights and and expectations of rights to being outside of that but still under the control of systemic power the thing stays there it's just the wall moves and you're on the other side of the wall now but you're still in the sight line of the \*\*\*\*\* cyclopedian panopticon tech drone state only now you don't have to now you're not being compelled by credit card debt and medical billing you're 0:53:23  
being compelled by a \*\*\*\*\* uh like in a drone hovering over your head so this is why i said why i want to read something that confronts this this moment and imagines a way out because we all have to imagine a way out for ourselves if not for the world and i don't mean transcending the problems i mean transcending our soul sickness at the scale of the problems transcending our paralysis in the face the numbers are 0:55:3  
up here weird checklist all right i'm going to wrap up here in a minute yes we need marianne williamson now marion williamson and uh jesse ventura that's what we need no that's man like it feels like everything is really simmering though like israel 0:56:55  
that's that's a lot of that's a lot of that's intense and then colombia i mean it's it's been just one rolling uh uh a crisis everywhere even obviously here last summer but it still hap but it still has this this horrible stasis to it it's the it's it i think the thing that is so alienating and terrifying and and bewildering about the moment is that everything feels fully liquefied but also totally over determined and i feel like that's the 70s too like oh my god nothing is working every every structure uh is leading us towards oblivion and yet none of them seem to actually be losing their power over 0:57:59  
us and so that really gives you the sensation of being locked in a car in an airplane where the pilot is jumped out and you're on course to hit a \*\*\*\*\* mountain and then you just have to spend your time trying to come to terms with what's going to come unless you figure out a way to get in the goddamn cockpit and get a goddamn one of the things and call someone that uh at air traffic control and talk your way yeah i saw the \*\*\*\*\* ned lamont god what a name a blast from the past the guy who was like the netflix the netflix the net roots candidate who is gonna uh who beat joe lieberman seat in connecticut and then was beaten by joe lieberman when joe lieberman ran on a third party like independent joe lieberman party ticket with mo the support of i think a majority of dem republicans in connecticut ended up voting 0:59:1

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for him which is how he got back in and then ned lamont ended up running for uh governor uh what a year or two ago and now he's grover clevelanding it throwing out the national guard it is interesting there's a lot of people who have theories about the care economy the care economy being the next real uh main front of the labor of the the uh the labor movement and and uh and workers struggle i mean we'll see this is a good if it gets stamped out by this \*\*\*\*\* geek this easily we'll see who knows don't know yet i'm imagining just like the the cop the troops from like the crazies just coming into a nursing home with their \*\*\*\*\* m16s and stealing people's 1:0:3 uh medicine just getting robo tripping in the in the i don't actually know what robo tripping is is that about taking robitussin i don't know it would be really funny if biden just cured cancer though in the middle of all this like biting just comes out those if it was a what was it what if it was a vaccine though what if there what if 1:1:6 there was a cancer cure all cancer is cured obviously this is impossible i'm saying whatever cancer is cured but it's a vaccine i kind of think a lot of anti-vaxxers would would cave just because how scary cancer is cuba has a lung cancer vaccine but once again it's for like specific types like there is no overall cancer cure although i don't know i gotta think that there has to be some genetic thing you yeah what if you 1:2:7 just injected yourself with like shark shark sperm or something those guys don't get cancer i if i learned anything from deep blue sea it's that alzheimer's should you re-watch deep blue sea always okay folks talk to you probably on friday and then next wednesday we'll uh talk about the first three chapters of the cool book just be wrapping up about the uh the many bangles of the of the sdp and uh and frederick 1:3:9 ebert who we all got to give two big thumbs down to

*Weimar I barely know her!*

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um wow in the afterlife you could be headed for a serious strife now you make this scene all day but tomorrow there'll be hell to pay in the afterlife you could be headed 0:1:2  
for the serious strike now you make this scene all day but tomorrow there'll be hell to pay people listen attentively i mean about future i used to think the idea was obsolete this is a place where eternally fire is applied to their body teeth are extruded and pulled up grounded baked into cakes with a pass around in the afterlife and the very other serious drive now you make this scene all day but beauty talent fame money refinement tap skill and or other things you try to hide will be and the d and the a and the m and the n and the n the t and the i o n lose your face use your name then 0:2:3  
get fitted for a suit of flame the d and the a and the m and the n and the a and the t and the i o and use your face lose your name is anyone a geriatric millennial and we can name that song or is that before your time **\*\*Applause\*\*** people squirrel nut 0:3:4  
zippers that's correct hell people think of squirrel nut zippers as part of the swing revival but they really were kind of doing a different thing than uh like your cherry pop and daddy's or your big bad voodoo daddies um i will confess that i in fact had that album i had the the the cherry pop and daddy's album that had zoot suit riot in it which terrible the classic example of why i didn't buy records when i was a kid because it always seemed like a bad deal you're taking a bet that what any of the other songs on the album are going to be as good as the song you heard and yeah nothing on that **\*\*\*\*\*** albums anywhere near as good or as catchy as uh zoot suit riot was but i also own the squirrel not zippers album which is really good hell i believe it's called is it hell or there's a lot of solid songs on there i will i will defend them and that's one okay so today we're going gonna we're gonna talk about uh the cold book 0:4:11  
which i gotta say not exactly what i wanted it to be i really did want something that was gonna be more grounded uh the way that uh fauna is i wanted like basically fonner's approach in terms of you know doing the whole systemic and grassroots simultaneous you know the the narrative uh like the densest narrative rope uh and i'm sure there is one like that but i've not as well read on that historical era to know what it is and it was not cold i must say it's a little too uh removed from the action

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as it were uh so i don't think we're gonna read the rest of it um i want to and besides i'm feeling like i want to move forward anyway i mean i've been looking backward out of despair and i've realized like well what is this this is like this is an expression of despair and and i realize that a lot of what i talk about is trying to articulate despair and what it means to be politically self uh aware in a time of despair and 0:5:12 people can of course say oh there are plenty of times in history when people have felt political despair this is classic naval gazing uh presidentist narcissism typical of a millennial to assume oh yes this time it's different as though there haven't always been a period where everything felt hopeless and i will say of course that's true but i would also posit that the totalization of capitalism the totalization of our world system the totalization of our information matrix the totalization of our access to information means that we have reached a theoretical barrier of human potential that is un uh rivaled at history because every almost every point of total despair you can point to in world history has had the possibility of transcendence within it because as much as the world seemed hopeless there was space to imagine uh some 0:6:17 sort of transcendence some sort of upward movement ascension rather than endless declension unto in sickness unto death they had heaven in other words we have no we don't have heaven like nietzsche was right we killed god in the pursuit of turning ourselves into god and now we are worshiping ourselves but that is at the expense of a spiritual understanding of the universe any kind of connection to anything outside of ourselves any ability to imagine death as anything other than the annihilation of the universe the end of the world armageddon but the annihilatory kind and without like the winking out of nirvana but rather just the screaming horror all we can imagine is and the thing is we're always on flight 93. life is right 93. the question is are 0:7:20 you going to scream and bash your head against the wall or are you going to defeat the the uh fiction the fantasy the false delusional belief that is generating the fear which is that there's anything to be afraid of which is that death is some sort of insurmountable annihilation that's not the case believing it is it's the fundamental notion that drives our our individualism and it is a fantasy it's a fantasy that we need at a base level we need to have some separation from the world we need some fear of death in order to be able to negotiate it and then be in life because life moves forward life wants to flourish that means we have to want to save ourselves but that sense of danger should be proportionate to the immediacy of it the suddenness of it natural death should not be afraid but your map should not scare us because it 0:8:22 would be understood by us at a metaphysical level the way we understand ourselves as separate now in a way that is beyond the need to articulate or reinforce consciously that there is no separation that we are all part of a cyclical world where we are feeding a system that we are part of and and if you operate and the thing is though that

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can only be sustained in a social context there is no social context there is no time spent with others instead there is time spent with ourselves which means time spent thinking about ourselves and a time spent building this ego that cannot conceive of death i think this is all \*\*\*\*\* that ernst becker talked about denial of death i'm assuming i never read it i have never read any of these books people keep saying hey you sound like him and it's like yeah probably i'm getting it i'm getting it without having to do the reading it's great i feel like i'm \*\*\*\*\* playing contra just but i'm but 0:9:24  
what that means the implication of this that matters is that it means we are the first generation who is seeing before around them a terminal uh decline wherein they can't imagine a better future for themselves they can't imagine a better future crucially for their children they cannot imagine the perpetuation of a legacy and a legacy is what stands in instead of our um that's what soothes us instead of social existence that's what makes us pursue capitalism so that we can leave a legacy and that is a way to extend our ego beyond our death and allow us to focus on a task and that's the thing we are what despair causes you is to not be able to focus on a task because what's the reason to what's the upside what is the what is the uh rational reason that i should pursue this why should i build up institutions why should i cooperate 0:10:25  
beyond myself if there is no hope for me to leave a legacy and that is the vicious cycle that perpetuates us towards armageddon and at the very top you have these people who have started to believe a new religious delusion on top of the delusion of self which is eternal self through the uh at use of technology the singularity the feels the musks the the cyborgs at the top that is all that can persist the rest of us stuck below where we know we'll be out low the threshold of getting into the bunker where they're going to put jack us into the computer and we can play mario kart with galileo for eternity if you don't have that to look forward to if you know that of that as a real possibility something to soothe you you can't be soothed you're in terror and what do you do you drive you just try to kill yourself you destroy yourself not consciously but through the annihilation of that thought the annihilation of the 0:11:26  
the the scary thing which is what generates all of our addictions neuroses horror that attempt to turn off this \*\*\*\*\* blinking light in our brains the check engine light that's always on and we think and so we either confront it and are driven mad by our inability to resolve it the fact that we can't imagine changing this we can't do politics meaningfully uh and then just the hedonistic pursuit of uh distraction there are two ends of the same coin though they are the same thing they're just the janus faces hedonism and the sadism that associ that goes with it is uh the pursuit of pleasure but so is a hysteric like social justice pursuit that is also and like the neo-puritan purification of the ego or purification of the self purification of sin because of the imagined uh the the imagined super ego because that's what happens you 0:12:27

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either pursue that you either indulge the id in these moments or the or the super ego and and uh reactionary indulgent hedonistic politics is the politics of of that of the id of just pure satisfaction but some people aren't built to get pleasure out of that because they're too aware of all the horror they are too they've convinced themselves too much that they're good people because that is how they it's the same thing as the puritans they emerge into a world where god is starting to die like the real living god for the puritans is is becoming a memory all they have is this calvinist \*\*\*\*\* rationalist god in their mind this reasoned out algorithm that says well if god exists therefore they're uh how powerful therefore they have complete control therefore i am predestined to either be saved or uh damned well then you either party like it's 0:13:29 1999 or you act like you're saved and that's what we're all doing that is the \*\*\*\*\* for the liberals for the liberal and left they are performing for that uh that imagined other the brig lacanian other just staring furnace portal eyes at us at all times and making us pursue a politics that plant cleanses ourselves it is the end pursuit it's the same social strata the people who came to this country not because they needed to not because they were fleeing debt or they were impoverished but the uh relatively prosperous puritan plan puritan uh settlers were the emergent middle class having its first nervous breakdown because once that collective conscious concept of god 0:14:31 dies you have to create a uh a totally internal one and for the puritans it could be a real god it could be a god that was transcendent and that could send you to heaven but now after the enlightenment thanks a lot voltaire after the scientific revolutions of the 19th century thanks a lot darwin we if we're really over cultured people can't believe any of that it's like the rocco's bacillus \*\*\*\*\* like ideas that once you come in contact with have tainted you as soon as the possibility that the world can exist without god that there is a wind-up universe that extends itself through the mechanical processes of evolution and stellar formation and all this stuff as long as that possibility exists and you know it exists you can't believe anymore you can't now that doesn't mean you might not be religious and you're going to double and 0:15:32 triple down on your religiosity but you're going to be doing it to ignore that voice to ignore the red light blinking and i would say that that is what makes this the first generation to truly be living with political despair political and metaphysical despair we will be destroyed we will be annihilated there will be nothing left of our existence in the near term planetary extinction because once again if you know that there's a possibility that the thawing of the permafrost will unleash a chain of events that will cause earth's atmosphere to hyper uh uh carbo carbonify and turn earth into venus if you know that possibility exists scientifically and it does and most people who are aware of things who pay attention to the news because they think it makes them a good person they know that too and then once again as long as you know it's

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a possibility you are now thrown into doubt forever as soon as you know that that 0:16:34  
that annihilation is possible there it is and we know that the car course is putting  
us in that direction as soon as you know that you can't imagine that you're going  
to have a legacy no legacy no kids they certainly won't have kids it'll all be gone  
you can't solo console yourself that way so you can live for today and that's what  
we're all doing we're all living for today but we're in a condition of material decline  
which means we can't enjoy ourselves we can't enjoy ourselves because even as we  
indulge we indulge less and less and the indulgence is less satisfying over time we're  
stuffed we're muncher we're eating our goddamn corn we're stuffing ourselves to just  
not and so this is a new situation because in previous times the times that marx  
imagined would exist when the final when you have a system where there's no where 0:17:39  
it's just it's created so much human misery and alienation and there's nowhere for  
it to go you've extended like we're now in a global system there's nowhere to vent  
the steam the frontiers really are over and all the new ones are fake like the media  
like it's all just a way to scam us into see staying in the system while they \*\*\*\*\*  
uh try to flee to their \*\*\*\*\* uh cyberbunkers like that all that stuff all these new  
speculative investments that we have like crypto \*\*\*\*\* currency and uh and nfts  
and all this \*\*\*\*\* this is just like when in the 20s they gave stocks to people it's  
a way to keep people gambling keep people when you got to that point the thing  
would blow up because people would have as they said in the manifesto nothing to  
lose but their chains but we are now in a a era where uh imperialism allowed for this  
huge explosion in consumer uh um purchasing power among the working class at the 0:18:40  
center of capitalism that it and now we are so disconnected from ourselves socially  
not just in building like a spirituality but just having an understanding of how to  
resist politically if we wanted to we don't even know how it works we are so little  
memory how many of us grew up with union households and how many people would  
work in the union how union jobs now you don't have the uh knowledge you got a rare 0:19:42  
torso look there you got so we're consuming and it paralyzes us because even though  
we're not happy and we know we're not happy we have something to lose we have  
something to risk and we can't believe that our risk will be rewarded we are fatally  
paralyzed because since we can't believe that any sacrificial move will be worth it it  
will always in game theories terms be in our most rational interest like this is science  
this is a i could write this \*\*\*\*\* in a scientific \*\*\*\*\* equation i swear to god we are  
belief belief in something and the matrix of those beliefs orient us towards courses  
of action and they are interlocked and interwoven strands of belief belief in things 0:20:44  
things that aren't real in any sense because that doesn't exist but things that are  
affirmed over and over again by our perception of uh existing by our time on earth by  
our being in no it's not idealist because i'm saying that's why people do what they do

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but they don't know what these things are this isn't something they're choosing this is inflicted upon them by their life by the experiences on earth they have which are determined by their material placement their where they are what they emerge with what they perceive what their lives are determines what they believe that is why this is not idealism we are motivated by belief but we don't choose those beliefs those beliefs are chosen for us we are wound up and fixed so we all believe in stuff and that stuff is a bunch of different things one of them the front one that we need one of the first ones is the idea that we're being that is separate from everything around it and that's a necessary precondition for consciousness in fact it is consciousness and then our degree of consciousness is our degree to which we pull away from the moment we're in we pull and live in the echoing moment behind what we're experiencing and then think about it because it is in that gap that we create a map of the future that we live in and that that projection is reality it is a self-generated movie a backdrop and what makes that up is what we've experienced garbage in garbage out the thing that determines our action is the specific arrangement of those uh experiences those time and place that these things happen to us and over time that creates an emergent property of self-conscious consciousness that then bootstraps you into being a uh a actual free-will-having conscious creature it bootstraps it into existence because eventually you have so much time to build such a real world around you a real future that you can inhabit by making decisions the more you believe in that the more your actions are determined by it and not by what is just happening around you what's happening in your head right after what is happening to you occurs and that is where actual free will autonomous consciousness emerge so we have to rebuild belief beyond the south because as i said that self was once one thing that we believed in among a the the our love expressed to the people around us our understanding of the world through the stories that they tell and the and the ritual rituals we perform around these stories that are framed around human uh flourishing in the early age in the early early stages of the building of like human civilization society when you're talking about bands in harmony with nature the stories they're telling are stories that are advantageous to the collective pursuit of a group but over time as humans react to material conditions changing as it becomes harder to sustain life in a certain geographic area and you have to move and change your relationship to the world around you that you accumulate these bifurcations these exploitative classes the one side of the divide of people who can spend the time in their head long enough to wield a tail and tell a story to those uh who are going to hear it and that distinction creates your distinct the categories of labor the separation into uh more efficient allocations of resources that build up civilization on the back of exploitation because we say we're different than others and then we're we we think we are different from

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others but that we is it's part you but it's part everybody else but when you need to survive and you need to store surplus then all of a sudden some people need to be less 0:25:53  
you than before some people need to suffer in a way that you wouldn't want someone that you really felt was part of you to suffer but they have to suffer for everyone's survival but over time those calcify and you get cultures built around entirely the people on the top of that entirely among them the the people on the bottom only experiencing it through vicarity not through their participation and that separation over time gets deeper and deeper and then technology is created to allow it to sustain itself because without technology none of this happens without technology the hyper exploitation of capitalism isn't possible because how do you get that many people to do that because there's more of them than there are of you if all you have is a \*\*\*\*\* stick if all you ever are rudimentary regimes of like slave labor or feudal oversight you need a lot of participation from people in that system you need them to believe in something about the world around them unless they're being compelled uh by technology unless they're being compelled from outside and the intensification of technology is what allows capitalism to emerge which which necessitates a hyper exploitation that would not be possible in a more uh like look what happened in the year the history of feudalism is a history of periodic and violent and volcanic and very threatening peasant uprisings like clockwork things get too bad people get fed up and they stop believing not in maybe the king not in god certainly but in like the and so you had to back off but if you have technology you don't have to back off you 0:27:59  
can bomb their huts like the the the great peasants war of the the 1520s uh that was put down by uh \*\*\*\*\* guys with sticks just like that just like the guys with sticks uh who made up the peasant army of course it wasn't totally even those guys had uh the the the soldiers of the aristocracy of course these are regal knights descendants of the \*\*\*\*\* uh teutonic knights and \*\*\*\*\* they have armor they have lances they have horses but that's about it maybe what at this point maybe a \*\*\*\*\* couple of early cannons or archibuses holy \*\*\*\*\* this is basic almost a level playing field now post-capitalism when you saw when you saw advanced industrial capitalism cutting through uh the pre-capitalist world like a \*\*\*\*\* buzz saw you saw the exploitation that never could have existed in any other system it just exploded across and that's 0:29:5  
because of technology it creates a distance in time between but between you and the exploitation that you are benefiting from and we live in a situation where i say what you mean i mean the people listening to this the people who i my audience are the people who have had the similar enough experience of living in america to use the same to have the same language as me so that when i talk to them they get what i'm saying that's who i'm talking about i say we because there's no point for me to talk to anybody else about this stuff because this is subjective experience this is the

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stuff that matters because it's what we have to focus on instead of these abstract political categories like what i find so frustrating about and ultimately fruitless about political discussion at this point is that it's all framed at a level of abstraction that goes so far away from experience that you're not really talking to people they're not you're just running through algorithms you're running through argument algorithms so that you can avoid dealing with the reality around you the despair that you feel 0:30:7  
once again understandable so you need to get more specific to get anywhere so you have to choose language and you have to choose an idiom and that's what i've done and so when i say we that's who i mean we are now in a situation where we have if we inherited us a world where we were at the and the political spectrum throughout a system and capitalism is now a world system that has encompassed all the other world systems that it hooked into to come to into life i think the wallstine thesis is essentially correct you have these local dynamos going of economy and then you have the emergent machinery of a capitalism and over time and what political what political ideology is within that framework on the on the regular scale on the scale of like i still endorse the system as it exists like the traditional left right political 0:31:10  
scale short of its extremes the one where you could realistically engage in politics at an electoral level and invest yourself which means even if you think you're at the extremes i'm sorry if you care about who's president you have invested yourself in this thing and so even if you don't believe in it your actions validate and reinforce a system that has this orientation exploitation is unavoidable exploitation and misery within the system is necessary it is fueled by it it is this grease that runs it even though it doesn't have to even though we're now at a point where we have enough technology to distribute much more equally and less neurotically and and remove a lot of just these these persistent uh social canker sores that are created by our need to dominate like the anxiety created at the top of this relationship not to mention the horrifying misery at the bottom of it you don't need either of it but because we're stuck in the short term we don't believe other people are real we have 0:32:12  
to pursue our most selfish interest all along the line and then it's our politics just become a question of well how do we orient ourselves towards that and that really is determined not by how good you are as a person but aesthetic preferences that are generated by your lived distance from exploitation liberals and conservatives do form a real uh authentic political spectrum left right but it is understood as i think not about ideology it should be understood as a relationship a time-spaced relationship to exploitation the right wing is oriented around living near the point of exploitation which is why the right wing in america anyway is the final expression of the planter ideology of the antebellum slave owning class sitting on your veranda watching others 0:33:15  
labor for you all that idle time but right next to the point of misery sitting there and

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watching it happen and having to consider yourself the protagonist of history a good guy in some way you build up politics around that liberalism is the power in america is the descent of the politics of those puritans who settled the north the land that was and they and they didn't they there was no slavery there not necessarily because of how good they were but because the \*\*\*\*\* geography didn't allow for it there were slaves in salem but slavery couldn't persist and thrive there because it was all \*\*\*\*\* clay and gravel there's no rich real loam in new england the best you can see in that part of the country is is this is a hard scrabble subsistence farmer that's why they all became and their their exploitation is removed there's they're passing around bills 0:34:24 of sale the exploitation is happening next to them well those people are being paid for their time or they indentured themselves to get across the water i'm doing this part of the rules-based order i'm doing this because i'm observing manners that i mistake because they're all we have with morality and then liberalism is built around that and liberalism is the driver towards uh like universal recognition of humanity which is good and necessary and it's part of the dynamic the progressive dynamic of capitalism in that it accumulates things it accumulates capital that is necessary to uh uh to accommodate human life and sustain a civilization and flourishing and increase the number of people there are the number of consciousnesses the amount that we can collaborate the milk that we can make the technology that we could 0:35:26 hypothetically use to distribute pain throughout the system in a way that allows us all time to flourish in our own way oh my god real human liberty part of that is driven by a recognition of others as ourselves but and there is no place for that for the working class because it's all being done at the level of culture it's all an emanation it's all being interpreted by those people sitting around in rooms in the east coast and so they express a universalism that we need but it's short of class but all it can ever do is pursue absolution because it cannot deny the need for exploitation because it takes it for granted the same way the southern and so what are we seeing in this crisis moment when oh the world's getting worse and worse how is america going to thrive i.e how am i going to be able to feel good here and for the for the descendants 0:36:28 of the planters the answer is well we just hyper exploit people what are you talking about we have fun we we embracing our carnival as evil but that we have decided is good like oh we're all christians now in our cosmology uh jesus is satan but it's christianity there's it's like the same thing levade did only less self-consciously like level is just the anton lavey's satanism is just pointing to christianity and saying this is the logical uh progression of this not that it is the inversion or denial negation of it it is because you guys worship satan too so great we'll be satan worshipers together we'll dance in the \*\*\*\*\* ashes we'll cough in each other's mouths and we'll and that of course is right that is that is trump right that is trump expert that is that is the

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id desire expressed by trump but what the liberals have to respond to that is not 0:37:29  
liberatory politics is no no don't you understand the pleasure in life is feeling like  
a good person and that means we have to sacrifice for other people that means we  
have to decarbonize and we have to de-grow and we need to cleanse ourself of the  
sin of being born in this position of decadence to be living atop this mountain of  
misery we're going to cleanse ourselves but that just means that other i have to feel  
worse about being who i am and i need to punish other people who are heretics who  
don't feel bad enough about who they are meanwhile the machinery of exploitation  
continues but at arm's length we don't put up a wall we do the same thing but we  
wouldn't put up a gaudy wall maybe we use uh drones and \*\*\*\*\* uh proxy armies to  
maintain dictatorships in other countries that can we use apps we don't need servants  
because we have apps we get an abstracted form of exploitation where where we get 0:38:30  
less pleasure we don't we we have to save we have to drive tiny cars or no cars at  
all and drive bikes we have to we have to uh eat less meat and the thing about that  
is since neither of those answers deals with uh both since both those act answers  
accept doom as the premise they both say we're going down there's no hope well if  
you're engaging in politics which one of those you picks is not determined by how  
good you are it's determined once again by drumroll where and when you've lived  
did you grow up enmeshed in uh this right wing planter idea ideological uh sub uh 0:39:31  
counter uh cultural uh superstructure that emer that exists in all of these nodes of  
like of extraction industry and look the franchisees the beautiful boaters and when  
you grew there did you fit in or did you not fit in once again not determined by  
you determined by the ridges of your brain and the accident of your skin color and  
things like that and and that is what determines it so then you come out and you  
have a political ideology and you pick one of these two sides but you're not the  
talking about politics you're not talking about politics as a thing of believing in a  
future you're talking about a regime of punishment of others who is going to pay  
who's going to pay for the fact that if i'm having fun i'm worried i'm going to have  
less fun in the future i'm having fun but my kid's not having as much fun my kids  
on \*\*\*\*\* fentanyl this sucks i can't have fun they get mad about it and they need  
to punish someone same way the people who see everything getting worse around  
them and feeling guilty and guilty more guilty about it need to punish somebody 0:40:32  
and that is why we have these dueling sadisms that make up politics at the level  
of uh the electoral and this is why i get back to if we're in this age of despair and  
despair is born of lack of belief in anything but the south then we have to go one  
more step we can't go all the way back although the reactionary idea is that we're  
going to get some of these beliefs back can't get any of them back they're gone once  
they're gone for god forgive as i said as soon as darwin is a possibility in your mind

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as soon as it makes sense to you you can't believe anymore not the way you did and that happens to everything we can't believe in anything else anymore so what do we got to do we got to take this next step forward which is to abolish that last pesky thing that we believe in we have to step on the gas individually become individual uh uh existential accelerationists let's use that term existential accelerationists and 0:41:34 we need to by one way or another believe in the possibility of something other than ourselves enough to reduce that belief in self because the beauty of it is it's got to go somewhere when you squeeze on it it's got to go somewhere because belief is what powers your \*\*\*\*\* blood in your veins you don't get to choose it it's why you breathe when you're asleep it's not going anywhere unless you want to die and if you don't want to die then you believe in something well that basic belief has to go somewhere and if less of it goes into you and so go and get it and you'll have to look you'll have to look and where will you look where is the only place you're liable to find anything can't find anything on the internet can't do it impossible it's a fantasy as soon as you're here you're not there as soon as you're here as soon as you're here pointing at the internet you're not here in your body you're in your head it's gone it's over everything there is engaged at the level of this fantasy this hologram you got and if you're and if you're earnestly pursuing that which you'll 0:42:38 have to because it'll be a matter of survival you'll hit he'll hit something and it'll be good and it'll be good it'll be the right thing because it'll feel like the right thing and that only comes from but if you try to do that without doing anything to the ego the ego is going to determine what you bump into and guess what it's going to be what serves the ego and you're back to square one you have to actually have a felt displacement of belief outward and that means you have to do something and you can only do that if you're not here if you're not distracted and that the real necessity will make you look inward and then when you look inward and whatever you do you \*\*\*\*\* meditate you can take some mushrooms and listen to pink floyd you have conversations with people around you you sit in your body and you see feel it something will happen not to everybody not at the same rate and not the same 0:43:39 thing it won't be understood by everybody as the same thing but it is necessary it's necessary precondition so that's what i want to be called after all of this what is the next stage of the grill pill it is existential accelerationism because we're not getting back all the politics of the premise of like either fetishizing like liberals fetishizing the new deal state communists fetishizing the soviet union nazis fetishizing uh like the teutonic knights rampaging through prussia all of those politics are doomed because they're trying to go back to beliefs there's always there's only one there's only one belief that has to be annihilated there's only instead of trying to in rebuild beliefs all right i was supposed to talk about that weimar book uh and honestly i feel like

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i kind of said everything i wanted to about it mainly that there were two there are 0:44:40  
two social democratic parties that determine the fate of world communism the social  
democratic party of germany the first large-scale mass labor party in europe and the  
world really because america they had the democratic party but the democratic party  
was never a working workers party the fact that it came first actually doomed it that  
way because it was premature you could only have mass and you and that's because  
of geography and materials not ideology not the american way or not the constitution  
and not our love of liberty it happened because in the context of free real estate and  
endless possibility of of yeoman land ownership the elites could afford to have mass  
suffrage and afford to have mass politics they didn't even do it right away they did 0:45:42  
slowly but they could do it earlier because they weren't constrained geographically  
the way that europe was and so they got the democratic party before anybody but  
the democratic party had no class character it was the party of yeoman it was a  
party of small peasants with their own or peasants who are emancipated and have  
no landlord sacks of potato the sack of \*\*\*\*\* potato but without even the guiding  
hand of belief in anything because these are all \*\*\*\*\* protestants uh seeking only  
themselves and worshiping only themselves so uh so anyway we got the democratic  
party but it was too early uh germany meanwhile constrained as it is geographically  
coming into existence as a nation late unable to compete in the imperial contest with  
the likes of france and spain and uh the dutch or britain because of their late entry  
are forced to internally uh develop and are allowed and and what what uh facilitates  
that is its federal character and then within that that furnace you create the first 0:46:45  
real industrial proletariat as marx predicted uh there in britain too but uh britain  
had european britain had the social steam valve of uh colonialism and the empire  
germany didn't have that so you say people say it could have been germany or uh  
germany and uh and you and england are like creating the first real working class in  
the world but its militancy its engagement with politics is being uh constrained in  
england all through this period by the events of colonialism and imperialism germany  
doesn't have that it has to ferment from within and that means uh that it emerges  
the first coherent working-class politics and the first major the first mass labor party  
the social democratic party which is the party that inspired the bolsheviks in russia 0:47:48  
to name their and i would say that the problem the question of why we didn't get  
the communism the communism is that why we not get to the communists when we  
needed it and that really was when we could have got it maybe a different world  
i think not maybe definitely a different world that happened a bunch of different  
worlds that happened but we didn't get that way we didn't get lucky we got the  
bad turn of the screw we got the um but we didn't get that one we got the one  
where it failed and i think one of the reasons the one of the big reasons it failed

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is that those two parties even though they shared i would say the correct reading and understanding of marx as in they were generated by the real conditions of an emerging working class in that time and place the late 1800s they were filled with the best the brightest the the most uh uh uh insightful the most humane but they were but they did it in two different countries that essentially existed in different times but they came about in about the same period of time the problem was is that germany was the prototype capitalist state the state that marx thought could be overthrown in the near term through political action of the working class as a self-conscious uh unit russia is essentially \*\*\*\*\* futile it is a funeral society with a thin screen of a bourgeois and that distance the distance in developmental time determined the shape of the two parties and the conditions that they would be able to operate in and that meant that by the time the crisis comes the real crisis the the \*\*\*\*\* get off the pop moment of 1914 to 1920. the crisis capitalism hitting the thing that mark saw he was early in 1848 when he thought it was just around the corner he said okay maybe it's maybe it's a little bit further away but he was a lot closer than he thought because people say oh when was that gonna happen marx it happened 1914 was when it happened but we lost that's the thing we've been living in the backwash of that defeat ever since so when that happens germany is the prototypical country that is in this condition so what happens is is that those social democrats in russia the bolsheviks around the the most brilliant man of his era lenin and in his position lenin um they emerge as this coherent militantly organized revolutionary minded uh organization that has been illegal for the majority of its existence most of the people involved in it spending a significant time in prison or unhiding or in exile base operating as as criminals as underground and they're finding a uh they're fighting a political situation where the imperial authority has been uh completely um desacralized nobody believes in the empire anymore uh and their opponent was a bunch of peasants who were politically inert and and certainly not uh influential in the cities uh and then this thin layer of inbred \*\*\*\*\* uh thin blooded romanovs and then a very tiny layer of middle class and on their side a massive hyper-exploited working class that was packed into incredibly dense settlements right next to these huge massively concentrated factories russia had at the turn of the 19th century by far the most concentrated industrial capital in the sense that the the factories were bigger and employed more people and the neighborhoods were more thickly peopled and more and a a dissolving red army made up of uh lumpin peasants and workers who've been given guns and then just they were the only potential progressive force that could have taken power in that situation lenin was 100 correct about that cadets the srs the mensheviks none of them had a plan the bourgeois was not existing it was a wafer thin uh uh cookie it was it was it was a \*\*\*\*\* house of straw you could not

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build anything on that working on the middle class it was non-existent it would have crashed and absent the soviet absence of militia mix the military would have taken over it would have been as trotsky said it would have been a militant uh military-led reactionary movement that would have hoisted the swastika helped ten years before the \*\*\*\*\* uh or four three two years before the nazis so they had to act but it's russia it's a backwater even if they take power they're going to be it immediate war with the the western powers are going to be isolated they're going to have to uh fight a rear guard back foot action against capital all over the globe try to help working-class movements where they were but only basic like through an the possib and they 0:54:2 would have to industrialize a country that is a \*\*\*\*\* backwater if they are thrust into the world of party uh conflict or of a multi-state competit competitive conflict which is what capitalism was birthed out of innovation of capitalism was birthed out of the state conflict within europe the united states became a hamiltonian uh developmental state even though nobody at the ground level wanted that not even the \*\*\*\*\* uh slave owners they had an entire political uh articulation opposed to it and the masses of people were absolutely opposed to it but they had to compete and that need to compete is what organized us into the state we became the need to compete would organize them into caring about themselves as a state not as as some sort of revolutionary vanguard they wouldn't be able to act that way anymore so what would be the point of fighting well why do you why can you fight well because this is going to be the spark that lights the fuse dummy we're in the end times this is 0:55:4 the big contest the germans will take it from here that was the theory of permanent revolution the trotsky conceived up that was the thing that was in lenin's mind when he sat those \*\*\*\*\* dumbasses kamenev and uh in bucharan and \*\*\*\*\* uh it's because they believed they believed and so around the same time the same thing happens in uh germany has happened in february in a year earlier in uh russia and that is the \*\*\*\*\* rubber band snaps keel the war is over the germans have been defeated stunning everyone because they believe the propaganda and honestly the position on the field had been pretty stable uh and and the deterioration of the of the germans position was very sudden and late so shocked the entire country the british the the 0:56:7 uh but at least the war is over the butchery is over well the the german high fleet up there in uh the baltic commanded by a bunch of old psychos like people who thought they were teutonic knights like blood drinking maniacs of the feudal remnant but like the junker par excellence uh they decided that they got to go out uh with honor so they're gonna \*\*\*\*\* pick up stones and go out to meet the british navy and go down into the ocean instead of turning over the glorious ships of the line to the the british the troops say and the sailors the common sailors say \*\*\*\*\* you we put up with this \*\*\*\*\* long enough and there is a mutiny a general mutiny and keel that

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touches off a conflagration of revolt throughout the country but the problem is the party that should have been leading that the party that had been filled by the most capable people with the best analysis of the situation who had acted the smartest in pursuing it were in the social democratic party because being part of germany meant 0:57:10  
being part of this machine of accommodation because capitalism was uh developing and it was developing a middle class it was developing a political articulation of anxiety relative to exploitation and that means that you saw this reforming instinct and so fine you get the you get the uh you get the extension of the franchise you get called toleration you get the first social welfare system bismarck the great the great mind of his time the great liberal mind of his time so oh capitalism is is causing some squeaky wheels here we're going to grease them or the thing's going to blow up and he did he greased them up greased them up good and so and they legalized the sdp the the uh the bolsheviks were only very rarely legal in in soviet union as i said their leadership kept going to jail the sdp got to run in elections and they got 0:58:11  
to \*\*\*\*\* uh send people to parliament and they got to send a bunch of people to parliament they get to create an entire political class of office holders they get to get rid of political class of newspaper editors and and trade union executives who fill the ranks of this new middle class and who are also the brains of the party yes it's it's still being fed at the root by the organization of the working class but it's all being contained by this party apparatus that is growing more and more middle class more and more bourgeois accommodating itself in its daily life to the conditions of the petty bourgeois not the work this party that is that was born and contained the best analysis of of german capitalism is not ready for it because it's \*\*\*\*\* bourgeoisie the 0:59:15  
social democrats act swiftly to prevent a revolution that needed to happen because the bolsheviks were right that there needed to be a world revolution they were correct now that was a belief that was necessitated by their position at the end of the donkey but it didn't mean they weren't right the germans were wrong because they hadn't spent the last 10 years in siberia or in exile or or getting beat up by the checker it's been the last 10 years getting having tea cakes with the \*\*\*\*\* local and so when the moment comes they can't see it and they fight against it and then who is germa who is the german revolution's lenin frederick ebert as in the person who was smartest the person who was most in a position of power and had the best way of the land but his motivation was wrong he wanted to preserve this state that needed to go and so they 1:0:17  
created the fry core which becomes the spine of the nazi party to put down uh the revolt now of course it didn't help that the revolt was led by people like luxembourg and leafneck who were frankly not that competent bolsheviks and more importantly did not preside over a well-oiled machine of revolutionary um discipline like the bolsheviks did because how do you enforce that discipline and with the bolsheviks

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you \*\*\*\*\* up you might get killed you might get thrown in jail what do you \*\*\*\*\*  
up here what's gonna happen you're gonna have to get yelled at rosa luxembourg's  
gonna say that you got to buy the google for the next meeting who gives a \*\*\*\*\* it's  
just there's less of a disciplining effect and so the movement itself is on discipline and 1:1:19  
you don't really see the the thing that makes you know that there was a potential  
for a successful revolution in germany is that between the initial rising and keel and  
the final putting down of like the rohr valley uprising with where the red army was  
formed uh in 1920-21 you saw enough sustained effectively organized uh political  
and military coordination and action by the left broadly construed that it could  
have taken power it had been coordinated properly but part of the reason it wasn't  
is that in that initial uh burst there were a bunch of people who either went along  
with the sdp or stood back and watch what happened because they weren't sure they  
believed in the party they thought maybe they're right and then it was only later  
after the establishment of the post war government and certainly uh of the post-war 1:2:21  
government and the creation of like an all-powerful president and all this and the  
refusal to carry out any meaningful uh social uh socialization of the uh economy  
they started rebelling but it was too late at that point and it was unorganized and  
that is because of time and place time and space determining the fact this thing all  
explodes at once but it is unevenly divided and it's unequally developed and so it  
spreads across the world and it cuts to hits different places at different points and  
then the need to compete drives it forward like the russians didn't want to \*\*\*\*\* do  
capitalism nobody did they had to do it serge gavida had to pull them by their nipples  
to do it framework it would give them the tools to compete with the other powers 1:3:22  
and so this thing kicks off simultaneously but it develops in different ways because of  
the social conditions there's no middle class in russia by then it's it's a peasant it's a  
bunch of army barracks on top of a peasant and that means that the parties develop  
differently they develop and but the thing is capitalism is going all the same time  
it's on its own clock it's developing separately at different things because at different  
rates because of the conditions in germany but the glo the thing itself has a clock a  
clock when once it strikes the thing will go into fatal crisis and that is what we got  
in 1914 and what we got through it is the suppression of communism in europe and 1:4:23  
and then the assertion of a global capitalist empire that slowly wall and steamingly  
steamrolls capitalism over the rest of the world at the expense of the people who live  
there and the ability to create massive amounts of surplus that can be ex enjoyed  
relatively guilt-free and so once again you got a time space but it was not and here's  
the thing that looks that looks mechanical how could it have gone any differently  
because these things are made up of individual decisions that can change and and  
they're made up of a bunch of events that are essentially random assassinations um 1:5:26

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outcomes of battles uh changes of position changes of weather is a big one and in that world we're always uh in we're always living between these possibilities these things are always open because somewhere there is a thing a coin flipping there's a coin flipping with it all around us at all times so we can we're all we're moving through these coin flips so we we cannot subjectively experience it as determined we have to subjectively experience it as open because it is we only know what happened we can't know that is how we rescue us ourselves partially from despair we approach politics through that lens while also cultivating love for those around us and for other things and for and for and for the universe it's as cheesy as that sounds off-loading 1:6:28 our ego and the emotional connection of our ego to other things and other people and people and animals and everything and then also embracing the eternally flipping coins that make up our world and that we're moving through i mean i can look at american history and i see a bunch of spots where real happiness stands shaped us in significant ways i've talked a bunch about civil war and reconstruction you don't have to have that many flipped coins go differently for uh benjamin butler to become vice president for example or for lincoln to just not be assassinated it was not a it was not like that was a \*\*\*\*\* uh and guaranteed thing a million things could have happened that could have by happenstance changed the outcome of that assassination attempt i mean my god they were trying to kill four guys all the other uh attempts failed or three other guys all the other attempts failed uh the guy who was supposed to 1:7:29 kill seward went into his bedroom and tried to stab him in the neck but he had a uh he had like a splint from breaking his jaw in a carriage accident and he didn't get him uh george azeroth was supposed to kill johnson and i mean there's another one azeroth goes up and kills johnson like he was supposed to then uh schuler colfax who was a radical republican and speaker of the house he wasn't a neck brace that's incorrect that i i i say that because i thought it was a neck brace and i actually was looking at a recently looking at a uh an account of the assassination and it said that it's actually in that race but or i mean a uh a splint but let me know if anyone wants to fact checkmate on that one they can but these are all coin flips and then what we get is the worst possible outcome andrew johnson the one man in the country who could have been no worse position there i mean there's a very good chance that if 1:8:31 henry clay becomes president in 1840 yes that you \*\*Music playing\*\* don't get a civil war but you also don't get westward expansion the way that it happened because henry clay was had a possibility there to govern the uh with to govern the entire united states along the rubric of his american system of internal improvements and terror formation and the building of an industrial economy on the model of europe but that would have required the slowing of westward expansion and the eventual end of slavery now obviously that system was resisted by the south uh very strongly 1:9:32

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and they said hell no what are you doing we want to expand we need to expand uh and they were always able to uh succeed at that with the people electorally because the economy kept \*\*\*\*\* collapsing and getting giving land out for cheap became the only real way to raise revenue for the for the government and provide any relief for people because there is no capacity no desire for a capacity in the state to actually do anything that's the minimalist notion of because all the power is in the in private hands the power to over to exploit being number one the only difference between libertarians and slave owners is that they think that they need the piece of paper because they've been acculturated the time and space has removed them enough from actual slavery that they have to have that piece of paper between them but it's the same thing and that was their electoral appeal to the broad broad population 1:10:34 is hey we actually give you land well that was partially because uh the whigs were never really able to hold power consistently they had one chance and it was in the 1830s 1840 after jacksonian van buren democracy and its its approach to uh currency and banking had seen a massive collapse of the economy in 1837 that with no real response from the government the whigs took power at the presidency and the house and the senate for the first time in the only time they'd have that in the lead up to the but henry clay wasn't there to do that because they had nominated an old guy william henry harrison and then when they after they offered the vice presidency to clay and he turned it down because he was pissed that he didn't get the nomination 1:11:35 they give it to john tyler who is a southerner who is a a expansionist pro-slavery cycle the exact opposite of their politics in every respect the opposite the negation of their political project but he didn't like andrew jackson because he wasn't uh tractable enough on the tariff literally an issue that they actually he becomes president they put him on the tape on the ticket to say hey look we're the whigs anybody who didn't like jackson vote for us because hey that'll get you votes and who cares who's vice president well this pile of \*\*\*\*\* behind uh right behind the white house cares because look at this the guy's dead and now this guy's in charge and he just put his \*\*\*\*\* he put uh a stick in the spokes of the wig agenda for the entire four years then the democrats get in you get uh in quick succession the recognition of texas and then the mexican war the final uh the reach too far too fast that led to the inevitable sectional split well what if wigs the wigs get in there and are actually able to deliver economic relief minus uh westward expansion they slow the pace and develop internally and effectively to grow the economy that way and therefore get the support of some of those would-be yeoman is it possible yes and if it's possible then it could have happened in this world that we otherwise inhabited it feels so determined right because there's nothing inevitable about john tyler becoming president now you might say ah yes but at a much lower level everything is determined yeah but only 1:12:39

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in retrospect so we have to always inhabit the ignorance of the moment and that's  
what we can drive forward with but only if we're motivated by the it's about it's 1:13:43  
about creating a heuristic creating a tunnel creating a path creating a target create  
creating and orient yourself in but then also it's about creating a power source to  
and that can only be that's a break it's a dumb spiritual process of breaking down  
and it's individualized and all we can do is act with the hope that we can change and  
those around us can change just like rocky said in rocky iv all right i hope some of  
next week let's say the first i don't know how long the chapters are because i haven't  
looked at it yet but let's say the first 50 or so pages of the future of the future book 1:14:45  
of kim stanley robinson's uh what's it called something of the the future book kim  
stanley robinson's future book what's it called the bureau of the future ministry of  
the future i knew it was one how about the department of the future huh is that are  
you an american come on usa usa usa hear them yes the ministry of the future oh  
yes i quite enjoy spending an afternoon in the ministry of this the future oh yes i  
shall have another finger sandwich

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*You don't suck the future, the future sucks you.*

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this is the ground control of the major town mars ain't the kind of place to raise a kiss and there'd be no place to raise them and i think it's gonna be a long long time \*\*Music playing\*\* and i think it's gonna be a long long time i think it's gonna 0:1:1  
be a long long time mars ain't the kind of place to raise a kid in fact it's cold as hell and there'd be no place to raise them if you did it's pretty dumb that's pretty 0:2:4  
dumb lyrics you don't suck the future this future that is of course uh a reference to a line that appears in two different entertainments filmed entertainments uh in the 70s and then again in the arts uh that line is first said in i believe it's saturday night fever by tony's dad when travolta says \*\*\*\*\* the future and he says no son you do not \*\*\*\*\* with the future the future \*\*\*\*\* you and then of course repeat it again by commissioner yari played with supercilious transcendence by stephen tavaloski replies to i believe it's racist steve yelling about the the land commission \*\*\*\*\* the future to which he replies no sir the future \*\*\*\*\* you and i would say the lifetime of so sorry about last week uh should have been on last wednesday but you guys 0:3:7  
probably know that uh will and felix were in town we were doing stuff we were doing business deals uh got a little busy sorry about that and i'm going to be going to new york tomorrow to do the frequency fest which i should really do my part to try to promote frequency fest is going to be a lot of fun we're going to do something that uh we wrote for the thing we're not just going to be \*\*\*\*\* around we wrote a thing we prepared material i know some of you are like oh \*\*\*\*\* no their material their prepared material always sucks but some of you like it and we'll have some prepared material not too prepared though they'll be riffing and it will not be available in any other format they're not going to be releasing hopefully though we can do a lot real 0:4:9  
live show soon because annoyingly we're not going to be able to have an audience for this even though new york is all opened up they didn't change that uh i just got a thing and it completely threw me off anyway it's going to be fine we're going to do a good job and if you want to see it it's the only way you'll be able to so check it out i'm really i'm hoping it's good because chris has done so much work for this chris is of course the king of the chapos our lord and master we are all his uh his

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children in a way like he he is our true dad and uh he put this thing together i'm pretty much by hand i want to see him i want to see it succeed and i'm excited about it i think it'll be good there'll be a lot of good stuff if you like uh e1 they're gonna be there there's i and then there's bands that i don't know what they are because i don't follow music i'm sure they're all great and i'm sure that so this is probably gonna be the only stream i do this week because i'm gonna be in new york starting tomorrow uh but then i'm hoping to get back to trying to do at least uh at least one a week maybe two uh trying to get to two but it's gonna be a little touch and go right now so bear patience uh so today we were gonna talk or yes last wednesday i guess we were going to talk about ministry of the future by kim stanley robinson and i said read that i was going to read the first 50 pages but i really obviously you know partially because of the time difference but also because it was just it's very easy to read i just blew through the \*\*\*\*\* thing uh and so i'm halfway through already so uh i'm not really just going to talk about the first 50 pages sorry about that but i'm also not going to talk about anything too specific to granular i'm really just kind of using it as a uh as a starting point to talk about some stuff and so if you want to read along or read now having listened to this to sort of see the context go for it it's uh i i will say it's a he's got the dan brown thing of uh he has longer character based chapters but he also has those short chippy chappies those the short chapters uh pioneered by melville in uh moby dick but brought the greatest commercial success by dan brown in the the uh in the robert langdon books so you just keep going and uh i really enjoy too that the uh diffused narrative voice you've got uh point of view characters you've got um you've got paranoid characters that are individuals that like go through time you've got characters that are just there for one chapter you've got collective voices like wheeze and then those that we being a different group of people uh that's all cool and it makes the narrative which takes a lot that covers a lot of time it covers decades uh easier to contain in your head because otherwise it might uh be hard to conceptualize but there's leaps ahead that that all end up making sense it does mean that a lot of the dialogue or a lot of the dialogue and the the narrative are kind of expository but the expository voice is varied enough to keep it interesting so it's a fun book to read uh the die i mean the characters are obviously not terribly uh dynamic or interesting but that's not they're not the point it's really just sort of supposed to be a uh a broad survey of like the human pageant of trying to correct the the monstrous uh damage of climate change before it truly does it is com i gotta say though there's obviously that feels very scary it feels very uh intimidating and unfun this is why i have avoided basically any climate change related content i haven't read any of the big climate change books or seen any of the movies it always feels to me just like kind of a masochistic display and

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i'm not a masochist not in that way anyway i like my treats so and that includes artistic and cinematic so this is really the first time i've grappled in books in book form with with climate change and its real implications and i think part of that is because it's fiction and also because and because it's speculative fiction so that i always like that like the visions of of of a dystopian of a dystopia that you logically extend from the one we currently live in i like that kind of stuff like the oryx and craig books i'm a big fan of those so that helps and also the fact that the context here is not just what's going to happen but also the response the human response that it's going to trigger because i think a lot of the despair that i know i feel that i think of others do about climate change is the thought that we have responded so blasely to things until this point that we can just sort of accept axiomatically that as things get worse our public response to them our commitment to resisting them isn't going to get any better and i can understand that assumption but i think history proves that it's not likely i mean the question of whether it's going to be a sufficient enough shift to win the contest is a separate question but you have to get to that question and that means uh recognizing that deteriorating conditions and horror will will disrupt not just our existing systems but it's the existing systems mechanisms of uh consent manufacture and that this book really is about like as the consent manufacturer breaks down even in like the heart of of of fossil fuel capitalism there becomes a a concerted um response and so the premise he starts with is that in the very near future like 2023 there is a week-long catastrophic heat wave in northern india that kills and everything that comes after that the the creation of the uh of the ministry for the future and all of the civic uh legal and illegal movements that emerge to try to uh really push power in the direction of sustainability the context is 20 million \*\*\*\*\* people dying uh and the fundamental artistic uh license that robinson takes is that if that happened it would create a it would be the thing that pushed us not towards collective uh you know realization or or uh radicalization but just pushes us off of the paralyzed uh spot we're currently on that that that the deer in the headlights freeze that we're in would be broken by that now i don't know if that's true that is a lot of people we have to remember and he emphasizes that over and over again it's more people than died in battle in world war ii it's it's twice the holocaust over twice the almost three times the size of the holocaust in a week and of course that does put into kind of comic relief the the notion that this book is some sort of uh happy fundamentally optimistic take on climate change it presumes as a baseline even if we avoid total social collapse and species extinction it will be at the cost of deaths that we cannot conceive of uh and the fear i think we all share i know i have is that we imagine the lives we live now and we imagine the catas the rolling catastrophes that we live in and normalize now and we project forward and we say

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why would that be any different and i'd say that the answer to that is not anything that can be expressed rationally it is in uh it's in the ineffable realm of of the spirit where we have to assume just to uh you know satisfy our baseline understanding of ourselves as conscious beings that there is something beyond sheer mechanism in our uh lived actions like there is something compelling us beyond the uh pool 0:13:27  
table physics of cause and effect there has to be and the book's assumption is that that that level exists that that that that point of inflection exists on the question of climate change and i would say that that's a reasonable assumption if only because it exists everywhere else yeah i'm patting him i'm petting him okay yeah he feels better now okay so everybody can relax now that i've petted the dog i'm sorry that i was so the book begins with this concept 20 million \*\*\*\*\* people die in a week and part of the i'd say kind of ironic uh twist of this is that the way that we experience that as the reader is through the point of view of a single western aid worker who survives 0:14:29  
in a city that is completely suffocated by heat uh and you know that's on one level that's like this is why uh you have to avoid very one-dimensional uh literary analysis categories because you could look at that and say oh look white saviorism literally the only person to survive is the white man but that's also that also serves the artistic purpose of pointing out the real fundamental like bio power that europeans and americans hold over the rest of the world the north holds over the global south especially in this time of significant climate shifts the people around the equator are literally more vulnerable than us than us here like not just where they live but like that their lives have been lived more roughly without the benefit of nutrition without the benefit of because we've sucked the \*\*\*\*\* surplus of the earth we've 0:15:31  
we have literally vamp we have vampirically sucked we've sucked off the world yes the second rate victorian holocaust exactly the same in the same uh phenomenon at play the north inflicting ecological catastrophe on india in order to enjoy the spoils of a global capitalist resource exchange network that funnels pleasure north and payne south which is the relationship between capitalists and labor or between capital and labor and between uh metropole and uh colonial ex uh so what happens what does the world decide to do at this horror this thing that actually causes the 0:16:32  
inflection point to reach and that's this this is where you can look at it and go oh this is ridiculous and feel nothing but despair but remember this is happening in a psychological world that you are not in you are going through a looking glass the same way and you have to therefore suspend disbelief the same way you would going through the looking glass into a another into a historical period in a book or in the far future of science fiction you have to accept that this is not your world in a fundamental way even though it looks exactly like your world and the thing that separates you from that is time and event the catastrophe of the of the uh heat wave

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and living in a world filled with all the other things that are also happening and have accumulated and caused misery and displacement around the world also so time and place mean you can't live there so assume to start with that it happens what happens well of course they create the un and the paris agreement people create a \*\*\*\*\* bureaucracy that for one is very plausible and i think that that is uh robinson's fundamental insight which is of course packed with uh problems and contradictions which is that if we're going to see any meaningful coordinated reduction in climate uh outputs it is going to have to start at least in some respect with a transnational institutional framework and of course that's very difficult and that's one of the key contradictions at the heart of the the left how do you deal how do you deal with the fact that there is a there are these imperatives towards international cooperation but then also the reality that uh that national like social formations are the only ones that have any coherence and can only and they're the only places where realistically politics can be coordinated that's a real \*\*\*\*\* problem and i think a lot of people who scorn international institutions in the name of uh like national bourgeois like because national brazil is the only thing that can resist international capital right now while that may be true it also uh means that your efforts run the risk of fracturing international cooperation where it needs to be increased and of course the other problem exists too if you ignore the reality of the nation as an organizing principle as a social reality then you will end up just uh putting a \*\*\*\*\* green sticker and a rainbow on the venusified hell world that we're and so what is assumed here is that instead of some global revolution what we get is capitalism being challenged from within by a growing coordinated articulated political uh machine that does not seek to overthrow capitalism but to seeks to transition it into a harmony with the world by taking the externalities of capitalism and pricing them into the system and thereby leveraging the future that is going away and its economic value to create uh money create wealth create the uh basically boils down to social will to act differently to pull carbon out of the air instead of putting it in it that's it that's what they're trying to do and of course that's not communism but i would argue that communism as a coherent challenge to capitalism a it's not a going concern at the moment now it will come into some sort of root uh reality in the fight because the contradictions of capitalism cannot be contained like the ultimate thing about this is that even this if it were to work and i don't know how it ends spoiler alerts no spoilers i don't know how it ends they're halfway through i've read enough about it to know that they get to averting the \*\*\*\*\* venusification of earth which is the best case scenario right now because if we do that we can do a lot of other things and by doing that we will have created a social base that is so much more progressive than the one we do socially and i can uh and technologically not in terms of like

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raw technological output but like the technological power that individual people are going to be effectively able to uh to utilize that uh is it's dizzying to think about the future that could be made out of that and communism would eventually emerge in that context and it would be emerge amongst a re a a uh aware social class a class 0:21:44 for itself made out of the international losers the losers within the the the imperial core and the losers without a a uh an alliance between the two that would have to be facilitated at some point by international organizations like this and so this ministry of the future comes into existence and a bunch of other things are also happening india sees a uh massive political realignment where the bjp is wiped out hindutva as a movement is discredited and the old congress party is equally uh implicated and and india becomes governed by a new uh presumably socialist uh anti-caste uh political party and that that party then orients it orients india towards being the foremost country in climate uh mitigation so you have that as like the social base 0:22:45 a billion people making socialism and why not it's where the \*\*\*\*\* actual violence was felt not where it's felt as guilt where it's felt again this is if would this happen you don't know let's just assume uh and the coolest uh part that comes out of india is that you get a terrorist movement dedicated to uh wiping out uh high high price tag corporate polluters and and climate criminals which uh i mean robinson is clearly not very comfortable with the idea of political violence but i respect that he acknowledges that there has to be a vis whatever fantasy of of of salvation we all are gonna have to believe in because we're gonna have to believe in something folks you're gonna have to believe in something uh he acknowledges it'll probably involve 0:23:46 some sort of violence although honestly and the problem with that is that the type of people who want to do climate-based justice aren't the type of people who are going to want to kill people but again we have the problem they're solved by these are people who saw their families wiped out in a \*\*\*\*\* in a in a uh a literal holocaust a \*\*\*\*\* i think somebody says robinson's books have gotten less and less revolutionary probably as time has gone on and things have gotten worse and the the prospect of salvaging anything becomes a more realistic goal to fight for than changing anything uh fundamental about the human condition although i wonder there's one thing that uh halfway through the book uh in cataloging all the different resistance mechanisms that come into being one of my favorites is uh space pirates or uh is uh echo pirates 0:24:50 who uh who hijack and sink fishing trawlers and liberate the slave the slave crews of some of the ones uh and just to prevent fishing uh that that's that's cool seems like you could do it the high seas are pretty wide open but obviously there's going to be a huge uh political cost to that and there's going to be a huge ratcheting up of state violence which is going to have its own knock-on effects that have to be considered one thing that he doesn't talk about though in all of these resistances is something

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that has come up now in the last couple weeks twice which is uh cyber attacks and ransomware so first you had some russians who just wanted to get paid cyber jack the uh the software of a pipeline in uh somewhere in the eastern united states it's why people were filling uh \*\*\*\*\* target bags with gasoline and now one of the a fifth 0:25:52 of the u.s beef supply is now frozen because of a ransomware attack at some food conglomerate they're asking for money but what if somebody said no you don't do this anymore what are you going to do obviously you can get around it but enough of those attacks will have an effect unless of course it's all false flagship to get us to give over any of our knows if we don't get if somebody doesn't do something about bitcoin i'm really going to it's going to take a lot for me to restore my faith in human uh cooperation at this point in human history because come on man how are we this 0:26:54 is such an old goal own goal that we're still letting this \*\*\*\*\* happen so there's uh one of the funniest segments is when there is a uh group that hijacks davos uh and instead of just panicking everybody they make them watch a bunch of movies about how mean they're being to everybody uh it's essentially they just show them like an adam curtis film for a week uh and i mean i don't think that people i've seen people in reviews say that that's sort of like a indictment of robinson but that seems to me to be pretty clearly uh indicated to be a dumb idea that is done by uh the type of trihard uh uh goody two shoes who would man a i mean i'm not surprised that they 0:27:55 haven't i'm surprised they haven't done that yet as an activity at davos i'm surprised they have not staged so really what he's doing is saying what people would do some of it would work some of it would not work some of it would be based some of it would be cringe and i do think it's interesting that another uh sacred cow climate change that he uh has to sacrifice along with mega death is the notion that we can get away and i think a a as terrifying as it is a recognition of of the of the stakes indicates that we and i think the resistance of these kind of things comes from a resistance to uh trusting the ins the institutions that would carry it out and that's totally real 0:28:57 realistic but part of the uh part of the math here though is that the ruling elite of these countries is getting going to get to a point where the maintenance of their power really is in a fundamental conflict by in their perception in their day-to-day working life uh and this new climate reality like they're they're losing their ability to uh to sustain a control and they don't block out the sun but what the uh indians do is they see the clouds uh to essentially block the sun and and uh bill gates has talked about blocking out the sun and of course anything that guy says is just a counter indicator do whatever the opposite of what bill gates wants because he is a demon he is moloch that \*\*\*\*\* do you know how much money the gates foundation gives to lobbying groups that fight against climate change legislation this \*\*\*\*\* this guy 0:30:1 who's telling you that oh it'll be okay if we collect everybody's foreskins and make

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you drink \*\*\*\*\* water and eat crickets is also stepping on the gas is the thing that's going to cause all of that it's a pretty clear indication of what all of corporate and transnational institutional and uh governmental action on climate change is which is a faint it is a puppet hand that is meant to keep you from recognizing the looting that is happening the final stripping of assets to be consolidated into private hands and unaccountable corporate hands unaccountable technologically supreme hands that will then so while we have this ministry of uh the future plot going we also have the technological resistance now as i said nothing about ransomware although i do wonder about ransomware i wonder how how vulnerable are these things are these 0:31:4 institutions are these frameworks and infrastructures too like a significant interdiction because you know if labor power is the power to cease production then in a global uh system a wallensteinian world system then stopping the flow is just as good uh and if we could do that technologically that would fill in for some of the lack of of working class self mobilization question there of course is accountability to the people doing it who would be behind the computer and those are questions that can be only announced by only be answered by the time and place the context that gives rise uh to these resistances hypothetical future resistances but one thing uh and i have thought of this myself before reading this book one thing that robinson argues could change the equation on security in a way that could actually make the ruling 0:32:7 class worried about resistance is drone technology is it as drones get smaller and cheaper becomes easier to use them in a way that is essentially unguardable against and there is a spectacular act of echo terrorism that occurs in this book off-screen because all the really nasty stuff is is uh is off-screen because he's not he he knows it's necessary but it shouldn't be celebrated and frankly i don't know if that's not the right attitude because i have talked about how uh uh oh \*\*\*\*\* i forgot what i'm saying so i just i got i accidentally hit the \*\*\*\*\* chat and blew my mind it always blows my mind when i see these guys uh but drone technology is something that could even the playing field a little bit and i feel that's true you know 3d technology 0:33:9 and printing uh and drones are really the only things that are emerging and uh like software and algorithms and \*\*\*\*\* are the only things that seem like they can be produced outside of capital in a way that can be that could be that can so i guess that means people need to but again the the will to do this doesn't exist like that's the fundamental thing we have to acknowledge is that we don't live in this world where we can expect anything like that to emerge because this question is too 0:34:10 disused people's responses to it are too \*\*\*\*\* diffused uh they are too paralyzed by indecision and they are too struck dumb by uh addiction to the stimulus response nexus of existence within the system and that goes for me and everybody and so the people who really care about this stuff mostly just get sad or channel their energy

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into embarrassing emotional catharsis like extinction rebellion or whatever so yeah 0:35:12  
i'm not gonna try to make any drones i'm gonna keep uh keep post i'm to keep \*\*\*\*\*  
talking to not forever probably but for right now and that's all i can really do i can  
just sort of make myself uh in some way at peace with my situation and then if i  
can't if i find that i am unable to then addressing that which is preventing me from  
doing so and i'm i'm trying to do that uh where it will lead i don't know but i'm  
i'm in a i mean i'm on a journey man like so in enumerating the responses robinson 0:36:15  
also uh highlights the fundamental places where things have to change really quickly  
and he acknowledges uh one of them having to be the internet as it's it currently  
exists that it can no longer be the uh the corporate uh matrix uh that it is now well  
incentivized as it is now and that that would have to go uh that's like yep absolutely  
it's a pretty ingenious method that they go about doing it whereby they create a  
uh they create a fully secure social media space where your data is owned by you  
and you can sell it which that you do feel like oh you know going to the market but  
once again the idea here is to wean a market off of its worst uh social and ecological  
uh side effects and uh i mean we can also i think we can agree that social media uh  
even though you know it's only a component of a matrix is one is a uh debilitating 0:37:16  
millstone around the neck of human civilization and has to be addressed uh also the  
incentive structure of the market to be changed by the introduction of a way to invest  
in the uh world in the future a way to invest in the future and that's where they talk  
about this uh currency it's essentially a bitcoin uh that helps the or where the world  
instead of destroys it that is created by sinking carbon instead of creating carbon  
and i thought that was really cool and not something i'd really thought about but  
you know it's like it does help with one of the big problems which is there's all this  
\*\*\*\*\* money to be made by all the stuff that's in the ground people are going to get  
it out of the ground unless there is an incentive not to and that's either uh you know 0:38:19  
some sort of techno uh global enforcement regime that prevents people from putting  
up oil derricks or uh you know you've dismantled the system of capitalism or you  
make it in their interest not to you make it in their entry you make it worth money  
not to pump oil and that is going to have to happen unless you once again destroy  
the infrastructure for oil or replace it with something there has to be an economic  
incentive to keep it in the in the ground and then the third part the third big part  
they haven't really gotten to it yet i'm only halfway through but uh as soon as i read  
it you know i started nodding it's when they say oh yeah their people are gonna have  
to have to actually believe in something people are going to have to actually care  
about and have an emotional terrain that recognizes the uh the existence of others 0:39:20  
and the persistence of a human community oh \*\*\*\*\* that's religion we need another  
one of those uh i they only mentioned it i'll see what happens in the second half

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i'm looking forward to how you figure that out because to me this is one of like i am closest to that question because i have no because that's where the people who don't have any uh technical affinity go like i don't have the uh expertise to help on any of the the technological questions uh or on any of the big questions of policy even to which the degree to which those are important i am a jackass who just talks about things i give little speeches that's that's for that's for the humanities grads and what are the humanities but not an ex attempt to dissect into pieces the reality of the human soul like that that is what the the soft sciences are it's the human soul 0:40:21 splayed out on a cork board and its organs cataloged and of course that's worthy work but absent a social practice that enlivens that knowledge with the the mystical uh emotional connection provided by communal so i'm very interested to see how robinson goes about uh nudging along because obviously it's going to happen anyway people are hitting the dead end people are hitting the dead end of materialism they're finding that it only uh can keep you going for so long before the the contradiction between objectivity and subjectivity between being the universe and being um and having a sell-by date uh it becomes overwhelming there's no degree of indulgence or 0:41:22 uh neurotic self obsession that can keep you from it forever and now we're getting this new generation of children who have hit the \*\*\*\*\* barrier by age 18 19 years old i mean a lot of them are trying to kill themselves apparently the teens are very despairing but not all of them are going to kill themselves not the majority the rest are going to keep going on and something is going to have to move them to move to continue something is going to have to be believed in what it's going to be it doesn't have to be good signs point to it being very bad in fact but that doesn't mean that that absolves us of the responsibility to try to participate in the good version yeah it's probably going to be some some and it's sobering because there is 0:42:23 going to be a religious revival but a lot of it is going to be cult-based and a lot of it is going to be uh so defined by its social reactionary nature it's gonna say this world is scary and and big and i am a little adamant where can i find uh meaning and their answer isn't going to be inhumanity as an abstract concept it's going to be the people who are closest to them the people who are the most similar to them the people who comfort them by reflecting them which is what we seek in a in a public world full of strangers the only truly soothing image is a mirror and so that's what we seek that's what our entertainment has become we're seeking a reflection of our own values our reflection of our own sense of self we want to live inside a \*\*\*\*\* disco ball because that's the only way to be soothed strangers are scary that's why everyone's on the internet where they can see people as a projection of themselves 0:43:26 not as real people because they're not dealing with the the uh intervening viscosity of a human encounter and so it's probably going to be based there's going to be a lot

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of uh mystical uh communing with racial groups and with national categories and that's gonna be bad news but a lot of us have been brainwashed by the hollywood sicko can reach across the uh the divide of because succumbing to that is a worse for our sense of self and for our uh super it our super egos restraint against that behavior because uh so many of us have become uh neo-puritan basically uh who don't believe in god anymore but still believe in eternal judgment and the need to be among the elect uh and that is you know the residual motive to be a social liberal and there are a lot of people who have those things deeply embedded i know what i do and like succumbing to the nationalist racial uh religious uh mania would be too great a violation of our sense of self so between those people and people for whom that is not an option because they are the excluded i think you could maybe put together a team that could uh maybe if we could all become mormon by now we probably would have fixed everything one of the like in the archipelago of existing like uh fully luxury fully automated luxury space communist bubbles that will exist in the future earth like an earth that's basically water world except for a few little outcroppings that stick out and those will have on them little bubble cities where you will have fully automated luxury space communism you will have the dream of uh of a material splendor for all and those people being all the people who made it into the bunkers and then were able to use their technology to build themselves a little uh a little bubble amongst them one of them will be mormons one of them will have will be will be cyber utah no question about that because they work together to make it happen the rest will be you know essentially hikimori domes of uh freaks \*\*\*\*\* uh cyber sex dolls but of course the reality is is that if we do get the worst most catastrophic outcome of climate change that won't happen either because the faith in that the faith in mars the faith in new zealand is part of the greater faith in the self that these people are clinging to these people who are the most religiously infused the most mystic people on earth the hyper wealthy because they've cocooned themselves in something that they believe as deeply as a \*\*\*\*\* medieval martyr at a burning at the stake which is that technology exists to sustain them and that it its power is essentially infinite relative to the uh him and that it can be utilized to their full control meaning that they will be able to use it to um to dominate any physical reality though the seas rise i'll put up a bubble the workers rebel i'll replace them with robots at every point there is an answer and then of course at the end of the question well what about life and death what about dying you're gonna now have to die having cut yourself and severed yourself completely from all of humanity how are you supposed to deal with that how is it not going to drive you insane i was not going to send you to hell the answer is i will live in the machine all of those beliefs are believed as deeply as fundamentally as people believed in medieval christianity and

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are as illusory god didn't make the world in six days and you can't \*\*\*\*\* they will 0:48:38  
destroy everything in the pursuit of this fully luxury automated space communist  
utopia for their grandchildren and them of course because they're never going to  
die or if they do think they're going to die if they don't if they're if they haven't  
been convinced by that science then they think they're going to create a lineage and  
a legacy because that's what you have in to focus on if death is uh too you have  
to have either a legacy or a fantasy of eternal life and both of those things are are  
sustained by the wealthy by delusion by religious mania because these people do not  
believe in science they don't believe in technology they have encountered science and  
technology through a personal experience that has seen it open its hands to them 0:49:39  
and revealed the jewels of the universe to put them in a position of power that no  
humans had ever exist had ever held in human history not through the use of arms  
not through violence not even through physical effort through fear mental exertion  
at least that's what they think that's how they experienced technology so of course  
to them because it is their lived lives it is imbued and infused with belief and a  
disbelief in not just the self but of the supremacy of their specific selves the rest of us  
are just reifying our egos but in the absence of absolute power those egos are being  
destroyed by the inability to recognize a world where you are both the center of the  
universe and its only consciousness and also subordinated to others subordinated and  
disempowered and not able to do what you want how the hell do you deal with that  
and it is the neurotic attempt to square that circle that i think generates basically 0:50:47  
all now of course though super wealthy are transcend bourgeois morality transcend  
mushua politics give a \*\*\*\*\* about any of that stuff because they have total belief  
in the self and also physical evidence of their self's power and centrality they think  
they're gods and the world proves that they are as opposed to the rest of us who  
think we're god at the end of the day we think we're god but are but live as as uh  
as peasants how can that make sense and we try to make sense of it with politics  
but in both cases this neurotic drive towards distraction and and uh resentment and  
guilt assuagement that happens in the middle drives the actual machine of capital  
towards so next week uh i'm not done but just wanted to make sure i'm done talking 0:51:59  
about i think the book we'll talk some more i'll talk more about the rest of it and  
when i'm done with the whole thing i'll probably like look back at other stuff that  
maybe i missed talking about this time so i'll have it all done by the next time we  
uh hang out which i don't know if it's gonna be it's not but we'll do the second  
half of kim stanley robinson's ministry for the future not of the future ministry for  
the future next week hopefully or the week after if not and just to uh comment on  
the title of the book one of the other key components here the understanding is is  
leveraging the future rights of humans not yet born against uh the current calculus of

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economic value but again with all these things you're essentially creating ideological 0:53:0  
justifications for what at the end of the day are uh material considerations and that's  
where the coercion comes in because all of the stuff about hey we'll have a we'll have  
a crypto coin hey we're going to sue you in court on behalf of future generations  
that's just to give them an out short of final conflict and annihilation when they're  
when they feel that they've lost the battle this is being pushed on all fronts including  
uh physical fronts using physical uh coercion and intimidation but i don't want to  
talk about that too much because it's nothing that currently makes sense tactically  
it's nothing i certainly nothing i want to get in trouble for i'm a \*\*\*\*\* i will admit it  
i don't want to get in trouble because what would be the point no amount of uh echo  
terrorism in the current conditions absent any kind of movement absent any kind of 0:54:1  
catalyzing political uh um event or organization it's just more grist for the mill more  
uh strategy of tension fodder more stuff to keep us on the road to uh total uh techno  
dominion techno domino atera now i hate being under that techno dominion i hate  
being under that techno dominion oh child dude yeah there'll be no more gumbo if  
that river keeps rising if that gold mexico keep coming in there no i'm not some sort 0:55:11  
of categorical pacifist but i do think that we are so awash and spectacle and violence  
right now that anything short of a a destabilizing degree of physical resistance isn't  
going to do anything other than provide more uh \*\*\*\*\* trending shhh oh somebody 0:56:21  
asked about ariel pink i know him because he got in trouble for going to the capitol  
uh on uh january 6th which is very funny all the celebs who went there like jay at  
the end of the day all these viruses operate on everybody all these mind viruses that  
we're spreading on the internet somebody keeps asking about the bo burnham thing  
i don't know what that is is he a musical comedian is he one of those guys who uses  
guitars while he's like doing punch lines like that seems to be you're trying to do like 0:57:22  
a mitch hedberg stephen wright you don't have the confidence just leave it leave the  
uh dead air for a little bit in between uh apparently bo burnham did some sort of  
like uh epic communism and uh someone on twitter pointed out very accurately that  
if if you're gonna have people changing their minds on on like the viability of the  
system even if it's just you know not necessarily it's gonna be good it could just be  
performative but it's gonna it's gonna mean cringe like that it's gonna mean people  
doing that that's gonna happen it's no one's no one's gonna have perfect takes uh 0:58:23  
but i don't think i'm gonna watch it i'll say that okay i'll leave on the the veiled  
prophet thing but first of all shout out to uh corpse in orbit michael s judge host  
of death is just around the corner a great podcast about american america's he's  
essentially a uh michael is a basically uh an architect critic where he's describing the  
the structure and map of the uh black iron cage of american uh capitalism but in  
2017 because he's from st louis and he kind of knows those people he apparently uh

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uh knows uh holly josh hawley uh that he knew about the veil prophet a debutant 0:59:25  
ball type thing for the upper cross of st louis that they started uh to celebrate the  
victory over the the strikers during the st louis uh general strike of 19 1877 part  
of the great railroad strike it was an end zone dance for the rulers of the city uh  
over the the rest of workers and in 2017 he said that ellie \*\*\*\*\* kemper uh from the  
office and kimmy schmidt had been one of the uh one of the guests of honor uh so  
shout out to him for having this way before anybody else uh but obviously the big  
reason that it moved is the way it was framed it was framed as it's the clan these are  
the clan look they're wearing wet white hats it's a clan party well these guys were  
the clan now of course that's not true in any literal sense it's in said the fact that  
yeah this is part of the upper crust of a near south city that was dedicated to uh 1:0:28  
maintaining racial and class hierarchy in st louis and they had a party to celebrate it  
it just that's what made it sing and that's what made it sizzle all this really proves  
is that ellie kemper like most actors now uh is a \*\*\*\*\* rich kid who's who became an  
actor as a hobby and succeeded because they could stick around that is everybody  
it used to be obviously a big chunk of celebrities and of actors and and artists of all  
kinds but now it has become almost exclusively that because it is too hard to risk it  
it's too dangerous the the the cost benefit analysis doesn't hold up no matter how  
much you want it no matter how much talent you might have that calculus can only  
be made by people who have a safety net and so what a shock child of rich people 1:1:30  
is the fame is a famous actor the all of the real dungeon about it the stuff about it  
being the clan or whatever is just more \*\*\*\*\* liberal posturing because once again  
we have an example here is somebody who came from the bad kind of rich people the  
local elites of smaller cities this is local capital these are the bad guys so we could  
do this meanwhile how many \*\*\*\*\* actors and actresses are the children of bankers  
white shoe law firms that doesn't get talked about because that is invisible capital  
and it's this trick goes the other way too of course like those veiled profit people  
they pitch themselves and think of themselves as the salt of the earth they think of  
themselves we're not cap with capitalism we're working together we're all part of one 1:2:31  
community against against uh antifa and uh the global world order they're the bad  
ones and it's not capitalism actually capitalism is good and we do that both ways it  
is it's a cultural projection of a a uh battle between local concentrated capital and  
transnational capital a battle across time essentially it's it's a temporal war between  
capital at its most accelerated point and at its most its most accelerated financialized  
endpoint and it's more localized fixed extractive midsection and then it's thought as  
a culture war where the role of capital is completely \*\*Music playing\*\* hidden and 1:3:32  
shielded and veiled in both cases so the real \*\*\*\*\* veiled prophet of this whole thing  
is capitalism boo drop the mic right there but obviously it is very funny because

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that is some real yellow king \*\*\*\*\* it's always been super creepy uh in the 70s some like left-wing activists stormed the thing and pulled off the \*\*\*\*\* prophet's uh veil to show that he was like the local head of monsanto and then the one who woman who had pulled the mask off had her car blown up by a enterprise rent-a-car and monsanto are huge donors for what they use at the vp fair not exactly pumpkin pump 1:4:33 uh country pumpkin smallholders of course not because from outside these are not disconnected capitalisms the culture stares across the time frame two like they're not these people are still super rich and powerful it's just that they identify with a local formation of power and a local hierarchy because remember that we're dealing with an era of lumpen class non-consciousness across the board we have a lump in middle class we have a lump and proletariat and we have a lump and ruling class they do not have a sense of themselves as part of any project they operate out of total self- 1:5:36 interest and they are like you've got guys like the ricketts family who are billionaires who believe \*\*\*\*\* fox news forwards that are meant for the dumbasses who vote for their candidates because spectacle and media has replaced life for everyone no matter how many how and then the and the hope of climate change is that it is a shift and a shock to this system sufficient to reorient people towards their lives and away from that spectrum whether that's true or not will be seen it's not that we are enchanted 1:6:48 by their stories it's that it's their stories have replaced our social existence there's nothing that we are choosing them in favor of that is why we can't unplug that's why we can't really log off because we are now cyborgs we have offloaded a huge percentage of our mental uh world and our emotional world into this cyber realm so it's not they're it's not anyone's fault for being enchanted they are dealing with reality as it was presented to them where that the that the euro the television howard beale said where your own lives are unreal because how could your life that which is spent not observing this stuff not engaging with it how could it compare considering 1:7:49 how much time you spend on one versus the other and how lonely the time you spend by and that lonely time is still spent it's the ghost acreage of your soul acreage is is uh is a concept that explains how uh imperial cores are able to sustain themselves by accessing a bunch of land that is not actually part of their polity so england was able to way over produce their malthusian lemon on population because they were able to access massive amounts of ghost acreage and this is the the conflict we're all stuck with and this is the the horn of the dilemma is that we need more than ever to 1:8:52 rebuild our spiritual connection to each other our spiritual connection to the world so that it can orient us towards good action that can only be determined through analysis of that world but at the same time we are constrained by our our disposition our material dispositions which are beyond our control to have to live in a a balance those how do we how do we direct the flow the emotional flow the the uh spiritual

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flow between the one state and the other to to push us towards right action that's the challenge and i don't know the answer that's why i keep talking that's why i keep talking around because i don't know the answer because i am alone not really i 1:9:56 have people in my life but i am not part of a project beyond the artistic project the but i'm hoping that that will change and i'm trying to make myself ready for the moment this is an original adam friedland i'm he painted a great paparazzi shot of paul giamatti on the subway and that is it's wonderful reminds me of new york okay somebody says they should be beppy grillo yeah the \*\*\*\*\* fi five star movement huh real real \*\*\*\*\* hit that one really hit the nail on the head with all right talk to you 1:10:58 chickens later

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they blasted and dug with their sweat and their guts they never drank water but whiskey by pints and the shantytowns rang with their songs and their fights navigator navigator rise up and be strong the morning is here and there's work to be done get your pick and your shovel and them all dynamite where to shift a few tons of this earthly delight yes to shift a few they died in their hundreds with no sign to mark where \*\*Music playing\*\* save the brass in the pocket of the entrepreneur by roadsides and rock blasts they got buried but if death if not life they'll have peace while they sleep navigator navigator rise up and be strong the morning is here and there's work to be done take your ticket your shovel and them all dynamite where to shift a few tons of this earthly delight yes to shift a few tons of this earthly delight a mark on this land is still seen and still laid a way for a commerce her vast fortunes some loyal to an empire where the sun which is now deep in darkness but the railway's there yet navigator navigator rise up and be strong the morning is here and there's work to be done take your pick and your shovel and then all dynamite we're to shift a few tons of this earthly delight yes to shift a few one of my favorite songs navigator as covered by the pogues that's not a poke's original uh like the band says band the band played well sing matilda also a cover two of their best songs were covers but that it just shows the breath of your musicality in a way that you can get a you can make the definitive cup version of something somebody asked if panda express is good and you know what i wouldn't have been qualified to answer that until a couple weeks ago i just uh the last couple weeks i found myself by happenstance going into panda expresses not in malls which i honestly before this month didn't think was a thing i thought panda express was exclusively available in malls that there weren't any standalones and now two times in the last month i've found myself in a situation where i needed to eat something on the run and i'm in a car and oh there's panda express and i've gone twice now i've had the i had the the beijing beef uh one time the bowl and the other time i had um i think the garlic pepper chicken and i realize at least this is my theory i don't know if it's true that the reason that um panda express now i really feel like this is new now has these uh standalone locations

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because i swear to god i swear to god i never saw panda express outside of a mall 0:4:9  
before and since i don't go to malls as habit as a matter of course i kind of thought  
well i'm never going to have panda express again and then boom they're out there  
and my theory about it this might it's totally made up by me theoretical style is that  
it is the market responding to the creation of the chipotle level of like ethnic food  
delivery like chipotle invented a new way to get a uh ethnic ethnic cuisine right in  
a way that was like rationalized and standardized and homogenized for a suburban  
palette that had existed at the end of fast food like taco bell but it had not existed at  
the level of the the attainable uh like up market faster food the the area for the more  
well-heeled among the the middle class who buys things and goes to make restaurants 0:5:11  
that you can that are a sufficient number to make a business to make to make an  
industry they created they found this sector of people with a little more money in  
their hands and yes subway was the first of this but it was really an outlier and really  
ahead of its time it was uh and also you know the sub is sort of a different thing  
you know they kind of invented something there uh but so chipotle is this new type  
of consumer experience for the people who want uh to gesture towards like urban  
sophistication that higher price-pointed food offerings represent uh but live in the  
context of you know economically and attainable urbanity attainable bohemianism  
and that created a new market really because people found out oh there's money  
here and so now you have a bunch of attempts to do that for different foods pizza 0:6:12  
has two pie ology and blaze which i believe is owned by chipotle it's like a play for  
a new sector and that is hey what if you can do that with pizza what if you can  
make pizza bespoke enough to transcend like a hot and ready or a \*\*\*\*\* uh a day  
class say five dollar hot ready from uh little caesars but is it like a brick mortar uh  
neapolitan place that's more expensive it's the new era and so that's gonna come for  
every uh type of food and maybe panda express saw the spot and went for it sort  
of the way that blockbuster could have been could have evolved into the streaming  
platform that we all use for movies but they \*\*\*\*\* up like they had the slot and  
there was even the awareness that it was a reality and there was a desire within the  
company to move in that direction but they were and so pan express is sort of does  
the anti-blockbuster and slides in there hey panda express here it is machine level 0:7:14  
uh uh uh chinese food but presented and the thing is it is presented like it wasn't in  
the this is a rebrand all along you have to remember this because the original panda  
express play really was taco bell for mexican for us chinese food it was de clase but  
i tell you guys these two ones i've gone to they are chipotle to the letter to level  
they're absolutely trying to be that and uh it's it's tasty it's not bad but again i just  
made that up i have no idea so you're saying that these are not new and it's always  
been that way i guess that's just the spot that panda express has been sitting in it's

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been in the cut waiting to to come to life sounded it was fine it is it's about as good as that so that is to say pan express is not bad the beijing beef was pretty good i 0:8:15  
gotta say you can build a bowl with the different type of things they have like six different versions and you can go with low main or fried so yeah pan express is fine it's like chipotle yeah chipotle is not great if there are better options you should take them but if you want a burrito and you're like getting uh gas you know or doing errands you could do worse look at all those emotes there are no bodegas in la there are seven elevens and i gotta say i'm with matt burning on this 7-eleven is superior 0:9:16  
to the bodega in every way it is the highest level of bodega yes i do have wisconsinite taste i always have i like ketchup i like ketchup on i like ketchup on mac and cheese like a \*\*\*\*\* canadian yes there is no chumped cheese at 7-eleven but they do have a lot of other great options they've got decent pizza little thin slice or the thin crust they've got those little uh kind of uh egg rolls with the exotic flavors in them chopped cheese and the dustiest yes bodegas have atmosphere and they better because that's 0:10:17  
what you're paying that's how that's that's what makes it all worthwhile is that is that exotic touch to make you feel sophisticated that is that's that's the value you get from the the writing is coming pretty well the interviews that are going to form the basis of the book have been completed and now i'm going to edit them shape the language add stuff and turn it into something uh legible so that's the the final sort of writing by editing process is coming up you also get a lot of uh convenience that 0:11:19  
way with the bodegas because if you live in new york you're never more than about a block away from a bodega in most neighborhoods so that's not necessarily true of 7's 11 in other parts of the country because you know they can only i went to a quick trip when i was in wisconsin visiting my parents and i've got to say they have definitely risen to the challenge of the 7-eleven food experience because they don't just have the uh the case of uh summer sausage and cheese curds that they used to have now they've got a whole prepared meal section with their own pizza and their own little nuggets and hot dogs and \*\*\*\*\* all prepared and arranged very much like apparently those uh those upgrades were very expensive for 7-eleven owner operators 0:12:21  
because it operates on a franchise model but 7-eleven has this contract where their they dictate to their franchisee what they have to keep in their store to say just keep their license as a 7-eleven so they have to say like to be in a 7-eleven you have to provide x y and z like as part of your uh your arrangement and now their contracts are requiring them to keep these food items in there even though it's very expensive to maintain a a essentially restaurant inside something that's supposed to be a convenience store uh and so it's actually a loss for a lot of these franchisees but they have to pay that and so it's led to this really grim and and honestly illustrative phenomenon where the mostly immigrant owners of sevens 11 who were brought

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into like their franchise relationship by a concerted effort by 7-eleven to reach out to the south indian community south asian community specifically and say hey you want to come to this country here's an opportunity you don't have to worry about if your engineering degree is going to be able to get you a a similar job to that in the united states you know you don't have to worry about maybe having to drive a cab if you could own your own business and there's like there's networks that created this and now they're imposing all these requirements on the 7-elevens that are making it making the margins so thin for the operators i mean while 7-eleven is just getting the franchise fees you know and getting the profits uh is that they're essentially working for like 20 grand a year like they have been fully proletarianized and they're hyper exploiting their own time too they've been even though they're they're members of the petty bourgeois like they are the yeoman holdout because of their position their vulnerable position as immigrants largely like 7-eleven would if they picked up a fuss about this stuff like they literally collaborate with the state to bring uh bargaining power away from these owner operators so now quick trip is becoming like that this this local mainstay is becoming like that you know it's uh it shows that everything every every uh sort of social construction short of socialism that you try to build to damn up the uh the power of capital to just proletarianize everybody including people who are who hold a stake in capitalism like the petty bourgeois because there's nothing they could build that can uh that can resist it so we had this cr american idea of the yeoman small holder first of land then of some sort of business as a bulwark against uh the the condition of proletarian which is what you're trying to avoid and if you think a system will help you avoid proletarianization you will engage with it enthusiastically but then that relationship changes as the pressure of the the drop of profit the rise of the liquidation of all classes save owner and provider of labor and that means that a lot of people in that middle sector are not going to be brought up and bought into this new ruling power they're going to fall out of it they're going to fall out of the middle section into proletarianization and that is the agonized position of the american middle class that makes up whatever kind of reactionary formation and it is a resistance of proletarianization by this middle strata of people who are participators and beneficiaries of the amer of the american capitalist order and so what looked like looks like a battle between like some left and right between some working class and and the ruling class is really just this cultural battle waged between peoples on different sides of this equation as the thing falls apart so you've got this uh the last remaining believers in capitalism right are your liberal media class and the media people that they create and the culture that they create those are the last people who really believe in capitalism because they believe that even under fully uh fully uh proletarianized hyper capitalism that they

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will be on the winning end of it that they will have to reach the position within capitalism well they will be a a rentier and not a laborer a eloy not a morlock and that's because they believe at a level of a deep uh uh existential conviction that their talents because these are the last meritocrats that their talents will earn them a spot away from the conditions of exploitation that make up being a proletarian or a member of the reserve army of labor the totally uh uh destroyed and cast down uh a lumpin that is created inevitably by this system there's no guarantee that you're not even gonna just you're not you're that you're even gonna be able to work with your hands or work uh or exploit your time you might not be given any reason to exist in this system and have to \*\*\*\*\* scrounge for yourself in what are essentially post-apocalyptic conditions like when we talk about the capitalism being uh uh uh unevenly distributed so is the apocalypse the apocalypse as we imagine it in our mind post-nuclear apocalypse the the global warming idea of apocalypse that it came after the cold war vision of ecstatic extinguishment was gone that vision exists for those who are no longer of use to capitalism and who cannot sell their labor in the global south but in the in this city a block from where i stand the apocalypse is here for those who have reached that condition within capitalism and we've reached a point where the war the culture battle is between those people who think that when that time comes they will be inside the house not outside and for our lumpin bourgeois that make up the trump base the the the heronvolk democratic the fascist whatever you want to call it base of populist nationalism those people believe that when the time comes given the current arrangement of capitalism they will in fact be consumed and extruded and cast out into the apocalypse a post-industrial post a post-industrial world of total pollution scarcity uh and breakdown of basic uh protections of law and contract and on the other side of that the the good guys from a cultural perspective because they uphold pluralism they uphold the notions of like universal humanity that we need to survive as a species they have that going for them but it is on top of a belief that these things can only be advanced by capitalism an embedded understanding that only capitalism can sustain this and so that means that on the other side of that you have the people the meritocrats in addition to the people who are just so wealthy that they know that they already own they already own the means of production it doesn't matter it's in their hip pocket this is all just a game to them but like that tenuous class the academic elite the the people who make up the conversation that we're all participating in and that makes up our understanding of the \*\*\*\*\* like the terrain of the country we live in because we don't know what's going on in the country we don't know what's going on in the world we echolocate through an engagement with the culture that is made by this class of people the last believers in capitalism because they think that their talents either

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their labor talents or if they've deluded themselves into thinking that they're part of a political project that will bring about peaceful socialism from within capitalism those because you can't discount that there are plenty of totally uh earnest comrades who adhere to capitalism at a subconscious level at a faith level because they think not that oh it doesn't matter i'll be a winner i'll be i'll be a holder of uh capital they think no my political project that i'm going to be part of is going to eventually overtake capitalism and so everyone will be in the tent and so my participation in capitalism in the here and now is justified and those those people are battling on a cultural firmament but at the basic the the machine is operating independently of the political engagement because we have detached from class because our politics is purely a representation of our understanding of the world which is the simulacrum which is the this cultural fake world the the world where where uh the the destiny of the nation is on whether or not we accept critical race theory whether or not that is going to determine whether capitalism lives or dies it does not it is a it is a delusional participation it is a it is a performance by a class of people who think that they're going to be okay one way or the other and so they can articulate a politics that is based on capitalism and is assumes without any metaphysical question that and that is why the politics as we currently have it is sterile and doomed why it doesn't matter whether if they ban crt from schools or if they if they ban uh any kind of ableism in any entertainment uh and make critical like you can ban critical race theory in schools but that will only make critical race theory mandatory in the culture so there's no way anyone can win this battle because things are going to keep getting worse and at the level of law the places where republicans rule are going to use the law to stamp out uh the ability to express left-wing political ideals critical race racial consciousness that can transcend the racial apartheid structure you uh that you will somehow stop the drift of culture because that's what you're actually participating in towards uh the sort of mongrelized culture you're afraid of guess what you're only making it inevitable because if you make crt illegal in schools you will make it mandatory in cultural production now they're not going to use laws to make it mandatory they're just going to use the market in the form of what people will pay for what media platforms will pay to have produced that is gonna that market that invisible hand is gonna determine the actual market is going to determine that you cannot get anything made or consumed widely within the culture unless it fully makes if it makes race and racism the central and foundational message purpose for being of it forget art there is no aesthetic question here we are only going to ask the question of does this perform a political and those dynamics will inflame each other and ratchet each other up and drive us towards civil conflict but the engine of that will be a immiserating social context of hyper capitalism overtaking everything

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and casting everyone out of any position of safety into full precarity but that's not going to be in that's not going to be addressed by any of these either cultural or political fights because they're independent of capitalism who all right so this was supposed to be the episode where i talked about uh red plenty or no red planet we should talk about that book actually it's fascinating francis spafford it's a historical novel about uh the soviet attempt to solve the riddle of price point of the price mechanism how to reproduce technologically the um the price signal that was the that was what the soviets actually tried to do under khrushchev and president they tried to create a command consumer economy by and having the efficiency of the market reproduced cybernetically and that is the challenge of socialism that is the fundamental challenge of socialism because when you talk about the uh about the working class seizing control of capitalism at a point when its conditions of uh capital accumulation have created the necessary technological capacity to distribute labor outputs and you can say that one of the reasons the soviet union failed is because we hadn't reached that point yet a point that marx was probably too optimistic in his own understanding he underestimated the degree to which technology could put off the end of capitalism the technology could smooth things out socially enough to allow capitalism to sustain itself to buy off revolution essentially he underestimated his capacity to do that that's not his fault that is something he could not have known that is one of those unknown knowns that that that's the ignorance that you like have to revolve around it's the \*\*\*\*\* it's a black hole at the center of the universe of our understanding of the world is this unknowable future and that's what every one of our understandings is built on and so marx built this perfect i think framework for understanding capitalism is as in as an economy and as a politics as a culture as an as a reality but yeah as with anything you can either know momentum or speed you can't know both there is a great unknown known and for marx it was technology and the technological capacity to create to ease to distribute rationally resources by which i mean to keep the host alive and not kill it rational distribution and rational distribution happened at the center of capitalism because of imperialism because the hyper exploitation of the global south allowed for a rational distribution of resources at the center of production where capitalism was most vulnerable away from crisis and that was buying off the working class that is why america became the world headquarters of capitalism it's why the german revolutions of 1918 and 1920 failed because at the center of capitalism rational distribution had been and it spreads through the system but at the level of the hyper-exploited \*\*Music playing\*\* endpoint of capital accumulation the colonies you have just pure uh savagery you have you have you have no room for a social heart to beat you have the cold steel you have the whip of the slave owner you have this the sneer of cold command of the

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slave owning and that meant that when the great crisis of capitalism finally came in the early 20th century the capitalism marx had been predicting and was correct in his understanding of about when it would happen the technology had existed long enough to distribute rationally at the center of capitalism sufficient adherence to capitalism among the working class that there was at the time of crisis there was no one there to fight when the real moment came because you can forgive the social democrats in germany for example for voting for war credits because they assume like everybody that it would be like every previous uh european war since the uh end of the napoleonic era since the council of uh uh since the the the council of vienna short one season long affairs bloody nose and a treaty they were all assuming that they shouldn't if that was insane but it was underlining their logic because you go by when you're trying to make a decision you go by what had happened in the past that's one of the fundamental things that's going to doom us as a species so you can forgive them for that public opinion was patriotic even among workers because the system had been rewarding them it had been giving them better lives it had been giving them political control it had been distributing the the the surplus of capitalism rationally and away from just the market hoovering it up and that meant that sure they voted for war credits but then in 1918 after four years of the most horrifying war anyone had seen since the 30 \*\*\*\*\* years war but on a mechanical scale of death that was unprecedented in the in the in the folk lives of these people a a technologically aided massacre of unprecedented proportions that leaves the the cream of the german working class the french working class the british working class \*\*Music playing\*\* the working class of europe had committed suicide at the behest of their rulers but in that moment the working class of the the the remainder of the working class of europe turned towards their leaders turned to upward and said holy \*\*\*\*\* how did you let this happen and that crisis came all across europe but the only place that it broke towards revolution was the place where the working class was the smallest and where the spoils of capitalism had been distributed least rationally towards the maintenance of some sort of and so it snapped the system snapped in half and and the incoherent working masses of the of the of the russian cities were able to seize power now if that had been the extent of it if they'd known that it'd been the extent of it there's a real question of whether they would the bolsheviks would have gone on and carried out the revolution because an isolated russian revolution was going to die every single person among the leadership of the bolshevik party and i would say the majority of the people at the leadership levels within the soviets themselves among the workers and sailors and and soldiers was that they were the questions of the soviet union that left all the blood on the hands of socialism and tarnished marxism were all made in the context of what do we do now you could

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argue they made the wrong call you could argue that the one guy who knew what to do was bakarin who said this has failed that means that we have to step back and let the bourgeois do the job of building capitalism to the sufficient point that we can seize it because we're not there yet we have to admit that climb down buy off the peasants buy them off create a more rational distribution of resources through central planning but through through like a collaborative effort of a of a party that comes from the working class but introduce capitalism and by buy us back into the system as it exists so that the moment of crisis can come and we'll be better prepared for it instead of yoking ourselves to a monstrous project of hyper exploiting 0:34:8 the the uh the peasant class turning it into a proletariat at the cost of millions of lives which is what happens everywhere that capitalism is introduced but doing it under communist auspices wouldn't that be worth doing and they would say though maybe now it is if they if they ask themselves honestly they might have said that wouldn't be worth it but they made the choice that they made and we all had to fight the fight we had the war with the armies we had but the reason they got to that point is because they believed they were going to be a world revolution and there was god damn it there was going to be one in some universe there was one when the keel mutineers refused to let the \*\*\*\*\* suicidal junker psychopaths these kraut samurai of the royal of the german high command sail the \*\*\*\*\* baltic fleet out in a suicide mission to to be destroyed in honorable combat by the british navy doing a a massive seppuku they didn't want to do it because it wasn't their \*\*\*\*\* 0:35:11 war and it started a a revolution that if it had been yoked to the project in russia could have created a a genuine conflict at a point of of fluidity with a capitalism that might have been disorganized enough and weakened enough to be challenged by it and why didn't it happen because in germany because that's one of the places that capitalism had developed first it's it's it's its flesh was most robust it its tendrils into the working class were the strongest and that meant when the moment came the majority of the german social democratic party both rank and file but definitely among the union and political leadership of the of the uh of the party itself were aligned with capitalism at a material level and so the fry core the the brain fried 0:36:14 uh death worshipping psychos who had been turned into orcs essentially by contact with industrial warfare were organized and let loose by the social democrats to stamp down the world revolution which was what anybody with eyes could see should have known was the moment the apocalyptic moment that marxism was and so the soviets challenged that it failed to meet after the uh end of the the world war after we failed to turn the world war into a class war after we offered a after they offered a truce with the united states and allowed them to build a world economic structure that they would be excluded from where the u.s dollar would be the reserve currency of

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earth where they would have to participate in capitalism in extraction of surplus value for the market in order to sustain themselves in the state competition system that they had agreed to after world war ii instead of extending uh the war into which you could argue is stalin's greatest crime is in that moment turning towards cowardly self-preservation and you could say he might have lost but we lost anyway here's the important thing to note we lost anyway and of course you can't blame these people for not having this the knowledge to know that at the time they did what they did because they didn't know but we have to recognize it now that is the whole point of history is to recognize in the now where our opportunities lie so that we because if stalin had built up that industrial behemoth turned that working turns the the clay that the potato sack of the russian peasantry into the beautiful uh uh twice baked potatoes of of the five-year plan in industrial russia allied with workers movements all throughout the world that were essentially appendages of them at that point and putting down the fascist beast in a climate before the before the creation of um like the the a bomb on a massive scale would have fully tipped the balance maybe you could fight but if you don't fight it my god what was it all for it was to save your \*\*\*\*\* ass disgusting honestly disgusting stalin's greatest crime because all the other ones would have been redeemed if he'd made the right choice in that moment the choice that tito wanted to make which is the basis of tito's split with the warsaw pact is that when the um when the civil war in greece broke out and there was a real contest for power between the the greek partisan communists and the reactionary monarchists backed by the british stalin decided to trade greece for the iron curtain and tito said if you do that then this is all for nothing because we will not be able to contest capitalism in the context of the market on their terms they will eat us they will dissolve us and stalin because he was scared said we're done and of course you could say but they would have lost anyway you have to the blood on your hands has to compel you to something beyond your own disgusting self-preservation but anyway people are people and the system of a bolshevik party in power absent a world revolution was going to mean stalin was gonna a figure like stalin and by that i mean is the bolshevik party was a vanguard illegal party and this is the important part it was an illegal party that operated through the vast majority of its time as an illegal entity in russia where its leadership was largely uh exiled at either exiled internally to towns in siberia where they frequently escaped from or in exile in western capitals where its activities within russia were banned its newspapers were banned it operated as a criminal enterprise so that it could be at the moment seize power and they did it and they did it on the right context and i'll tell you right now lenin is the great genius of all time because lenin was right at every moment until he until but the thing is he died at the moment where we never had to find out we

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died at the moment with lenin where but lenin was perfectly suited to seizing power with that going to war with the army he had he but his assumption that seizing power in russia was worth doing was premised on the idea that it would launch a world revolution it was all premised on that underlying assumption that trotsky had conceived of the permanent revolution that is what solved the riddle of how to move forward in a context where marxism couldn't really be applied to a system where there was no capitalist class to work against you had had capitalism brought in as a cargo cult by this uh this feudal ruling class that was been thrust into competition by capitalism and was frantically trying to keep up and that's the most important thing to remember is that none of these ruling parties none of the ruling classes of any of the european powers save maybe the dutch the ones who started it all wanted capitalism to triumph wanted things to change the way capitalism made them change wanted to move power away from central hierarchical authority and towards a ritual of social affirmation but they had to do it because they were in competition with each other and capitalism provided a superior mechanism for wielding state power by rationalizing the redistribution of resources of the state a way towards private profit and towards socially uh advantageous uh uh mechanisms of governance they did it because they had to the youngers of germany didn't want to \*\*\*\*\* create capitalism do you think bismarck wanted to \*\*\*\*\* legalize the socialists he had to do you think the tory weirdos of uh of england those those those wigged freaks out in their \*\*\*\*\* chalets doing horrifying sex crimes to each other looking out on their fast acreages do you think that they really wanted to \*\*\*\*\* be cheek to jowl with a bunch of uh of foreigners and jews in a city using little tokens to make fake fake value you think they wanted to do something as honorable as that as dishonorable as determining value in a way beyond honor and conquest on the battlefield no they had to because the french were doing it and the spanish were doing it and everybody was doing it and they were fueling it with the spoils of empire and conquest in the new world and the hyper exploitation at the point of the spear of imperial capitalism allowed them to distribute profits socially because capitalism gave them up look at russia the russian revolution was essentially preordained by the fact that the uh the absolutism of like feudal rule was so recently intact at the top of the social order in the form of the tsar that instead of facilitating capitalist development in russia like the royal houses of western europe were doing the \*\*\*\*\* romanovs were sticking a goddamn uh they were shoving a stick into the because capitalism had been thrown up in the lap of the of of a medieval order meanwhile in england the the country that develops capitalism at the point of like the cerebrum where their royal family was literally brought in was essentially hired for the job of being the royal family of england by a a um by the emergent merchant class of england like the glorious revolution of 1688

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where the last vestiges of land-based rule in the form in the form of the stuart line the  
jacobite line the the catholic stewards of england was overthrown by the by the new  
emergent merchant class of england which had first overthrown the stewards before  
were unable to form a social basis around capitalism that early and therefore brought 0:46:33  
the stewards back but once stuart absolutism reasserted itself they essentially fired  
their ceo and hired a new guy someone from the place where capitalism had been  
birthed in the modern era the \*\*\*\*\* dutch lowlands by importing a constitutional  
monarch into the system with the understanding that his job was and so capitalism  
in england is presided over by this machine that is designed to lubricate the system a  
parliamentary system that just throws water onto the gears to keep it from smoking  
keeps the friction to a minimum by distributing rationally as much as it can in  
russia medieval absolutism shows up is forced by competition with europe to sustain  
capitalism to to indulge the whims of sergei vitta and peter stalin but at the end of 0:47:37  
the day it has to reassert itself and and the effectlessness of of of uh nicholas where he  
goes back and forth between liberalizing and and and going reactionary it always has  
to be understood as him having a natural inclination towards reaction being forced  
by circumstances to give in but then putting the lid on as soon as he can until he  
can't anymore which is what happens when but in every other system in europe every  
other monarchy in europe there have been sufficient infusion of capitalism capitalism  
had been around long enough to infuse itself within the mechanisms of power that 0:48:38  
those ruling classes could preside over a system that allowed so even the kaiser reich  
which was slow on the uptake bismarck genius of geniuses one of those 19th century  
geniuses like uh like marx honestly like some sort of a a revisionist marxist in in in  
the highest level of power you could like a guy who understands we need to keep  
civilization alive here because we cannot allow these two things this this uh this  
system of absolute power held by a small minority with capitalism ripping people  
towards the level of total sub sub submission to it of straight of which created social  
reaction that's the thing that matters is that as you create misery as you create  
proletarianization you create a reaction you create social formations alienated from  
the system willing to fight against it and capitalism cannot deal with that because 0:49:43  
capitalism can only extract maximally within all classes who can do it by creating  
politics was able to look at the system and understand that there needed to be a  
rationalized buy-in of these workers if they were going to sustain the state project of  
the german empire and so that's why the uh one-two punch what did he do during  
during the 1880s what did bismarck do to the uh to the emergence of capitalism as  
a fully formed system that was going to be undergirding the the economies of all  
the european powers and was going to determine the the uh conditions of conflict  
between the states okay state state conflict had been the rule since westphalia but

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now it's state conflict under the conditions of universally applicable capitalism what do you do every leader at the every level of power both private and public in the western world had to answer that question in about the 1880s and the answer was determined by where there were the technological the combination of technological uh efficiency and extraction of uh colonial plunder that allowed you to buy off the moment of of reckoning and allow you to compete now in the interstate conflict bismarck said what do we do we legalize the socialists we let them vote for socialists we left socialist serve we let them get essentially turned into bourgeois everybody at the every now that you you've you've validated the working class you've created new jobs for the working class that are no longer working class jobs in that they are no longer uh connected to the uh process of extraction of surplus value they are now there to facilitate capitalism and that's his cushy job you're you are no longer feeling you're of course still exploited with capitalism but it's now a mixed condition and you don't feel exploited you feel rewarded you feel that you are the beneficiary of alienation at a material level because you are and then you have to rationalize it one way or another but it is your condition now and that but you invested in capitalism it makes you invested in the perpetuation of a system that has allowed you to feel this comfort so now you believe not a conflict that will see you annihilated you believe in a conflict that will see you victorious over time because of how \*\*\*\*\* smart virtuous you are and that's how the smart and virtuous rule leaders of the s uh dp by the time world war one rolls around vote for war credits and then when the crucial moment comes in 1918 they \*\*\*\*\* bring fascism to life they perform a \*\*\*\*\* dark ritual and bring the fry core into existence which will then be the the the needlepoint end of the spear of fascism that ends up cracking open the social \*\*\*\*\* uh fabric of of germany and then and all of that is just a way to say that your system can compete in a in a multi-state westphalian conflict contest with other states under capitalism if it could distribute rationally at this at the center because of technological uh facility and uh some degree of like social cohesion and outside resources from the exploited half of the world and the exploited half of the equation both within the country and outside of it and so that means that the challenge of the khrushchev's after stalin \*\*\*\*\* out at the moment of of truth and puts us on a conflict of uh of where we're assuming capitalism is the conditions then you have to create a consumer society you have to buy off your own working class because yes things were provided universally within germany russia in a way that they weren't the united states but comforts and pleasures of a consumer society were not there not in the same amounts the bounty wasn't there and it's because there were less there's less to \*\*\*\*\* access you have a smaller based area than the capitalist west you have vastly less developed technological capacity you have vast

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much less concentrated capital that can circulate within the system you have a lot of poverty and impoverishment and you have a lot of undeveloped areas that is still in uh the production of the production of uh agricultural surplus which has to be rationalized you have to rationalize the distribution of agricultural surplus first and foremost and so khrushchev is the challenge of how do we create plenty and therefore allow ourselves to compete with the west and they tried it with computers and read plenty is a great book about that uh and it's not it's fictionalized so it's really it's it's a very interesting format uh it just goes through the era and you see where there's a real attempt to marry planning with like technology with with uh algorithms and 0:54:51 stuff and it falls short in large part because the soviet leadership is too adhered to their own power to risk losing it by the machine making decisions that aren't to their benefit like they were too ossified as a ruling class and that's because they were the party that had taken power they were an outlaw party that operated as a criminal organization which meant once lenin died once the moscow made brought them to the promised land and they had to start fresh the person who was going to be closest to power and most able and to effectively exercise it in the conditions that they were presented with would be an only in amoral gangster psychopath in the conditions of a criminal organization ruling under conditions of total encirclement and attack first a civil war in an allied invasion and then full economic warfare after that and 0:55:53 then of course the \*\*\*\*\* germans showing up and killing half the country those are the conditions that are creating that are forging the conflict within russia and that means anybody with any \*\*\*\*\* uh social conscious any proletarian solidarity is gonna get \*\*\*\*\* thrown away by the wayside they were going to be destroyed as were the dumb cynical people who couldn't just operate from uh from wiley uh planning the only ones who win are these cynical people who are also smart and that's stalin and he did a great job assuming the conditions he did which is all right now we're just going to be we're just going to care about this state existing and what's good for it is good for socialism and there's no more socialism outside of it in the rest 0:56:55 of the world so that ends up becoming the framework for the rest of the cold but the challenge of khrushchev the challenge to crucifix to build sufficient technological capacity for solving the price problem to distribute things to allow the soviet idea to to conquer because it is an idea the reality is capitalism the idea is socialism and it can only do that if it is pressed forward with an idealistic way but the soviets didn't do that they operated largely through realpolitik now not totally not like but they couldn't spread the idea after a while and that's because they were locked into preserving the party not preserving anything as transcendent as the idea of socialism but anything that happened in russia is not their fault it's germany's fault that is the 0:57:56 thing because germany was supposed to answer the call and they so once it was clear

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that the soviets weren't going to be able to answer the question in the 70s when the when the oil what happened in the 70s is that all of the urgency on any meaningful question of solving the contradiction of a consumer socialist society under restrained resources was solved by oil prices going up the big uh the big oil shock in the in in the 70s boosted the uh vastly boosted the soviet export economy and therefore allowed for this stagnation where the political crisis was bought off for the first time with the consumer uh the consumer glut that uh had been promised by khrushchev but 0:59:0 it wasn't because they'd actually solved the question of price and created efficiency there like they wanted to do like cybersin and chile wanted to do what before it was destroyed by pinochet one of the great disasters of our time uh is that they provided them with it black sea vacations for workers a \*\*\*\*\* new washer dryer in a shitty car they actually were able to provide that for a little bit but of course the iron ironic thing is is that that oil shock they they thought that it was the solution to the problems of the soviet state it was actually dooming them because once that shock wave went all the way around the world it resulted in the full neoliberalization of world politics and the destruction of the soviet union because it is that oil shock that breaks the keynesian consensus at the top of capitalism in the united states and forces us to crack the whip in the political realm essentially to to to stop buying off and to start uh start you know enforcing austerity unevenly distributed towards the 1:0:3 bottom away from political power which is why the people at the center of the center of capitalism succeeded and and we're fine with it the homeowner class in the united states today by the time the crisis came they could they were bought off sufficiently that they're still republicans they're still the base of this reaction but first it came for the urban blacks like people think people talk about uh the the the collapse of the of the of the black community in the 70s and of course the conservative argument is that oh their their culture went to \*\*\*\*\* uh thankfully because we got rid of uh segregation because they started commingling and living lewd and lasciviously they lost their community center because they lost their uh their segregated character that's the liberal that's the conservative argument for what happened what actually happened is that the the small black working black working to middle class that had 1:1:4 been established for the white working to middle class after the world after world war ii was actually taking hold they were actually starting to build some of it in the urban centers they were actually going to build some wealth build build uh infrastructure and a social reality there a fabric within capitalism but then that oil shock that resulted in the reorientation away from uh from the labor end of uh distribution of profit towards the ownership end that's going to un tip over the keynesian consensus into uh the final unraveling starts with the industrialization of the cities which means the people who move their most recently the black emigrates of the great migration

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period are the first to be uh just deprived by it and what we see in the 90s and arts and and the hillbilly elegy phenomenon of white people oh my god these white people they're acting black that's the big horror of the charles murray thesis is why are these white people acting like black people socially and it's like well no it's nothing it's nothing to do with culture it's nothing to do with brain shape or any of this \*\*\*\*\* it's that the conditions of total admiseration in america uh the total proletarianization hit them first and now your social order is seeing the same disruptions the same pathologies emerge what a shock but it hits the bottom first it hits the bottom the poorest the poorest urban uh minorities then later uh the poorest rural whites rural and suburban whites they fall off the board and they stop and they they become the they are now are are the poor uh they're not as essentially as social they are as politically alienated basically as as as black people are like not quite but it's it's it's similar uh and then you have those remaining uh homeowners who got bought out after world war ii now it's shrinking the the the ring of protection is going away and their their expression of that alienation is this culture war because they are consumed by the same matrix the rest of us are and they cannot express their politics in class terms because they don't live them and they don't believe themselves to exist in in those categories those aren't uh defined to them with meaning what means things to them are questions of race culture nationalism and therefore their politics reflect that so that's that's the conflict we're seeing now that is that's all we have instead of politics and that's why our only hope is the reemergence around labor of first resistance first strike culture and then political culture coming out of strike culture that's going to be it is going to be the the the conflicts these sparks lit in labor fight conflict like not the cultural con cultural realm of politics that'll come later and it's going to also be going on at the local level now to seed bed because remember all big changes all big shifts politically are driven at the base by the ferment of class conflict but they are like those torrents are moved through uh tributaries defined first by culture by politics by formal conflict by ideal conflict because the people carrying out the people creating these social forms that we live are all outside of class conflict there's they're not living class conflict they're living there there's the fabricated conflict that and so their culture reflects that and of course the real the real tragedy of the moment and this is why i said read plenty instead of ministry for the future and why i think ministry fear of the future is a book that has similar questions on its mind uh is that the the question the the the dilemma that failed the soviet experiment that failed actual existing socialism in the 20th century has been solved to a large enough extent to guide humanity away from total annihilation towards the continuation of like a social conflict a social project because cap the tribe of capitalism equals the annihilation of the social that is i think that is that's

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a math i would write that on a board if i knew how math worked because it is total admission at the bottom which means a smaller and smaller percentage at the top protected by technology until there aren't any left until they're destroyed mutually somehow maybe a few of them escape into the singularity and they win that is 1:6:12 the axiomatic endpoint of capitalism socialism could technologically given that if we have the existing given the existing level of technology that we have a rational distribution of resources in which capitalism the end the profit motive has been extinguished from the machinery the machine that capitalism built its software its programming around capital around profit accumulation around surplus extraction has been uh removed has been bleached out of the system and then you boot in a new \*\*\*\*\* software protocol towards rationalized technologically facilitated distribution of resources within the system we have the sufficient concentration of capital now 1:7:13 to do that i think that is the fundamental argument of the book ministry for the future i'm not going to talk about it too much today because i kind of went on a tangent i'll follow up more on this tomorrow but suffice to say for the moment that i think that question has been answered and the book ministry for the future is largely about making the case that that's that's true and i think that is why the book has basically nothing to say about how this thing would happen how this machinery would be seized by the working class of the world in any meaningful definition of that term that is left pretty much unexplained marginal it is it is turned into like a voice it's turned into a feeling it's turned into an experience rather than a description and that's because that answer the question cannot be answered no it's the same 1:8:15 reason marx couldn't know the capitalism was going to defeat the the conflict that he saw within it technologically he didn't know that was going to happen because that was the x factor we're in a new world with new x factors so the thing you can't know is what is going to move this thing at a grand level all you can do is know what to do in the moment and this book is essentially kim stanley robinson saying imagine you're in the moment when it matters imagine when you're in the moment where you can feel like what the right thing to do is and instead of rationalizing your way around doing it you do it imagine every moment of your life where that counts and you make the right choice the choice that's against maybe your best interest because you're blackpilled because you've decided that nothing matters but you that there's no point in fighting anything truly that politics really is just a moral costume that you put on to validate your position and that's been rule that's that more or less has 1:9:17 been what has ruled us all through our lives now it doesn't rule us all all the time but it rules most of us most of the time and honestly any any like the arc of uh history that that uh martin luther king talks about that arc is defined by people pulling against that but the thing is they don't do it uniformly they do it one by one but

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then if the right chain reaction is triggered by action then in punches and then you can actually see the hand of god but those moments are only retroact retrospectively understandable as such in the moment there's still contingency decisions that we have to make instinctively and what drives us is an emotional thing it's not a it's not a reasoned thing and so we will be driven and the question is is that emotion tied to our self-interest our narrow belief in ourself or to a greater belief in others in the world in reality in love to be incredibly cheesy about it in meaning beyond words and beyond sensation because if the world can be defined by sensation then words like love don't mean anything emotions are essentially alien they're basically random and all you can do is pursue the most predictable ones the most selfish ones the most indulgent ones because they're the most sure the other ones require belief they require you to be able to get in your head and imagine something and have that thinking give you a feeling that only comes from experience and by adhering meanings branding them with meaning through words through words and symbols and so if we're going to win humanity is going to win this thing which is a big if i don't think i don't like our odds but because we're here there's a chance there's always a chance definitionally because remember this these this moment is always there the moment to choose love is always there so you can't know and so the book really does leave that what's left is the skeleton of stuff and that makes it very unsatisfying obviously but it does i think still mean that it is a useful contribution to literature because for the people who are more inclined more inclined towards believing that emotions don't have any kind of uh uh effect on reality that reality is essentially knowable and that emotions do not form its reality that we don't essentially make reality emotionally and that is that is the rational delusion the fact is is that all beliefs all understanding the world arrives from emotion first and foremost emotion is what defines all everything else it comes in every sense after in the temporal sense and that it comes it is a response to feeling it's the response to bodily and sensorial and pre-verbal emotion you have the feeling before you can put a word to it which means rationalism is always going to miss that part of the world that is composed of pure feeling but that is made by our rational perception of the world that is the dialectical tension between the two and if you have to have a faith in that to act and if you do you will find the moments to act and if enough of us do and the right and we hit seven enough times on the \*\*\*\*\* uh on the craps table of of the universe and the right hand falls the right way we can do it and this book is there to give the more rationally minded a little bit of faith in that because here is the what we could do if it was possible there's a different energy in you know rushing at a cockpit like flight 93 style if you've got a pilot on the plane who you know could land it you have like you you think about it longer you plan more ahead you coordinate your actions better because your fear

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has been overwhelmed by your belief in your future if you work together you don't have a \*\*\*\*\* pilot and the pilots are dead and there's these guys aiming the plane 747 you'll fight for yourself we know that and unless that didn't happen who knows 1:14:27 like i believe that's a possible result i believe if people knew that the plane was been hijacked they might do it if not to just sit there because they'd be driven there by fear but they'd be driven there purely by fear by angel animal fear untethered to reason because why they wouldn't really have any reason to believe that they'd actually survive and and uh an understanding of this dynamic reading history through this lens seeing this dynamic play out throughout history and in the world around us applying that dialectical lens itself us it soothes our fear and allows us to see the world through more clear eyes because we are not being ever so momentarily made anxious by the bleeping alarm sound the knowledge that we're on a \*\*\*\*\* flight 93 1:15:28 with no you have that knowledge tethered to some transcendent understanding of the world some transcendent understanding of and so that is why i can't really ever it's why i really sympathize with robinson reading this book because i feel like with a lot of these talks that i'm doing and a lot of my my like i guess you'd call it artistic project pretentiously of my career insanely you could call it has been to give voice to that understanding that dialectical fixedness that explanatory framework because it can soothe fear a little bit it can give you reason to believe that there's a possibility 1:16:30 that there are machinery we can grasp if we can push ourselves out of the matrix together there's machinery yeah my throat is getting a little i should wrap it up though it's been so i'll talk more specifically about the book tomorrow but for today just that's a long way of talking about it's interesting to study history politics in the contemporary sense it's interesting to apply the historical materialist heuristic to the culture that we consume because it can make us fitter actors in the world history can make us sharper it can make us less fearful more uh more truly virtuous 1:17:32 i mean i hate to be pretentious and sound like a like a \*\*\*\*\* greco-roman but like apply virtue to our public life which is a real thing that we really deal with because the left that we have created online i'm sorry is the left defined by capitalism is the left of defined at the base level by the equation of your self-interest with the left's self-interest the idea that if i prosper materially that's good for everybody which is the same delusion that powers capitalists rising tidal it's all boats if i'm in the arena posting or if i'm doing my job at my podcast or i'm doing volunteering for the dsa or i'm voting the right way then i am essentially earning my spot in the human tugboat of virtue because remember you're still doing lifeboat ethics from within capitalism without even knowing it because as i said this is a culture created and 1:18:35 reinforced by the reality of and so that is the only way that i can think of to take the fundamental contradiction that my job is to with the fact that i my goal now is

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to uh it's disenchant people from that you know the howard beale thing like how do you do that is that not a fundamental contradiction and it is but it's one that can be transcended by belief by belief i will keep doing this to the and i will continue to feel good about doing it that's the important part i will feel fulfilled i will feel centered i won't feel anxious i won't feel guilty i will not feel neurotic i will feel kind of at peace the degree to which i do what i think of earnestly is a good job of making the case 1:19:36 to disengage not at the level of discrete content consumption because everyone now is a cyborg no one can log off because our understandings of ourselves are embedded in these matrices merely a question of emphasis and mindfulness to be pretentious about it and and and and uh and yoga pant mom about it and so i can only feel good about doing this about spending my time doing this if i could feel that it is contributing to that and that means that i have to be doing stuff that i believe in and so i find that that's usually the case when i'm like doing these like i feel very on the beam i feel like this is good stuff but it really is when i try to write when i try to abstract in the cold in without the like the the light on me when i try to fill in the gaps i find that that's when doubt starts creeping in and that is really because i have no doubt that what i'm saying now is is correct but it is the specific language of 1:20:38 reinforcement that i'm less confident of because i'm not that talented because these are different abilities born by different neural pathways that have been reinforced over time that are now largely fixed because your neural elasticity stops around 25 like the brain you have at 25 it's going to develop over time and change but its basic structures are basically fixed you're going to have essentially the same amount of capacity to to add neurons as as you did at 25. so i'm pretty much fixed there so that means when i sit down and have to like in front of a thing then self-interest in the form of do something that's more engaging and pleasurable because it's less anxiety producing like post or watch a movie since you can't do that why wouldn't you little 1:21:41 gremlin the demon on my shoulder and so that means i'm less productive and then that creates a cycle of uh of self-doubt and uh self-loathing and recrimination and fear that then pull me towards indulging uh and not doing the work that i got to do and so that is the dynamic i'm working with and what i've come to terms with and i think it's like kind of me um hopefully making a breakthrough is that this is not a conflict that i can resolve this is the conflict that drives the whole project atom this is the split atom at the center of the reactor because like that state that those states of of of of contentment and tranquility they uh what interrupts them is intrusions of 1:22:42 of the selfish desire and so they're going to pull you away from that unless you can and so you balance the two because if you do it for too long then then eventually you know you're not uh unless you've reached a level of spiritual attainment that i'm not at yet you get pulled in that direction devil the devil gets louder in your

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ear but the uh fundamental conflict the manatee and delusion of christianity is that that can be resolved one way or the other and that's what powers are deformed politics are are the cycle of indulgence and puritan abstainiousness that drives our culture it's because we think we can stamp it out we have to embrace it we have to let let those atoms spin around that nothingness at the center and then power our machinery of life and your challenge is to be aware of that condition so that your actions are driven by a felt belief that what you should be doing is what's good for everybody else because that'll drive you towards good work in every sense it'll drive you towards doing your job earnestly and well to your best abilities but also doing service in the community helping people helping friends helping strangers operating out of a felt sense of universal love that is maintained by a rational understanding of what you should be doing in a moment and that's where that the the uh the they live glasses of historical uh somebody says um just to wrap up here because this is a good this is a good capstone somebody says is this like in 1984 when winston says that he believes in the end the party will lose yes because uh orwell was only talking about the soviet union like there's there is no universal application of uh of his vision of dystopia which is why it's aged so poorly and why it's so irrelevant to the current moment or any moment frankly it's because he was so fixated from capitalism from the bosom of capitalism with uh with defeating the soviet union and you could argue he had good reason to because by that point it was a snarling beast it was this whipped dog it was this this self-interested brutalized traumatized uh halfling trying to survive in the wilderness you should still have fought for it pro if you're on the capitalist side you should probably still have fought for it in the way that you could have and he didn't for whatever reason he didn't and i honestly don't blame him too much because the seeing seeing uh barcelona in 1937 uh when the when this the communists crack down on the anarchists uh being on the anarchist side it's hard not to take that personally i can imagine but so he's assuming this condition of scarcity this condition where you have a party that is actually rationally distributing but in a context of complete scarcity and that might have happened if the soviets had somehow beaten the united states in the market in the market conflict or like one ex one maybe one a nuclear war i guess that's what could have happened the soviets had won a nuclear war that might have been how the future goes but if you assume that capitalism is going to win which you should if you're in the west and that that would be a bad thing which you have to you have to assume that the triumph of capitalism will be a bad thing then you have to imagine what that would look like and then you have the other guy the opposite of orwell aldous huxley whose brave new world supposes what if capitalism wins but on its own terms capitalism is able to reach a level of that eludes the question of impulse that obviates the necessity for

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exploited people that obviates the necessity for any and since that book also has a nuclear war in it you can kind of imagine that those two books are two visions of the future after a nuclear war one where the soviets win 1984 one where the united states wins but also from within capitalism so that assumes that it can sustain itself it assumes that it's a stable world and it assumes that stability through technological innovation yes there is still need for a physical labor at the human level but we have sufficient technological capacity to create humans designed to work that way without feeling exploited literally changing humanity technologically and that is always the understanding of capitalism every utopia and dystopia of capitalism is premised on its ability to technologically overcome its own contradictions because capitalism can only technologically overcome its own contradictions over time as it is comp and so you have to ask yourself if you're a capitalist first of all if you win your best case scenario is a brave new there is a kind of a ritual jungle orgy people live for eternal youth they fixate on youth and then they just die they just snap dead uh around age 60. they don't have to worry about seeing people get old they don't have to worry about dealing with uh age or time they get to live in a delusional fantastic now until the moment they essentially get assassinated it's like hey what if capitalism was you get to eat drink and be merry and then you shoot you in the head when you're 60. that's a way to solve the question of uh inputs right like okay we don't have to worry about us outstripping resources because we're culling the population but they don't mind because they're having such a good time that's your best case scenario under capitalism so if you believe in capitalism and you also are a believer in any kind of uh like traditional reality some traditional masculinity any of that stuff no not going to happen you're probably going to be an upsilon semi-moron and then you're going to get to watch all the \*\*\*\*\* uh alphas just \*\*\*\*\* suck until they get thrown into a meat grinder now you're forgetting i said 60 but part of the technology they have is that they extend vitality so that people aren't feeling aging they feel you feel like you're like you're in your 20s or 30s until 60. and you look that way too that's the so you got to say if you like capitalism that's your best case scenario but here's the important thing that will never happen because we are now at the point where we see the inputs capacity do we have it do we have the technological capacity to rationalize human production yes not without bumps not without conflict not without violence not without mass death but mass death was going to happen anyway we're talking handleable mass death george c scott i'm not saying we won't get our hair must mass death the alternative is mega death with a few people left in their bubble sucking and \*\*\*\*\* for eternity until something breaks in their equilibrium and then they are eliminated and annihilated or they all become computer programs but then the computer program will end and that moment will be eternal the moment that will

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be fraternal is the moment of extinguishment hell or heaven because there is a non-brave new world de-sacralized hell world version of that post-scarcity reality that is possible a world where people get to live natural are content and happy along all of them are in some sort of harmony with the world have some sort of spiritual belief that transcends the the x's and o's of of human life the limitations of a singular life lifetime you believe in a life beyond that an everlasting eternal reality that you are of course also part of for every moment but which you lack the senses to be able to be aware of most of the time because you've been thrust into the \*\*\*\*\* hell uh 1:32:5 de-atomized end of history we are now shredded moan heads trying to rebuild all of our uh sensory organs from scratch every moment every moment we're like that we're feeling the raw tendrils of our severed social connections and our need for some sort of meaning that transcends uh our physical place in the world and then it is seared shut by the grinding mechanisms of the market over eyeing our ability to act independently of them this is unstable it will break the system will break how will it break will all right i'm gonna get some drinks i'm a little uh well parched after 1:33:13 that so see you dudes later dudes and dudettes what is it dudes and dudettes major league buck kicking is back online back in town for some reason that's not what that sounded like dudes and dudettes major league butt

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here that shark bites with his teeth bait that keeps some pearly white just a jackknife as old mac heather and i keep sit out of sight you know where that shot bites with his teeth babe scarlet billows start to spread fancy gloves though as old mac heath bay so there's never **\*\*Music playing\*\*** just using life eat and now my heat spends just 0:1:2 like a sailor is it me our boys done something rash diver hey ho it's such a tordry oh miss laura linda and oh lucy brown yes they're blind forms **\*\*Music playing\*\*** mack the knife by uh as performed by bobby darren but originally kurt vile song based on 0:2:7 berto breck uh lyrics from the three penny opera who doesn't love weimar culture huh someone says that they are coming back to the streams after checking out for a while should i how should you go back and look at anything else i would say the last four or so i feel like i'm kind of getting somewhere and uh that a lot of the stuff that i've said in the last couple of days i'm hoping to work together to be part of the book that i'm in the process of putting together so i would i would recommend those but i figured today i'm just going to chill because i've been running a little hot i want to cool off the uh the old motors but i still wanted to you know check in because i won't be able to stream tomorrow so and maybe talk things out maybe by talking to you people decide what book to do next so we can get ready get to reading 0:3:10 it but uh this is of course why i am wearing the hawaiian shirt to indicate this is sort of a changes of attitude changes in latitude style episode uh we're gonna have a cheeseburger in paradise we're going to waste away again some people say that it's low low way but i don't but it's my own damn fault i don't know if i've ever said this on stream before but i went to the um the jimmy buffett's margaritaville restaurant 0:4:11 on the las vegas strip a few years ago was not where i would have wanted to have **\*\*\*\*\*** dinner that's for sure it was just got in late and it was inconvenient to eat anywhere else and so i figured all right i'll order the cheeseburger at margaritaville the cheeseburger in paradise is over and i got it and my god a more mediocre burger i could not conceive of sort of almost platonically mediocre and i'm sorry but you're it's the cheeseburger in paradise come on man come on man how about we get some action on that joe Biden since we're not going to get anything else we're literally i

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hope everyone is ready for this i hope everybody is prepared to get nothing else from these \*\*\*\*\* people after spending the first two months of these people's \*\*\*\*\* uh administration going oh my god it might maybe they are fdr all over again because they just cut a check that by that trump would have cut i think i i honestly feel like everyone has been sort of uh negligent including myself in pointing out during that whole \*\*\*\*\* argument about like how radical this was how much of a departure from neoliberalism or obama it was that those checks would have gotten cut by trump if he'd want they're the same checks that trump already cut before the checks that would have been bigger if the democrats had not interfered with them now i don't know if anybody remembers this uh because it's time to move you know the news moves at the speed of of light now but nancy pelosi sandbagged a deal that would have delivered checks and relief before the 2020 election this needs to be stressed she admitted it and the logic was very simple a big check before the election guarantees that trump will win and the thing is she might have been and so everybody who is rooting against trump and that includes leftists who hate democrats have to ask themselves uh was doing that on behalf of a biden presidency was that worth the extra suffering that happened the deaths let's not \*\*\*\*\* put too fine a point on it people died because those checks were late i don't does anyone deny that could anybody because the idea that uh austerity and lapses in uh uh like redistribution of income to where to where it's needed as opposed to where it's accumulated like that active redistribution of income uh saves lives and that the loss of it loses it like how many thousands of people has uh have has the labor party accurately or at least the corbonite labor party accurately how many people uh were estimated to have died because of the brutal austerity that britain did after after the uh economic collapse much more austere than america i mean obviously obama didn't do a lot and obama uh codified you know the mass theft of homes through through the dispossession of the people who were the victims not the perpetrators of the financial uh but in terms of just redistribution there was stimulus the brits did no stimulus because they had a bigger welfare state to start with they just started cutting it and hundreds of thousands of people are claimed and were claimed by the labor by the corbyn's labor to have been killed by austerity and i think that logic holds people are on a knife's edge in countries like this where you are disciplined with poverty with uh not just like deprivation but inability to support your own life because you can't go out into the \*\*\*\*\* woods you can't sustain yourself you don't have the skills you don't have the access to land to subsist you're at the mercy of the market if the market doesn't have something for you to do that it wants to enumerate you with money for that you have no alternative but to actually fall towards being kicked out of the system being turned into a post-apocalyptic subject like we talked about about how

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the apocalypse is here like you could have been kicked out of early early uh capitalist systems and fallen out of urban environments uh in in like the medieval era but the possibility of subsistence existed like skills existed it would have been dangerous and you probably would have died but there would have been at least a idea of viability of a lifestyle to be kicked out of the market now with no skills no access to land this 0:9:19 is to be a post-apocalyptic subject this is to be somebody living in the aftermath of the climate collapse we're all terrified of or the nuclear war that the \*\*\*\*\* uh that the cold war was supposed to result in any of those apocalypses the survivors are live they the lives that you fear uh happening to your kids or to yourself when you're older are happening right now to people who have fallen out of the market relationship and that means that the things that sustain you immediately go away like access to medical care access to basic nutrition uh access to housing and the inherent uh stability provided by that so people are on a knife's edge at all times in this country more money means people are more stable less likely to be pushed overboard into an overdose into some sort of reckless uh act that causes injury or death uh into not being able to deal with a medical condition or getting one imposed 0:10:20 on you by your exposure to the elements without being able to sustain yourself so we have to say that happened to people because of the tactical decision of pelosi and the democrats not to make a deal now you have to ask yourself when you try to condemn that because i saw a lot of lefting left-wing people condemning pelosi for doing that before the election but these were the same left-wing people who had said either to themselves or publicly that as bad as the democrats are it was important that trump loses that they were hoping but biden won that they voted for biden that they were invested in a biden victory if that's the case then i'm sorry nancy pelosi did the right thing she sacrificed those people to get the democrats in now if the bill that the republicans passed in uh the face of that resistance and only after they 0:11:24 lost the election would probably would have would have definitely passed before the election without the democrats and would probably have passed in a similar form to the way it passed after the election now maybe not as big because you know now they don't have to get reelected but the momentum and trump's position on that and investment in it i think would have gotten something done and also just let's not forget the need to provide some sort of keynesian stimulus at the demand level just to keep the wheels moving like they blew through they blow in the pinwheel as much as they think they need to keep it going and that would have been necessitated there at the bottom of that point it might not have been as big but it would have been similar i think and so we got a trump size a late trump size recovery bailout for the people we got money into the system at the point of uh of paychecks and if we don't get anything else then what was the point of all that suffering that was caused which by 0:12:25

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the way also does long-term damage to the brand of the democrats and the ability of the democrats to actually be a vessel for positive change which is the implicit under assumption that under right but that does it's not blame anybody for wanting biden to win i wanted biden to win because i was sick of the whole \*\*\*\*\* thing like that it was everything the language everything was getting too ratcheted up the emotional \*\*\*\*\* tenor relative to the material conditions which meant that it wasn't going to snap towards some sort of popular revolt it was going to snap towards some sort of uh just to further ratcheting up into oblivion i mean if it the snap might come like 0:13:27 later but in the near term is just hearing this persistent din just and as a guy who's doing a show i just was sick of talking about the concept of him being president it was it had reached to for me it's and i honestly do believe especially and i said this before the election i predict i will say i'm not a very good at predicting things and i've owned that now finally but one thing i do say that uh i predicted accurately is when i said before the election that if biden won it's it was going to be because people just wanted to turn the volume down on the tv a little bit that only that not a smaller percentage of people were interested in some sort of political ragnarok some sort of genuine confrontation they weren't ready for it because things were too good for them and when you look at what won the election for biden who voted for him it's clear that that's what happened we are of course in a situation where people are more precarious than ever in america we are seeing a political breakdown 0:14:28 caused by the nervous breakdown of the the white yeoman the white or not or of the middle class american like yeoman who had been bought off since the \*\*\*\*\* uh first expropriation of native lands to now uh and now the buying off is going away and so precarity is being felt but the people who are feeling that least in the electorate white suburban college educated people are the ones who shifted in the largest numbers trump saw his percentage and share and raw number of votes among uh more about people who did not make did not go to college go up significantly and is and he did gain in working class uh latino households he gained big time along the rio grande which is a heavily latino uh area uh he even made small inroads in in because for the people for whom this is aesthetic for whom they don't really want to 0:15:31 see anything really change in the system there is no appetite for this sort of political confrontation that trump's persistence in office would have necessitated the same way that the persistence of uh sectoria sectoral political uh emotion is what tipped the balance towards civil war in the 1860s because the civil war in it was not uh was not the product of an economic crisis that needs to be remembered it preceded a fundamental crisis between the two modes of production at that point there was still a a relatively smooth machinery connecting southern plantain plantation slavery to northern finance and uh like the uh the looms of manchester were kept moving with 0:16:34

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southern cotton that was moved through northern finance comp uh financiers that that that that got the \*\*\*\*\* they they northern money northern merchant money moved this the \*\*\*\*\* the cotton to new york and then got it to manchester it worked but there were contradictions within it that were going to reach a critical point at a critical uh material point at the point when the uh accumulation of entropy in the system exceeds uh the technological and social advances that uh that ameliorate that um that entropy but we hadn't reached that point yet and right now the thing militating against all language of civil conflict and collapse is the remaining cargo that we're all fighting over right now because america still is in terms of its standard 0:17:35 of consumption and living uh comfortable they have achieved to a greater degree than almost anybody in human in the in the human family right now the dream that the collective dream that we are all uh imprisoned by now now the capitalism is a world system there can now only be one view of heaven there can only be one view of the world as it should be sought there can be only one understanding of the cosmos one vision of happiness vision of heaven vision of peace and that is where one in which all uh all difficulty is amused by convenience all difficulty in life is ameliorated by and of course convenience is bought at the cost of massive exploitation of all 0:18:36 living resources humans of course but even as technology uh uh replaces human uh inputs into the system that exacerbates the uh the exploitation and oppression of the \*\*\*\*\* biome that is and sheer waste of course you people saw the video of them smashing new laptops and phones in a in a british imagine the human misery that goes into the production of one of those \*\*\*\*\* you guys probably are aware of this if you're on here if you're on here trying to exercise the political ghost from your body if you're if you're watching this stream you know what goes into your small 0:19:38 your smartphones and your laptops in terms of what physically goes into them sure there's they're manufactured in the end state in factories in asia which are you know essentially modern sweatshops sure but far more horrifying than that is that there are precious metals uh that can only be uh accessed uh in regions of the world that are the the the end point of colonial plunder the the end extraction point the the civil the contours of the cold war i would say the the the whole wars of the 20th century the the conflict between capital uh and humanity that defined the 20th century and 0:20:40 was won by capital the civil the second the the second world war and then cold war eras was a as a civil war amongst humanity over who was going to be eating \*\*\*\*\* for the next hundred years what way the human centipede of progress was going to be pointed and the winner was the people who weaponize capitalism into a uh into a national a tool of domination of other systems of economic uh life other systems of social life uh it was the it was as nile saver ferguson called it in one of his dumb books the killer app like the stuff that created modern capitalism the soil the capitalism

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was built in which was a medium state con medium state conflict in a context of 0:21:42  
technological innovation and restrained in christ uh and a restraint of resources and  
and dis and uh flows of like uh trade and stuff the ferment of early modern europe and  
renaissance europe especially after the \*\*\*\*\* black death which had come along to  
wipe away all of the contradictions that had been accumulated by feudalism because  
feudalism had reached i think i don't think not enough of is made of this is that the  
point that um the black death hit europe feudalism had reached its terminal and its  
terminal point of uh of contra of internal contradiction it had become completely uh  
frozen it could not respond to conditions uh you had uh in pre-plague europe you  
had this malthusiasm malthusian pressure uh of of population growth you had uh 0:22:43  
deflation of the currency you had a a breakdown of trade networks you had uh a  
liquidity crisis essentially there was no way to facilitate trade and uh that's because  
the social forums were un uh not amenable to what capitalism necessitated which  
was the introduction of relationships of estrangement of social estrangement that  
were not conceivable by the feudal world because the feudal world necessitated these  
social bonds the thing that kept so feudalism together was not authoritarianism from  
the top there was not enough technologically exertable power at the top of feudalism  
to do that nobody had enough power to assert their will individually it was a bunch  
of people with swords with sticks what they had was social technology that is the  
bonds of family clan religion that gave people a investment in the outcome of the 0:23:46  
social project even if they were getting \*\*\*\*\* by it even if they were serfs the thing  
that kept them from rebelling and of course some of them would and when conditions  
got worse in parts of europe some of them would rebel and you'd have a peasants  
revolt you'd have a bunch of people massacred but it those are the punctuations that  
move you forward uh to resolve your uh to resolve the political problems inherent  
uh in your mode of production but by uh by the the eve of the black death europe  
was completely stagnated feudalism had reached its terminal crisis and that's when  
malthus intervened in the form of the black death now the flip side of this and the  
reason that malthus is not an a complete description of reality and why it is almost  
always pointless to bring up malthus is that malthus did not take into account that 0:24:47  
technological response to crisis that a civilization as opposed to just a bunch of wild  
animals can come up with things like the green revolution uh things like \*\*\*\*\* uh  
antibiotics for a while i mean eventually they'd all work but you know in a near  
term they do get they they fix some of these malthusian questions but there was  
no sufficient uh technology that had been you know uh brought to bear at least  
in europe by the developments of uh slave society and then feudalism that had  
happened up until that point to accommodate this crisis so it was solved by malthus  
and in the form of the black death 50 of the population gone social \*\*\*\*\* bonds

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were literally uprooted by the hand of god and the people who were left were in a condition where land was much more bountiful labor was much scarcer which meant that the deal that the peasants could strike for their labor became destabilizing to the author to the rule peasants who could have access to land independent of your ability to coerce them which existed after the black death necessitated a change in social relationships it necessitated a new uh the ability to coerce outside of social bonds outside of like a religious understanding something estranged to a market mechanism that transcends all human relationships and that be and so that system wasn't going to sustain itself if it had persisted what would have happened is that the uh the ruling class would have been explored by the peasantry because the numbers game would have kicked in and eventually they would have said what the \*\*\*\*\* do we need you for our self-organizing like urban and rural communes are using the uh mutual aid networks that were implicit and inherent and unspoken in a bonded social order that feudalism represented we can just uh imagine manage this \*\*\*\*\* ourselves what the \*\*\*\*\* do we need you \*\*\*\*\* in your \*\*\*\*\* uh uh uh fancy frilly outfits and your castles oh it's because so you guys can all fight it out over control we never have so what happened is that the ruling class the ruling the ruling feudal elite to protect their near-term interests destroyed their long-term interests because short-termism is the endemic vocabulary of of uh of a crisis there is no long-term so you only think short-term and that's what the feudal lords did and they they they sustained uh and they allowed for the creation of this merchant culture in the cities protestantism was like \*\*\*\*\* gasoline on the fire of that they let this happen because they were in a contest for power with other powers and by that point you had stable states a stable state system especially after west failure at the end of the 30 years war that creates a situation where all right you have fixed environments now you're going to compete over resources there is no superseding authority god and the only way to win that fight is to be more efficient and the only way to be more efficient is to replace the uh the the the local and the temporally fixed social uh life and imagination and culture and economy of the feudal order and replace it with a de-personalized alienated fish uh uh rep uh symbolic economy you take the rule that was that persisted in the in the symbols of religion the cross the and replace it with the symbol of currency of exchange and that is the transition you kill god and replace it with the market because the market becomes the thing we all actually worship it's the only thing that actually motivates us and it is unlike god totally alienated from man as it has to be to facilitate this level of exploitation the level of exploitation that would allow you to say to get back to the \*\*\*\*\* laptops they destroyed in england that the horrifying spear point exploitation that is no different than primitive accumulation under in the iron age of putting guns to people's neck and making them dig \*\*\*\*\* metal out of

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the ground the same way that slaves did 2000 year tradition technology and culture 0:29:56  
and refinement and all the better angels that steve pinker talks about none of them  
exists there there's been no progress because that point of maximal exploitation  
has never been alleviated but that that happens so abstracted from us the levels of  
responsibility are so far from us our sense of responsibility as beneficiaries within a  
system that pulls that \*\*\*\*\* out of the ground in africa through the accumulated  
hyper-exploited slave misery of people that pain goes into that work that labor the  
labor that has to be slave labor because you there is not enough money you could  
pay someone to have them do it and they have to do it that way to make it profitable  
to do otherwise you have to use uh technology and technology costs money as long 0:30:57  
as you can buy human labor at the work at the price of somebody holding a gun  
and not somebody actually doing the work because you can pay somebody a hell of  
a lot less to stand around with a gun then you would have to pay somebody to go  
into a hole and dig out the \*\*\*\*\* earth that no one would no one would think of  
destroying a \*\*\*\*\* computer that was produced by that kind of lit horror if they  
felt it all responsible for it and at no point of the system that allows for that thing  
to be made and then smashed has anyone had had to interact with it if they were  
in the \*\*\*\*\* pit with the person if they were watching they would have to come to  
terms with it they would either become the guy with the gun or they would fight on  
behalf of the person being forced you would have to do one or the other if you sat 0:31:59  
there next to that long enough you would have to do one or the other but the reason  
that this thing is going to kill the earth is because every scream is going unheard  
the scream of the earth the scream of the \*\*\*\*\* trees the scream of the animals  
the scream of the \*\*\*\*\* air the scream of the oceans the scream of every person  
who is being mutilated spiritually and physically to service this \*\*\*\*\* thing are all  
unheard because there is no one who is there in the room to hear them the person  
in the room hearing that the guy holding the gun in that room he's got bigger \*\*\*\*\*  
problems man his choices are being at this end or being at the other end and when  
you have that choice of course but you comfortable beneficiary of this product you  
you don't have that relationship to that moment you've been civilized your distance 0:33:0  
from violence and exploitation your distance from power and it's and the exercise  
of power has made it so that you get to enjoy the benefits of these things without  
considering the cost and the system continues producing these outcomes the \*\*\*\*\*  
poisoning and acidification of the ocean the destruction of the \*\*\*\*\* biome the mass  
miseration of the human population spiritually and physically the reduction of the  
\*\*\*\*\* uh carrying capacity of earth through mass through uh none of those are  
being counted no one is thinking about them when they make a decision because  
that is on somebody else because like i said when you're in the room with the most

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powerful people in the world there's one person in the room like elijah sitting at the edge of the table who isn't actually there and that is capital and what that means is that you abdicate within capitalism all responsibility to capitalism which means capital is responsible for all of it which means hey if i benefit from my relationship 0:34:2 to this system and i get to sup at the at its teeth i get to uh live life where i don't have to dig for my existence where i don't have to provide alienating painful labor or i don't have to spend time in my body uncomfortably i can do that but then i don't \*\*Music playing\*\* but i don't have to extract it directly from somebody else oh my god who wouldn't take that deal because it's their it's the fault of the the of the market the market's making us do this and that's what libertarians mean when they say that that's what liberty means because they are spiritually dead but they've been they have been spiritually lobotomized by capitalism they recognize a situation where because capitalism does at the end of the day enforce itself on people people do not exert their force on it therefore freedom cannot be possible 0:35:4 under capitalism uh libertarians basically say yes but you can create a system where some people we're all you can create a situation where culturally all of the people who are benefiting from us thanks to technology all of the people who are benefiting from the dividing of earth into two spheres exploiters and exploited where the misery of the one becomes more and more and the luxury and decadence the other becomes more and more you can make a situation where the political concept of a human person only applies to people who benefit from and that is a situation where yes you're pursuing maximal liberty because the people who will be ground the people are going to be ground into dog food by the system by the division of people into the exploiter in the exploited class they don't count they're not really supposed to 0:36:6 be here they have failed in the meritocratic contest of the market and really that is what all strains of liberalism broadly defined meaning conservatism meaning fascism yes meeting fascism meaning uh left liberalism as we understand it like the the the vocabulary of the left online and in culture of social liberalism girded to capitalism all of them have the same logic which is that you're going to in the future create a situation where there is maximal hyper exploitation in your face on the very other side of maximal decadence and it's going to be enforced by a regime of technology and market relationships and that that is going to be it and you don't have to actually do the exploiting but you have to watch the machines will do the exploiting you have to watch and if you're okay with it if you feel okay with it and 0:37:8 you've created a situation where everybody feels okay with it then you have created a system of maximal personal liberty the anarchist uh dream the anarchist dream uh the libertarian dream the dream of fully luxurated uh fully automated luxury whatever you want to call it communism heaven on earth everyone free everyone free

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from market coercion everybody able to exercise their own uh desires in life free of any friction why because friction has been taken up by everybody outside the bubble but you have to be okay with it and that's what libertarianism strives to do create a system where the people who count as people don't care they think it's good they think it's the world working itself out as it should be the left alternative to this and it's the only one the bar it's the socialism to that barbarism is uh the competing argument that we can get to that point we can get to that point where we're all free in a way that everybody living in the system would understand themselves to be free free to live free to explore ourselves in our time and life free of the friction of the coercion because of the provision of of a bounty now is that possible in the near term hell no not even the medium term but as like a long term like the way kim stanley robinson imagines it or even longer it's certainly possible but it would have its basis in a political movement that overthrows this notion and replaces it with a bedrock human as in believed in with the power of religion to counteract the belief that is the to the power of uh metaphysical in money that currently rules a counter-hegemonic value system because it's spiritual we talk about how it's it uh capitalism is has killed god it has replaced god it is spiritual people fight for capitalism with the with their spirit as much as \*\*\*\*\* they believe what they're doing now \*\*\*\*\* right now they don't have to do much but kind of watch everything because the system is running technologically and technocratically but that's going to change with time as conditions deteriorate and the the violence is going to get more on our face it's going to be harder to look away from and we're going to have to decide whether to be participants uh and which side we're going to be participants on and what's going to motivate people to pick the side of capital even though they think it's race or they think it's uh uh they think that it's religion because they're all evangelical \*\*\*\*\* christians rational they think that it's logical it's all it's a holy war it's a holy war on behalf of capital where where there is no human community humanity doesn't exist i am the only thing that exists we are all competing gods without any ability to uh humble oneself in front of the other for fear of being destroyed because the social uh the the metaphysical connection does not transcend our separateness that's the underlying assumption and it is a religious one because it's not scientific it's not rational it is religious it was created by capitalism it is forged from capitalism and it will be not defeated from within like all like i say this is why we have to disengage emotionally if we can't uh uh otherwise from the meaning behind our current culture war there is no way to fight this war and be on a side uh helpfully you can try to convince yourself yes these specific issues are are a distraction but you have used to have to use the opportunity to like critically like popular front critically support and i'm not saying it's like gonna hurt anything to do it that it's just gonna make you

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it's harder for you to do anything that matters because what you are doing is by feeding this thing on any side of it and that means if you're doing like critical support for uh you know we need to talk we need to support critical race theory right now because it's under attack from these uh anti-democratic white supremacists we have to talk about this stuff all the time or if you're saying we need to fight them we need to we need to purge we need to expose the fake corporate global homo left uh and their adherence to this cynical culture war so that they can so that we can reassert class politics you're not reasserting class politics you're reaffirming the general brand of petty bourgeois reaction that's all that you're doing those are the two sides and you're just providing uh you're providing the the actual content that makes up this spectacle uh to replace the actual energy being itself um oh man this was supposed to be a chill one how about join an anti-imperialist anti-racist organization go for it i don't i would never begrudge anybody any active thing that they want to do because i'm not in their position i don't know i have nothing i have no actual uh advice that i would feel comfortable giving on any question of what someone should do in their life to contribute to their political identity because it's not my life i've i thought about this today i was i was thinking about how one of the real problems one of the real difficulties in trying to create a a cultural uh uh force around like explicit left social critique left politics is that because we have replaced our individual social lives with this sort of uh transcendent public space that includes like the entire country in some respect some percentage or another even though it's of course wildly distorted to be urban and like young and professional like that's that's the that's the demographic of the people who are doing most of this tweeting the people who make up the culture of it that's and that's because that's who makes that's who generates the bulk of consumption of all culture is that what more well off one way or the other uh and the younger of the two like if you want to break down demographics as those two uh axes younger and wealthier that is who is traditionally the uh the audience for entertainment now that entertainment used to be largely the product of a centralized professional process hollywood movies television networks then then cable that kind of stuff books published by authors things that people watched now thanks to changes in technology thanks to change in social relationships we live in a time when that when a big chunk of that media space that entertainment space has been replaced by us watching each other us using technology social media specifically to watch each other and the thing about that is that that isn't much cheaper for capital investment because you don't have to actually produce anything you just have to perform you just have to uh create the platform so for like silicon valley this is perfect like they don't have to worry about creating an infrastructure that's old-fashioned that's the forest economy we can't afford that anymore lol we cannot afford the forest model

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we cannot afford labor peace we have to minimize costs because the background all of this rate of so they're going to \*\*\*\*\* and so we're going to spend more time and we also of course all of us because we're getting more self-absorbed because there's nobody else to care about because we spend all our time alone of course we only want to see ourselves we don't know anybody else we can't feel confident and comfortable around anybody else everybody else is becomes a less real in a fundamental way 0:47:24 they become less real to us we take over that reality we take over that place that used to be for other people and that's where there are like our political uh \*\*\*\*\* is that that's what this is uh that's what all politics media is it's part of this new it is a genre of entertainment it is not any kind of uh countercultural object outside of capitalism but as i said there is no replacing for most people realistically the day- 0:48:27 to-day experience of depending on this infrastructure because it has replaced vital parts of us we are now cyborgs so we do not we can't say \*\*\*\*\* it we can't say just indulge with it because that does that's the entertainment that is the \*\*\*\*\* thing for that's the dvd that uh that um david foster wallace predicted and he was just a little too old to get it to get it right because he didn't have the imagination for it because the internet hadn't emerged yet it was you did that in the mid 90s people thought the internet was going to in infinite jest if anyone's read it there is this dvd basically that if you watch it it's so entertaining you'll die you will not do anything else you will just waste away watching it and it's used as a terror weapon by these uh quebec separatists and we've created we have created a way to amuse ourselves to death 0:49:33 but one of the consequences of we get us getting to a point where something like the entertainment is possible means that we have given over a significant percentage of our souls in that parts of ourselves that form our identity from the internet because we spend so much time there and even if we all decide tomorrow to stop we have spent so much time there that time spent there doesn't just go off you're not just wasting it you are reinforcing emotional relationships you are reinforcing you are having memories that are suffused with emotional connections to certain phenomena certain things you saw certain things you liked or didn't like uh things you said things you read experiences are being had they're simulacrum of experiences but they have real emotional effects that linger physically that form your understanding 0:50:35 of the world and there and that they're accumulating in a thin gruel it is like it's it's very nutrient light but that's why we get sick we're spiritually malnourished by this \*\*\*\*\* but it still is feeding us and we cannot get rid of it completely because we have nothing to replace it with so we have to wean ourselves not necessarily ever hoping to be totally broken free because then that creates the anxiety around i'm ever going to actually get there i think if you accept that you're always going to be somewhat connected to online just because of the necessities of the fact that

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we live in a world created by and for people who are that far from each other you need it how you deal use it is the question and so everybody who has a role within this system there if there is a responsibility to be had as in a thing that will make them feel better about doing it not a thing that's being imposed from without a 0:51:37 thing that's being imposed from within like if you do it it'll make you feel better if you don't do it you will feel worse you might try to convince yourself that it's something else that's the problem you might try to convince yourself actually no the reason i'm not happy is because uh i haven't achieved x yet then i will this is not uh dissatisfaction from the fact that i'm doing something that isn't helpful this is uh instead just the discontent of not getting a full filament of my final perfect state such as being totally uh taken away or totally detached from the internet uh a totalizing state but you need to be replacing as you wean and that means you have to search yourself as you break free if you're not feeling satisfied where does the dissatisfaction really come from realizing that if any anything is formulated around the internet 0:52:38 any emotional connections there any any level where that is providing you with an excuse for why you don't feel good then you can examine and sort of detach and look under a microscope at where that's coming from and then hopefully neutralize the the thing that's pulling you away from your instincts about what you the hope of socialism is the hope that through the creation through the the breaking of the wheel of history and the reef the resettling of it and then like a new blueprint working from that over time you will create a situation where social relationships are such that the vast majority of people who are born and when i say people i mean human \*\*\*\*\* beings not any not any socially cons defined subset of but all of them within 0:53:39 the system of earth not of any specific \*\*\*\*\* uh national polity every person within that system is self-policed to a large extent by a commitment to that system benefit now the faith of capital is that that's not possible that that kind of that that sort of social relationship is unattainable because of the metaphysical reality of human uh 0:54:40 separation that you can't create a social order that uh runs on belief in itself now we have for a fact we know for a fact that's not true though from human civilization we know that there are bonds that can be that can transcend the self sufficient to police a group of people and sometimes a significant number of them but it's conflict with other people that generates only once you get past the point of can you get back to that point but it's possible and it's not imposed by pain and oppression and and propaganda it is seeing in your life the benefits of the social arrangement having 0:55:42 good experiences that you ascribe to the social arrangement and therefore when you think should i do this thing or that thing the thing making that decision is a sense of self so we know it's possible for people to live that way and then we just have to get to a point where our understanding of human is all-encompassing and our

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degree of technological and our of uh uh our degree of technological advancement both social and physical material the material reality of like labor-saving technology and like uh algorithmic replacing of like economic functions to increase efficiency 0:56:43 because capitalism is defined by this massive inefficiency that's going to be the thing that destroys us it \*\*\*\*\* it it creates efficiency but does not create alienation and that was the problem with actually existing socialism in the 20th century is that it created alienation because people were still being alienated from their labor they were still employees who did not control the end product of their labor because that was being defined as a consumption and they didn't have anything to consume they were in competition with the west they had to tighten their belts and then khrushchev tried to compete with the united states on the question of consumption and failed we talked about this you have to create a situation where the social benefits of the social order not just that it that it gives you a sense of life that is unalienated that gives you a sense of control of your choices without there being a uh the din of like a uh like the 0:57:44 tyranny of capitalist choice where every choice is the wrong one because you're gonna get things are only gonna get worse and you're going to be and you're just going to miss you're going to feel bad about the choice you you're going to be able to make free choices and people would provide their own policemen but in the in the fucoian sense but not on behalf of capital or of a ruling class so we know that's possible the question is can we push through it progressively through capitalism into socialism and the most important thing though the thing that really makes it uh that really makes the choice between these clear and why nobody of any kind of clear heart or 0:58:45 mind can pick \*\*\*\*\* uh capitalism is that if you assume that capitalism is correct in that belief and it is a belief because you're talking about a metaphysical question that cannot be defined that you're just deciding at a certain point you're going to give up asking the questions and decide that that's reality and that's what rationalism that's what enlightenment that's what liberalism is going to create a total uh uh alienation of the spirit from life and the replacement with belief in self even if if that is the only way humans can live and therefore you should support capitalism and hope you get lucky enough to end up on the right side of the of the dam and that you stay in the middle and if you're an american hey and if you're listening to this you might actually have a good chance at that not most of you won't of course and that's the whole thing the vast majority will fall into the mouth of the mon the lion but it won't 0:59:46 matter as long as some make it through as long as some make it through that's going to keep a lot of people believing even if you end up there you end up you end up in elysium you end up living in your little fully automated luxury space space jam on the other side of the glass watching remember being at that point has alienated you from who you are like all of these liberals all these all these uh uh woke liberals who

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want to use meritocracy shorn of racial uh guilt as the metric for who win lives and who dies that's they want meritocracy as the right does the only difference is what they think merit means do they think that merit comes from uh do they think that merit comes from the earth in the form of bloodlines like that's the right way these are both these are just this is just a split within liberalism remember this is just a split in the enlightenment uh the right the whole right says that the uh the the line here this the the define the thing that divides humanity into the into the winners and losers the the mr th those who are made miserable and those who feast upon their misery is the land it's it's the blood it is nature's distribution the cat that god's hand being cast whoever rules should rule the liberal argument that splits off from this and that has become the non-socialist left too is no no we make this choice we as humans get to decide well how do you decide if we're making the decision if god the world the actual settled conditions don't make it who makes it well then we make it how do we make it there's no metric that works there's no metric that a person who is making that decision is going to choose to be on the other side no one will and remember the people making the drawing the line are by definition the people who are being uh benefiting this is what a capitalist superstructure is it is a culture made by the people who benefit from exploitation yes they are exploited too many of them but they feel like they benefit they feel connected to it they feel power they're empowered if they didn't have the power to write the documents and to create the they wouldn't be able to and that power comes from feeling like they're benefiting from a social arrangement so they're always going to draw themselves on the line of uh the angels and that line the only one that you can draw is you have the right opinions you have the right spirit you have the right soul you are good good and bad it's the only way good and bad boil down to it good and bad how do you determine who is good and bad there's two axes there's the axis of who do we need to be able to actually staff this government who are we going to need to be able to provide the human element of labor that is necessary to keep this thing going and also um who has done good or bad things in life and so one axis of that is just the the the vocabulary of uh of desert theory that undergirds liberalism we have capitalism and if you do well you are uh uh rewarded you do poorly you are punished of course that's actually just nature grinding through the world that's not any kind of \*\*\*\*\* uh uh that's not anyone's fault no one deserves to be punished for this it's gonna determine whether or not you can us live and and on the moral side of this question of good it's because it's are you a good person in two ways are you useful that's where the meritocracy part comes in get those uh let's make sure that uh the sat isn't racially biased we still need the s.a.t we still need a system of higher education to identify the most uh abstractly gifted students who can then perform the knowledge work at the

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headquarters of capitalism like we need to um we still need these people and we need to have a way to find them so that's why we need things like higher education we need things like standardized tests but we don't want to feel bad about it we want it to be purely dispassionate we want it to be the market we don't want it to be us so that means we have to make them non-racist sats non-racist uh tests of course that's still determining people based on the luck of the abilities they have and if you don't luck into those abilities you're \*\*\*\*\* now what la racial liberalism does is it says no no a lot of those people at the bottom are only there because darn it of the racism of these bad white people so therefore i get to stay on the good side because now i deserve to be there because of my abilities and also i would sacrifice some portion of other white people on this side of the uh of the line to bring in more unjustly uh persecuted and objectively oppressed black people and then we will all together thrive but of course once you draw the line right once you've created the schmitty an exception in law which is where we're headed one way or the other whichever of these two wins unless something else breaks the conflict uh when that draw lawn gets drawn the people who are gonna mis get immiserated are going to be a combination of people for whom it's just sad they're the legacy of racism and it's top it's not fair that they're there but there's nothing to be done about it and the people who are being punished righteously for making that happen it's your fault this is your fault white people and you get to feel like a good white for condemning the whites well just shrugging at the economic and so that is why if there is no if that is the end point if if we have gone past the point when socialism metaphysically understood can can cut have have actually coherently uh break into that conflict and destabilize it turn it from a two-way war into a three-way war if that doesn't happen at the level of politics uh the the the the final war will just be about who suffers will it be those who have been decreed by uh the by history to suffer those who suffer now or will there be an attempt to reorientate uh the laser beam the death ray to take in others of course the main thing that is up need to be stressed here is that the admiseration is total no matter what everybody the vast majority of people are going to get ground into jerky but because we'll be consuming this what we're going to see is either one triumphing or the other but neither one will be triumphing because everyone will be mutually being dissolved it will be cannibals all until there's only the little b band of uh rulers who will then drive each other insane and themselves insane with their captivity and emptiness because what will they have had to be what will they have had to do to themselves to be in a position to watch that happen and be okay with it the movie that gets this better than anything i hate to no i love to uh to draw a pop culture comparison because watch this movie after listening to this and you will get what i'm saying conceptually zardoz uh the h.g wells is time machine but but

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with the emphasis that the eloy do not live in heaven the eloy's heaven is destroyed  
by the neuroses of those who are within it the people who are going to survive this 1:9:4  
coming \*\*\*\*\* culling at the rights on the right end of the glass are going to be unable  
to sit with themselves for even a second they will be so wracked with neuroses and  
horror and self-observed obsession they will be so infused with their own isolation  
they will be so lonely they will be so convinced of their own metaphysical uh uh  
solipsism and they will be so unable to reconcile the concept of their own death more  
than anything they will be unable to reconcile death because they will not be able  
to imagine anything existing outside of their consciousness because they have made  
their consciousness in every sense the only reality a social life one of the things it  
does is it allows us to live in a world beyond our own minds parts of our minds  
are in the minds of others and we know that like we have mutual experiences we 1:10:5  
fuse at the level of emotional connection and that means that our minds expand  
beyond ourselves well whatever is going to get you to the end of uh the zardoz world  
whatever spiritual mutilation you do to yourself or you've been acculturated to just  
by where you grew up is going to uh consume you internally because you will have  
to because you there is no god is everything which means he's nothing right it is  
there becomes a point when you have experienced every possible experience and  
differentiation and distinction becomes impossible that's why we can't conceive of  
heaven that's why we can't conceive of eternity of any kind we can't really imagine  
going to hell either because people always think wouldn't you get used to it and it's  
like yeah you would eventually distinction breaks down because novelty and that is 1:11:6  
that's eternity and that's what happens when you die is that it bleeds out into all  
so you have to create another even if you are god and you're spending all of your  
time in your time crystal cube by yourself and maybe there are other people there  
but they are they're they're not people like you they are lesser beings you don't feel  
you have no spiritual connection to them when you look them in the eye you don't  
see another person you don't even see an animal you see a thing so you are alone  
you have to create another that means you have to as love has been replaced by hate  
as the only people you see are people that you are exploiting and therefore have to 1:12:7  
hate to make it their fault that they're suffering means you have to put that hate  
somewhere and when there's no one else you have to turn the death beam inward and  
so just imagine torturing yourself in hell for eternity in the singularity that's where  
these people will end up if you give them a long enough time that's where they'll  
end up if they win and win and win and defeat entropy over and over again if they're  
able to defeat entropy at every point by just a little more technology a little more  
exploitation they're able to stay ahead of the \*\*\*\*\* reaper if they do that and they  
get their singularity it will be hell literal they will burn forever until everything is the

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last pain they felt as differentiation becomes impossible again so there you go hell for everybody everybody alive every conscious mind will be in hell for eternity or every conscious mind will be in heaven because everybody will die in total harmony with themselves they will have lived their whole life without accumulating the clenched fist of anxious animal uh fear that is irrational and that can be tamed by the mind because they live a life that allows them to do that instead of run for themselves instead of run from pain and trauma that is inflicted on them in a moment and it defines them we're all defend defined by our traumas as traumas decrease our ability to that's why tolstoy said every unhappy every happy family is happy that the same way and every unhappy family is different so you reach at any either point of this the isolated mind in the jar eating itself or universal uh human harmonic relations with their environment what will it be in the mind of the person who dies in that world when it finally winks out when somebody unplugs the machine or when their natural body naturally changes state as is \*\*\*\*\* determined by the real \*\*\*\*\* bible the goddamn laws of thermodynamics that is the real holy book those are the real laws thermodynamics because that is the speed of the \*\*\*\*\* soul it's ego death eventually it is eventually the point where all distinctions ceases to and it is probably if it's if you're alive if you're around for it it is probably felt one way or another like a rising up of orchestral lights like a a a light turning on rather than the existential fear of the black enclosure because the difference between white and black is that white is all colors and black is no colors so like we don't really fear hell like the idea of being poked in the ass by the devil we don't really fear that most of us what we fear is the sopranos ending now of course it's irrational to fear the sopranos empty for a very obvious reason you should be able to explain this and some people are able to convince themselves of this and they don't like they have transcended it those people work well in the system because they can more easily convince themselves and live with the reality of being separated totally from the world because hey if it happens like that it doesn't hurt i'm not scared it's fine that's perfect but for most people it's just the thought of what's on the other side of that black screen that freaks them out all the stuff they're gonna miss all the experiences all the things that they are connected that they have spent their life attaching themselves to that means that your brain is spindling around this inner axle of this black no colors that's scary all colors no colors is no nothing no knowledge it is having gone through all of the world in pain and suffering and then just had it be for nothing because you didn't white is all lights white is all knowledge light is as the body drains of energy as that dmt burst kicks in as all of those little things in your brain those little scepters spin at a rate that they never could in your normal life for even a second you are aware of things you know more the more you learn the less pain and fear can really hold you

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the less you can be afraid because fear is just ignorance this is dumb like yoda \*\*\*\*\*  
but it's all true like this is one of the really difficult parts of trying to communicate  
in the post-modern era is that all the most true \*\*\*\*\* is banal you have to have to  
fill it though like the challenge we all have is to fill banal truths with meaning in a  
way that is convincing and that means building different structures and different new  
symbolic orders around them but the central \*\*\*\*\* principles are so the more you  
know the less you're afraid and so that light turning on is not anything to be afraid  
of and so you can live your life with that lightness with that light as the spindle  
and that is what people think of when they think of a belief in god now i think for  
um for convinced christians i think that the metaphors around christianity and the 1:18:22  
symbols of christ they represent all that good feeling all the stuff that accumulates  
from a life luckily well lived in a position to love like it's it's as great or as little  
as your experience of love and and it gets wrapped around symbols of christianity  
but depending on where you live depending on where you experience these symbols  
what that's going to adhere to very much differs like i would say most of the people  
who consider themselves believing christians white ones anyway in this country are  
if you were going to like cut their motives in half on the side of capital in the sense  
that they are on the side of the liberal side of dividing humanity into two with a big  
sword and letting half burn they're in favor of it and they have a a theological belief  
that undergirds it but that is not their religious belief if it was a religious belief it 1:19:24  
would be around love that is around fear they're terrified they're terrified of being  
on the other side because they're right next to those who are suffering the most so  
their chances of success of winning are much lower so they can't have faith in the  
system they have to have the faith in the supernatural they have to believe that if  
they die of a heart attack at a \*\*\*\*\* water park that they will go to heaven not  
that um not that like they're gonna make the themselves feel good about the life  
they live now through uh ease of consumption and ease of fear that come from being  
nestled in the bosom of a gentrifying neighborhood where you get to consume like a  
\*\*\*\*\* uh aristocrat but without any of the guilt of it where you get to live the life  
of of someone uh in in london at the height of the uh of the british empire someone  
uh enjoying of a a t on the but that's only possible if you think you're gonna uh 1:20:46  
make it materially and those are our knowledge workers and also are very rich uh uh  
people like landowners and stuff uh but like people on the edge they're gonna they're  
powered by their fear because their life has been one of fear they've been traumatized  
by the economy or they've been traumatized by other people in their lives that has  
made them bad in that they have bad political goals which is all we can to use in the  
in the culture context but they're not it's not their paul any more than somebody  
who is uh commits crime because of racism it's their fault now people have different

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degrees of like responsibility to to the moment and political responsibility that has 1:21:48  
to be weighed out abortion to their relationship but that's not about morality that's  
about their class position that's about where they are in the and that's because their  
motivation is a is a deeply felt religion a religious belief that at its base is powered  
by this this faint sense of love for others that's been battered around by reality  
one way or the other and then this big massive \*\*\*\*\* black hole of hatred at the  
middle that has to be the fear of fear around that darkness that they fear because  
we've all been robbed really of heaven by modernity and we're trying to oh man i  
remember why i was even saying this i'm gonna wrap it up now finally so the whole 1:22:49  
reason i said that all of that was to get to the idea that trapped in a cultural uh  
conversation dominated by two ends of this liberal spectrum because these are the  
people who consume politics and make it now make it both in the people who do  
fun film and television but then the vastly larger number of people who make up the  
social media conversation they're all liberals of one stripe or another right wing or  
left they want to divide us in half and kill one half do they want to do it by by uh  
the will of god or or of the will of man marriage meritocracy or genealogy that's the  
fight and that's the fight they're having on media that's the fight we're all consuming  
even though the places in our lives where our political engagement in like electoral 1:23:55  
politics are would would be best used are at the local level by definition because  
that's where you have actual local information that's where you have information  
that comes from experience not from this hot house but people's argumentation and  
the issues people fixate on and the and the dynamics that people respond to are the  
dynamics of national politics that are carried out in this new entertainment realm  
where they're getting their political identity because they're not getting it from their  
life we're not getting it from this machinery the spectacle we don't have enough  
social uh life to have those conversations and to have those experiences of shared  
exploitation and then conversation and uh and organizing around those questions  
instead those questions are all asked into the machine into the spectacle into the  
matrix and so all of it is in the terms of national politics and the dynamics that 1:24:56  
play at national politics are not the same as the one at local politics and that means  
that people who then try to apply themselves to local conditions end up being uh  
in many ways stopped from being effective by what they're bringing to the question  
from uh their political observations of the internet their culture warren uh so yes the  
only politics is to politics or resentment because if if no one's because the promise  
of socialism is everybody flourishes everybody as uh as al slovik said in caddyshack 1:26:0  
either everything is play or as judge holden said everything is war those are the the  
two sides they're they're they're the same social end through the looking glass one  
is uh is post scarcity democratically uh distributed the other is uh scarcity violently

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uh disputed over those are the two things that you're uh you're looking at and the political debate that we're all engaged in is being conducted by and for people who either consciously or unconsciously and even if you don't want that even if you consciously because you're taking to the place where your efforts could be useful a vocabulary a value system that has been generated by this uh poisoned uh reflection and of course that sounds like hopeless and nihilistic but it isn't because if it's like the broncos bacillus thing if you've heard this and you are convinced by it that's the thing about all of this is that if everything i say is true at the end of it when you get to okay now what your answer can only be found outside of that text and if you have to look elsewhere i would suggest you look to the place of the world around you you should look to the things that occupy your vision and your sight and your smell and your voice because those things are the only experiences that will tune you towards the resonant of like the it will the only ones that can turn you because if you know this if you believe this is true and you still just do online stuff you're not going to feel good you're going to feel bad you're going to feel tense because you're reinforcing separation you're reinforcing your commitment to something that your heart doesn't want you to do your heart knows is wrong because now you know you don't even have a selfish reason to pursue this because that's just the irrational short-termism of capitalism reproducing itself culturally the wise decision is to be genuinely altruistic because then even if you fail even if your efforts are not rewarded by people responding because they're too selfish and they've been made too selfish you still feel love you don't feel fear and resentment if you depend if your happiness depends on your uh personal pleasure then you're gonna be on that you're gonna always be on the tender hooks of what am i doing to deserve this pleasure because this pleasure is it's someone else's expense because you know that you can't not know it you can't unknow it you can't talk yourself out of it so when you get to that end point when you've confronted your anxiety at its deepest route and you can no longer find another explanation you can no longer put it off on an erotic of a flight of fancy because you can identify those then you actually have to confront what you're doing with your time but the answer can only come from within it is a response to the passions it is not reasoned from because you're reasoning with the vocabulary of your enemies you're using the tools in the real sense because like i think in material sense like in terms of structures of power and stuff you absolutely use you the master's tools are you kidding me those are there to be used they're great they're tools about those tools you can't be operating from market logic you can't be operating from the pessimistic assessment that all humans are fundamentally alienated and cannot be brought back together if you believe that you cannot persist in effective socialist activism or self-conception and of course you can keep can you

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can try to but your efforts are going to involve more and more intensive distraction 1:31:6  
and distraction is harder to come by over time because novelty reduces uh another  
thing is that literally like you're \*\*\*\*\* if you're a guy for example your testosterone  
goes down your t \*\*\*\*\* drops your ability to engage in pleasures is reduced which  
means your ability to find pleasure physically goes down and so you have to find  
it elsewhere where else is pleasure to be found in the hedonic calculus there's no  
room for love there's no room for feeling because it can't be priced it's priced out of  
that is it so for the liberal the conservative as it gets harder as they get older and 1:32:8  
as they get less money and are therefore able to indulge they can afford to indulge  
themselves less are less stable or less able to enjoy comfort both of those things are  
going to increase their misery and their need to accommodate for it by rescaling uh or  
rearranging the scale on uh the the hedonic uh calculus like uh rebalancing it towards  
pleasure so that they have a reason to keep getting up every \*\*\*\*\* day and some  
of them don't a lot of them don't which is where deaths of despair come from but  
the ones who keep on the treadmill are going to keep \*\*\*\*\* running faster and that  
means they need more and more indulgences and that means that their resentments  
need to become more are need to become more uh a part of their lives they need to  
be able not just to see someone owned on the internet but to see somebody to spoil  
physically in front of them maybe carry out violence against somebody becomes the  
only way to gain pleasure gain experience of pleasure and not alienation and fear 1:33:9  
and misery and physical pain that is accumulating that only comes by seeing others  
despoiled seeing others in pain and the war that's coming the political war that's  
happening right now the the political meltdown of the the meltdown of the brain that  
this gets the final schizophrenic break of the middle class american brain is between  
those who want the other to suffer in the form of a defined like a racial uh ratio just  
another they want to destroy the other and then there are the ones who uh want at  
the among the whites anyway the whites want to destroy whiteness they really do  
and then the minorities on that side also want to destroy whiteness for very good  
reason because they see whiteness as being responsible for their misery and light  
whiteness as in the actions of white people absolutely are the actions of white people 1:34:10  
are absolutely the result of black people's low uh uh relatively high level of social  
alienation and misery that's not a it's there's no question if you strip it of moralism  
and you just say white people doing things for one reason or another then the answer  
is yes it's not difficult so of course they want to extinguish whiteness and of course  
guilty white people would want to extinguish whiteness and then on the other hand  
you have largely but not entirely a desire to extinguish another that is partially  
racially defined but not entirely racially defined all the other elements are permeable  
to a point of uh distinction and that distinction runs i would say nationally so you

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have the phenomenon of the racially integrated proud boys you have the exceptions that literally and then that becomes the group so you destroy the other you destroy 1:35:11  
yourself and that is the that is what that is the fight going on in the culture and then we're all participating in it one level or ever we are either engaging in it on one side or another or we are watching it from a scar afar and we are if we're alienated from it we are commenting on it but by doing so still contributing to it to some extent i will say that but maybe it's worth it you are contributing if you're not ignoring it and even if you're part of the the general firmament of entertainment and you can't disengage from it it's it's what we all have it's what we have instead of uh identities is is our role in this uh spectacle because that's where we're a cyborg that's where we've offloaded our brains that's the ghost acreage of our minds our conscious minds 1:36:13  
and of course that is why the only way to resolve that is to create a orthogonal political movement based around class based around a universal understanding of solidarity that instead of wanting to destroy the other or wanting to destroy the self seeks to this is the synthesis at the heart of the dialectic at the psychological level is to bring together as a social reality because when we say self we're not saying like at 1:37:14  
the end of this we're not we're not recognizably human no we're as able to recognize ourselves as we ever are because remember we're all different people all the time it is it is our brain that's creating a narrative of continuity and that continuity is created by the brain it's not imposed up from the outside of it it is us and that is it's generated by and so the self is destroyed the other is destroyed and what comes from them is a synthetic self where the other has been incorporated into the self in a way that would not be recognizable to the person on the other side of that interaction the white nationalists are right to say that whiteness because yes the notion of whiteness as it currently exists as a category of identity that we carry with us that will be 1:38:15  
abolished if socialism is triumphant over time it's not going to happen overnight overnight and it's not going to happen before a change in social relationships but it could be overtime generated by a so there it is those are our options that's what's beside us that is the three legged stool these are the of uh of this is the roundabout how about that and when i say that i mean in your heart you can operate from the one you bring with you when you go out into the world and when you bring with you when you log onto the internet and the one that you filter everything through it's going to contain all of them but it's going to be directed from one perspective 1:39:17  
consciously whoo that was a long one i thought that anyway i hope these are making sense because you know i'm going a lot far afield i'm hoping to uh what i'm hoping is that with the last number of these i will be able to pull them together and then pull them apart and like build a chain of argumentation that connects these you know what i mean because i feel like they're not they're in the order of like a stream of

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consciousness and i need to uh array them better but i feel like once i have them like  
sort of chained up in the right order bye

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foreign ah now oh hush whoa i guess i should turn it off right i've hijacked something 0:2:20  
was did i just interrupt uh michael or something what happened was it going and then  
it like kicked off or no i mean but like i didn't usually i have to i get an opportunity  
to go in and like edit the information but it was already going when i logged on so he  
was on was he on before me what happened he's been done okay i felt like i i didn't  
want to max headroom his ass and just like bump bounce in but like you people  
were already in here weren't you what were you doing hanging around shenanigans 0:3:30  
all right i'm sending it to twitter to advertise to the masses that i'm i'm on and  
live what is up with my camera's aspect ratio all right uh so today i wanted to do 0:4:32  
something weird get a little esoteric get a little uh metaphysical get out on a limb  
as it were so i'm just talking out loud here so please nobody take any of this too  
seriously it's literally just musings i don't i'm not going to stand behind any of this  
this is really off the head type of thinking so just take what makes sense leave the rest  
i was thinking about how how our understanding of the world where we are in it our  
understanding of how the world works as capitalist uh identities as as individualized  
liberal subjects which is what we are we have to stipulate that when we talk about  
being human being a human is not what it meant in other periods in history it 0:5:33  
means what it is to be human in this particular point in history those people lived  
in a different world in a fundamental way and i'll get to that we have to really come  
to terms with that so like we might be trying to build socialism but we are doing  
it as liberal subjects which is what makes the twitter obsession with pointing out  
who's a liberal amongst the left so funny because of course everyone is they could  
not be or they could not not be they are at some level aware of that but since they  
can they're still uh mobilizing their politics on liberal assumptions that they have  
not interrogated they figure ah the way that i'm gonna prove i'm not a liberal is by  
becoming an ultra liberal is by uh determining who is the liberal and casting them  
out creating a uh uh distinctions because while a lot of these arguments about who's  
doing liberalism are correct uh the impulse to say if you have violated this in one way 0:6:35  
then you are cast out is ridiculous because everyone will eventually be cast out and

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you will annihilate all solidarity because you will be applying this litmus test from a perspective of wanting to succeed in a hierarchy that is what liberalism is a liberal subject it seeks to succeed in a hierarchy they are motivated by the basic hedonic calculus of that is created by liberal society the value system of narrow hedonistic selfishness expressed culturally and uh intellectually and idealistically and religiously is uh what is generated by a liberal subjectivity the experience of living amongst other people who are all similarly situated who are all liberals we are motivated at base by a narrow hedonic understanding of self because we imagine ourselves as separated from social existence because we believe that there is an objective reality that is interacting with us our subjective reality and that overalls it and that determines it and that we are only captured by and we are completely captured by it that is the liberal assumption that that that there is a mechanistic reality operating independent of the human will that we basically get to respond to pressed at its base it will accept the premise the under undeniable premise that logically there is no such thing as free will this is understood by the liberal subject that free will is one way or another however it's expressed the fundamental understanding that free will does not exist is deeply rooted in liberalism it's what drives everything else because if if the universe is separate from us whether we think of it like the early protestants did as uh the separation embodied by the supernatural god to the current moment when god has been replaced entirely by the self the understanding is still that there is the self and then there is the world to be threshed into pieces by it and it's a question of how do we live with that and the answer to that question if we are all separate from one another will always be my narrow self-interest how i can spend as much time as i have on earth as pleurably as possible and it is that programming that drives the liberal subject through their existence it's it's what we are uh are pushed by in the absence of the ability to assert ourselves on a world that is not determined by us it is either termed by god or another word for god the mechanistic determinism of cause and effect that you observe through science if you observe the world heuristically through metaphysics or through physics the end result is the same there is god that is outside and separate from the self there is a universe that is outside and separate from the self and that we are not in charge of that is the fundamental supposition of liberals and it is what undergirds everything else and it therefore is it is the inner it is the metaphysics that capitalism produced because it facilitates capitalism because if there can be no if there is if there is uh if there is no control power asserted and all we can seek therefore is our own pleasure how will that pleasure be expressed how will we express our hedonism and it is either through sublimation or through indulgence the degree and what determines that is which one uh is more motivating to us personally which boils down to who we are as what our experiences are the sum

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total of our traumas determines what we use to orient our pleasure but then we just pursue it we just pursue our pleasure because that's the only rational thing because we're not in charge because but that is a incomplete understanding of of the self conscious beings humans that are capable of inter of of of conscious thought and then uh communication across space to other does not is not a mere subject to science it's not a mere subject to reality that consciousness and those consciousnesses brought 0:11:42 together literally determine what reality is they are they they are part of a feedback loop that gives reality actual uh dimensions and that drives which means that there is no uh uh dichotomy between uh spirit and and and material that there is no um there is no contradiction between free will and determinism because everything is literally wrought by our collective decision making which while driven by material causes is generated by a consciousness that operates independently of that because while we are physical beings that receive stimuli and that those send signals to our brain and though that brain that makes decisions there is a distance just a temp an 0:12:44 actual physical distance that means that at a certain level those responses are not perceived consciously and then it is another level they are perceived consciously and that gap between those two is the uh inflection point at which consciousness emerges at which there's sufficient distance from the stimuli to allow you to live a little bit in the future to imagine the future and then step into that reality before uh you've been determined by the physical interaction by the cause and effect chain and then that changes you and then if you act from that and then re direct your body towards that you have literally broken cause and effect that you have started to create the world and then you live in that fantasy through symbols that are generated by cooperation with others so you control the world but this is the crucial distinction the reason 0:13:46 that that ends up turning towards bitterness and isolation and nihilism in western cultures because if you imagine yourself to be god at a certain point the fact that you're a god who is subject to law starts to \*\*\*\*\* things up you start to get um uh questioning of of your of your degree of centrality to the universe because how can i have control if nothing does what i wanted to but the more people believe something and operate from that belief the more they are able to make things happen that they think cooperation literally facilitates the re-rendering of the fabric of nature and we do that by collaborating along communicative access where we find common vocabulary and symbols but only to the degree that it is shared so while we are that 0:14:47 what reality is and therefore shape it we only do it in so far as we can act collectively the more collectively we are able to coordinate our actions of free will it has to be of of will it cannot be coerced at least consciously coerced it has to be consciously chosen action consciously chosen by sufficient people can literally break the \*\*\*\*\* wheel of history now the problem is is that even though we are getting to a point

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we're far past the point in my opinion where capitalism has accumulated sufficient uh uh concentrations and the technology has been generated by that action sufficient to create a rational distribution of resources through the biome coordination of action 0:15:49  
to uh capture and reduce externalities from the system to recover externalities into the system which is necessary to be able to operate a functional system because like the hayek school the whole austrian uh concept is premised on the idea that the price signal is the most efficient way to send information through the system of the economy but the thing is is that the price signal is flawed by its uh neces the price signal only works to the degree that um the externalities of the interactions and exchanges are not priced and are kept out of the exchange and so therefore as they accumulate in a closed system they start to break it down and it but we have 0:17:0  
generated sufficient technology at this point where we could actually price in and bring in externalities by reducing profit by breaking the by pulling the \*\*\*\*\* spine out of the machine by by taking the virus out of the programming and that virus being profit maximation as the as the actual organizing principle society and the big obstacle to that is distribution of resources independent self-interested action because capitalism is promised on the idea that people will distribute it through a system with the uh the behavioral reinforcements that capitalism has people will act narrowly selfishly within the system and that those who act narrowly selfishly will be selected for leadership and influence and therefore be able to exercise technological control over a greater greater degree of the population while it extracts capitalism but if we had if we'd use the technology we have we could actually do it but we could 0:18:10  
only do it if people were operating in that structure willingly so you need people to change their understanding of their values away from selfishness now why where that idealist notion intersects with reality is is that what generates that is not a mass consciousness raising it's not 2012 in the \*\*\*\*\* time a wave cresting over humanity it is not some massive alchemical shift it is a slow grinding it is people in specific positions in capitalism having experiences that spark new relationships and that build new symbols of power that are exerted that build new practices of behavior reward structures a ritualized uh uh ritualized building of meaning fixed two symbols 0:19:11  
of action and cooperation and that that driving through the structures of capitalism will create the counter-hegemonic force will and all of this is just to to say that the the one of the big for me like i say i'm always talking about myself and trying to talk my way around my own paralysis why do i feel so stuck politically why do i feel so uh kind of captured by my position and and at constant uh unease with it and my need to keep like trying to think my way around it like what is what is generating that and i think that my kind of uh ritualized uh response to that agitation is to try 0:20:14  
to dig deep into why i feel like i am unable to act and at least act in a way that feels

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affected uh or feels like a real use of energy and um i keep coming back to just this liberal subjectivity pulling me away from of beliefs and efficacy of action and then i have to ask myself why is that and the answer that i come up with is that i focus from my position outside of most traditional uh of like a traditional labor relationship uh and it's certainly not in a sense of feeling uh exploitation the sort of keen felt an alienation from a social structure the feeling of being exploited by my society rather than a benefit of that society is not very high i feel mostly considered i feel mostly uh 0:21:16 to have benefited from my relationship to capitalism in terms of my day-to-day life and its comforts of course how could it be otherwise so i and so i say okay well there is of course the just the material relationship that's one thing but what is politics what is consciousness if not finding a limitation and then overturn overcoming it through just concentrated uh mental work taking your mind away from the constant just billiard ball action of stimulus response of fear and desire of feeling guilty and then wanting to have your guilt assuaged of being comforted by misery because it's familiar feeling uh like a need a need to punish yourself on behalf of a moral code that is totally self-imposed and that could be trans could be actually challenged if you and so my answer is i have to do this hippy dippy \*\*\*\*\* but not everybody does 0:22:17 because i think if you feel capitalism as an exploiting force in your life if you are alienated and feel alienated feel immiserated feel precarious but you also understand the system broadly as the cause as opposed to you know being captured at a lower level of ideology by the idea that it's some sort of race war or that there there's some sort of uh national capitalism that could save us uh you have to like if you recognize uh the fundamental uh nature of this fight like what the stakes are and then you know that solidarity and numbers are our only advantage and that that should guide your actions and so anything that says well you know hey look the republicans aren't 0:23:19 great at the top they're controlled by capital but at the base there's at least this nationalist uh desire for a state that works for people besides just profit like there's room in in their ideology for a uh for a capitalism that is redistributed but along these prescribed lines nationalism very narrowly uh and then you know along these hierarchies that they want to protect and so there's a the pitch that is made is you can't beat them at least you can join them and maybe move them but the fact is that as much any case you want to make that the left is held captive by the democrats and that they their alien the alienations they build up along the cultural axis are insert make it insurmountable for them to try to actually engage with people uh 0:24:21 beyond uh liberalism you can make that argument but you will be defeated because those same problems on the left the democrats exist for anybody who's trying project on the right because at the top it's still the most concentrated capital and it's still grinding away independent of what the base wants the base wants spectacle and they

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can give them spectacle all day long trump gave them the blue blueprint cultural spectacle this there's this fantasy that these idiots have that the democrats because they're waging this culture war jihad that if the republicans you know what if they just won they wouldn't do culture war stuff there is annoyed with culture where stuff is our we are because we both hate the same arguments in the culture war but like dude they hate them for a different reason they hate them to hate them they hit them because it provides the dynamic that serves their best interests which is that you keep \*\*\*\*\* arguing you can like go oh let's give us some cat national capitalism 0:25:23 let's give us some hair invoke democracy let's give us some racial like some racially means-tested uh uh democratic social democracy and they'll say yeah that's cool no you're gonna eat trans bathroom bands and critical race theory bands and your and uh militarized border and extravagant uh of anti uh uh crime measures and like public executions on television uh uh licenses to to hunt the homeless although democrats will be down for that one too in major cities there will be no because there will be no pressure it's all about pressure just because these people's like the the republican base has these ideas about nation that would be served by uh like some sort of keynesianism uh as opposed to just strict neoliberal uh uh rip out the floorboards uh uh late stage you know bust out capitalism they're still exerting their uh politics through a filter of culture and engaging with a a spectacle of politics that is as simple as it is as synthetic and as dominated by capital as at a certain point you have to it's like nationalism emerged as the liberal um resistance to capitalism like nationalism because capitalism begins admiserating right in the early 19th century that's when you surely start to see uh precarity enter these structures exogenously like oh like things are getting worse but not because of the of a harvest or the decree 0:26:25 of a king but just because of this generalized this new ghost whispering through our our cities this new this new boss that is not seen anywhere and people respond by trying to resist it because why wouldn't you why the \*\*\*\*\* wouldn't you resist it but the people who are always going to be the people who are most uh alienated by capitalism the fastest and most importantly the most influentially are the middle class because of course the super wealthy as this shift changes they just it's just a change of revenue stream they don't feel they feel a little they feel a little uner unnerved maybe that they've unleashed this cis power that's beyond their control but they're still at the top it's and at the bottom people are are actually being alienated along strict labor lines like you work or you starve and they work and they start getting class consciousness but in the middle they just feel this precarity this sense 0:27:27 of being stuck between these two new categories they don't feel responsible for either but they want to resist on their own terms this encroaching capitalism and what can they use to do it what can they change the world with and the weapon they have is the 0:28:28

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nation because that is a vocabulary instead of symbols that can be translated across space and time in the form of the newspaper-based uh uh nationalist movement or nationalist uh projects that created modern nationalism if anyone's read benjamin anderson's imagined communities he talks about how 19th century nationalism was a middle-class movement generated by the knowledge workers of the european berg 0:29:29 the university students the uh newspaper editors the intelligentsia do you do i need to see it do i need to even say the word that they are well they are not alienated along a class line necessarily because they feel like they're actually getting more out of this deal than they're not because it is as we've said it is always outside of the absolute categories it is a range and it's a range defined by which one you feel more do you feel more invested in the system do you feel more benefited from it do you feel more afraid of it changing do you feel more that if it changed you would lose then you don't want to change it and those people are the ones with the time to sit on their asses and consume and make the media that forms the culture that makes nations things the nations of europe were all made in the minds of poets and journalists all these 0:30:30 projects of bringing together folk wisdom and language and this identity these are these are things that were real but we're in a context of feudalism in a pre-national context of like local culture and they're turning it into this machine made capitalized idea that is a pure propaganda and so when capitalism is resisted in 1848 how is it resisted along the axis of nations the springtime and it was the national projects that advanced the farthest much farther than the workers project which was there because the workers contributed to the 48 at every level they contributed the bodies in the streets they contributed the manpower but they did not contribute the leadership because they were out there working for a living which meant that when it came time 0:31:33 to deal with the powers that be with your metadates uh with your king of bavaria the people negotiating would be doing so on behalf of people who are more dedicated to nation and liberal reform than they were to egalitarianism because it wasn't in their interest to be egalitarian this is the same situation as the french revolution france is the first explosion of this you've got to imagine capitalism being infused into into england into europe it's like a virus infecting a body and over time you have these these flare-ups explosions of accumulated friction within the system that lead to apocalyptic change and that is the punctuated equilibrium of social evolution these conflicts drive forward the mechanism whereby politics and so that means that 0:32:38 the the remaining notions of liberalism that persist now as we reach this now this new stage of crisis this worldwide crisis we are essentially in the pre-1848 stage of 1914 1939 these are all the crises within european capitalism that define its progress and when you got to the end the apocalypse of 1945 world european capitalism gave birth transferred over tagged in america to create international we are in this we 0:33:42

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are now in a system where all of the uh contradictions within european capitalism were solved exogenously mainly by the the the taking over of the system of america by the shrooding of distribution of resources so that hey europe you know how you guys are doing uh the uh ruthless blood scramble for resources that defines terminal capitalism you don't have to do that anymore we're gonna create a global capitalism where we can export the uh social uh alienation from the heart of the system and displace it out to the periphery we will take over we will take over your empire we will administrate it rationally through the through the mechanism of capitalism we will defeat the soviet uh and and third world challenges in the field of battle where we have to but the end result will be you will get the spoils of hypo hyper 0:34:44 exploitation to enjoy at the center with all of that social alienation burned out all of those externalities filtered out because america can coordinate it on your behalf and you don't have to fight anymore the same way that the progressive era stopped all those robber baron trusts that were destabilizing capitalism from fighting between each other and the thing was is that as if if interstate resource conflicts continue in a technological age it is the end of civilization the end of humanity and as long as you have some humans around to apply the brakes on capitalism it'll put brakes on but we've reached the end stage where there is no one to put a brake on it that is the new era and we're now we haven't seen the first big explosion but we've seen the first condition setting events 911 of course huge uh the um the 2008 collapse massive and 0:35:45 all of it in the background pushing it climate change the externalities building up in the system the carburetor and so that is the situation we find ourselves in and but because the working class was defeated during this period first the european working class then the global working class were defeated over the course of the of the uh the overall war between capitalism and humanity that was fought in europe over the course of the 19th 17th 18th 19th and 20th centuries and that once the european was 0:36:48 the european working class classes defeated the global working class over the course of the cold war but that only means that conflict and crisis are inevitable because there is no more break on the pedal which means all of these situations become uh unstable and we once again reach a time when people can act and this is to get back to my original point which is that one of the things that keeps me frozen in place and i think many others in the liberal condition is that because we view the world from a remove because we feel the world having lived because we live isolation we live in isolation from each other we spend little time together as equals we spend a lot of time in simulated engagement that is not human interaction and so we build 0:37:49 this selfish island we build this isolated consciousness that imagines itself separate from a and if you will think that way you decide what to do by looking backward like i i look backward i i'm a history guy and then forward which is or like what you

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think is like the contemporary moment but really forward which is politics politics is looking forward and you look back in history to try to figure out how to look forward at least if you're trying to be you know helpful to the human project which really needs it right now we're in a crisis then you have to so you end up looking at a past and a future that are defined by people operating through the skeletal logic of cause and effect because when i say that we make the world that we literally can make it that we are gods within the matrix that we could cut through all of this if we were able to communicate that back to each other if we were able to feel it if we were able to feel it we could literally remake the world in almost any format we have the capacity we have the unleashed human potential we have the tools to do it now it's not gonna it couldn't happen overnight that's where the materialism comes in it's not transubstantiation it's not everybody does acid at the same time it's the building of institutions and reinforcing social structures within a counterculture that then becomes a challenger for control in a crisis moment and in a period where capitalism's ability to sustain itself is undermined hyper-exploitation but it's hard to believe in that if you're a liberal subject like me because you look at the past and you think of the future and all you see is people acting out of self-interest all you see is the result of the the anti-life equation writing itself across human history from from the dawn of time until the end of civilization and beyond everything is written by this deterministic uh yoke of cause and effect people operating out of selfish interests over time being atomized and oh and and having their uh humanity stripped of them and turning and so therefore when you imagine the future you imagine one made that way and that's all rational but it is insufficient because that's not the world that is what's left by the world because when i say we all make the world when i say we i mean every person in every moment and i went and i say the world i mean the world in that moment and because we are not the same people from moment to moment because we are constantly being interacted with with other uh matter shaped by other people both past and present who are literally giving us the world that we engage with and giving us the symbolic understanding of what those things in it are and what they mean and what our values are literally creating the world for us but then we inhabit it and then act out of it interact with the world shape it that is how we literally make the world but it is in the moment and then once the moment's over the next moment appears to you changed by what you did and you might remember a little bit of who you used to be but you don't really remember everything and now the thing that's real to you is the world around you that is now interfering interacting with you having been changed by what you did and that is how as we decide what to do in an increasingly technologically sophisticated world where we live more and more isolated lives that are more and more determined by our uh

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selfish understanding of uh our fundamental alienation from the world our finitude a desire to to um protect our own pleasure because it is the only thing we can imagine to be real in the universe we then act like that's everything and we act from those premises and then history is that is the uh is the dead hand uh uh the the weight of history lying like a nightmare on the and so we ignore the world that like our body wants our mind our our hearts wants that can be divined by paying attention and 0:42:58 that is why for me the only reason to do stuff like this is to get back to the idea of slowing down and experiencing and how and and seeking that with the language that makes sense to you that is going to be determined by things that you feel that are associated with time and place time and place all the stuff you're interacting with here the place the ideas the time leaves and therefore the emotion that you felt is gone like if you look at human history as like a giant it's not a body it's a skeleton and all of the muscle and all the fat and all the organs and all that stuff dissolved off over the course of time because we're different people looking through a lens of time 0:43:59 at other people not just ourselves obviously but people in previous relationships to previous modes of production social formations symbolic understandings but when you're understanding what happened it's not just the pull of selfishness that leaves its mark because that's how people are interacting with their world but in the dreams that they had and the dreams they had were not about that the dreams they had were based on feelings that transcended selfish desire because they were fixed to a a sensuous understanding of connection that is baffled and obscured and alienated away by living in the symbolic realm of the post capitalist or the post but this is 0:45:7 something that gives me a lot of hope and makes me feel uh i feel it makes me feel optimistic about not just how i will able be able to impact the world in the future but that how humanity will be able to respond to the challenges is that while we're all operating from hedonic calculus that calculus changes our ability to ignore the pain around us also changes and that changes our relationship to that pain and every one of the moments that we have a change of relationship of understanding and and start looking at something differently and then most importantly acting differently stepping into awareness of one's ability to have exercise control of the world which is faith that's what you can boil that down to because the thing that you can't make sense the thing you can't find in the dry retelling of history up until 0:46:10 the last second you looked at it and your imaginings of the future is that they are without a soul essentially they presuppose that there is no soul but we know there is because it's what actually propels us through life but that does not leave a track culturally and the rev the apocalypse that we see is one where we can't imagine living life the way we live it now and we won't but our relationship to that world will be different our relationship to concepts of meaning and the some things that

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we can't imagine going through will feel like a gift like the ability to do them 0:47:13  
because it is rewarded in your life will the essence the essence is created by the the  
process of re-awakening and rediscovering in the moment and reorienting towards  
the moment and experiencing every moment and like the memory of it like that that  
that haunted house in your head that is your understanding of the world that is  
made up of all of your experiences of it and then your fantasized that is generated 0:48:16  
by you living through the cycles of time the cycle generates a spark but it is not  
an eternal spark it is a moment-to-moment spark but because it's every moment it  
fills a defined time space portal like it becomes a a trail like like a donnie darko  
someone says is this expecting everyone to spontaneously change behavior no and  
this is another place where you have to remind you have to get back to specifics i am  
talking about this because this is my relationship to my world i have found myself  
a podcaster of note with a relatively large public profile with social and uh familial  
and friendship obligations to other people that i feel what do i do and the answer 0:49:19  
that i can come up with is well i'll look around i'll keep myself conscious of options  
but if i'm doing this as a job which is absurd to think of but is true this is my job  
it is not it is unalienated labor it is the dream it is the i am living in post like i was  
talking i talked a few days ago about how a mile from me there are people who are  
living in the post apocalypse and here i am a mile away from them living in the uh  
utopia i am living in the post scarcity utopia in practicals in practical terms i get to  
hunt in the morning and fish in the afternoon and criticize after dinner or criticize  
all day and order grubhub if i want to i because this does not feel as though it is  
alienated labor but the reason that it is not post-capitalism the reason it is not a 0:50:21  
utopia is because there's somebody having the post-apocalypse a mile away from me  
and that this this utopia depends on that dystopia and therefore if i am to live a  
moral existence if i if i am to feel like i am honoring my feelings of connection and  
and and love then i have to try to change that i have to so how do i do it well if i  
worked if i worked a real job i would want to do whatever i could to try to encourage  
a class consciousness raising at my job that is what i would try to do i would try  
to and of course it would require you to be if you really wanted to do it and this  
is the self-disciplining part like if you want to do that because it makes you feel  
like you're doing something and that's it you'll do it half-assedly you'll do it in a 0:51:22  
way that doesn't require a lot of work on your part you'll do it in a way that gets  
other people in trouble you'll do it fecklessly because you're really just doing it to  
feel like you're doing something just like liberals vote so they feel like they're doing  
something or post because they feel like they're doing something if you really want  
to do it though if you really want to help other people because you love them then  
you're going to make it your duty to do a good god damn job and that means figuring

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out what the steps are try trying to find the vocabulary and language that works for other people hit them where they live not where you live put your own thoughts and beliefs and feelings down a little bit privilege those uh interactions privilege making connections and making political points that will make people understand 0:52:23 you being motivated by getting people on and i would try to do whatever i would do what what in the moment made sense to make that happen but i can't answer the question of what that would mean if i had that job because i don't i don't have that relationship that labor relationship i am an entertainer essentially without this is what the artisans of 1848 were fighting for by the way do you want to really if you want to call this the pre-48 era like the beginning of 48 the rise of nationalism as a response nationalism and socialism as a response to the admiseration of capitalism this is now the final revolt of the sort of pseudo serb pseudo artisans it's a pseudo 0:53:25 art no see somebody says my moral obligation argument is the new england no it's not new england puritanism it is an obligation to one's own hedonic self-interest it squares the circle you don't do it because you're obliged by others you do it because it feels better to do it than to not do it it feels better to do it because if you ignore that feeling you will be worse off you might be able to ignore it you might be able to find pleasures to distract yourself but over time and in the moment of self-reflection it because there is no conflict between the best interests of others in your immediate 0:54:28 vicinity and your own if you are not trying to hide from your sense of felt connection to other people you're not trying to hide it under rage and selfishness and that is what that is why the only answer capitalism can have internally outside of political interaction and political mobilization is to buy people off is to say yes this system strips the humanity out of everybody but if you all knew that you would destroy it here's the deal it will strip the humanity out of some of you much more slowly than it will strip the humanity out of others of you and those who will strip the most slowly to will be the artisans the people at the closest nexus point to capitalist production at its most vulnerable positions where it is legally constructed where it is 0:55:29 ideologically constructed and in its early days where it is materially constructed the people there if you give them a deal they'll take it and that is why the artisans and the uh the liberal nationalists sold out the workers in 48. and reified nationalism so that when the big cap crisis of capitalism comes in europe in 181 1914 what happens the working class commits suicide because everybody else got bought off enough people got bought off that the artisan class turned on the workers which is what 48 was it's what fascism was and in america post-world war ii we we took the uh 0:56:31 industrial factory worker of the most vital sectors of the defense and then consumer economy and we made them artisans in the sense that we gave them enough but not in control of their work because that's one thing artisans were there's two things

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artisans were fighting against that they were getting less money for the work they did and also that they had to do work that was more uh because they had to work harder for more money they worked more miserably and it was literally less pleasant for them to work and they wanted control over their rate of work that would have made it more pleasurable for them that complaint was bought off in europe first and then in the united states through free real estate and by racial caste system with more consumption with more convenience in the time that they did have and so by half buying off the the uh artisans who were the middle and decisive class because they're closer to production they're closer to political mobilization and they help capitalism win and congratulations what did it get them it got them it bought them time is what it did and that was a good short-term deal for those guys who made the deal because they died before the \*\*\*\*\* deal kicked off now we're dealing a crisis where the people who've been getting this deal until at this moment basically are having the terms renegotiated and they're right next to the \*\*\*\*\* production but the production has moved it's now been transubstantiated into the global supply chain through technology so there's nowhere to fight it is fled capital fled the the crucial st points and the the legal structures have now been totally uh and so what we're seeing now the culture war that defines our politics that i've been talking about the past few few days is a nervous breakdown of this post-artisan class because they stopped being working class people even though they kept having but they were not living working-class lifestyles as marx understood them and as would be created in a closed system because capitalism cannot def cannot afford partisanship over the long term as the entropy builds up in the system as externalities begin to choke the gears as resources are depleted entropy and so people had relative to others because remember when i say that they lived in artisan lifestyle obviously they did not have anything like the freedom of an artisan but one thing they didn't have the precarity of an artisan because there were poor artisans and two that the life of a of a uh artisan which is a life of semi-alienated labor more alienated than um more alienated than the working class but obviously not capital holders not renters and what that boils down to is pleasure pleasure during work and what we got after world war ii was a new professional class where work was the deal was everybody works about 40 hours that gives you enough for this nice house this nice uh tv and \*\*\*\*\* now would you rather do during that time a mindless repetitive task or something with your mind those decisions are made demographically and then people file into these jobs and then they live this semi-alienated life that is dependent upon the maximal exploitation of other parts of the spectrum both within the \*\*\*\*\* metropole and then after imperialism and then finally imperialism exploitation at the end point of empire the global supply chain where the where the where the conditions are always antebellum

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southern where we have never gotten past primitive accumulation where you have never gotten past and that misery allows for this this hybrid existence near the center of power and influence political um mechanisms people who staff politics all the way through it which therefore do have a determining factor their self-interest is until the global system gets too much entropy and the deal breaks down which is where so the pseudo-artisan class because it experiences itself as between two classes feels basically in the same spot that the pre-1940 1848 artisan class did but now because there's nothing else to buy off there was a africa to buy off there was and there were there was um that is now those that frontier is closed so the artisans are now in a situation much like 48 where the system cannot accommodate them because that's why it broke down in 48 because at that point it had not developed sufficient to distribute or sufficient tentacles of democratic response because democratic government even though it's a sham under a bourgeois dictatorship is still essentially a price signal it is a social price signal to capitalism nervous system to tell you how much \*\*\*\*\* uh silt is building up and how much resistance is building up and how much and it couldn't respond because it wasn't a sufficiently advanced where that mechanism is fully developed because uh we've created a global flow of capital like nineteen after 2008 you have 2008 was basically 1929 all over again in terms of an apocalyptic infarction of the global like circulatory system our response to it was different because the forces the social forces were different because our working class had been turned into this bought that didn't want to fall and couldn't situation somebody's telling me that there is no second law of thermodynamics uh okay sure fine whatever if you're going to tell me that disorder within a system is not constant you can but you are right i would argue only in a narrow enough sense that it's meaningless somebody keeps saying close versus open system it's a closed system someone explained to me why it's not a closed system i don't believe in the big crunch i believe in a second big bang i believe that at the end of the total heat exhaustion of the universe you were at the same point you were when the big bang happened which means eventually the big bang will happen again it could take a billion years and yes does that mean eternal recurrence perhaps it could also mean though that every time we relive we remember a little more of the feeling of living and maybe every single one of these that we're living is the one where we're shifting our understanding and memory in one direction and of course we don't know which one we're in now where we recognize our collective ability to communicate our collective connection and then maybe because we're alive now we're in the last one because once it happens it's always happened right and then history the human the the universe is just this constant cycle spinning through because remember once you're talking about it is this uh this univ these universal time scales it loses all meaning the fact that it because then time means nothing

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it could take a trillion years for the \*\*\*\*\* because materialism is correct in that when you are doing the thing of studying human history the humans the structures that compose human civilization the skeleton of human social dynamics the human consciousness coming into it into itself you are getting the mental skeleton of the world spirit if you are doing that you have to apply material constructs because it is the material so we can only build accurate models by focusing on the actual existing stuff the things that pushed us through that time as a species the subjective 1:8:8 experience of the moment is gone and that's the dark matter of history what is it how much of the universe is dark matter similar amount of our understanding of the past is dark matter it is gone it dissolves because all that's left is our actions that come from them and they are such a small fraction of our actual uh felt experience of life and it is the felt experience of life that when crucial moments come determine our actions because there are always crucial moments for every person and then among people and those crucial moments determine fates and what makes those moments but you can't know it and the more that you project it which is what moral is a moralist history does and what what idealist history does if you project it because 1:9:9 idealist history is let's read the minds of people in the past that's what they say let's read the minds of our historical figures and we'll know why the past happened or you could look at what they did you won't have the full story either way but the story you tell from that will be more useful to you in understanding what the world is and how it works then whatever the \*\*\*\*\* you're gonna get out of that self-projected fantasy that is entirely made up of your own and so that is what materialist history is it is powered by a spirit it is powered by ideas but the ideas can only be seen in their shadows you start from the assumption that these shadows are there but you 1:10:10 make sense of how they wrought themselves on the world by looking at the structures that they left what those people the decisions those the second law in my mind has not been because all propositions are true or false at certain layers of the cake the question is whether they're applicable to what you're trying to do and for me grand conceptual history and theory that i'm supposed to talk about to people so that they can think about them and then maybe having thought about them change their 1:11:12 relationship to the moment like they co-op live their life and because they heard something i said they decided to do a instead of b is that going to change history by itself no but those are the things that provide the context for people to change that are generated by changes in their so i should wrap it up so once again this is all just another uh mandala it's basically what i'm doing to bring you back to where 1:12:17 you always were with a fresh perspective or that's what i'm doing for myself so that when i do go out into the world when i do engage with questions about what to do with politics what to do with other people in my life that i'm remembering these

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things and the feelings that they all are connected to because at the end of the day all of this boils do not allow the uh the mind to take your feelings capture your feelings and use them against you which is what and that's some hippie \*\*\*\*\* but you shouldn't be doing it if you have an actual useful job but if you are a little eloy floating in the in the uh uh in the amniotic sac of post scarcity where you have to keep yourself from going crazy which means you have to square the contradictions 1:13:18 of life square the contradictions of being the exploitation but that guilt needs to be worked through it doesn't need to be uh acknowledged as as like uh real because that's where protestantism shows up protestantism is when that gnawing voice in your head maybe we shouldn't be doing this say if you're a puritan bookkeeper who's like kicking people out of their homes in in early uh 1600s and there's a little voice in your head saying what are you doing you start to feel guilt and then you have to find a purge for it and how by showing god that you've loving him the most and showing god that you believe in him the most we can't believe in god anymore because we look too close we talk too deeply into greedily and we know too much so now we can 1:14:21 only feel guilt and have to constantly purge it to satisfy an other that we have created a psychological projection that judges us now and makes us punish ourselves or feel pleased now because we won't be in the future because we now have internalized the end of life as the closing of the and that is faith that is inverted what i'm saying is a rediscovery of faith that says okay what do i do about this if i don't feel good and then seeks out not to hide from it but to engage with it and that means engaging with the pain of others engaging with the herd of others and seeking to soothe it and by soothing it soothe our own and i don't know how successful i'm going to be at that because i have to admit to you guys this is a very soothing balm doing this 1:15:23 always who i feel so you know what i really am helping people and of course that's always going to be to some degree self-serving in the narrow self-defeating sense but there's other voices out there there's other choirs singing and i'm still hearing them and i'm still listening and i just am taking the moment to make myself feel ready to hear them when they start or when i can oh my god somebody says the soul as you know it cannot possibly exist the soul is the universe the universe as you observe it in the moment not as you look at it through the rearview mirror as you experience in the moment literally is a soul it is our souls all interacting through time and space both intimately intimately and over barriers spirit material there is no dichotomy we 1:16:32 can only we can only talk coherently about one or the other at a time and so we need different vocabularies to address one or the other but they are not they don't negate each other they only negate each other in our minds which is why we have to keep that in our heads at least i do the beauty part is that once you start acting acting out of this motivation you don't have to think about it so much you don't have to

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think it'll present itself as the right thing to do because you're not doing it in your head you're doing it in the world and you're getting feedback from the world you're getting emotional feedback from the world and then you will follow that hot hot hot and then you don't have to think so i'm hoping i can balance my way towards that 1:17:38 over time we'll see i'm hoping that i can put this down translatable because yeah like it is part of what makes me feel motivated to do these is the image of it helping somebody somewhere which is very pretentious but also

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hey there little red riding hood you sure are looking **\*\*Music playing\*\*** like to hold you if i could oh what full lips who have the better to love you with little red riding hood even bad walls can be good i try to be satisfied just to walk close by your side maybe you'll see things my way before we get to grandma's place gonna keep my sheep suit on till i'm sure that you've been shown alone ether everyone's aware of what's happening here ah here we go man the forever purge i'm so pissed all right so i have a long relationship with this purge franchise first i remember distinctly when i first heard about the purge it was not even seeing the movie it was reading in on one of those awful movie websites years ago when i would just do that all day uh just indulge in this you know a hamster ball just spin around in the wheels of like observing this culture and uh instead of actually doing anything with my life this is just a really cheap way to get around the classic home invasion problem plot problem of why don't they just call the cops like you have to do something to explain why this house is going to be invaded over the course of this long without them you know being able to raise a neighbor and get people involved outside of uh the house you can only you know how how many times can it be a remote farmhouse in the middle of nowhere uh so hey what if crime is legal it just felt like a plot cop-out and then the movie really did confirm that the movie is uh is really just a very but then with the second purge which is a really really good movie uh it seems like they're actually grasping that oh like what would it actually mean to do this like what what what would our society basically have to look like to have that be a thing and how would it impact things and in that respect it got interesting and those movies i mean obviously you know they're not revolutionary documents nor they should nor should they be but this is a rare case where the infiltration of like political uh text uh is actually helpful because it's still in the realm of just you know pulp entertainment it's as far as you can get from something that someone can really think is going to be politically meaningful it's it's it's yes it's politics but it's politics as aesthetics as it should be which is watch a movie and you know get riled up like like a john carpenter movie it's like they they live i think would be would be a good comparison

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to the purge movies in terms of their their uh their text level like how much how uh how uh expressly political the texts are it's about on par with they live which i think is a great movie so it's in that tradition and all those movies have explored parts of it to better less degrees the election night is uh okay it's a bit of a letdown there's some good stuff in it but uh it really does sort of uh i mean obviously you know politically it's it's very lib it's very koutsky as opposed to lenin but uh that's really 0:5:8 not the problem the problem is that it doesn't really take that whole like electoral element interestingly enough they don't they don't do enough with it uh and also their idea of like our ruling class is too parochial it's too bush era you know it's like oh it's it's crazy christian fundamentalists like no that's not it uh the the first purge i think was really good the the first purge meaning the third or the fourth purge movie very confusing does something really interesting with the concept in terms of making it uh you know this overt political document this like 70s style agent prop but is marred by among other things the use of \*\*\*\*\* cgi instead of squibs and bullets 0:6:11 and it's just it's very distracting they cheap out and it just so it's like a video game and you don't get like if this this genre is about viscerality this genre is about cheap thrills and that means when you see somebody get shot you want to imagine that that really is blood exploding out of their chest i know that's sick but that's what you're trying to get out of these movies it's like some part of it is and then they did a purge tv show and very quickly it dawned on me when that was announced how that they really did not the people who made this stuff the guy's name is like uh james deangelis or something is like the the the uh the singular genius behind the purge franchise is that they don't really get what's interesting about it they just keep hitting the same beats over and over again as many people have pointed out there's nothing in these purge movies about what other than people running around and ritually murdering each other people would be doing on that night because yes 0:7:13 i don't i don't think you can downplay that there would be some significant ritual violence during something like this this society has reached a point of boil where that would absolutely be the case are you kidding people act like it's the purge is uh there's millions of people in this country who act like the purge is real every day of their lives is this in terms of their practical uh application and and we know the but there's so much else that could be going on and they really hit a wall creatively because they did a purge tv show and i thought oh you know what would be great here an anthology series where it's the different story every episode with a different thing happening in the purge and maybe they're all part of one greater uh like plot that gets tied up at the end but mix it up and instead they just did another thing that they done they did before and then only even more ham-fistedly political than 0:8:14 anything before and then amazingly they did a second season on the tv show where

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the purge ends in the first episode and the rest of it is people is people like uh trying to investigate what happened like at the very end of the purge and so it's not during the purge and now this new one is the like anti uh ice anti uh immigration or anti-borders uh you know politically like what the uh the first purge was clearly the black lives matter purge and and the this new forever purge is the uh is the uh immigrants rights movement purge and i gotta say that's not that interesting to me especially if you're gonna say yeah now it's forever the purge is forever and it really does show that if you're not gonna get interested in the context uh in your like high concept it's gonna wear out quickly it uh it's what it says is they didn't know what else to 0:9:17  
make it to do to make it interesting so i'm saying there's other things they could have done if they were a little more creative like do some comedy do financial crimes do like com complicated stuff you could do some amazing like uh farce with the uh like splitting the hairs between like the levels of weapon that are that are uh you know allowed to be used and stuff like that well happened um well there you go not 0:10:30  
gonna lie this \*\*\*\*\* ikea ass chair uh it was held together with like bolts and it just absolutely exploded oh well i really should just stop talking now because what would any why would anyone listen to anything i'd ever have to say after that good lord 0:11:31  
wouldn't own god damn i just got so owned now fair enough cap that if you must because what am i going to do you know it happened exploded hey well i hope that was pretty funny i hope it was funny damn annihilated r.i.p to me all right boy all 0:12:39  
right i don't know i don't know i'm gonna follow that but let me give it again give me a minute ah well uh so anyway uh yeah thumbs down to oh yeah i know i'm in i'm in 0:14:0  
my i'm in a new reality now i'm not i i didn't really even look at the sopranos thing i'm not that interested it look i mean i'll watch it probably but i don't know and i'm really not i'm not a fan of prequel stuff at this point it really does feel like the tail eating the the the \*\*\*\*\* the snake eating its own tail like culture consuming itself into extinction like cannibalizing itself because we cannot there is no money to be made uh reliably in uh trying to create a new world for people to believe in because 0:15:2  
they have no belief left so all you can do is take those scraps of things that have worked the things that have like proven themselves to have some sort of symbolic power and uh and just put more money into that and you can say oh they might try to do something good but like it's essentially the same artificial constraints on storytelling that happen with the \*\*\*\*\* superhero movies like you are constrained you aren't able to tell something that maybe would be more authentic to the artist whoever that might be they're kind of chained by the existing intellectual property literal intellectual property like that's that's how uh it's organized i mean like i think better call saul a lot of people love it but for me that is the number one example of what i'm talking about better call saul feels like it to me it could have been a 0:16:3

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really interesting show if the original elements of it hadn't been i mean i really did not what really turned me off that show was when we found out oh how how hector got uh his got in a wheelchair yeah that would that was something that was an uh an unanswered question of of like significance like that's not the kind of set dressing that you just take for granted in any story you hear it only gains mythic relevance afterwards when you're trying to build on this \*\*\*\*\* this carcass this artistic corpse that you're just trying to pick over so uh no thank you to uh the whole trend of things that are just and also i'm sorry how we get from uh how we get from jimmy mcgill 0:17:4 to saul goodman is not uh an interesting uh arc to make as the basis for your show because that's not what anybody liked about saul goodman he was in a story that was about that that was about like a a regular person becoming a criminal like that was the whole mr chips to scarface and you're you're just saying hey remember that 0:18:13 uh arc thing that happened here it is again with a different character it's the way that when they made that solo movie now maybe lord and miller uh had a good idea for a solo movie that they fired them for making because it was too uh outside of the brand of star wars but what they ended up making with ron howard is \*\*\*\*\* and one of the big reasons it's \*\*\*\*\* is that it recapitulates the arc that han solo has in the first trilogy you're just having his character have the exact same conversion towards caring about the rebellion that he had in that movie and you could say oh maybe he gets disillusioned again between then and star wars but who \*\*\*\*\* cares and that's 0:19:14 because it had to be in this box it's it's all cannibalism you're cannibalizing the corpse of like emotional connection that people have to these existing intellectual properties and then just trying to smuggle in this stepped-on dog \*\*\*\*\* because who really cares about any of this stuff artistically everybody is doing this stuff has already made so many compromises internally away from what they would want to do artistically that they essentially can't stop themselves because they are once you're cooked into the system once you've accepted a certain level of comfort in life and a certain level of ease and lack of alienated labor you take that for granted and then you organize your idea of art your idea of what matters around that and all of 0:20:16 a sudden you find yourself becoming much more liberal much more much less and then you make things in that mold and it's not as good as the stuff you would have made if capitalism wasn't determining your in your motives in that moment and it's like i'd rather not celebrate this decline i would rather like hold a standard just because if you don't you will be drill sucked into the abyss you will be pulled into uh uh abstracting away from yourself all of your emotions and and vigor not and life and connection not around the world in your moment not around life experience but as life remembered in the form of these symbols these dead symbols that you're gonna and that is the challenge that we all in our lives the things we do every day 0:21:21

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the choices we make every day by what we think of as our material interest so this is the essential insight of marxism right or one of them anyway i could say maybe the most essential in terms of building like an understanding of human is that people are driven at base by their material interests not an idea in their head not any ideology nothing but what is good for them in in now through those people all interacting with each other they build structures that create new relationships and those new relationships alienate us away from certain elements that we have taken for granted and then all of a sudden we find ourselves in new arrangements against capitalism 0:22:22 perhaps but because of our our lives lived but always through the pursuit of material interest and the pursuit of material interest determines everyone on every part of the chain that it is not the exclusive providence of the evil rich they're not choosing to be self-interested because they're choosing evil they are being self-interested because we all are and they're better at it because they're already next to money that gives them more time to focus on it it gives them a better ability to coordinate amongst each other but it is still uh self-interest it's the same way that class consciousness develops among the working class because of mutual conditions of exploitation and it is understood oh my self-interest would actually be uh advanced by uh the collective self-interest being advanced and that we could do better together than alone and separate against these forces that's the forge that creates class consciousness and it's all generated by material interests now that insight is uncomfortable for a lot 0:23:23 of people to accept and undermines a lot of people's uh uh credulity when they're engaging with these notions is that if that is true then there is no position for free will that we are we are fully determined in this condition if that's true it is clear cause and effect we're like pin we're like billiard balls in which case how are we to live even if it's true it's just like any question of free will you have to assume free will so what is the use of this doctrine if it proposes a mechanistic understanding of the universe where we have no place for agency and the answer to that in my view is that when you say material interest you are not some sort of super naturally idealistic form of what this person should do in every situation that is not the material 0:24:24 interest what the material interest is is an individual's perception of their self-interest which means it is not just pure profit seeking its profit seeking wrapped around all the cultural forms that that person has absorbed given where they emerged what community they lived among what norms governed them what values they absorb what things do you want and what things do you not want and that doesn't just mean sensation it means social esteem it means a sense of security and safety it means love it means all of those things and those things are not perceived as a uh market exchange they are perceived as human interaction and experience which means they wrap up around cultural they're wrapped up and then reified through

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culture the steam rising from the vents of and so when people are trying to get figure 0:25:25  
out what their self-interest is they are it is they are sorting through their uh culturally  
imposed uh values and then applying that to the question of every every material  
relationship in their life so that means that material interests are only self-perceived  
and that is why capitalism is suicidal because there is no break that can be applied  
once it is fully uh uh once the machine is fully in motion and the momentum has  
accumulated sufficient the the brakes because if the only motive is material interest  
in the most narrow sense you will eventually get to a situation where competition  
spurred on through technolo and technological competition over resources is going 0:26:31  
to because as resources go away as entropy enters the system extraneous conceptions  
extraneous notions other than self-preservation can no longer be afforded and so all  
of that gossamer falls away and what's left then is material interest and that is why  
at the sharpest ends of the distribution material interest is most self-aware people if  
the very wealthy understand their material interests much more usually i mean that  
that's going away but that's going away for all of us because we're getting demented  
our brains are being destroyed by capitalism we're being hollowed out by because the  
algorithm says uh extract value of others for oneself it is taking the labor of others 0:27:32  
and holding it them yourself and using whatever degree of culture and technology  
is necessary to maintain that relationship it is it is exploitation and that can only  
go and that can only operate if there is not a human understanding of value that is  
not self-interested otherwise the self-interest becomes narrow all community bonds  
explode and are shattered and are replaced by regimes of technological enforcement  
that alienate us fully from ourselves so but at the very top end material interests are  
felt at the bottom material interests are felt because material interests are how do i  
stay alive how do i stay alive how do i keep a roof over my head material interests  
are well understood the land of politics is the land in the middle is where we live the  
land of politics is for those people who are comfortable enough to have a conception 0:28:34  
of uh of self-interest that is beyond oneself because they have some sort of faith in  
a community to maintain their security and to to provide them with the chance to  
advance to feel the good things we want to feel to feel all the good stuff and to not  
feel the bad stuff that is the basic the basis of a material interest we want to feel the  
good feelings and that is what we want short of all uh language but what that means  
has a cultural dimension the more in the middle you are the more precarious you  
are where the more you feel the need to invest in politics as a mechanism to change  
things because it makes you feel like you're in control at one end people know they're  
in control at the bottom end people know that they're not in control and can't be in  
control only in the middle is there a fantasy of control but of course control goes away 0:29:38  
at every control is going away at every level so it's all relative so at the one end they

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understand their material interests more because and they have an ability to control things more but that's going away too our powerful as i've said before are unique in world history and that there is no earthly authority that supersedes all authority that means we are governed by the algorithm of self-preservation everyone for themselves because we're at the end of the the uh that we're at the uh point where the entropy has exacerbated through the system so much that there's uh they're going to it's going to destabilize the structures that allow the distribution of resources that we call um it will all be undermined by self-seeking narrowly understood self-interest 0:30:54 because we won't be any money to afford anything else and technology will have taken over enough of the decision-making that there's going to be plenty of room for the people who can be rich and live with themselves while the machine grinds everybody else up and that really is a fight that's the civil war uh that defines politics in america it is a civil war between different factions of our ruling class between the fixed capital of of of the uh of like the land-based economies uh of the american hinterland versus coastal uh finance capitalism and they're they are two ends of a pole defined by time and space coasts uh central uh areas uh uh former agricultural and industrial bases and coastal areas of trade and finance most importantly and then 0:31:55 the cultures that are arrayed around them are all cultures of those middle sectors representing those that's our that's our politics it's a civil war between these factions that can no longer recognize each other because of the atomizing and isolating uh and depersonalizing and alienating effects of capitalism it's stripping the rich of their sense of autonomy too and they're expressing it through alienation from each other through much narrow self-seeking through a lack of any long-term investment in any stable uh uh economic and that is why you get a situation where the rich 0:33:0 are steering the boat for in terms of human in uh human agency the wealthy the transnational the predicted by march marks transnational uh bourgeois that actually run this thing that move the levers of this \*\*\*\*\* thing that play the they have less and less discretion over what to do than anybody in their position in history even while they have more actual control over it than any other group of people on earth and that means that they predominate they're able to express their will what they think is their will on an unprecedented number of people thanks to technology and globalization but they're not even in charge and they don't they don't feel in charge and their the breakup of civil society is their uh their the lack of faith the the crisis 0:34:1 of faith they're having in the state control and that's not what any of those rich people would want to have happen they don't want this to happen they're trying they've been trying to steer the ship away from this their whole lives and everybody in charge has always been trying to steer away from this but the runway has run out the brakes have failed there's too much uh feedback in the loop now it's destabilizing

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things and so people have willed us here without wanting it to be the case people have willed us here without it being their direct desire and that is why material interest is not deterministic because it is it ends up depending on how all of us as individuals process the world around us and then individually like try to live in that world as liberal subjects is not their interest it is the interest that their society gives them it's what it's the values that they have been raised and observed absorbed and that how that happens is an individual thing it's not your demographics as destiny it's your demographics as setting for an experience that shapes you one or another way in a way that is individual it truly is and that means it's it is unique to everyone that there is no cl uh material interest that transcends the individual but there are aggregated uh behaviors that organize around these material interests and then those end up inscribing themselves on the land and then that those are the ones that build institutions and that build legitimacy and then a language around them a vocabulary around them and uh a coordinated effort around them the self-interest of the ruling class the self-interest eventually of the working class that is how those things and so that would also seem to be fixed you're saying yeah but these things are determined and you're fixed in this web of of like demographics and happenstance but you're also moving through time entropy is entering the system things are moving the uh the butterflies are flapping their wings which means you're re-encountering the world at every turn and in every moment you have new relationships to all of the things around you your relationships to labor your relationships to uh culture your own identity and those and that is where new forms come from that then and that's why for an individual at the individual level the challenge is to recognize where you are in this chain and try to just break the break the machinery break the mechanistic rel determined relationship between a stimuli and your reaction to it not your necessarily your thought because that's gap is the only freedom any of us really have that little moment in time where we can consider and then and then change our perception and change our approach to the world that we're and that is cope that needs to be said this is all incredible cope and yes of course because all of these thoughts i've been having are in the context of recognizing that the war between the classes was won that we are now in a crisis of capitalism because the the breaks the class resistance that counter edumatic resistance to capitalism used to provide are broken that doesn't mean that new structures won't be forged out of this crisis but it is a terminal crisis and so the question of what to do probably isn't at the level of who do you vote for certainly not for president maybe at the local level and i would say at the local level yes because you might be able to build actual uh actionable networks out of those uh relationships because they're people who are in the same area but that like national electoral politics where you're

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talking about oh oh are we gonna add dc as a state to get a few more senators as though there's anything like the time to address the situation through those channels without a direct channel challenge to the very edifice that they are part of i think is unrealistic that doesn't mean people shouldn't vote but it certainly means that if you are counting on voting to be where the the action is and not just sort of a 0:40:13  
a social ritual a re-commitment of yourself to a commonwealth uh a entertainment element that keeps you invested in the world around you and and keeps you talking to other people because remember well this stuff might matter it's what people care about so you want to be able to talk to people about it you want to be engaged because that's how most people understand politics but the results that happen there are not going to be determinative the results that happen locally are going to be determinative the results that create robust infrastructures of resistance are going to be what matters and that's why i think in la for example where i've recently come uh there's a very impressive effort to uh make an attempt to grab control of the uh the city council uh in la uh from like the coalition of of you of you know unions and machines that run it now now of course the terror there is everyone 0:41:15  
thinks immediately aoc oh god we're talking about all of the awful uh questions of sheep dipping and and uh that happens because those \*\*\*\*\* representatives have no accountability to anybody what the \*\*\*\*\* can anybody do about aoc no one who who thinks that she's part of their team or wants to kick her out of the tent of their team has any real influence over her but the local level at the council level you can actually potentially because especially because the voting pools are generally smaller and more concentrated you can actually wield block-like influence over uh your local politicians in a way that changes the stakes and makes you have to reorient your whole upper uh understanding of what the politics are it makes you have to give up 0:42:16  
a lot of your ego based uh fixations on uh like ritualized positions on things for one like you might actually have to sacrifice some uh uh idealized notions on the altar of um of practicality which had never come into anybody's mind because no power has ever been wielded on the left if you do get local local power it's going to come with the necessity of realpolitik that i don't think a lot of people are ready for because purity politics has been the sum total of politics for most people's adult lives there's been nothing other than your the purity of your position and this isn't to blame anybody for that it's not to say you're being a culture of narcissist pmc because of that there is no other thing to base it on because there is no actual power there is only a daily like self understanding of who you are in a fallen world what else are you supposed to do but when power is on the table you have to reorient yourself 0:43:20  
and it's going to be a big challenge and i honestly don't know how it's gonna shape up it could create up like a bad feedback loop that generally genuinely does like uh

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undermine everything or you know uh it could be a situation where the momentum of power has its own converting ability its own um its own uh persuasive power like if you actually get something done as opposed to be told something's gonna get done and then it never actually does if you actually have a situation where you vote someone for someone if they don't you stop so they do what you want them to do if you actually have that the stakes change and it more than anything clarifies 0:44:22  
action because your decisions are not no longer well what position am i going to take on this because all i'm going to be doing all day is reinforcing what i believe by expressing it to other people what if i'm actually doing something like participating in something like active in it all of a sudden the stakes are much closer to my moment and it clarifies what i should do because the actual moment can be viewed clearly because it's in front of you it's not in the ether it's not in this machine that rewards novelty and righteousness and that is why i think the uh absolute the only response to have uh to this whole stupid online argument about stalin and whether he's good or bad the most tedious argument ever one of them anyway that comes up over and 0:45:23  
over again uh can be answered by not ch by not even engaging with the the the genuinely bourgeois sentimental \*\*\*\*\* about number of bodies and stuff like that which anyone with elementary understanding of material analysis would say that's \*\*\*\*\* uh \*\*\*\*\* churchill had six million uh bengalis on his hands and he he \*\*\*\*\* laughed about it throughout the entire war he thought it was he thought it was uh basically a giant like prank from uh one of his disgusting who cares about that stalin was a \*\*\*\*\* coward a \*\*\*\*\* and a loser and that's what matters stalin did an incredible thing in building the soviet union if you want to give him credit for it which is of course stupid in the first place because another reason all this discourse 0:46:24  
is ridiculous there's no the power does not reside in the person that way you're actually doing like mysticism to imbue one dude with the entire uh like uh agency of the soviet project that's stupid he built this thing him and him in the system that he presided over created this formation this thing that was not capitalism that was developmental without the profit at the heart of it now it was as capitalism had been in insanely bloody in its development had rung blood from stones had turned peasants into mulch because that's what you do that is what's that's what progress and civilization is it is pulling people away from the land it's pulling resources away from the land it is reducing uh uh reducing miles basically in the countryside so that 0:47:25  
consumption can happen in the cities and that is where you build state you build capital you build an economy you build state capacity you build something that can compete on the westphalian stage of of state competition that emerged in europe in the 18 17th century which is the context for all the developments of capitalism and soviet communism and everything else that is that is the the train that gave birth to

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everything and so communism did what capitalism did it killed a lot of peasants and it effectively distributed resources enough to leapfrog historical development stages far faster than capitalism would have allowed for because capitalism parcels out that violence and parceling out that violence was harder for the soviets because their empire was a multi-ethnic empire their empire was relatively homogeneous as opposed to the empires of europe which were so you could have safe cozy social democracies in the heartland and brutal extraction at the edges couldn't do that in the soviet union everybody's a slav basically certainly everybody where there's any and so you got to do it to your own people which makes your system poisonous in in in world memory in a way that the european imperial powers aren't because of that so they did what the capitalism did much faster to their own people and they fought off an existential attack by this monstrous national capitalist mutant in the form of the the nazi state that was going to solve the problem of of of capitalism and culture under capitalism by creating a a master race for who who would have all rights and therefore all liberties and all material uh uh all material interests met any kind of conceivable material interest met and then other humans who are either extinguished or provide the slave labor and are outside of humanity essentially libertarianism because libertarianism is the same end state it is not the end of human misery and human exploitation and suffering and oppression it is the cordoning off of that into another group the soviet union didn't do have that they did it internally but it gave them a chance to fight off this uh attempt to snap off a a middle-class society and just dominate the world with it technologically they weren't there yet international capitalism was the only force in the world with the ability to organize and coordinate material relationships because it had been developed in the anglosphere it had been developed in the american common law tradition of free real estate and ex appropriation of a foreigner the assimilation into an into a cultural infrastructure that made it more supple more able to coordinate resources and able to and it was the survival of the but then the soviets who had who had turned away from the permanent revolution had turned away from igniting the war in europe that everybody understood needed to happen to save the soviets from doing what they did to their peasantry he cut off that possibility to save the soviet experiment because he thought otherwise it was going to collapse and maybe he was right the only other off-ramp for this was bakarin buying off the peasants and slowly reintroducing capitalism in the countryside which honestly might have been the best choice but i understood i stand why they didn't do it and if they don't do it then you have to foreclose on the world revolution you have to become another state among states mercilessly competing for power for self for for survival but then you do it and then you get to the end of it and then you \*\*\*\*\* turn up your belly your final chance with the final confrontation with capitalism

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that you've spilled oceans of blood to afford and you \*\*\*\*\* out because you are too addicted to your to your position you're either if you're stalin or anybody in the soviet bureaucracy you are too addicted to the comforts of not bourgeois society but whatever a new bureaucratic class that they composed they weren't going to give it up there was a chance that they could have given it up if they had really embraced cybernetics in the 50s and 60s and created machinery that could reproduce the price signal but then what would they have had to do bureaucracy is necessary to the is it needs to exist to the degree it's necessary but if material interest is dominating people and because these are still western subjects these people were not these people were essentially not the workers who arose to take over soviet union it was this cadre of of agitated middle classes who seized control of the of the bourgeois state in the 1917 uh revolution but once you have a self-sustaining bureaucracy its understanding of the good of this of uh the revolution the good of communism becomes the their own self-interest and they don't even recognize that the two are identical and they pursue one in the other thinking they're doing the best thing for the soviet union but they're really undermining it from within no no we can't allow the price signal to be determined rationally because then what are we gonna do are we gonna have to get real jobs are we gonna have to work in a factory too are we gonna have to do useful socially useful work too \*\*\*\*\* no that's what they signed up for though when they decided to play the game after the civil after uh world war ii when they decided to fight the west on the terms of markets and outputs and consumption and economic development through consumption and that wasn't khrushchev's fault people put it on khrushchev it was stalin's fault this needs to be emphasized solon set the stage so that by the time khrushchev took power he had no other options the other option was barrier trying to do glass nose 50 years earlier i don't know if anybody is aware of this but uh if any if you saw death of stalin they really uh they speed things up very quickly uh beria was head of a troika that ruled after stalin's death for almost a year before zhukov and khrushchev uh got together to coo their asses barrier's move was to essentially in exchange for a russian marshall plan stepping down out of a conflict with um capitalism completely a formal surrender that was barry's bottom line this monster one of the most disgusting ghouls to be coughed up by the stalin estate and he was he would have been the man of the year he would have been the hero of the millennium in the west if he had pulled that off and khrushchev could him and yes then he pursued botched agricultural policy and a consumer economy but he had to because stalin had set the stage because stalin even after building that state was afraid to use it when the time was right stalin after the war is in the same position the german social democrats were after world war one and he made the same decisions and the russian because they had been bourgeoisied by their conditions of

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life and traumatized of course by the \*\*\*\*\* purges uh and just the the sheer um you know uh trauma of the war of the civil war years and of the \*\*\*\*\* famine and years and maybe he doesn't have to go to war over greece right away but he has to not do what he did which was allowed bretton woods the \*\*\*\*\* anaconda plan of bretton woods system to strangle russian \*\*\*\*\* communism by turning it into a maximal because yes oh we got to feed these uh we got to get out consumer goods for these people how are we going to do that whereas in the west get give more of these material comforts to your working class and they don't they get to they have to work less because somebody else in the third world is working more somebody else in the newly created third world is working more so he gets to work less so he'll keep working and maximal efficiency meanwhile if all you're offering is consumption and they can in the consul but there was no other way they could have they could you can't win you can't win if you're operating from an idea of material interest that is selfish you will you will eventually commit oh somebody says the soviet union needed control of the hellespont period the \*\*\*\*\* czars knew it the czars were the dumbest people on earth and they \*\*\*\*\* knew that you needed the hellespont if you were gonna compete with europe russia was too backwards to compete with europe unless they had something like did stalin direct his post-war foreign what he did was he allowed capitalism to gather its strength to wage a war in the in the rest of the world to dominate and control resources in terrains that the soviets were afraid and making them putting them in a putting them in checkmate allowed by because salon stalin let the west set the chessboard he let the set he let them set the conditions of play before so that is why i think there is nothing more tedious than argue about whether somebody says i have incurable alternative history brain that is 100 accurate i copped that i am uh i'm all about the counter factual but as walter shile has pointed out counter factuality is literally how you think of history you can only relate historical realities by contrasting them to things that didn't happen so you're creating a ghost image of history as you conceive of it and then it's always going to be intriguing to just wonder where the intersections are where the portals were between one determined reality and another because i really do believe that that randomness is in the system sufficient to create wormholes of possibility that are both that are that bore through every other over-determined physical interaction and that in that is the sum total of human agency the the awakening of the world spirit is in that it's the ghost in the machine that is slowly being extinguished like our spirit is being extinguished by capitalism it is not over wrought or adversaries to say that in a very real sense this gets me back to material interest our understanding of our material interest is different than it used to be at every level of society at every level of experience people living now experiencing this world now are doing it with

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a more impoverished sense of interest a more personally focused less communally 1:0:50  
validated notion of and i want to give an example of this not divided by from us  
necessarily to them but within time space so when i say that i say everybody now  
has a different and more narrow understanding of material interest than they used  
to that means that every level of society so every type of person that exists now that  
fills the ranks of our social classes and reproduces social behaviors now people to  
the degree that that same it's still situated with other ones but within them they all  
had a more socially capacious understanding of self and material of material interest  
so to contrast two different people or three different people i guess within one time 1:1:53  
span across uh like personal axes of experience uh as anybody seen the movie uh  
the founder about ray kroc starring michael keaton a very very good movie directed  
uh written by uh robert siegel the guy who also wrote big fan and directed big fan  
which is also a very good movie so i'm gonna do some slight spoilers here the movie is  
about how uh the process by which this this itinerant salesman uh this guy had been  
on the grind trying to get rich with like ronco level schemes since uh world war ii uh  
ray kroc uh finds these uh brothers who had created a new system for uh for fast  
food delivery literally uh an efficient distribution of labor within a within a kitchen  
to vastly increase the output of a restaurant and he and the movie is about how he 1:2:55  
got his brothers to sign over to him to allow him to franchise it his creation of this  
franchise model that consumption of the brothers he ends up buying the brothers  
out of their control of the company uh taking away their restaurant that they had  
created where this the first mcdonald's so that they had to call it something else  
and then he put up a mcdonald's just destroyed these guys who had actually created  
the thing and that's the story and it's about my and michael beaton plays the guy  
so the mcdonald brothers and ray kroc these characters are all what we would call  
capitalists right by the within i mean by the time uh croc is like income is fighting  
them by the time croc is is exercising control the company these are all capitalists but 1:3:56  
they do not share material interests even though they are the same class even though  
they're part of the same project the mcdonald brothers in a sequence that's one of  
my favorite scenes in recent movies and something that honestly they could teach i'm  
not surprised the prager university hasn't used this thing as a p pay on to the glories  
of capitalism like this is a story that is like would be in any textbook to talk about  
that wants to talk about the possibility of the american dream which is that you  
can through your own ability will gumption and vision and creativity you are able to  
write your will in the world that is the american dream writing your will in the world  
is the dream of socialism too but it is a collective dream we don't have that we have  
the individual dream that is our material and it is depicted in this thing where uh the 1:4:58  
brothers played by nick offerman as uh as rey and uh john carroll lynch aka zodiac as

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uh as maurice mac mcdonald and the ray kroc sees the restaurant is blown away by it sees their system takes them to dinner and wants to hear the story and they tell it and you can tell right away that they've been waiting to tell this story to somebody they're incredibly proud of it they tell it with theatrical panache uh john carroll lynch is just like absolutely hamming it up in a very very credible way nick offerman is like doing this very bemused uh under stated thing they're clearly just having a ball because they did this thing and they want someone to know about it and they tell the story about how these guys came from new hampshire to l.a to be in movies and i think that's incredibly important these guys didn't want to be capitalists they had the artist's spirit their first instinct was not to start a business it was to get in on the dream factory maybe you start as a grip and make your way up to a director you get to be a stunt man or maybe you get to be cast as like one of those guys in a 50s movie like the comic relief uh who who has his uh pants all the way up to here and then they they were like extras they were stunt man they washed out of the thing then they tried to do a movie theater they wanted to movie theater if they couldn't be in the movies they wanted to be around the movies these are people who did not want their material interest their understanding of their interests was not material acquisition over everything they wanted something else something that could only be achieved socially through expression and and then the movie theater was killed by the depression and then they had them find something to do so they were at a restaurant and then they applied their artistic temperaments to the restaurant and it was literally the bringing together of these two artistic temperaments this guy who wanted to create a machine a beautiful machine and this person who wanted to uh package it and express it built this thing and there's the montage of them sketching out the kitchen on a tennis court and having people go around there's one scene there's one shot where nick offerman is literally standing over these people coordinating the actions waving his hands like he's a conductor going relish ketchup he's literally ray kroc here's the story now ray kroc has no creative anything sky has no desire to be uh appreciated for his soul his self-expression he wants to be recognized as better than somebody else higher up than somebody else this is a guy who has spent his whole life trying to get rich has lived beyond his means he's probably married to a rich woman he lives in uh goes to a country club with a bunch of rich guys who all look down on him he's the perfectly aggrieved nixonian subject he's been he is a 50 year old man who's reciting the same spiel about \*\*\*\*\* uh malt uh malt machines to disinterested uh drive-in hosts and he's he has nothing left to care about uh anything other than getting getting some validation through uh advancement through social advancement power money all that stuff so here's the story and he just wants to make money out of it and so once they start the company

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the mcdonald brothers are keep pulling the reins on him keep saying no no don't 1:9:6  
do this we have values that uh are transcend money and he's saying what are you  
talking about i just need to make money more and more and more i need money  
what are you talking about and these are both people on the same class position  
who share if you wanted to use one word for it of the same material interest but have  
different material interests as they understand them because they're different people  
who and that is true in every strata of both of those guys are republicans those those  
guys are happy to exploit labor for their vision are happy to use the capitalist system  
to their benefit but towards different ends towards a more social end and towards a  
personal acquisitive end and the thing about capitalism is that it is a magnet that 1:10:8  
pulls people like ray kroc up and pulls people like the mcdonald because the system  
rewards the person who is most interested in making money by definition because  
that's what the system does it points like a north star those with an affirmative who  
are most aware of their self-interest as narrow who are most blind to abstract notions  
of value to socially stored systems and uh portions of value expressions of value i  
should say so they have different material interests and so over time ray kroc what  
do you know he gets the upper hand on the mcdonald's boys even though they had  
an iron clad contract he's able to get together with another guy who tells him hey  
you should have these guys be buying the land from you and then if you control  
the land your leverage changes he didn't think of that but he uses it to get to pry  
one over and to dominate the mcdonald's boys and to take it from them and to 1:11:9  
impoverish them he runs them out of business even though they're both capitalists  
with the same material interest because his interests are more narrow and because  
they are he's willing to do things the mcdonald's brothers aren't and it means that  
eventually his power is socially rewarded enough that he's able to win because who  
cares what the law says the reality is if he's got more liquidity more access to capital  
than they do then there is no legal question that he won't win because he can wait  
them out yeah sue me i will drag it out and i have more money than you because  
he's willing to do things they won't because he's willing to cut corners they won't  
he's willing to ignore values that transcend money they won't and then that happens  
at every level of the economy over and over and over again that process happens so  
that now we have reached it's now 70 what 80 years later almost 100 years later 1:12:10  
and now the mcdonald's are gone everybody is raykroc the mcdonald's have been  
driven out of the system pulled out those artistic talents they either lie dormant  
they are destroyed or somebody makes it on the margins of society or or takes a  
precarious labor falls out of power becomes politically so bad driving out the good  
exactly uh and it's all bad now there's only ray crocks uh there are still people doing  
art there's still people doing entrepreneurship they're still doing things that have

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that associated historic relationship to self-expression or autonomy but they are now  
crabbed and broken and small and everyone who pursues them has compromised 1:13:12  
so much that they don't get the pleasures they used to be out of it and so they  
have to reconsider their self-interest is more narrowly because there's no other place  
to get validated than narrow self uh pleasure had won't the ray crocs eventually  
turn on each other though i mean that's what we right now like in a larger sense  
the battle between the republicans and the democrats between those two capital and  
social formations is the battle between the people who are in the mcdonald's brothers  
positions not in terms of like ingenuity and and brilliance or anything but local local  
concentrations of capital are at war with the ray crocs only everybody is ray kroc the 1:14:14  
only thing that still exists is the social distinction because they still do have different  
understandings of their material interest but they are no longer being defined by this  
conflict over values because the values have desiccated and fallen away they're now  
just the forms of the values they're just the shadows left by the nuclear incineration  
of the values it's private equity versus like the local uh uh tire store conglomerate or  
and those guys are those guys are like those type of guys are the actual social engine  
in terms of the people who made up the voters the candidates the ideology defense  
provide the money for the conservative counter reaction that started in the 50s it 1:15:15  
was those aggrieved guys not the mcdonald's brothers who had a song in their heart  
it's the post-defeated mcdonald's brothers it's the ones who never had anything in  
the ones who were like local just power seekers and from the the it really you could  
pinpoint it from when robert taft had the republican convention stolen from him the  
nomination stolen from him by eisenhower and wall street you can begin that that  
is the beginning of the creation of the guys who stormed the capitol like that is that  
that was the the big bang of that specific social trajectory trump and then whatever 1:16:40  
the hell we have now this this populist right so that's material interest it's what binds  
us it's in this uh deterministic web but it's also moment to moment what liberates  
us from it is the fact that there is until we get to the end until you become jeff bezos  
there is a sheath a human sheath around that understanding because remember we  
don't even know what our best interests are if they're abstracted beyond our noses  
so even our self even even there can be no objective perception of our self-interest  
even in the narrow even in the short term and of course then you get the con the  
conflict between the short-term and the but even beyond that you can't even know  
the virtualization of the economy is what this is all leading towards the creation of of 1:17:53  
of cryptocurrency in general is is an example of that there the fact that you have uh  
you know facebook has a trillion dollar valuation at a time when you know real real  
construction total value of those industries is a fraction of that there's nowhere to  
put the money that can be profitably brought back in production there's nothing you

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can produce profitably anymore the margins are too narrow it ends up costing more to make you we're at the end point that mark's predicted but it's being propped up by the creation of an abstract shadow economy taking those transactions and then generating economic activity out of those transactions out of the ether essentially creating fictions around them and then and then trading the fictions but that's all it is but because it's technological now because it is virtual because it moves at the speed of the global like cybernetic mind we've now reached the point where you can do micro transactions where you're you're you're trading stocks in a fraction of a second and accumulating guaranteed profits over time that can only happen because there's nowhere else for the money to go the money is being directed more and more into the virtual realm into finance into all this because there is nowhere else you can put it you put it in as a loss leader to finance now all actual productive capacity all our actual finance i wanted to say about croc is one of the great things about croc as a character as depicted in the film is that in contrast to the incredibly inventive croc learns nothing has no connection to anything his desire is totally unmoored from any uh any enjoyment beyond self-validation it's it's totally arid at the beginning of the movie while he's still trying to pep himself up to be a milkshake salesman he uh he's listening to this dale carnegie tape or this dale carnegie uh um record on a portable player in his hotel room and it's just this spiel about how persistence is the key to success and he's repeating it and he's repeating it and then he goes through this whole thing where he gets the mcdonald's brothers and he he swindles them out of it he takes credit for it he calls his first franchise mcdonald's number one he starts referring him to himself as the founder he buys their name from them because it's clean and crisp and american and you can make it into anything at the end of the movie he's giving a speech before ronald reagan when he was governor of california and it's like recapitulating everything that happened and he's practicing the speech in the front of the mirror and it's just this \*\*\*\*\* dale carnegie uh record it's just the same thing he's been listening to for for 40 years just a hollow he's just it's just a all he can do is echo this voice saying grind persist because it's all that's ever animated nothing has been accumulated nothing has been learned uh and he spends the whole time succeeding because of the efforts of harder working or more uh more creatively minded collaborators who come up with things at every point that he then takes credit for because he's the guy with the money all right i've already gone but anyway so i think that's another reason that's a great movie because not only does it show you how capitalism develops it shows you what capitalism does to people and more importantly how the kind of people who thrive in it remake us in their image through their ability to persist like a \*\*\*\*\* fungus like a bacteria and it can only be carried out by hollow people and and they they

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demonstrate that croc all right i already gone too long and i've uh owned myself so 1:23:10  
i'm gonna tap out thank you for understanding i swear to god i'm not getting that  
fat i'm not that fat it's a poorly put together

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then there's nowhere else to rock is there room for one more song one more song  
you can't hold on when you can't hold on **\*\*Music playing\*\*** you know you know no 0:1:2  
you don't she took my love and ran around with every single guy in town hey hey 0:2:10  
**\*\*Music playing\*\*** my yes this is the first bc uh stream the first or no i'm sorry ac  
chat after chair or after demolition of chair i don't know but yes i know that no one  
can ever think of me the same way again after that one and that's fine but that's cool 0:3:11  
in fact i find it uh useful i can use it as a moment to cleanse my ego um this chair is  
well this has all the bolts and if one of the bolts falls out i swear i'm gonna actually  
put it back in and not just ignore it which is what happened with the other one it  
literally was my own fault my own laziness um so rumsfeld died today and i gotta  
say i understand why people want to like celebrate when that happens when one of  
these guys dies one of these ghouls actually dies it proves that they are not immortal  
reptiles although honestly do we know for sure that any of these people die do we  
know for sure that they're not just molting from one **\*\*\*\*\*** flesh skin to another how  
do we know that they're not just peeling off their decrepit uh rumsfeld or h.w bush 0:4:14  
uh scales stepping out of it and being a crisp new wet creature uh that can come on  
the scene and create a whole new arc of evil through the world like the demonic **\*\*\*\*\***  
uh archons that i mean these guys are archons these guys are they're so close to the  
center of evil and they're so uh consequential in the the misery of so many others that  
they're imbued with like real spiritual power i think they are sort of dark wizards  
i mean and you know we know for a fact that they all to some degree or another  
and you can argue about what degree that they all love performing rituals of power  
from getting your ass paddled and having to jack off in a coffin for to join skull and  
bones or like how david cameron the uh the uh uh prime minister who put his dick 0:5:17  
in a pig's mouth they love ritualized performances of humiliation as like a gateway to  
power and then like indulgence uh as like a sacred ritual like like you are sacrificing  
millions on the altar of like your personal satisfaction and pleasure you have to have  
if you're a thinking pure person with a **\*\*\*\*\*** heart and yes of course these people  
are all sociopathic but they also have they have identities that extend beyond that

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they're not pure uh you know like nobody is purely self materially interested right like there's always something surrounding that and then they have to create channels to work through it they have to vent all the associated bad feelings that come with being in that position and they do that through ritualized indulgence or denial and of course that's the difference between powerful conservatives and liberals as denial versus indulgence but if you're when you're at the very top and that's what these people do from \*\*\*\*\* bohemian grove to whatever the \*\*\*\*\* they were doing on they have this ritualized uh gradation of power that is conferred through uh performance uh sallow got that 100 correct about like what is at the base of like he said he was talking about fascism but really any ruling power in in the moment of crisis like the whole context of sallow right is that that is the uh puppet regime that's the nazi puppet regime that was around um mussolini in northern italy after uh mussolini was rescued from uh italian like state custody that's the italian state that had uh overturned him and was negotiating surrender with the allies uh and imprisoned mussolini for his many crimes uh when he was busted out by of uh the like it really is some james bond stuff otto scorseni who was like the nazi james bond uh flew mussolini out of an island fortress on a \*\*\*\*\* uh on a uh what do you call him a glider like you took a \*\*\*\*\* glider it's wild and then they put him and a bunch of us like top fascist cronies up in charge of this puppet regime the sallow social republic that was quickly enveloped and destroyed and and uh was it finally over overrun by partisans communist partisans who captured mussolini and executed him and famously strung him up by his heels uh you know one of the people who participated in the firing squad that killed mussolini became a italian communist politician after the war and was actually inc so these uh the fascists who run italy or run this little portion of italy in the film in pocillini's uh film are consumed all in there consuming all of their time with these elaborate uh rituals of sadism where they take these poor young people and subject them to the most horrifying violence that is explicitly uh related to their erotic enjoyment of it they're not just watching it coldly it is it is sexual and it is a fusion of like sexuality like the the ba uh it is taking bodily connection and stripping it entirely of intimacy and replacing it with domination which is the end state of the ruling class in terminal crisis of death it strikes out at everything because it is isolated from everything and so eroticism is all of life all of life is aesthetics as it is under fascism and those aesthetics are of theatrical violence and cruelty and of course that's present in capitalism at every stage but when you get to the end point and the sen the south social republic it was 120 days just like sodom before it was overrun so these people were partying in a burning building and they all knew it nobody thought that they were in charge nobody thought that they were they had the \*\*\*\*\* allies on the run they knew that these were the last days and

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they engaged as you would that means that when you get to the end of capitalism all that's left is dominion and a culture around dominion an intimate dominion that is required by the intimacy of crisis conditions necessitates necessitates an eroticized sadism now of course the reason we aren't having that kind of erotic explosion here is uh because we're so far from it because capitalism even though it is in a crisis where conditions of apocalypse are already here the rest of the people within these systems and the ones closest to the the organs of political organization legal authority uh and electoral structures access and proximity to technology uh and to capital flows 0:11:29 like the most are not experiencing that what they're experiencing is is the fear of it because they're seeing it around them and they're feeling bad about it but they don't feel the way that a guy in the room has to feel as they're carrying out some sadistic ritual they don't have to feel about it the way that the uh the way that the sallow aristocrats felt about it as in having to be there and having to really just turn your brain into something that finds that pleasurable fight against all human connection and all of your instinctive sense of of continuity with the universe but most people aren't going to do that and most people don't have to because they can afford to imagine that they're not benefiting from that more than they are being undermined 0:12:31 from it because they are aware of their own subject position we're not in charge of anything and so instead of confronting the horrors of the system that they're happening right in front of us we can perform rituals of either a cruelty simulated in the form of voting and like what t-shirt you wear and what you post online and remember this is a cruelty that is across the board of all liberal people who think that they're on top and think that when it comes to the the end of the line when they're when they're in the salo social republic they're assuming that they would be the ones uh uh who are the guests and not the the servants like if they close their eyes and put themselves in pasolini salo at the end of capitalism when it is the naked lunch at 0:13:33 the end of your fork instead of this machinery of ritual and technology and distance and geography and culture and spectacle to get you to uh detach from it and and operate within it and they say where are you going to be if we got those conditions now where would you end up we have elites and by that i mean even people uh who are aspiring to positions within the uh knowledge economy people who think i'm going to be a professor or i'm going to be a media professional i'm going to be a a influencer but for the left i'm going to \*\*\*\*\* i forgot what i'm saying i'm going 0:14:35 to ritualize my anxiety about this situation about this horrifying precarity i don't want to be the one watching that i don't want to be the sallow person i identify with the other i have nietzsche's slave morality and so i can't even though i'm a ruler or i imagine myself that in the future i'll be a ruler so you have to create a situation where the people who are suffering have it coming and it's not your fault and you're

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not in indulging in it you're you're not doing it sexually and dominantly the way that say the fascist the right wing would you're going to do it by punishing the guilty you're going to do it by guillotining and by uh being john brown at oswatomi you're going to be able to uh carry out that violence not in a spectacle an orgy uh like the fascist would but in like a court of law a in a uh performance of of domination 0:15:36

over uh over over righteous enemies but obviously most of us would not most of us who are having these conversations and this is where a lot of the confusion comes in about things like the pmc all the people within this discussion if they close their eyes and said where would you imagine yourself if you were going through like a portal to that period where would you imagine yourself and of course a lot of them would say actually i'd be the partisans i'd be the communist partisans no you would be at the shallow republic but will you be because the seller republic is the closing net uh the gilded caller coming around the next of those in the center of the global capitalist system as it pulls away from the periphery as the climate catastrophes uh 0:16:37

accelerate so you're never going to be outside of it you're always going to be in it and so you're either going to be on top or you're going to see yourself fall most the people who are talking about politics if you actually hold their soul they would say that they would imagine that they would be on top but because of the trajectory of downward mobility in america because the final dissolution of the fortis compromise because of the fact that the uh that the home owning uh like semi-autonomous uh suburban yeoman of america uh that that their entire that their share of the capital pi uh has been gone has been cut away for 30 years now 40 years now and you're just living off of the fat of this dead they're just on the on on this corpse eating the fat of it it is a cargo cult and so everybody who went to college thinking that they were going to get a job and be able to live a life like their parents their own place uh their kids uh some sort of sense of control over their their their leisure time their workflow uh uh and confidence that their children would have a \*\*\*\*\* future but people still have those expectations because that's how they were brought up and that's the conflict that's why you have people saying that the pmc is the new elite no but do they fancy themselves that in the global conflict for con uh over resources that we're currently in the final grasp of for for air as as the water levels literally rise uh the continuation of the war that's been going on ever since uh the end of world 0:18:47

war ii really to to uh create a economy as a giant hose sucking uh surplus to the west from uh the south to from to from the to and that's continuing in a context now and a feedback loop whereby the externalities of capitalism which are not priced into capitalist transactions but exist nonetheless in real life are accumulating and the 0:19:48

system as it is cannot address them because it doesn't see them it's dark matter in in the world according to the the rationalist approach that dominates our economic

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understanding of the world that is what makes us on the notion that there is an outside exterior an outside of the transaction world where all of the friction accumulated in that transaction all of the social alienation that accumulates from subjects who are forced into these conditions all of the destabilization of the ecology that occurs from from changing things like carbon dioxide outputs and uh putting acid and \*\*\*\*\* uh plastic in the environment like actually and in every one of those transactions that is assumed as the undergirding uh logic of the algorithm of profit extraction that thing that is not priced just happens somewhere else but there is nowhere else to account for it the thing that's supposed to account for it i would say in the telia if there's a teleology of marxism it is that this dark matter ends up creating its own articulation its own social uh reality that can then come into conflict with this broken system that cannot recognize what's in front of it that is the hope of class consciousness but the machinery of class consciousness so we're now in a point where there is just this accelerating crisis that will only be resolved by it starting to break up and change the conditions and relationships that undergird these dynamics because they can be arrested and diverted at every i've been listening to a very uh good podcast called uh fall of civilizations recently uh it's in the it's sort of in i would say it's sort of in between uh dan carlin and like uh mike duncan or something it's it's pop history but it's well researched and it's about different civilizations in decline and and it describing what those conditions uh what conditions brought it about and it's amazing when you exclude the ones uh where it's an outside invasion that emerges and changes like a rapid condition exogenously like like the uh the spanish invasions that you could argue that there were internal contradictions within the aztec state obviously there were but the definitive uh disruption of that relationship came from outside but then uh but excluding those where you have civilizations that collapse from within like the \*\*\*\*\* uh like the mayas for example who started to decline long before uh the europeans got to uh latin america uh and or the the late bronze age uh or um greenland or the uh the thing that they all have in common is that humans came together to adapt to their environment to create a system that allowed them to manage the the dangers the scarcity that's the word the scarcity of their social conditions that uh is what starts the building of civilization some people sitting around thinking of things to do directing resources doing ritual \*\*\*\*\* other people putting their nose to the physical grindstone of of creating a fixed agricultural civilization some working for it for others for others and then those people may be giving each other like some sort of uh payment to simulate an exchange that is like uh uh based on exploitation when really the exploitation is happening at the bottom uh and but the culture this is the important part as in the reified structures that people navigate mentally is created by the top the structure of this social order

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is created at the top it might be made out of like uh a social relationship uh a distribution of job of people um and then like the actual infrastructure of okay we have surplus what do we do with it what do we build with it well let's build uh some \*\*\*\*\* canals so that we can generate uh a more uh stable supply of uh of food so that we can have a larger population so that we can compete with and so that we can um we can we can maintain stability and the structures that are created by the people who are sitting around all day are dictated are are determined by that 0:24:58 this relationship where some work for behalf of others at the rate that they want they're dictating the terms and that will persist until a climate-related shift that is often but not always precipitated by these specific actions that these civilizations have taken to change their relationship to the land and their relationship to uh to like uh human habitation like hey we're gonna sell here we're gonna we're going to grow this here we're going to clear this land for more crops we're going to move this like that uh that is all those decisions are made by those who are benefiting 0:26:0 by the labor of others but they want to keep it that way so that means that when the feedback loop changes and those external uh changes to the uh the externalities put out into the uh into the ecology the shifts that have been put on the you know the the uh randomness generator of like the natural world all start pushing in the same direction and then that pushes back and when that happens when you have a uh system of drop when you have a bunch of droughts that overflow your water systems or that uh you have a diminishment of uh global temperatures that reduce uh your pr crop fecundity and and you have uh you run out of arable land and the arable land you have begins to be exhausted of minerals by over planting to sustain population growth that allows for the maintenance of your social structure and so 0:27:2 when those externalities start piling up the system cannot recognize the cause of them because it is made up of dark matter it's not built into the equation they don't understand it and so even though there are things they could do hypothetically to to address these crises and maintain homogeny maintain a social order maintain a social body they fail because to change in a way that would be amenable that would maintain the social order like greatly like the social body that you're part of would require those at the top to actually do some \*\*\*\*\* work it would have to change the distribution of labor within the system oh we can't hyper exploit others so that we can have and have more efficient agriculture so that we can have more surplus that can be eaten in the cities and eaten into temples well we all dance around and 0:28:3 do blood sacrifices and uh and look at our \*\*\*\*\* calendar to figure out why this is happening when the answer is right in front of our face and if we had applied the genuine um like presence of mind that that uh exemplifies the best imagined tradition of empirical uh science and engagement if we had the eyes that we had had

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when we designed this system to confront the crisis now we could \*\*\*\*\* lit lick it but it would undermine the social order because changing those structures knocks down and so over and over again the fall civilization is a civilization finding itself confronted with a change in the expectation of the uh the climate an expectation of how much water would come when how much fertility would exist in x amount of land how much how much calories you could get you could you could guarantee from a certain area because once you have a stable and sort of guaranteed house of calories you can start distributing them and you can just start distributing them to build institutions of technology of social technology of of literal technology and scientific mind scientific acuity and bring it to the like the the the thing that actually uh the mechanism that uh really does under gird alienated civilization pre-socialist civilization is uh this is the consumption is the urge the consumption of those at the top defines the culture it defines the actual superstructure and that is why the marginal revolution when it came really was the the triumph of capitalism as it into itself as a fully coherent uh concept that it says no lit production labor is not is not the value associated that is not where value comes from because the un fundamental idea that of the labor theory of value in my mind metaphysically is that because labor is unpleasant the labor that is alienated and all labor under under uh regimes of control is alienated because you're not getting the benefit of it and you're not choosing to do it you're not choosing to do it someone else is making you do it so it is alienated labor that is pain that accumulates in the system as feedback that has to be addressed that has to be sued that has to be transformed into something else and as long as culture is being made by people who produce even because there is a relatively small number at the top who are unable to whose culture is very uh contained like pre-modern civilizations they were what those guys were talking about and what they were making is much farther from the experience of the average person within that polity that is true in the modern world of mass uh literacy and mass media like those guys were living in a different world and inside the castles and inside the temples for one thing they could \*\*\*\*\* read they could read and write which the vast majority of these people could not do culture and of course what the the temples are what's left so we look back and we say oh that's the civilization no that was this thing on top of the social order the the real the real culture was going on at the base but that real culture is gone we can't see it it's dissolved all we have left is this and now we all live in it we live in the temple because the temple is now the internet the temple is the internet and we all live in it everybody who got to this x point where they are alienated but but comfortable enough to put time into uh creating a identity that extends beyond themselves into a cyber realm where their actual subjectivity their human sense of self is no longer extricable from this

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network once we took over because technology allowed the smaller number a much larger group to emerge out of the exploitation of one the spoils of imperialism were 0:33:14  
were measured out at at the top not evenly but over time which created more leisure  
and more technology more importantly more time to spend in the cloud which makes  
your reality part of the cloud in a way that previous people were fundamentally not  
like this is a difference this is where you go from a society that is that is bifurcated  
where we're only seeing half of it or or not even half by by uh only half by like uh  
relationship not half by numbers a minority that's what we get that's all we've ever  
had and that is what how you have to have in a society that is a pre uh that is  
dominance based but pre-modern that is class-based but pre-modern once you have 0:34:15  
a modern social uh media once you have mass media you have uh taken huge chunks  
of people who are being exploited and who get to live in the realm of the rulers they  
get to live in the cloud with the rich people they get to live in the temple they get  
to live in the temple of their minds while their bodies and that is that's what's scary  
about the moment is that if we are at now a point where this dark matter that is  
now pushing against our social order that has accumulated since we went to a global  
system once we created a world system we created a closed economic system and all  
of our models are based on open ones every model we have of how humans interact  
and engage with each other are premised with interactions having externalities not  
priced in which means we're literally unable to see their contribution to this until it's 0:35:18  
because you could argue it's too late i think that to avoid a breakup from within to  
avoid that crack that fall of a civilization but what that means is up to us because  
civilizations can fall in different ways there's no there's nothing i would say that  
necessitates the fall of this civilization to be a uh totally apocalyptic and gen and  
uh omnicidal one which i think a lot of people assume and of course there is a lot  
of comfort in assuming that if you assume that then you can kind of feel like well it  
doesn't really matter what i do in a real in like a metaphysical sense and in in another  
uh just more selfish you don't have to die worried about missing stuff which is what i  
think a lot of people feel or have felt especially in moments of progress oh man what 0:36:20  
am i going to miss what what human heights are we going to scale that i'm going to  
miss you don't have to if you really think that that the light of humanity is going to  
be extinguished in the next hundred years you can really you can do the saturn the  
bakanali now how at some point it's going to get too sadistic and you're going to have  
to ask yourself what you actually care about but you can live in that gray zone for a  
while so that isn't to say that we aren't going to all die in 100 years or 200 years it is  
simply to say that any you cannot approach that question and answer it objectively  
because these are things that frankly none of us are equipped to know predicting  
the future is the hardest thing in the world understanding the past is impossible

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predicting the future is equally impossible it is absurd to do so and uh it's it's one 0:37:21  
of the lowliest intellectual pursuits and yet we can look at a question like this which  
we can break down into numbers like amount of carbon uh ex amount of carbon that  
we're producing amount of uh energy necessary amount of energy consumption all  
these questions you can look at them all and get a pretty good map of where we're  
going with nothing changes and of course that's the big if if nothing changes or if  
not enough change is fast enough but you're filling in the gaps in your own mind  
you are not getting some perfect understanding and rendering of this you are looking  
through a glass darkly and you're filling in the spaces with what you want to be true  
even if you don't know you're doing it this is the most important part it does not  
have to be conscious in fact it isn't if it was conscious you'd have to deal with it you  
get to keep it under and then it stains your reasoning like it does everyone's in a way 0:38:23  
that you cannot perceive so everyone who's like convinced that that's the case you  
have to i think you should admit that the deciding factor in you believing that is  
not any uh extrapolation from data or rational response or considered thing it is the  
the seductive freedom the seductive indulgence that it suggests because you really  
could say like what i'm not really hurting anybody yeah i'm hurting a little people  
a little bit you know i'm i'm consuming carbon outside of my uh vastly outside of  
what i what i should as an individual i i uh subsist on the labor of other people  
in other countries and and uh uh the manufacturer uh and agricultural sectors to  
provide me with food even here domestically i take advantage of people through  
uh delivery services and servant apps but all that violence is sublimated and and 0:39:26  
i really am in many ways not responsible for it so why not just have fun and it's  
like yeah you know what if you can convince yourself of that do it but at a certain  
point you're going to hit it where it doesn't work anymore the hedonic treadmill you  
will be left exhausted you'll be left a husk because the pleasures over time become  
familiar and therefore and also just the the the uh the sensuous uh energies the the  
chemical and hormonal uh and your physical components of of uh sensation forget  
even sensuality sensuality in general not even sexuality sensuality in general sensual 0:40:28  
pleasures and those even include like the pleasures of uh the pleasures of like uh  
soporific indulgence are also those like being lazy is that too those all go that the  
ability to uh to feel sensuously is also adult physically and just through repetition  
and you're still going to be in this condition where you're headed towards the in the  
furnace but also feeling guilty and powerless guilty and uh miserable then that that  
can't be masked anymore and once you get to that point you have to say what do i  
do and the the the problem with trying to coordinate action among people who are  
all experiencing this is that everybody is at a different point in that trajectory the  
dream the fantasy the mystical uh hope of like a universal awakening comes from

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the idea of everybody getting to the same point at the same time the same point 0:41:30  
of this isn't working anymore and so we're all floating through space trying to grab  
each other and form a human chain away from being cast into the sun basically  
we are reaching out and grabbing at each other and we're being scattered through  
space by the momentum that we've had by our accumulated interactions we're just  
bouncing off of one another through space the only way we're gonna \*\*\*\*\* uh avoid  
getting eaten by the sun is if we all get our hands together and move in the same  
direction and that by doing that we can change our uh our physical presentation our  
material arrangement towards the sun our relationship to it and that comes from 0:42:34  
people reaching a similar point of disillusionment with the life as they've known it  
and a similar need to change directions to avoid catastrophe avoid avoid a crack up  
that's not going to happen naturally that would it would be too unimprobable that's  
just what it boils down to these are all random we're all in that random particles  
bouncing off of each other the odds that any of us are going to get into a point where  
we can have a meaningful moment of of clarity is is randomized too so it would  
be the ultimate lottery when it would not never it's just it would not happen but  
people are still always bouncing off of each other and they're always bouncing off of  
concepts and ideas and experience and they're all having experiences and when they  
line up the light right way like on a codex or a \*\*\*\*\* a and then if that happens 0:43:39  
you can change the direction that you're going you know those little those little if  
somebody saw gravity with clooney where he's going around on the chair and he's  
able to change his direction with the little oxygen spurts that those little moments  
are those little are our spurts that allow us to reorient ourselves but of course they're  
not constant i mean you'd have to be an ascended plane for them to be constant most  
of us are regular people we have flashes then we go back to being normal and then  
we have to live in that normal space until we have another flash but we can array  
ourselves in those moments between with little spurts and then increase the likelihood  
that we're going to bang into somebody else and maybe change their trajectory by  
making them have one of those moments and then you can start moving in a direction 0:44:40  
with others and using just your bodily the accordion like muscle tension to so if you  
accept that your black-pilled convec convictions come from not your best rational  
mind but your most your worst most indulgent mind if you accept that and then  
operate from the premise that therefore you are still an agent of history you still have  
a a responsibility to yourself and everybody else to move through space and time  
in harmony with it because otherwise it will make you miserable forget everybody  
else this is the difference between puritanism and real spirituality is the puritanism  
says no the fact that you're not get you're not enjoying it is makes it better which of  
course creates the whole perverted uh superego uh dictatorship of the modern liberal 0:45:41

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you do it because it feels good you do it because it is good for you it provides you to feel harmonious which is the ultimate the ultimate distillation of when we say what does it mean to feel good in any abstract sense what does it mean to feel right to feel home to feel safe secure to be validated is in harmony with the moment most of us never feel that because we're being ground through this thing without any awareness of where we're going or anything and the ability to uh to not allow the feelings the emote the the physical feelings associated with our life to dominate and dictate our well i was supposed to do book club requests today and i didn't really look at the chat so let's do it now if anyone speaking of books uh it was announced today that i signed the contract with zero books to do uh a book called behold a fail horse which is going to be some transcripts and edited and and polished of course uh of interviews with me maybe an essay based on these last few that i feel like have been pretty uh uh pretty helpful i feel like i'm it's never going to be finished but at some point i'm going to say good enough somebody said the black jacket is by clr james and that is not a bad suggestion i will take that into account i'm not going to necessarily say now but that's the leader in the clubhouse i just got done listening to uh my friend everett's really good napoleon podcast series on the haitian war of independence and it is making me been thinking about haiti a lot yeah it's called age of napoleon let me let me uh plug that one of the best history podcasts out there he uses napoleon basically as a lens to look through the uh the the uh the the phenomenon of like europe's uh final uh messy birth into full modernity like napoleon is basically the midwife of modern europe he pulls that baby out of the mother gets the forceps in there yanks her out history on horseback just yanking that baby out of the gap so he's a very useful character to examine the whole process through because that really is that that period from uh from the revolutionary war to uh probably congress of vienna there you've got uh i would say there's two there's three crucial flash point conflicts that define the that define the the uh the trajectory of capitalism as it breaks free of containment basically in europe because capitalism starts off as just the accumulation of a bunch of practices ideas and technologies which had existed throughout human history the chinese famously had most of them but even in europe they'd existed in some form or another uh throughout its period in its existence and even back in the the greco-roman era uh what happened specifically in uh in modern europe though is that you had a a the creation of a technologically uh advancing social order coming uh into uh um uh coming to a point of crisis created by first the the uh the black death and its incumbent it's a change of uh property relations it's undermining of ruling class authority like there is a long-term crisis of authority at the top of feudalism that emerges from the black death because there's so much more land because of all the \*\*\*\*\* people who died that the individual agricultural

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workers had a much better hand that they could play they could withhold their labor at their own terms because they could and the response to that is enclosure the creation of a a landless peasantry who would have to sell their labor to live that's and that's where capitalism comes from as a response to the crisis created by the uh the crisis created by um the black death and colonialism was part of the process of solving that and at first it did it sued the engine a little bit it it brought in currency into the system which was very important but i would say that uh once you have that explosion and you have this the emergence of these forces the unleashing of the bourgeois basically that occurs at the beginning of uh of the of the fourteen hundreds of the fifteen hundreds it culminates you know in it the first big crisis the first third continent wide crisis that runs it apart and it makes it have to break it has to break up the foundations of the system that it accumulated to that point is the period from the 30 years war uh uh basically i would say from the beginning of the 80 years war in the netherlands through the 30 years war including this the english civil war and ending with uh the glorious revolution of 1688 you have a political revolt of broadly the bourgeois over the landed aristocratic nightly class of europe that had been the rulers of feudalism that fight starts in the immediate aftermath of the of the black death it accumulate it culminates in this crisis and then the creation of the westphalian system of competing states that are eternally coherent and uh have like and whose sovereignty is respected across borders sort of as assumption like if you are the head of state by that definition you are the legitimate ruler of that uh area like the the your rulership and this is still how we understand sovereignty now in international law basically until the the people who are in charge say different but uh at the time there were none like so within the system is whoever is in charge is the legitimate government so that means that you know this this breaks up the the dreams of universal monarchy or a religious basis for uh authority and rulership which had broken up over the pr pro uh the reformation nope we're doing realpolitik we're doing nations we can't do religion if we do religion everyone's going to die we learn that in the 30 years war if we do religion everyone is going to die so we'll do it on nations and nations started to compete with one another and out of this competition the system that best accommodated uh that competition was the one that most assiduously took the mechanisms of capitalism and use that to make their economic structure and that was the the constitutional monarchy of of the uh of the hanoverians it took a long fight they had to kill a king they had to have a \*\*\*\*\* commonwealth they had to have a bunch of civil wars they had to \*\*\*\*\* uh fight off a bunch of angry scottish guys but they ended up with this dutch \*\*\*\*\* who came over after a job interview and agreed to basically let the burgers run the show because it worked it got them uh it got them money it got them control of resources in the

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rest of the world it got them uh rulership over the sea of over the seas it got them an empire where the sun would never set and then so europe starts competing on that browns the other states have to play catch-up now the main other state is france france is doing catch-up with britain that's why it's fighting with britain in these wars it's exchanging slugs but losing all the way because it does not have this efficient structure its burgers have not been empowered and so once the crisis is within it become too accumulated it pops off in 1789 with a bourgeois revolt there and then that bourgeois revolt culminates in the figure of napoleon as the english civil war culminated in the figure of cromwell who then marches across the \*\*\*\*\* continent 0:56:29 literally uprooting all of the uh all of the less efficient systems holy roman empire you're done dogedom of venice out of here \*\*\*\*\* the grand knights of malta you are you have been uh creatively destroyed in the shumperterian sense that was what the french the french revolution and then the napoleonic wars were it was because europe was never england after the hundred years war was always looking uh in other directions it wasn't looking at europe it never really was it was like okay we're not going to be a european power in that sense but we're going to wield power elsewhere france was still a european power and so it brought the competition of the bourgeois state that had been pretty much dominated by the dutch and the english before that point who'd been fighting each other until they had a \*\*\*\*\* uh a leveraged buyout which is what happened the dutch basically uh oh the hanoverians came uh came 0:57:31 later but william of orange was a dutchman literally the the the ex the exhausted dutch republic being being bought out is by the british so the french bring this bourgeois revolt to the european continent and then through superior adaptation to the marketplace they just carve up all these less efficient feudal remnants and they replace them with with a modern with modern people modern conceptions of nationalism that is now not just a state project but a middle-class political project oh my god now you've got a whole new basis to undergird this thing nationalism ethno-nationalism hell yeah now you don't need now this thing that's bigger and more unwieldy and has much more uh complicated social structure and and mechanisms of uh of of culture that have to be maintained and more and more people who have 0:58:32 to be put to idle work mind work more and more minds are going to be idle and they have to have something to do give them nationalism build a state now well capitalism is still grinding around behind these people disrupting them undermining their uh structure and exhausting their their uh ability to uh max to do profit in the closed system of their of their uh of their individual economies and that conflict in in a in a political context of nationalism 1914-1945 and so we're now in the aftermath of that 0:59:40 when when the national model was essentially broken and replaced by international capitalism and institutions cultural uh political and most importantly economic uh

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replace national ones international capital is truly born in that era and now we are living in this totalized capitalism but there's nothing left to convert transition that belief to this is the when uh when the divine right of kings was extinguished over the course of the 17th century it was not that faith didn't just evaporate it had to go 1:0:41  
somewhere and it went to individual like uh religion it went to confession it was there of the king schming we need to be able to define ourselves by our religious tradition well okay that holds for a little bit but then the 17th century shows up uh oh that's not good and over the course of the 17th century you have the emergence of this new this idea that we are all individuals uh pursuing individual uh self-interest but within a framework of identity within a box within humanity and then we fought that no longer tenable after uh in the crisis of the early 20th century because periodic 1:1:45  
crisis are emblematic and definitive of capitalism it continues there will always be cyclical crisis of of increasing uh uh devastation because of increased extinguishment of the system and increased just by literally population and cultural density now all that we have is ourselves that's all we've had since the end of 45 and there's there's no way to fight back within that framework is the thing that's that's where that's where we're kind of screwed we have to build it ourselves these other things are built in by the superstructure of capitalism these things were inscribed in the culture that 1:2:46  
we all imbibed the religious confessionalism the there's nothing embedded because the they were directly ruled in a way that in a society that doesn't have the total technological control that ours does and when i say technological i mean just to the power of the money form the fact that you cannot in most of the world live outside of the cache nexus that is a genuine enslavement that's why it's so funny when people say i'm not going to live in the cube and i'm not going to eat bugs \*\*\*\*\* you already live in the cube you already eat bugs because all other systems of life are closed off 1:3:49  
you i mean my god how are you what's the difference between like some nice clean roasted crickets and whatever \*\*\*\*\* uh pig anus and uh kreutzfeld's jacob brain slurry uh uh \*\*\*\*\* uh feces rat poison uh barbiturate \*\*\*\*\* uh antibiotic slurry that you eat if you go to a \*\*\*\*\* taco i and i'm not saying it's i eat the bugs because i eat that \*\*\*\*\* i'm not gonna act like there's a line i won't let cross because the line doesn't exist you will always accommodate it because you're comfortable and that 1:4:51  
is the point of the fall civilizations thing is that the civilization can never correct because it cannot undermine its own control people within it are too wedded to it because they cannot imagine living outside of it they cannot imagine living with their hands they cannot imagine living no longer within the systems of esteem and comfort and consumption oh \*\*\*\*\* to get back to something that i've forgotten a while ago i got to stitch these together because i think this makes sense the \*\*\*\*\* the marginal revolution is just the situation where culture where the steering wheel of humanity is

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hijacked fully by a self-conscious bourgeois which then imposes itself on a public on a for national and international subject because we are consumers it is the consumer's choice that defines the market and the thing is that is a correct understanding of how the movement works in capitalism because it moves towards need it it moves towards power and need the needs of those in power or next to power who benefit from powers overwhelming and overflowing largesse which is what we have a giant suction system of need and so we build a culture out of the consumption and then we look at it and say culture is consumption and therefore we are consumption and that's only possible because of how alienated we are from ourselves as workers and how few of us do meaningful work within the \*\*\*\*\* temple which is why we are facing this new crisis that is as overwhelmingly obvious as when the sun started dimming uh on the mayans or the \*\*\*\*\* uh the little ice age kept the uh froze all the uh the waters between greenland and iceland or the \*\*\*\*\* or or 30-year drought or the like the watt that's not a drawing of me that's paul giamatti thank you very much that's a famous paparazzi shot of him on the subway looking glum so the more but the marginal revolution is part of that general process of economists describing the world as capitalism makes it and then refining it as natural law even though it is the contingent best interest of the capitalist class at a given moment which is in conflict with the best interest of the species and the planet because of all these unpriced externalities that the ruling class is unaware of and can't see their material interests cannot recognize it because their material interests in the near term so we find ourselves in a situation where people from the guys who say i won't eat the bugs the people who say we're gonna we're gonna guillotine all the rich people uh to the people who say uh i need i'm keeping my guns so that when they come forward i can i could go down like a man and i can fight for my rights that moment has been passed for everyone in this bubble like the guy with the gun what he thinks that gun represents is the frontier mastery of the self that the early yeoman american farmers had or or at least had a much uh they imagined it too but they actually had the ability to live off the land they could live off the land they could live outside of the market they were free from the market that gun is just the way to keep that state of affairs we have people now who think that they're in that same position and who think that that gun represents the is the guarantor of that position who have been fully stripped from their ability to sustain themselves who have been fully atomized and made them and are fully at the mercy of the market they cannot live outside the market the market it's like getting booted out of the matrix without their zion to catch you boot it out of the matrix to die of exposure in a public park that's what we have and that is the that's what the extravagant public cruelty display of homelessness in this so that gun is a \*\*\*\*\* trinket that gun is a is a is a is a symbol

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not of rights that you're defending but of rights you've lost that's what that gun represents because your right is to go on a shooting spree your right is to get shot by to do suicide by cop okay but you're not gonna do that and by the time you do it it'll be a lost \*\*\*\*\* cause and even your dream of being part of some wolverine zest resistance will mean nothing it will be a pathetic orgy of a pointless bloodshed and you'll know it that's the important part you'll know it you'll know that it's a farce you won't go down smiling you won't go to \*\*\*\*\* uh valhalla to sup in the \*\*\*\*\* uh in the uh mead halls of the gods you're gonna be \*\*\*\*\* yourself and crying if you get up the balls to do it you will either accede to what they want you to do or if you say no or if you just can't hack what their new demands are mentally you get kicked out you get up to go on the other side of the human line you are no longer a person you are a homo saucer and at that point it doesn't \*\*\*\*\* matter what you do with that gun you have no ability to threaten anyone all right well i didn't talk too much about the book club although i gotta say jack black jacobins is leading in the clubhouse because you guys know i'm all about alternative history i'm trying to do some projects along those lines and i've been thinking a lot about haiti as a result haiti reconstruction 1918 like the real the real protean moments the real the real lubricated joints in the structure um but yeah i won't we won't say for next week but uh i'll think about it and announce if i want to do it i'll see i'll go seek out get my hands on a copy unless i think of something else though you

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in a wooden boat in the shipping lane with the freighters towering over me i can see the jets flying overhead making lines across the darkening sky and when the sun is going down i can take a taxi into town another raider at the restaurant sets a table just for one wheels keep on spinning round spinning round spinning round wheels keep on so i had a plane to take me to a place so far away from you eventually we began to see that we could be completely free and i could get away from you and you could get away from me and we could live each separately in our cities in the sun wheels keep on spinning round spinning round spinning round wheels keep on spinning round in a seedy karaoke bar on the banks of the mighty bosphorus there's a japanese man in a business suit singing smoke gets in your eyes and the muscular cyborg german dudes dance with sexy french canadians while the overweight americans rather oh you say you are not in love with me all right how's everybody doing oh thank you if anyone is enjoying the the podcast with chris i i've been a little worried about it uh it's it's always hard to know how to how to grasp the needle uh but it's a work in progress i think i think it comes i think we have at least uh what i've wanted to do with it is try to take some of the stuff we've been talking about in here some of the ideas and concepts and put them into a uh it's like a container historical container but the thing that's really you know always dogs me is what do you pick what do you talk about you know and then that's what do you leave out that's what's always uh so what i've always tough so that's why i've tried to focus on just like my role is within it just trying to sketch together a uh a meta narrative which is what you don't get when you learn about uh history in in uh school is is a meta-narrative of why these things are happening you just get them happening so we'll see hopefully hopefully people so oh uh i don't have a copy yet uh because it's not available uh as an e-book at least i could probably have asked for it and somebody would have sent it to me never mind i'm going to get i'm going to get a copy of black jackman's for next week we will be doing black jackman's next i haven't said uh how much of it uh i'll say that on a future show but sometime next week hopefully we're gonna start reading the black jacobins by clr james classic piece of marxist history uh and i

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think something that will be useful to talk about in the context uh that we've been discussing all of these books which is you know or at least the historical ones uh and that is you know the making of the atlantic world uh and the atlantic uh empire that we're now like in the terminal phase of uh and the key turning points and the key phenomenon that made it happen the extension of uh the creation of a slave economy outside of the metropole of europe broadly but like the atlantic you know the the british and then later anglo-american economic unit accelerate capitalism accelerate the uh social coercion cohesion of capitalism into a absolutely hechamonic force in europe because there is a lot of resistance there's a lot of resistance to capitalism first and most importantly uh in the 1600s and 1700s from the top of the social orders that were being uprooted by it the old feudal land-based ruling class that sees itself losing its authority over the course of those centuries and fights back i think that the uh the english civil war is like the first big uh uh explosion of that conflict well the 80 years war first but then that as part of the 16th cen 17th century that ended i would say with the conditions that uh allowed capitalism to triumph uh and like cemented its control that would be the glorious the glorious revolution of 1688 more than anything but we've talked about that in the past so that was the first sort of emergence of elite resistance to capitalism but then the 19th century is defined by uh by common if we're going to still talk about like these feudal orders that are being broken up these feudal social arrangements will be broken up by capitalism it's like a wedge breaking up this thing it's like a jackhammer breaking up this thing but the chunks are still there and they make up the new uh world so you're not just when i say common you can't just say working class because that's being brought into existence by the emergence of capitalism before that you had a common group which included merchants but included peasants uh it included everybody who was not of the uh the landed authority and they were being sorted into positions within this new proletariat in the 19th century and they revolted uh somebody says do 30 years war that is a project that me and chris want to do if we do another show we would like to because i do think that if you talk **\*\*Music playing\*\*** detours to talk about the 80 years war and the english civil war if you do that you have essentially narrated the the birth of capitalism as the dominant uh not just europeans uh um motor production but the world empire but what so you see this huge explosion of violence this capitalism is coming into being from all ends that's that of course racks the 17th century but continues on into the 19th and that every point would have state what stabilized it and allowed it to uh and allow the conflict to not become fully apocalyptic to allow structures to continue to be developed state capacity and such was the existence of this this place where the most horrifying uh resource exploitation uh both in the terms that resources needed in a place that didn't have a lot of them

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but also um the intense bodily exploitation that needed to carry off that needed to happen to to allow this to persist to allow the system to exist like uh the the the groaning gears of european capitalism were literally oiled with the blood of the uh of the of the colonies like you look at sugar for example sugar not something that is native to europe not something that constituted any element of the european diet for the vast vast length of the existence but as capitalism and its massively painful birthing uh miseries are occurring across the continent what should exist but this new thing this thing that you can eat and but the thing about sugar is that at this time and honestly still now but back of course wait much more back then given its technological uh level to make sugar is to do on is to uh do an unfathomable pain to the human bodies because it is incredibly labor intensive it requires a lot of really shitty work that nobody wants or would want to do that would not be anything that anyone would if you have a relatively s uh contained social order like post-westphalian europe and these contained nation states you can't do that kind of uh exploitation uh in order to facilitate like the soothing of the of the anxieties of the of the now newly precarious upper classes you can't do that without creating uh unsustainable social uh dislocation alienation and resentment at the bottom unless that work is being done elsewhere by people who don't count and so now you have this thing sugar that is incredibly profitable it has an entire industry around it and forms for example for a majority of france's uh uh trade is this literal luxury that is only possible through massive hyper exploitation and of course to a lesser extent that's true of all of the uh of the new consumer uh comforts that are enjoyed thanks to and it's that in it's that introduction into the equation of european capitalist creation that sustains it that rescues it at every point that allows for the transition from a system within europe that is leading to the common rune of the contended classes in two world wars that were genuinely uh you know if europe was the world or would would have been the vision people had of total apocalypse but they were rescued from that by the uh the creation of a set of settler states on that land that are able to create their own capitalist uh social orders and political economies that could then become the world sovereign the world sovereign that europe was always seeking and could never get from \*\*\*\*\* uh charlemagne to charles v to um to napoleon to hitler everybody failed because europe but globally once you have a sufficient degree of technological advancement in order to allow power to be remotely enforced now you have a power that can truly attain universal the universal monarchy but of course the sovereign is not an emissary of god as he was understood but an emissary of the devil of satan of uh old scratch himself the capitalist algorithm of profit extraction which untethered to any uh resistance feedback loop uh pulled away from its maximal position by the application of human will destroy the earth will make the earth hell will reign in

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hell just like you wanted to do in paradise lost like they like capitalism is was a tool created by man to win his petty war of power and in so creating it has lost sovereignty over the earth to it because no longer does decisions yeah the great satan they were right about that they nailed it of course now everybody's part of the thing the world system is locked into into uh gear and now no matter what the discrete ideology of the people at the top of any social formation in the world might think of themselves they actually serve the algorithm everybody serves the algorithm no matter what they think they're doing they're they think that they're they're uh defending allah's honor against the west or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* or they think they're they're uh preserving they're preventing china from descending into another century of humiliation or uh they're defending social democracy or or the white race or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* they think they're doing what they're actually doing is sort of the algorithm because all of their decisions at the end of the day have to conform to the algorithms dictates then they can make up a reason why they're doing it after that they can have their best minds sit around and figure out how what they're doing is actually for the greater good of a la or uh the the han people or um or the america whatever the \*\*\*\*\* that means or even the best the self-interest of the person which is of course being undermined because our goddamn ability undermined i mean my god look at the space race stuff somebody's pointed out very astutely that the space race stuff with the billionaires isn't so much about them escaping to elysium some of them might be might think that's possible but they're but they would be the dumber ones i would say that uh most of those guys uh and gals at the top uh are aware enough of you know the actual state of technology to understand the the the non-viability of of outer space is a long-term uh uh as a long-term uh destination for themselves and their families they know that that's why i think most of them believe that they're gonna go into the \*\*\*\*\* singularity because even though that's just as much moonshine it's something that uh is easier to trick yourself into believing is real i think if you have a curse like if you \*\*\*\*\* read a collection of neil degrasse tyson uh articles you know that it's incredibly expensive and difficult to live in space and that do and the terraforming mars is a fantasy and all this stuff isn't real the reason that they do this stuff for the most part other than the fact that hey maybe it works and hey maybe i get to go to space that'll be fun like as a recreation is that they have accumulated more money than they could possibly put back into a system where rates of the profit are declining and there is no profitable investment to be made in the markets what they could do is a seed to those profits that are useless to them as investment vehicles and useless to them for personal consumption because they could never spend that much money on themselves they're useless to them that money is in a literal sense useless to them they cannot invest it in the long term and they cannot use it

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personally they just haven't this is why cyclically and traditionally societies have to uh destroy accumulated surplus otherwise it fatally destabilizes a social uh system and the thing that makes the the that jubilee happen is not the \*\*\*\*\* algorithm it is people it is the people who man the machines recognizing what's happening and what we are is a place where there's nowhere else nobody is connected enough to the machines to be able to interdict because of our intensification of technology of the fact that technology has its own logic that we become subservient to shout out to my friend uh uh john collins for reminding me of this central fact that we are living in a technological society in which human interaction has become uh superfluous and most importantly human intention is suffer fluids and in fact beyond the point 0:20:18 because the thing is going to do what we're going to do what the thing tells us to do and then we're going to make up in our culture and in our halls of state reasons that it was actually in uh some broad understanding of our interest but anyway so these rich guys are doing that too because they have this money that they cannot spend and they cannot invest it could be used to uh invest in like the that money could be put to a social use but that would minimize their power in the hierarchy their position in the hierarchy it would undermine their envision of their long-term project which like i said is much more likely to think that to be in the singularity than to be in space but anyway they have to do something with this money and putting it into space shooting it into space is their privatized form of destruction of accumulated 0:21:21 capital but in a way that does not benefit he gets some residual uh effect because he gets to influence things more it's a propaganda victory like for all these guys uh they get to have their hand in the federal kitty in the form of nasa funding uh they get to influence and control like our technological uh agenda governmentally that's all value uh but that's all second order value to the main thing which is the money's got to go somewhere shoot it up in the \*\*\*\*\* space at least then hey i get to go to space it's just incredibly expensive yes i said the ai stuff is a hoax too but i think these it's a little harder to prove it's easy like i said it is because it's less empirical than space you know what i mean we're like we know what it is to go into space what the 0:22:22 singularity would look like it is theoretical in a way that can give people uh an in to kind of fill in the gaps for themselves put in the frog dna in the holes in the dna the dinosaur dna so that you can \*\*\*\*\* clone a velociraptor but i think if they have a long-term strategy for surviving eternally which you would have to to make what they're doing worthwhile and not monstrous like unless they're turning themselves into god uh they could not continue what they're doing but like i said they're along for the ride and they at this point are convincing themselves as it happens that they have and the may and like when i say that we've lost the ability to control it it's because the people who maybe hypothetically could control it like actually intervene 0:23:24

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in it because it's not totally cyber it's not uh completely uh it's not yet completely skynet because humans still program the machines for now humans still program the machines now that doesn't necessarily mean that's going to always be the case and it looks like we're sliding away from that but the majority of the important code is written by humans in the expression of human intent and the people who could exert their intent in that position have been so alienated from humanity and from their very spirit by being that close to the heart of the thing by being by so closely that they cannot recognize the human stakes they cannot wreck it they cannot hear the scream of the earth and of their fellow humans it gets filtered into music because 0:24:25 of how far away they are because they've surrounded themselves in a world where they are convinced that they are that that means that they are the most worthy people of uh of their minds being preserved that have ever lived their their lives being comfortable and pleasurable and themselves and them being able to do what they want is literally a in their minds been turned into a sacrament that is a level of mental conditioning that cannot be undone and even if one of them had even if they also collectively had a horrified realization of that it's too late at that point it is too late it won't matter what they say like when \*\*\*\*\* elon musk talks about he's afraid of uh ai uh he is speaking from that part of him that realizes what's happened to him and what was happening to the world as a result of people like him and he is 0:25:26 thinking of that moment when the algorithm totally takes over and he thinks oh i'm scared of that but of course he thinks of it as a technical question but it's a spiritual question and it's and he is only ever going to recognize that it's it what's happening until it has already happened because the only thing that he's going to feel is that lack of control he'll never feel an ounce of uh of of of pain that is outside of himself an ounce of the misery that's being inflicted around by him and by his world and the world of the people around him you will never get it you will never feel it you will only feel a lack of control that's it and at that point once he has no they can't 0:26:29 love at that point and so they cannot they cannot uh hear the screams the rest of us who can hear the screams are too far from the buttons and the only thing that can overcome that is if we bring our voices into harmony which is of course you know the the cheesy uh fantasy but it's the only one we have and so we have to keep it in our minds at all times because you don't get to opt out of that you don't get to opt out of having a uh something you believe in and it's just a question what it's going to be and if you say no thank you to that you're what you're saying is i'm just going to believe in my my physical senses and my my personal interpretation of those senses and that's what i'm going to believe in and that's that's not any more real than 0:27:30 than the \*\*\*\*\* uh that's the word for it i don't like to even say the word revolution because it is so so non-real i did like the last episode of rick and morty you gotta

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love it look he's you got rick you got morty i thought that this that that last one specifically was uh was i don't want to like do parables about rick and morty but all the clones killing one another trying to kill each other i really like the new i think you should leave i get that because it's like more of the same in a lot of ways that people are gonna be less impressed with it because they uh they're not having that like revelatory force they had when they first saw it because hey you know this really was way different uh than anything i'd really seen before so it was never gonna get the same result i laughed very hard at a lot of it uh so i'm very i'm very glad i'm very pleased with it and as i said on twitter they managed in that in the in the uh cop movie parody trailer they managed to have squibs every shot in that \*\*\*\*\* trailer that's not cgi that's something going off in someone's shirt which means that there is no excuse and if i ever got lucky enough to be able to uh make a movie and it had it had gun gun shooting in it man i would really hope that i would put my \*\*\*\*\* foot down on that and say you can we'll \*\*\*\*\* make money or we'll make deals uh on any other element i'm willing to compromise on anything but \*\*\*\*\* every goddamn bullet hit will be a percussive squib now unless you're talking about like you have commando levels of violence and then i'll be happy with you know three of the four guys who get shot just fall over like in a 50s western but then there's a close-up on one guy who gets opened up with \*\*\*\*\* squibs dan flashes was very funny uh the ice cream sketch with odin kirk was very heartfelt the paul walter hauser sketch also very heartfelt the haunted house one kind of killed me when he comes back and he's crying and oh god total recall escalator scene \*\*Music playing\*\* god that that is just such a needlessly sadistic piece of filmmaking that's and that's really what sets verhoeven apart is that he has an a keen edge where his excess is never just someone who doesn't know what the line is which is sort of the michael bay thing but who knows exactly where the wine is and has intentionally gone one step over it like some poor civilian in that scene and get just absolutely murked by michael ironside at the top of this escalator and then he falls and he's just a \*\*\*\*\* schmuck he's just a guy standing on an escalator turns around annihilated 50 squibs then he falls down and then arnold runs away michael einstein and his guys run behind and they cut two ironside and his dudes just stomping on this dead bloody shot to ribbon sky as they run for after arnold the that's why he's one of the best ever i'm very much looking forward to his great but yes i like to where uh i think you should leave too very much i hope i hope there's another the shark tank what i thought really was oh i got the watermelon uh lacroix i gotta say with the with the pretentious names i guess that's why they can uh charge like a little 50 cent or something premium over other seltzers is pastique oh man everyone's talking about the the bumper ass climate yeah it's not great climate's not doing so good there's no question that the

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the climate and this is where the whole you know capitalism as as as the satanic god overseeing the creation of hell on earth comes into things because it's getting to the point now where i gotta believe that climate change denial is very very rare on the ground other than uh you know real partisans i'd say you've got to figure 65 70 percent of people are fully convinced that climate change is here and it's because of carbon the two things you that you need to have is like a minimum understanding of the world but what with that knowledge can anyone do what can you do because we lack the mechanisms of collective action to turn belief into anything because we have this democratic structure that has created a party rule that is as unassailable from the beliefs and opinions and best interests both self and objectively understood of its citizens as the \*\*\*\*\* late era soviet union did 100 there's no any other claim is in my mind uh either disingenuous or or delusional like how can you look at what what has happened specifically the last 40 years to the average american and you're going to tell me that that their best interests are being expressed in their politics like their even their like i said even their narrow understanding of self-interest not even like a question of you know filtered not filtered through parties or stuff but like what they think that would be good what we all think would be our best interests and then you look at what we have gotten and this goes for basically everybody uh it it correlates about as well as you would ex you had in the soviet union with its one-party state because the parties rule independent of real influence any influence is felt at the ballot box by 150 million individual voters who are making individual consumption choices not acting out of coordinated uh interest they are they're voting for a brand that corresponds to a self-conception that is independent of any question of and if that's the case the party rules the party's rule in coordinating with each other and with the ruling class and with the international you know uh bourgeois and then ruling over all of it the goddamn tick the clutter clack of the algorithm they decide what to do and you could say well yes people didn't vote for this but this is all like in their general best interest only at such a remove from their like actual desires that you're not talking about a democratic deliberation that would take people's desires into account you're talking about a technocratic overlordship by people who are doing what they consider is in the best interest to a group that does not include them because they are in a bubble they are not going to face the majority of the consequences the negative consequences the sacrifices that their decisions entail like the 1970s which we come back to again and again the crisis of the 70s and how to answer it was made exclusively by people who would not really suffer and of course some of them might lose their jobs jimmy carter might have not become a two-term president but they would not have to work for a living they would not have to feel uh real precarity they would not most of and that means that what sacrifices they

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were willing to we're not being judged democratically what we would want but what they would want what off what would offload the majority of the suffering to others and and because everybody involved in this including the \*\*\*\*\* media that reports on it they have no vocabulary to even express now of course a lot of these people in the long term ended up being \*\*\*\*\* like all those journalists by now oh they're out of job well for them in the short term it kept them to get it kept until they got to a pension and in the long term who really gives a \*\*\*\*\* and more importantly even if i wanted to think long term you can't because what the algorithm and if you're going to listen to the algorithm you're going to sacrifice humans on a \*\*\*\*\* altar which is what they did and choosing which humans yeah like look at the republicans and with their hatred of big tech it's literally a consumer revolt it's i'm not being followed enough on facebook my grandkid won't reply to my \*\*\*\*\* tweets that's it i am not being validated as a consumer which is what we got instead of democracy you will not be able to if you look at what we got and what we sacrificed what we got was consumer choices and what we lost was everything else but that made up for it just like the sugar made it up to the to the newly precarious elites of uh of capitalist europe because we've uh gotten all of our boredoms amused and all of all of our uh material interests met if we're above a certain level of precarity we're going to be able to be we can ensure that every day we're going to have food that we're going to be a hebrew roof over our head above a certain level and it's talking about the people who are more likely to be uh you know in some way democratically connected to the system in that they vote and they participate in party politics and even if they have even if they are more precarious that precarity is not political it's not understandable as political let's understand it's natural what's understood as political is that this order gives me access even if i am precarious poor it gives me access to creature comforts that we become uh used to and if you're at a certain level of that these options become stultifying and the goal and the uh the job of becoming a consumer is not the job of satisfying your desires it becomes a job of creating your self creating your sense of identity building a you it it becomes abstracted to that level because how else are you supposed to pick you're not picking by taste you're not picking by uh color i mean these things are all relatively insignificant distinctions the only real distinctions that we can hold on to are much more cultural and that is where we get our kicks being validated being able to express ourselves and be seen by others in some respect and therefore to see ourselves and that means voting for a party that represents a basket of values that we then and that replaces politics which means that on a question like what to do about climate change which would resolve which would involve interfering with the algorithm which would involve breaking the algorithm and ripping the algorithm out of out of the heart of all of our uh political economic

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software like we would have to delete this thing from our hard drives that's the only way we're dealing with it when you have on one side you have the algorithm on the other side you have individual consumers who are just observing the world through a consumer lens finding out hey wow the earth is cooking right now well what can you do you can express yourself but you're going to be doing it through the framework of politics that baffles out through its many levels any real urgent material request 0:44:49 because it cannot conform to the algorithm you could vote for democrats what are they going to do well what are they doing what are they going to keep doing that's why the hope is that the feedback loop that keeps people at this level of paralysis where they're just almost instinctively hit the pellet of of identity hit the pellet of uh or hit the bar and in the in their in their little Skinner box to get the pleasure release from uh that that paralysis will be broken taken for granted access goes away and then that makes people have to reassess the world and how to deal with it that's 0:45:51 our hope and that necessitates everybody to be in a state of awareness and readiness for the moment which is coming and it's happening right now all around us and if when the enough people start turning away from the the narcissus river uh it'll win because the forces are right against it are pretty overwhelming but you know to it is we're gonna have to choose what to do with our lives every minute of them we do and at some point the things that have been good enough until that point no violence is inevitable well i mean hell when is it not like we're we're in we are 0:47:6 in a roiling sea of violence at every moment i mean you have actual you know uh violence as it's understood in the bourgeois sense but then you have the the invisible violence of the market wreaking havoc every moment of the day and violence will continue the question is uh who will be doing it and will it be a per it will it be a progressive force or will it be sort of the final guttering of the human candle you can't know that's the important thing and any guess is going to be colored by oh 0:48:24 man that movie uh the tomorrow war i watched that thing and i mean i've how weird it's going to be watching big budget movies made by well-intentioned liberals try to reckon with climate change and already we have the the the template from uh aquaman and and black panther where you have a villain who has a legitimate gripe against the system and undermine and underlines a actual like uh contradiction at the heart of the global order uh but who goes about stopping it the wrong way and for the wrong reasons that's the important part like in aquaman or says yeah the humans are killing the ocean we need to fight back and the movie says actually he's just he's just jealous of his half-brother aquaman who gets to go on land it's like i'm 0:49:26 sorry are we not killing the ocean if there was a king of the ocean wouldn't it be his \*\*\*\*\* job to go to war with us what other point of having a ruler would there be that to protect you from what we're doing in the ocean we just cooked a billion \*\*\*\*\* uh

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fish we cooked a billion sea creatures off the coast of british columbia just cooked him \*\*\*\*\* set a fire in the \*\*\*\*\* uh caribbean ocean no no he's only fighting earth so that's one model and we're going to see more and more of that but then we have the tomorrow war which seems to very explicitly try to make a connection between global warming and i guess it's trying to make that argument of like if we saw global warming the way that we imagine an alien invasion being then would we be able to come together to use our ingenuity and our human uh energies to defeat it but the movie comes down really on the idea that unless this is something we could shoot in the face it's not getting fixed and of course you could argue well there are people you could shoot in the face to maybe change this but you know the very nature of uh the system is that our fantasies of violence must always be cathartic and not addressed at our real uh pain that's the reason that the thing exists that's the that's the reason it's it's the same \*\*\*\*\* uh the same power that keeps the global supply chain moving is the power that prevents violence when it accumulates with a system from naturally flowing up but rather going down and it's so great so if you haven't seen it this is a minor spoiler but i mean honestly who cares these these 30 years in the future there are these aliens feral creatures that have taken over the earth and have killed most humans but the humans were left have created time travel and as a last-ditch effort they've opened a bridge to earth 30 years previously to request humans to come and fight these aliens and they actually do a pretty ingenious job of figuring out the time travel mechanism which is you've got the two portals we've got the portal between the two dates but you can't go anywhere else and it goes forward at the same pace both places like a week that goes by on 30 years ago is going by there so you can't jump within it and i think that that's and so then they just send people into the law to fight these creatures and then it's discovered they discover that once again spoiler alert you can stop watching if you're worried about this dumb movie but it really doesn't matter it's not going to affect your enjoyment of it they find out that uh these creatures were not aliens who landed in a ship in 30 years they were underneath a glacier in russia since the 11th since the 10th century a.d and that 30 years from now 30 years from the initial moment when the alien the huma the time travelers show up before the alien invasion uh they find out sorry if 30 years ago in the thing goddammit talk about time travel is always confusing uh they realize this thing is actually in a stuck underneath a glacier right now but 30 years in the future the glacier will have melted and then all the right the aliens will come out and eat everybody and so instead instead of preventing the \*\*\*\*\* glacier from melting they go to the glacier find the aliens and \*\*\*\*\* kill them and i don't know if they were trying to make that point or not but it's pretty clear they're saying yeah there is no coordinated action shy of like violence organized by a social order

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which means by capitalism uh to vent off uh hostility and battle for resources away from the actual but the thing is is okay congratulations you killed the aliens you blew up the aliens they're not gonna come and uh when the thing melts but you're still gonna have a melted \*\*\*\*\* glacier and how many other glaciers are gonna be melted and what's that gonna do to the \*\*\*\*\* coasts i mean the fact that they go 0:54:36  
30 years in the future and miami is still there seems like they didn't really grasp the metaphor they were trying to use they weren't really able to get through to the real implications of it like they dropped into miami of all cities and it's all there ground level all the buildings are still intact the ones that haven't been but tenant is like that 0:55:43  
too a time travel movie about about the generational conflict that we kind of that is going on without us knowing it which is the generational conflict between us and the future people whose are going to be born into a world that is uh radically different than the one we can imagine and uh and those movies are both dealing with that and it'll be fun watching just the mental the mental uh gymnastics being done with these big budget movies that attempt to be socially responsible and address issues without drawing the genuinely radical and terrifying forget like politically radical but just all right i'm uh gonna head off so next week at some point i'll say when we'll 0:57:13  
uh we'll read black jackman's or part of it anyway and start talking about all the different ways that uh that our colonial agricultural economy uh built the structures of control resource distribution political management technological facility that um that allowed capitalism to sort of jump the barrier from europe to the whole world in a way that was able to stabilize it long enough to defeat the global proletariat and then consume itself one way or the other

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um it's two o'clock in the morning i am thinking of you wondering what i should do when i'm finally cutting through it's four o'clock in the morning think i'm fine and i think i'll survive i'm finally cutting through this haze of love for days and days 0:1:5  
and days i'm in a haze it's you don't and i see this will end and i see it depends i'm finally cutting through this age of love haze of love stick shifts and safety belts  
bucket seats have all got to go when we're driving in the car it makes my baby seem 0:2:6  
so far i need you here with me not way over in a bucket seat i need you to be here with me not way over in a bucket seat when we're driving in my malibu it's easy to get right next to you i see baby scoot over please and then she's right there next to me i need you here with me not way over in a bucket seat i need you to be here with me ah howdy folks oh baby little cake for you today slice of cake little slab the old cake uh i can't i can't tonight i love it good band my my favorite guys so uh 0:3:9  
today let's just start off by saying obviously uh hands off cuba come on not even a contest this is one of the easiest tests that there could be this is like a basic this is like the ideological equivalent of the questions they ask you to make sure you haven't had a \*\*\*\*\* concussion that is the level of difficulty that cuba is especially uh this context where you are seeing some sort of demonstrations in cuba the basis of which we have no idea the pro come from that are even in the \*\*\*\*\* words of the running dog capitalist press issues of scarcity uh of vaccines and uh and food and supplies uh the thing you're supposed to put post on uh and the answer to the the remainder of 0:4:10  
that sentence is we are being starved by the united states of america like all of these most uh keening issues that are supposed to be generating this demonstration are against not the cuban regime but the actual cause of the direct cause this is not one where you get to act like oh we're gonna throw some fairy dust in the air and say oh you can't accuse the cia of everything oh you know just because somebody's part of the global you know economy that uses the us dollar and you know their their uh their ability to actually exercise democratic governments is compromised that's that's too uh abstract you can blame anything that way this is a direct economic intervention something that is an act of war in the form of the embargo which means

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no trade between cuba and its largest natural trading partner but also no trade with any company that wants to trade in the united states that is suffocating and even 0:5:11  
in those conditions even in those conditions cuba is able to maintain a a basic uh  
level of social provision that is light years away from what is experienced by other  
countries in the region that are governed by our allies and that and obeying the rule  
of law and having and cuba is able to do that even though being strangled have  
been for 60 years and this is not even something that has to be adjudicated in the  
the cumbersome mechanisms of uh of congress this is something that a president  
could unilaterally change obama was to his credit moving in that direction of course  
you could argue that obama's move towards cuba was like his move towards iran  
it was an attempt by a strain within the capitalist ruling elite to prolong american 0:6:13  
power by the application of the market like we have these places these nodes of  
resistance they can be undermined by integration and that's what they tried to do  
and that was what the the lifting of sanctions in under obama was about doing it  
was about introducing capitalism into cuba as a \*\*\*\*\* plague bacillus but it had a  
narrow short-term effect of actually helping uh cuba you know breathe a little bit  
but this could be something that could be removed this this stranglehold could be  
removed and then the starvation and the privation that is generating this discontent  
would actually be addressed it would actually be addressed of course the deal that  
the united states is making is look we will stop strangling you and allow you to get  
uh access to all these nice vaccines and all this nice trade but only if you overthrow  
a revolutionary government and replace it with the capitalist algorithm unless you 0:7:15  
pull out the \*\*\*\*\* software and replace it with the market that is the deal that's  
always been the deal that was the deal under obama it was like lure moore flies with  
honey type situation but the same goal any organized social opposition that has the  
ability to express himself itself in something as you know meaningful as a state and  
cuba has punched so far above its weight internationally cuba cuban foreign policy  
and cuban uh uh yes cuban foreign policy is more responsible directly responsible  
for the end of apartheid in south africa and the end of uh of like late colonialism  
you know the last vestiges of it like from the portuguese uh was the direct result of 0:8:17  
an independent castro foreign policy of military uh aid to uh marxist revolutionary  
where uh where russia where um where the angolan marxists uh fought with the the  
uh regular cuban military and some russian advisers a months-long standing battle  
with the uh the puppet angolan uh rebels uh and the south african military which  
until that point had been uh undefeated in conflicts with uh with native african uh  
military uh units of any kind and uh they fought him to a sand still and it was sort of  
the end of uh the line and it was when the smarter boars started to realize that they  
needed to negotiate an exit from the thing and that was because castro pushed back 0:9:18

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and was able to organize a military force that was literally fighting an ideological war it was not participating in a resource grasp on behalf of imperialism that part of power cannot allow to be persist persist and right now there's it's more soft power thanks to the cuban investment in medica medicine and medical knowledge in the form of doctors who they send all over the world which is a source of uh revenue for the state and also is a soft power projection no good they gotta go and the difference between trump and obama on it is a difference of tactics it's a difference of what can we uh what policy do we pursue uh and biden looks like he's going to just take the easy road out and keep the brick on the accelerator because hey maybe this is maybe maybe coronavirus is the \*\*\*\*\* last straw because they've been holding it together god love them but it's been in the face of real uh difficulty and persis sustained uh 0:10:20 economic uh pain at the heart of the system like poverty and that undermines the regime it has to it makes it more brittle and less democratic by definition uh but that still means that it is a progressive force in the world that has to be totally defended because if we did take our boot off of the neck cuba would if we took the \*\*\*\*\* boot off the neck if we stopped and since that's the only course of action that matters is get rid of the sanctions the only thing that's in the american power to do and the imperative morally because it's the actual direct cause of the suffering like if you want to be a bleeding heart and say the thing that matters is what will stop 0:11:22 suffering then the answer is simple this ending the sanctions will stop the suffering because that's the direct cause it's like once again this is an easy test to pass it is the lowest difficulty level and yet people are \*\*\*\*\* it up they're botching it they're bungling it and it's like what idiots no end the \*\*\*\*\* embargo you don't need to have any opinion on the \*\*\*\*\* cuban government you don't need to know anything and by the way you can't know anything what are you you're looking through the \*\*\*\*\* the the dog \*\*\*\*\* of the internet to try to find out what's going on you see a \*\*\*\*\* picture of some people marching somewhere and you think you know where we 0:12:24 are way past wag the dog territory this is a totally synthetic reality you're viewing through the \*\*\*\*\* social media lens and of course since this is such an easy question the only way you get to the dumb way that you \*\*\*\*\* yourself over by deciding that you have to have a morally correct interpretation of the cuban government is because you are too agitated on the on the question of politics and two in need to justify yourself because you're disengaged because you're not doing politics in your life you're doing it in this fantasy firmament and that means you have to convince yourself that it matters what your opinion is of the \*\*\*\*\* cuban government it does not matter in any sense anyone's opinion their discreet opinion on cuba is it does not there's nothing you can do with that information that can mean anything anywhere 0:13:25 meanwhile there are things you might be able to do about the \*\*\*\*\* embargo like

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organize around it politically turn it into an issue that you connect to other issues to build inner solidarity and notions of like uh you know actions on behalf of wait the way that like the scottish uh dock workers wouldn't unload uh they wouldn't unload chilean wine there's something you can do even if it is like you know uh liberal ngoist um uh activism you could still maybe get something done because this is an option this is just the us doing what it's doing because nothing is stopping it you could change the equation for power to be like alright fine let them up we know during obama that there was a crack a crack there give you know just give them some room to breathe yes of course now they're going to have to deal with the fact 0:14:26 that with that will definitely come an increased marketization of their economy but maybe the cuban state by persisting for all those years is going to be able to actually manage it and not be overwhelmed by it the way that say that the chinese state was we don't know but we have to see and if we want to see we can do one thing like i said having opinions about the the uh the objective merit of the cuban government whether it needs reforms or not is is an opinion that will do you no good in a literal sense there's nothing for you to do with that opinion except have it and then bat it around like a \*\*\*\*\* kitten in an enclosure trying to keep themselves from going insane with boredom and that is why this is the kind of question that captivates certain people on here why they decide that it becomes a litmus test and the hill they're going to die on i'm not going to name names because i don't want to give 0:15:27 fuel to these but it's because for these people for a certain number of people who comprise the online left and its media sphere and the the specific audience that they appeal to uh you're not talking about some generalized group a cross section you're not generalizing about a cross section of people online expressing leftist opinions who might do something about them if they thought there was something they could do this is a subsection of people and i would define this group of people the people who obsess about stuff like how how much i should condemn this regime are people who are coming to left politics as it is merging with culture from the culture side of the equation from the culture end i think that the the ques the the culture of 0:16:29 the online left which has now become inextricably linked to popular culture to the mainstream is creating the uh what we think of as the online left so some of them the ones who make the most uh the most like salient uh media creations like the people who do podcasts the people who post the most the people who post other people read the most motivated those people are coming at this fusion of culture and politics from politics they are thinking of themselves as political subjects who also engage in popular culture and popular media mainstream style and are pumping 0:17:30 their investment their their uh investing their time spent in popular culture with their politics because they're feeling an excess of political feeling and they feel like

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they should be doing something politically because of how much they're agitated by the state of things and how much they want to change things and so they put that when they when they write about popular culture and then when they write popular culture by becoming the people who staff shows and write scripts that get made into movies and the people who make the conversation of the day and form what is like the correct opinions to have are doing so out of this agitation this political agitation that is driving them to make their consumption and production of culture more politically mo uh defined and this is as the uh the rituals of politics become entirely spectacle-based so everybody is just doing this as a spectacle we are all 0:18:31 fully invested in this thing called politics as at a level of spectacle so the people who are making the left are being agitated to politics to culture from politics but a summit big chunk of the people who make up the audience for this stuff and now the producers of it they aren't coming at it from that perspective are people who would otherwise be either a political or right wing who are fully invested in popular culture and the consumption of it as part of their identity the way that these politics people think of themselves as political these people think of themselves as consumers of this palette of this culture like the the the the busy bees people like me we are coming at culture from politics as stymied political subjects these people who watch some of this stuff and are now making it come at this convergence as people who 0:19:34 want to consume culture they want to watch marvel movies they want to play video games they want to watch this and when they want us feel like they're smart they want to watch prestige tv shows they want to live in the clubhouse they don't want to grow up they want to be toys r us kids because of course who wouldn't it is a in my opinion and more rational in many ways decision to be like that than to fantasize that you have some sort of political subjectivity and then try to act from it through your cultural consumption but what the the problem with being that is that you're being led into politics you are forced to become a political subject because the people around you consuming and making polit uh culture are more and more obsessed with politics and you have to fit in that somewhere now that is where you get uh the entire social base of like the disaggregated downwardly mobile 0:20:35 white male uh uh internet user that's where you get the right wing ones people who just want to \*\*\*\*\* do pop they just want to consume culture as identity they don't care about politics but eventually they have to and that becomes that reactionary process becomes the formation of this defined alternative to a counterculture defied by this new mainstream of culture but not everybody is going to be relate to that rejection they're going to accept it it's either because they're white males who have been acculturated to have certain values or because they're not white males and therefore they're alienated from that and therefore they find something comforting

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in the validation of an increasingly accepting and multicultural mainstream they find it more they find it more uh enticing than alienating whereas the future grippers find 0:21:38  
it more alienating than enticing and then there are the white males within it who are able to say well i'm one of the good ones so i get to be in the good part with the and those people who are coming at that from culture they don't want politics to mean anything they want to turn politics into another thing that they consume as a spectator like the video games they play like the movies they watch like and that argue about hey i want to be on the internet always all the time arguing about something i would rather it be video games and movies but since it has to be politics then i'm going to pick a side and and i'm going to watch it try to own somebody else and that is where the debate culture of online leftism comes from is we need a spectacle to make out of this because that's all we really care about but because they're consumers of left content because they have to be if they want to be on the 0:22:39  
right side of it if they want to be enjoyers of the mainstream because they want to see the big stuff they want to enjoy earnestly the major productions the huge capital infused spectacles the high calorie high density of nutrient \*\*\*\*\* that makes up their cultural diet like blockbuster movies and entertainment they want to be able to agree with it and root for it and love it not define themselves by how and so that means they always have to find a way whereby the uh the more and more they have to find more and more uh ways to keep it interesting for themselves because they don't really care they're not anxious the way that the producers of this stuff are they they 0:23:41  
just want to \*\*\*\*\* grill they want to watch their stories and if their stories have to be politics they wanted to be a guy who looks like them telling them that all they have to do is root for the democratic party and then spend their times deciding to have what the right opinions are on things which is just like watching a tv show and then commenting with other people and deciding how good it is or not which is everything else that is their political their uh cultural consumption and what is they it is what they want out of their cultural consumption and they're going to turn politics into that uh production because they want it they will create a market for it and someone will fill that gap and now that gap is being filled and so when something happens like uh demonstrations in cuba you get to have a week-long argument about how and much you should support the cuban government what the exact balance of opinions you should have how much because you're imagining that you're in an argument with somebody and that there is some sort of judge there to tell you who's right or 0:24:42  
wrong and that you're going to get a good grade and a shiny apple you're going to be you're going to get a little boost from and that really is determining i think the uh that's determined like this new fascinating online culture around debate and around hypothetical situations and and these free-floating questions of like responsibility

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that have nothing to do with anyone's lived experience that can't relate to anyone's lived experience that are designed to keep you occupied about something else because you're not actually a politically engaged subject you just think you are you are still a full consumer and what you're consuming is a debate that is the same as your shows and is the same as and the existence of this these people you they're just the mirror image of people who have turned online politics into a place for them to exercise their guilt that's the other side of the coin these are the producers because they're the more anxious the more politically uh identified ones but they're still operating out of a desire to consume a spectacle and gain enjoyment of it from one end or the other of either indulgence or uh i guess high anglican like the the earthy land uh the earthy sensual rule of the feudal landowner or the uh flesh-scouring puritan uh abstainiousness capitalist of the of the urban bourgeois in his counting house reading his bible over and over again trying to convince himself that god is real by scaring himself because he's been disconnected from uh any felt conception of uh i would say that with the amish lack to truly be like a like counterweight like like a behavioral norm to adopt is that you you need it needs to be more uh frankly uh evangelical in the sense that uh it needs to be it needs to be a uh recruiting faith it can't be a sort of a turned inward thing because that's just neo4j ism that's just you're back to the overnight uh uh model and like that's oh uh i didn't want to forget i'm glad i almost forgot this so uh we're going to start black jacket on wednesday first three chapters of black jacob the first three chapters of black jacobin will be discussed on wednesday three chapters one through three of blackjack not very long if it moves it's very very very easy to read book it's absolutely uh with that but it's suffice to say that the fact that this this online leftism that people are part of is fully invested with the the logic of capitalism and like at a base level uh every incentive uh of everyone participating in what we think of as the online left is doing so is being uh being pushed along by being motivated by by capitalist uh imperatives not because anyone is choosing that but because that's the only uh those are the only signals that get priced that get noticed like if it's if if the extent of our political subjectivity is engaging in a public conversation in a social media space where we are the product being made where we are both the performer of culture and the producer and consumer of oh boy i completely lost my train of thought but that's fine it happens sometimes somebody can remind me what i was saying uh all right that's that um that we are coming to to do this job of consuming and producing uh our our personalities online because uh and the only way we can succeed at it is to is to try to make it entertaining keeping our eyes on it like we're building our political identity to the degree that we're spending time on this app on these apps listening to these things having these conversations like we're building a thing out

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of our desire but not our desire to do our desire to avoid doing and that's not our fault because everything is hopeless everything truly is in an objective sense hopeless but we are still here and still have to live and within capitalist structures counter counter hegemonic concentrations emerge they really do but we're not there yet i 0:33:13 think the bernie campaign proved that conclusively we have not given birth to the structures that can generate their own incentives that are outside of the capitalist selfish one because right now that is what we're all operating out of and everybody to some extent is trying to be at a certain level like uh what the most indulgent uh debate guys want people to be which is fully invested in politics as a place to gain emotional catharsis through identity formation and the way that you lose yourself in a narrative the way that you get to the same way you get to pretend to be one of the avengers and invest yourself in in the in the story arc of \*\*\*\*\* captain america you get to invest yourself in the battles between the different uh youtubers uh and they're different and and every time they come together to fight it's like the third 0:34:21 act of a marvel movie and then and in that realm where you are don't have any emotional connection to to these concepts where you don't have any commitment to them beyond them as you all questions become academic because all you're doing is is picking who is who is right by who is smartest just imposing a a ideological meritocracy i am not conservative because i'm smarter than them and here's the proof that i'm able to out argue them even though these arguments aren't purely meaningless rituals where you just pick a you p you you pick a side and invest yourself in it with the surety of of like belief but obscured by your conf your absolute faith in and of course this is where i have to once again come back to the supreme anxiety 0:35:39 i feel as someone who is still is part of this like how do i justify myself within this structure in a way that is not purely self-interested in a way that does not privilege my personal my personal narrow self-interest over a greater interest that i could be serving and i don't know you can't see the back your own head you got to take some faith that you're that something feels right it it gets to that level and when we all govern ourselves that way and and we just ignore it because it's the implications are too scary if we really accepted the fact that the final decision making that we have is not done rationally or logically or consciously that what the final the determiner 0:36:42 is is outside of our senses we would maybe stop to figure what just believing that we've talked ourselves to an act because i don't think we ever talk ourselves to an act because it's a certain point our our logic becomes so abstract that it loses our ability to uh discern it the way that there is a distance between the end of a nerve and where it's uh and where it has where it's processed in the brain creates a spot in between the two set the two points where it's lost where where uh discrete like levels of intensity of perception kick over into an uh into a greater perception which 0:37:44

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is what consciousness is when it arises out as as an emergent property from sense perception but that creates a black hole i said this in a previous uh blog there's a black hole where the in one end goes unperceived stimuli and at the other end comes our words for it our visual conception of it in our head our symbolic representation of it in our head what comes flying out of that is not there is such no chain of evidence between those two points and that is the root of free will because at a certain level our consciousness is guessing at what reality is every second it's making a guess about 0:38:46 what the real world is and the degree to which it understands the world around it it affirms to its sense body senses it affirms to what its body is being told by the world around it but every moment it's flying out of this hole as that we're being shaken and banged around like \*\*\*\*\* uh socks and a dryer we're just banging around the world guessing in every moment what the world is around us filling in the gaps created by our minds and we're guessing together and all of our communication is an attempt to guess together what the world actually is but we're guessing and we're banging against it and we're creating these things called consciousnesses and these illusions of a self-perpetuating identity that pilots us through a reality that is not real that is at an angle that is orthogonal to the real world to the real world of determined 0:39:47 conditions and so while that we are determined over time in an arc in general patterns of entropy and and and uh you know physical reactions cause and effect we're all being piloted by these demons these ghosts of consciousness that are guessing and that means they're pressing against the determining structures and that's the and it is then that space that little pocket of air that all human consciousness emerges from and the world as is the world that we all experience individually incorrectly can't be it could be experienced collectively and that is what that is the drive for the world spirit that is the world spirit coming into awareness of itself that is the whole 0:40:48 process of the human mind dealing with the condition of consciousness in a physical world and trying to make sense of the world through the scheme through that that veil of ignorance that we have and so everybody is getting the wrong thing so we keep banging around and making the thing more and more out of shape but if we're all experiencing it simultaneously living in the same uh imagined world it is there at that point symmetrical with the universe you have locked it back into being and that is of course the uh you know that is that is the moment of uh of total transformation that of course none of us will see it's important to note that this uh i guess you could 0:41:51 theoretically argue that like since if if everything that could happen has happened somewhere if you take that principle then somewhere somehow at some point that happened where we achieved a final species-wide communion with the galaxy but that doesn't mean that the world we're living in is going to end that way in fact violet very very very unlikely to be the case very very very unlikely to be the case

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and say that human civilization winks out all the other galactic civilizations that might exist all flare up uh go out there's never is like a a moment of of of species 0:42:52  
being of species awareness and transcendence uh we all just go we all just eventually die out the the the mach the robots run out of battery uh the earth loses its ability to sustain us we just cough it up now all and all subsequent life on earth also fails to cohere that way all other consciousness emerges break up under uh ecological strain and then the \*\*\*\*\* sun expands incinerates earth and the whole thing is over wiped from the galaxy anyway say that happens in this universe at the end of this universe all matter will have been expended right you'll reach a point of absolute uh absolute uh static moment right like all entropy has been extinguished in the system right so all all matter energy has been that condition is the condition of the so you don't 0:43:53  
get a big crunch and you don't get a steady state you get another eruption you get another big bang now is that big bang going to create the exact same universe that just extinguished itself i don't think so because i think that's the same gap that we live in so that means that the next one is going to be different maybe when roland finds himself crossing the desert to follow uh the man in black he looks down and he has the horn of eld this and so our that means that our moral imperative in life the one that will keep us in harmony with ourselves and the world around us is in 0:44:56  
seeking to build a world that leaves a trace that can be found elsewhere in the galaxy where where we can build experiences not just institutions and and structures but experiences that imprint themselves in the galaxy in our \*\*\*\*\* in the the uh the the ricochet of of atoms imprint that psychically on the world and people have done that throughout history like history is this cycle towards oblivion and annihilation and misery but then there are these counterpoints that are the human soul screaming out against that and that's us dragging the world in a direction but we could it's just an echo through history that can accumulate our harmony with the world is our because then one day maybe the \*\*\*\*\* thing starts off again and the conditions are 0:45:58  
changed a little bit and the chess board is different and remember this is happening infinitely because there's nothing else to happen eventually the lines are going to line up the right way eventually all of the and if that has happened if that moment has happened somewhere because it's what's sustaining consciousness because the universe is just is a consciousness forgive me this got very uh very like dorm room i'm sorry if it sounds too uh too either incoherent or pretentious or uh like hippie 0:47:1  
\*\*\*\*\* but i feel like it's i feel like it's truth it feels true when i say it which is the the most fun i have in my uh somebody asked for the marxist interpretation of uh world war one i would say i mean you can say that's marxist or not i i think of myself in those terms but also i really do not see it as a uh marxism as a doctrine i see it as a heuristic it's like a way of thinking about things so some people would say that means 0:48:3

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it doesn't count because they want to really get committed to the uh you know to the branding or whatever or the identity of one i don't really care if i'm called that or not uh but i'd say that world war one is the beginning of the final at the beginning of the end of the process the land bound classes of pre-capitalist europe resisted the rise and domination of the uh i'd say if that that that process begins uh i would say uh in earnest in the 17th century with the 80 years you are in the netherlands with uh the english civil war uh and then concomitant to that the 30 years war all 0:49:6  
culminating in the west failure treaty it starts there and it goes through the world wars both starting in world war one with the final defeat of uh the landed ruling class and the land-based peasantry everybody has been uprooted and turned into either a capitalist or a a seller of labor this is the process that marx talked about at length which were land-based that were based with relation to specific real land and there was there were hierarchies of rule that were affirmed by that relationship and those were cultural and very much importantly religious but also um just but but also 0:50:7  
structural in the in the forms of like systems of governance and legal structures like common law in the uk that end up becoming permanent features of capitalism and in the uh in the conditions after the black death and the the scrambling of feudalism that happened this the breaking up of feudalism's uh fatal uh uh stalemate because feudalism was stuck in a stalemate at the extinguishment of its viability when the malthusian shock of uh of the black death sort of scrambled about now it did not mean that feudalism went away overnight somebody said that i said that i did not mean that if that's what i \*\*\*\*\* said what i meant was is that it changed it shook up the conditions under which feudalism uh existed namely way more land for way 0:51:8  
fewer people with labor commanding a much higher price because of that and that the condition and that that destabilizing change of conditions under which feudalism had been relatively stable uh meant that the class dynamic shifted and you saw the breakup of these structures that gave dominance to rural uh ways of being because of course the peasants there were things they hated about being peasants but they would all of them the vast majority of this and them and this is true everywhere capitalism emerges peasants everywhere would rather be peasants than proletarians they would rather work the land than work for somebody else that is a universal preference you don't have to \*\*\*\*\* uh people would rather work the land than be proletarians now you can look back at the the arise of history and art or the rise of capitalism say but you see those peasants they ended up their kids had higher 0:52:9  
standards of living and their kids had more sophisticated existences and and their kids got to ride around in motor cars and like yeah but they didn't and it wasn't their kids usually it was like their \*\*\*\*\* grandkids and they had to suffer for that and who would want to do that especially since they're not they're not imagining

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depriving their kids of that they can't even conceive of that they're imagined keeping their kid in the condition of stability and and relative uh you know uh security and and self-sufficiency that they had on the land they're not comparing it to some future where they have access to the markets because that's not real to them it comes later and then they get to look around and say well you know what this is better than my dad had it because they're consuming more and consumption replaces autonomous like our idea of what our best interest is becomes our consumption patterns and and the question of how good uh how much we validate the regime we live under is how much it allows us to consume because that is what we got now that's how things start once capitalism gets a bite in though things change and then you see this mass move of people to the cities now of course and that is to participate in the thing that got built there this new this new world that is is less that is more advanced than rural life that doesn't have the idiocy of rural life but now they're comparing it to something that's not true of the early the early peasants and the ruling lords of the land they didn't want a seed powered a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* uh uh but they had to to pursue the contest over power between the medium-sized states that start with uh either within states in in uh between within states like habsburg the habsburg low country which is a section a a regional revolt against uh the spanish crown and then the civil war in spain or in england uh and then later on the continent between states in uh and within the holy roman empire you have these things these th things that are essentially three civil wars that go throughout europe the civil war within the habsburg lands the civil war within the civil war within the habsburg uh lands both the lowlands and uh the holy roman empire and then uh off the continent in and those wars are the ruling classes the landed classes fighting each other and in so doing building up the forces of capital that will eventually suborn them completely not just in terms of structures of debt but culturally which undermines foundations that were central to the preparation of and all these capitalist innovations that the landed powers who technically all of these account accommodations to the market undermined their power in the long term and they knew that but they needed to use them to fight their wars against each other in the short term because these were independent capitalisms emerging along these national these national identity groups these national groupings that formed later into secular nation states after the after west failure treaty so if you have capitalism emerging as the dominant uh mode of uh political economy in in western europe where it is able to massively concentrate capital and intensify industrial production and and create a more and more refined civilization because of its ability to exploit undeveloped regions and do hyperexploitation there to to allow for mega consumption in the metropole that that dynamic will eventually be interrupted by some sort of uh crisis of inputs and that's

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what happens when european uh european capitalism hits its first big system-wide european capitalism its first system-wide crisis that then necessitates as it always does economic crisis necessitates conflict over resources among the nation-states of europe which used to be religious but are now civically national but the same thing the only thing that matters is it'll get guys to get march out and kill each other over it that's all that matters so that means it's the same type of state with the same sort of structures and it responds to capitalist crisis the same way and at every level it is first the ruling class and then the peasants rebelling against the impositions of capitalism but of course not coordinated with each other and in fact opposed to one another which is why they and you have a situation where the old ruling class is stripped of their formal of their actual power they are bought out essentially into uh some variety of um of gentlemanly retirement and the crowned heads of euro of northern europe are the perfect example of this where capitalism was first introduced where the ruling class allowed it to dominate earliest is where was most quickly developed a mechanism to slowly extinguish the power of the old land-based aristocracy without provoking them to rebellion and this and that took a few it took the cutting off of the head of a king it took the \*\*\*\*\* uh lord protectorate of cromwell it took the reimbu it took the uh uh crowning of william and mary uh it took the jacobite rebellion but eventually formal power of the landed aristocracy was converted into capital they got bought off from power with money some of them became powerful because they invested well some of them spend themselves into dissolution but one way or another they were bought off from defeating the bourgeois and now are just a part of it one part of it one part of the new ruling owning class the ones who won some of them they're they're descendants of nobles among our poorest classes now people who \*\*\*\*\* up who fumbled the bag and now they're on the bottom so for the descendants of the people who made that deal it was a bad deal but at the time it looked good because they could imagine a future where things were better off which is the exact opposite dynamic that exists with the peasants who can only see things getting worse and so they have to be brought along with the stick bludgeoned into submission which they are over the course of the uh from the enclosures to the suppression of the and then to the uh the socialist movement the socialist movement that becomes the first coherent class-based uh uh counter hedge hegemony and it's like oh my god this is a this is something that can actually resist the working class the ruling class will just be bought off over time the peasants will be broken up and defeated because of their inability to organize among themselves but then the leftovers of those peasantry will then be able to organize as workers and that emerged and it provided a flight flame of tension and and it is in the context of the rising working class that the the happiness with which the rulers of europe went to war

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uh in the uh in 1914 shows how it contributed to this dynamic of constant eventual punctuated equilibrium of violence where you have these flare-ups and of course the french revolution is is key to that it is the continental sparking of this engine it is the it is the it is the uh overthrow of the french land-based rule by the french bourgeois eventually in the in the personification of napoleon bonaparte where finally now workers are able to organize themselves but only incipiently and then by the late 1800s you have a condition where oh \*\*\*\*\* you have a coordinated working class in these countries they are milit they are organizing along their own axis in what is the new version of a peasants war but not run by peasants done by workers who have a greater capacity for self-organization who have a greater for cassidy for coordinated activity and from and all of it generated by class consciousness which they their peasant forbearers were incapable of producing and that conflict comes to a head that drive between colonial superpowers who are in conflict over resources to sustain their internal battle with one another while also fighting their internal working class it led them to destroy themselves in a fit of suicidal violence and then emerge from that the rise after this war of the enraged bourgeois and what you see in the 20s and 30s is the rise in the vanquished countries or the main vanquish country of germany uh johnny come lately they didn't get any of the glory italy uh this working class reaction or i'm sorry this uh this small bourgeois revolt against the large bourgeois so over the course of the 19th century the the the landowners are defeated by the bourgeois the combined bourgeois but then after the destruction of the civil war or the destruction of the of the capitalist civil war of europe that happens it ends in 1918 the crown heads are destroyed but the working class is not sufficiently organized to to contest for power in europe and instead the small bourgeois take the power and that is where fascism emerges fascism emerges as the enthralled and enthroned and traumatized small bourgeois of europe trying to defend themselves against their own subsumption into the master slave owner employee dynamic that is the fundamental endpoint of capitalism and then the end of that war is the final extinguishment of the contest in europe anyway the final contest ends in 1991 when the but the the creation of the eu and the nato and the un and and the international monetary fund and the bretton woods system and the dollar and the marshall plan and uh political subjectivity had been seeded from the europeans they had been bought off essentially you guys play you guys can pay each other money for jobs but you're not the masters of your soul anymore you're not in charge of anything because if you use those uh your nation states as nation states in this contest for resources you're gonna \*\*\*\*\* destroy each other but the good news is you don't have to worry about fighting for resources because we're going to subsidize you us the united states the ones who was the people who were able to because we were off cast from your conflicts we're able

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to synthesize our the social order with capitalism and the and turn it into a new headquarters for global capitalism but that was all predicated on the super profits of empire which are now being more evenly distributed to maintain the structure which means that at the center the treats are running out and the thing that bought us everybody off is is the things that bought everybody off are no longer holding sway even if you're still enjoying the pleasures of your sweet treat life you can't imagine a better future for your kids and so therefore they don't taste so good and so we 1:6:46 have this now american-led bourgeois revolt but political subjectivity was killed in europe so now it's all spectacle now it's all just a fun fun house a game we can enjoy root for one side or another well both of us are annihilated by the machinery that is unchallenged okay i hope this made sense this was a wacky one i hope i hope i don't sound too out there man i don't want to feel like i'm too wavy gravying it anyway signing off next i'm sorry wednesday first three chapters of blackjack events bye-bye

*Black Jacobins 1*

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\*Music playing\*\* foreign just about a year ago i went out on the road seeking for fame and fortune looking for a particle things got bad things got worse i guess you know the tune oh lord i'm stuck in a low die \*\*Music playing\*\* again rolling on a greyhound i'll be walking out if i go i was just passing through must be seven months or more i ran out of time and money looks like my plans fell through oh lord i'm stuck in low die again i should probably do this button we'll be talking about the first three chapters of blackjack which is a terribly enjoyable book and very well read james is a great pro stylist which is pretty rare among historians and you got to give it up when you find it uh it seems like there are a lot of the sweet spot really does seem like the 30s for a lot of that like really uh uh pros uh poem prose poetic history where it's like you know you're getting you're getting a synthesis you're not getting you know an academic treatise but you are getting also a work of literature and i would put this among here uh another book that i would recommend for anybody who wants to read something like that is cv wedgewood's book on the 30 years war uh just delightful incredibly easy to read and that's difficult with the with uh which this with this sort of history like reconstruction for example reconstruction is a great book but you know fauna is he is trying to build like this this house of evidence you know and like it's more workmanlike whereas this is frankly artistic which is something that's gotten squeezed out of uh history honestly as it's become more and more specialized and professionalized you know the creation of the academy as such especially the neoliberal academy the the academy of uh you know constant production in order to get uh these few signatures cinecures uh senecures it's it's it leads you to the point where you're just uh you're just pointing at things or you're just throwing out words that you know people want to hear two three four five six seven eight nine ten eleven twelve all right we might kick yeah all right so we'll probably do we'll do the next three for next week same time wednesday no no we won't be doing it wednesday uh so the first chapter of uh james's book which was written in 1939 8 as i said and uh another thing that distinguishes it as a product of that time in addition to its pro style is the fact that uh james is clearly uh operating in in a polemic mode he's trying

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to use explicitly use the story of the haitian revolution creating a historic narrative you know conjuring a a vision of this thing that did happen uh in the moment of uh colonial the first inklings of colonial upheaval uh in the periphery uh after because world war one like fatally wounded the empires of europe but it took world war two to to doom them finally and in that inner war period was when you saw the first real explosion of coordinated anti-imperial activism in the in the empire and CLR James is from trinidad which is part of the british empire and he wrote this book as uh an explicit parallel for the times and he is he is several points in the book analogizes 0:6:18 the slaves of sandoming to the uh restive african and asian and uh latin american subjects of the european imperial system and that their task was the same that the haitian slaves was that they were to complete the historical uh mission begun by the haitian slaves uh and that the context of the incipient war in europe that was uh that was on the horizon for everyone to see uh would be the cause of that or would be the opportunity like the world the the crisis in the in the in the in the capitals of europe that was occurring as hitler was continuing his brinksmanship towards the poland invasion uh that is analogous to the conflict among the the whites of san 0:7:20 domingo and what ended up happening is is along those lines in that it was the war that led to the creation of the first really organized effective military algeria uh uh india obviously uh kenya cuba of course and that uh process did lead to a a a sort of liberation you know but it was uh the same stunted liberation that the haitians got which is they were able to secure their independence as a nation among nations but 0:8:21 cut off from capital and doomed to be a a client state of more powerful capitalist governments in the things that in the in the uh the trade system that took over for colonialism and perpetuated the colonial relationship that's what the cold war is it is the it is western capitalism imposing itself as the post-colonial uh imperial authority that maintains the maintaining the relationship the economic relationship between uh the periphery and the metropolises of the uh old empires that are no longer uh affordable that had to be gotten rid of and haiti got that haiti got independence but it was cut off from all trade to the united states which refused to recognize it until the civil war uh forced to pay billions of dollars billions with a b in uh reparations to 0:9:23 france for the for committing the crime of self-liberation because they could because france could do that and the post-colonial third world became a place where every country was a haiti in that they had independence formally within this nation-state formation but then they were still stuck in the capitalist structure and forced to to trade on the capitalism's demands which means cheap uh goods to the center labor uh difficult painful labor extractive labor uh to the ex to the periphery uh uh relatively milder labor uh and surplus from the periphery to the center that relationship was perpetuated by the global brenton wood system that was imposed after the war

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because the west could do it because russians stopped fighting and allowed them to dictate terms and doomed the soviet project in the long run unless they were willing to actually um and so as in haiti you saw the development of instead of a liberated population a uh a system where a few wealthy families in haiti or able to secure positions as colonial uh operatics of western capitalism and then operate the uh extractive economy of haiti uh with the same coercive mechanisms uh that were in operation with the colonial authorities not with the name of slavery anymore uh but with a similar relationship between the government uh and its ruling class that backs it and the actual mass of people of haiti and then haitian uh political history is is is a story of fights within these concentrations of power broken up occasionally by us military intervention the united states occupied haiti for i believe it was from the wilson administration until hoover i think like 19 uh i think 19 uh 14 or something until 1931 someone can correct me on that and that's completely forgotten no one literally nobody knows that uh and in the united states like a fraction of a percentage of americans know that uh or honestly would care if they did you know that's the thing about all this history stuff uh it isn't really true that if only people knew it's like they would just process it through their preconceived ideas and what they think they want and then they would get the same answer it's not the fact that uh does something it's the fact in context it's the narrative built which is what james is trying to do build a narrative that could be persuasive that can carry you through battle but that occupation as you can imagine was incredibly brutal like this is america at the absolute height of its race hatred america's american racism in terms of like as a social uh value reached its uh uh absolute apogee in america uh in the uh early 20th century because of the stresses of the great migration because race hatred was concentrated in the south because that is where blacks were concentrated and it was the breaking of those geographic bonds and mass entrance of of blacks into urban areas that triggers this this massive explosion of race violence you had 1919 the red summer which is a series of incredibly bloody race riots that occur all throughout uh american cities and that is that is the latent racism uh of a society at that point uh being put under strain put under pressure and you see this explosion and so you see racism become for the first time this nationwide self-conscious uh pursuit which is why you see the second clan at this point and this is why you have uh you have the clan running the state government of indiana through the republican party that is how detached from the the traditional regional racial obsession that characterized white society there and it was a crisis that was fundamentally uh solved first by as always enforcing people in the land and in the cities too uh in order to uh you know relieve white anxiety because you know they are they do not have representation in the system and so they can't be used that way without it uh

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affecting the decision-making of actual governors because it doesn't matter to them they're not at they're not at uh hope beholden to them at all but then what led to this what allowed the civil rights movement to happen and for that racism to kind of push away enough to allow for something like the civil rights movement and then the civil rights acts and and formal secret segregation being abolished everywhere were where's the surpluses of the post-war era it was the good times provided for by the establishment of this global post-colonial structure of oppression this is all a tangent to say that america's rape most racist army occupying for over a decade 0:15:38 the first and only black uh republic in the western hemisphere uh my god it was brutal it was monstrous it was it was a it was a government organized lynch mob and then we leave and leave propped up those people who were more committed to the project of being rich than to any national uh any kind of solidarity beyond their own disgusting inbred families which is how you see reproduced in this in the the free slave republic the same social dynamics that existed in the uh the repu the uh colony i mean do you think that the the ruling families of haiti have uh any warmer feelings for the masses of port-au-prince than uh then the \*\*\*\*\* old planters and 0:16:52 then we propped up the duvalier family as a literal client uh gang to run the country on our behalf and then when they first and then when uh and then when aristide gets in there and starts to stabilizing the the power structure and introducing you know regular uh haitians into politics it's amazing we they think jean-paul air steed was overthrown by american trained uh military guys on behalf of the ruling families of haiti then we put him back in power i think this is because uh more than anything it triggered a big refugee crisis in florida that was not something that bill clinton wanted to see and so they figured we put aristide back in but because we did it he 0:17:54 owes us but then he got too big for his britches again and we \*\*\*\*\* kidnapped him we kidnapped him and dropped him in the central african republic we claimed that uh he asked us to do that for him but he says that didn't happen and it's who are you going to believe i guess you know maybe he's just trying to save face but even if he didn't it's another case where we just uh went in there to unilaterally decide who's in charge and now the uh us-backed president who has been triggering massive street demonstrations for refusing to leave office and is worrying a lot of powerful people in haiti that he might trigger a revolution gets murked by mercs maybe from miami including fbi informants or are they patsies either way it seems like and now 0:18:55 we have uh haitians uh in government asking for american military intervention it the development plan that the us has made for haiti in the last 20 or so years since they uh since they since the duvaliers fell really was to intervene enough in haiti to establish the the uh governmental legitimacy and uh infrastructure uh to carry out a process of restructuring around uh um factory labor essentially turn haiti into uh one

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of those uh sweatshop countries in asia uh which had been prevented by that point because haiti didn't have strong enough really institutions to pull people off the land 0:19:57  
i mean they had uh done a good job of destroying the agricultural sector through uh the dumping of american uh subsidized agriculture into the thing same thing they did in mexico and elsewhere uh to destroy their domestic uh uh agricultural sector but it was hard to get a private investment to into the kind of capital intensive uh uh capital intensive operations that you would need to um that you would need to actually get a lot of labor out of that haiti's uh urban slum population uh it was there wasn't enough infrastructure around it to make that a a decent investment and so the un and the \*\*\*\*\* clinton foundation has spent the last few decades trying to uh uh proletarianize the uh the lumpin population of port-au-prince but you got 0:21:0  
to figure even if the us doesn't invade haiti this moment allows for some sort of transition of power that everyone can cross their fingers and hope will tamper down the the uh anger in the streets uh and maybe it will i mean that's what that's why we have elections is to get people riled up and then have their uh their uh pent up anger released through the uh emotional spectacle of a changing of power like you have to do it if you don't do it eventually they overthrow you you lose the mandate of heaven unless you have a little fake change every four or eight years or after somebody gets shot in their i'll bringing us back to the first chapter of the black 0:22:3  
jackets which is about the uh experience of being a slave his main uh james main goal here is to give you a true sense of the horror of it of the genuine of the misery that it inflicted on humans and and that and the misery that that uh that then shaped the culture around that uh um and part of the thing that makes it so brutal is how james repeatedly uh highlights the fact that uh shorn of the mystifications that you'd 0:23:6  
have in a bourgeoisie like uh developed country like england or even france at that point where of course you have brutality you have brutal uh class segregation and you have oppression and filth and misery but there is also a there is a ritual around it you know there are rituals of obligation around it that cloud everything and that make it feel more uh more consensual because it is because people have like a shared experience that makes them invest in the world around them even the parts that are serving their oppression because they don't they can't recognize the difference that is how we build our consciousness it's not that the reason false consciousness is an incorrect uh term is that it implies there is such thing as a true consciousness there's not false consciousness is just a shortcoming from when that consciousness which is always false is false in a way that hinders class consciousness because class 0:24:8  
consciousness is also false in that you're picking a group of people to to identify with psychically that is fundamentally arbitrary but it's arbitrary in a way that moves the \*\*\*\*\* wheel of history because we're all just guessing and being pushed towards

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outcomes uh by the grinding of the gears of history that's it so for james because uh colonial uh plantation agriculture is capitalism shorn of all of its uh attendant mysteries you get the purest expression of material interests of people operating from a belief only in their own most selfish intelligent conception of pleasure because the thing about uh the thing that distinguishes plantation slavery most of all uh from 0:25:12 uh capitalism as it was uh being carried out in like the burgeoning uh merchant capitals of europe and north america uh oh \*\*\*\*\* i completely people are really talking about whether or not haiti should become a state oh brother they would never do that because they're trying to do it at the minimum of cost they're trying to and then standing the place up as a sweatshop is the lowest uh capital input it costs way too much to \*\*\*\*\* i was saying something about what the fundamental difference between those two forms of capitalism were but oh this is it is that capital 0:26:18 is not reinvested when the merchants of the cities of boston and london when they met profit on a venture they maybe had a nice duck that they put some towards the building of a new part of their house and that is what builds capital intensity in the cities and that's what builds uh the infrastructure of capitalism like factories and and uh and and you know gives the people who come from the countryside to the city a put a place to go and a way to be uh productive is capital reinvestment in slave in plantation agriculture that they just \*\*\*\*\* spend it because there's no 0:27:19 need to invest at a certain level you got the land you got the slaves if you have sugar you have the sugar processing facilities which are relatively high investment but for like indigo or a cotton plantation or rice you've got a couple of buildings basically and you are not uh you're not a corporation you're just a guy you're just a guy and you probably honestly are in a lot of debt so all your money goes through repaying your debt and then spending it on fancy fancy gloves and and wines a way to create the illusion of civilization in a place where you're just sitting in a \*\*\*\*\* dark and that consumption rice is more complicated because it is more labor intensive but remember if you have slave labor uh the it's not as capital intensive is what i meant 0:28:20 and so that is why you have the colonial uh uh uh that's why colonial and uh then slave places are more backwards less developed morse just savage and the culture that they produce is more savage and that is because everybody here is just living by their material in the narrowest sense desi interests and of course that's why they were destroyed that's why the slaves were able to defeat them because they were everyone was operating out of this base material interest and at the end of the day there were too many slaves whose base material interest was freedom uh and those \*\*\*\*\* at a certain point they couldn't even agree what they wanted and you see again and again 0:29:23 the the the the planter class dooming themselves uh in the long term for short-term advantage so the first chapter is is mostly about the misery of the slave uh and how

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it made santa mango a miserable place uh but then a second chapter owners which is about the whites of uh santa man uh really goes very far uh the great pains to show uh that the misery uh of the colony was felt in both halves because while of course the the whites were all uh living lives of relative pleasure and leisure they were also creating a culture of absolute miserable uh nasty brutishness they were living as pigs they were and so this map this this uh rather than like the the dream of the like the the southern aristocracy was always that uh being a slave owner in america allowed you to be like an ancient athenian you could spend all day doing philosophy and reasoning and figuring out ideal forms of government and contributing to the general good because somebody else is doing all the \*\*\*\*\* work and and you are you your mind was better spent there because you were more advanced you were uh smarter and therefore more valuable your time is more valuable but the colonists of saint domingue show that that is absolutely not what happens uh in in in amongst the absolute brutality of of american and caribbean slavery unlike anything that happened that existed in ancient there is just this savage grotesquery the whites of haiti really do remind you of like the more carnival-esque but because it's uh it is dissension within the white ranks that helps lead to the revolution james uh takes pains to point out that there are different groups of white people uh in uh domain different classes you had the planters who actually owned the plantations uh many of them uh uh down downwardly mobile uh aristocrats basically uh people who were uh maybe the disinherited second son of a family uh from uh a rural uh mezzo or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* uh who could uh get the family name back some some stature by uh making money in the in the uh the third world the big whites and there was very few of them uh but they had the vast majority of the wealth of the of the plantation of the uh of the colony then you had uh the small whites the administrators the overseers the lawyers the shopkeepers the people do who are doing jobs that could not be uh given to slaves because the education necessary to have them do those jobs would make them too dangerous to let them do those jobs so those jobs had to be done by white people and that is where you get the real uh dregs of french society the white dregs who aren't trying to rebuild a family name with money they have or money that they could borrow but are just trying to find any kind of uh employment and of course to say dregs is not to say that the fact that they uh were poor made them bad it just meant that they could not continue to expect to live in france and not have life just get worse and worse over time so haiti was their chance to do that and uh there they were of course the the people who were most devoted to um the color line because as james points out racial segregation or a racial segregation of like uh prescribed rights based on uh race was not uh did not emerge instantly there were no early regulations or statutes about race in uh haiti uh it was

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over time over the course of the 1700s uh that that comes into play as the small whites insist that if they're going to be in haiti here taking this \*\*\*\*\* in this place 0:34:34 where they're risking yellow fever all the time and going to be at the beck and call of these these fancy people then they have to be assured that they're never going to have to do any of the real work that that is a pres that there is a prescribed group who who uh will take that labor and that makes them feel less precarious because precarity is the driver of all middle class political activities not solidarity precarity because they cannot they're not they're not class conscious they are self-conscious because they are the product of liberalism they are the the purest class and their precarity at this point drove them to assert a color line that led to the creation of an 0:35:36 incredibly intricate array of legal rights that are distinguished based on percentage and fraction of of black blood stuff that is absolutely absurd and and to think that people sat there and wrote this stuff down and took it seriously is it is it's it's grimly kind of funny because of how ridiculous in the bosom of the enlightenment these people do in this thing but it was necessary uh it was required to maintain the social strata because you needed those whites there and that meant you needed that line there but that con that relationship is complicated by the fact that you have this other group uh what james calls uh the mulattos uh the colored population uh the the the products of uh uh european and african reproduction and because of the 0:36:39 very very small number of whites in the colony uh and the need for uh people in an intermediate uh position that is not slave but is not really master either because there's some jobs a master can't do but you can't have a slave do and so you need whites for some of them but for others you need uh someone who is outside of uh you know full citizenship but enjoys a privileged position relative to slaves but then therefore will feel their precarity and so you get the uh the colored population people who uh are the product of relationships consensual or non-consensual between uh slaves and uh whites who are not uh who are free upon birth and are able to uh buy property and that puts them in a position where even though they get they 0:37:41 don't have equal uh legal standing to whites they are um and they have to they're uh forced to perform uh compulsory military uh service in slave patrols that white people don't have to didn't have to do uh but they're not slaves and they're more aware of the danger of becoming a slave than they are inspired by the thought of being equal and so but this is why these systems are so ingenious and the way they emerge is so organic uh the colored population is adheres to the uh white population uh and not the not the black slave because they can own property because they can they are uh connected materially to the interests of the slave economy they can own slaves they can work in in the colonial economy that depends on slavery they can 0:38:45 make and so they have a material interest that is with slavery even though slavery

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treats them as second class just like the small whites have a material interest in a color line that stands in for their uh and that is and that's that is what keeps these systems going from from the middle area from the from the fat of it for the people who at any point could hypothetically stop everything from working because they have the most crucial choke points what's keeping them all in this system is that they feel more than anything a precarity and a fear of falling and that's because they don't feel solidarity and the theory of the theory of \*\*\*\*\* marxism is that the creation of uh of of a class-based experience of exploitation creates a different uh sense of uh a different sense of best interest a different sense of material interest that means that instead of going towards despair and rage which is what happens when the middle class sees that things can't get better within the current system solidarity allows you to think that no well we can overcome this system and replace it with something whereby we don't have to fear falling anymore and that that feeling is a more is a superior um social mechanism for uh seizing political power than because what fascism is and i think we are in a post-fascism where we're inside a cone of misery and despair and that means everybody within that framework of american liberalism which includes the entirety of the republican and democratic party as in people who adhere to a liberal world where they believe that capitalism is eternal that is that is who we're talking about if you're republican or democrat not talking about how you feel about anything i'm talking about what's the systems that you're part of and the systems that you ritually engage with and psychologically engage with what they represent those parties represent polls within one reality where capitalism is immutable and everything is going to get worse forever that is the world that everybody within the bubble of american politics lives now and our politics is an expression of that and if you really believe that then politics can only serve as a vessel for revenge against somebody whose fault it is because the fault cannot be and then if you can act you can only act and the difference is how much have you displaced your own sense of guilt and responsibility within this system and so the democrats are those people led at the top i wouldn't no i would not say led at the top i would say the the majority of their supporters who vote and participate as democrats uh at the top it's it's just malik but uh because they are they're they're shielded from everything everything's gonna be fine for them they have underwater bunkers they're gonna be fine they're serving malik everybody if elected by both parties is serving malik everybody at the top levels of the media is serving molech but there are still people staffing these parties at the at the staff level at the level of like workers within the political infrastructure and then of course those people who vote for them most assiduously and who organized for the most those people middle class precarious without the ability to think uh in class terms and to hope for

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a challenge to the system that would make it better would make life better uh have decided that it's their fault as highly educated white as white people basically uh that that white society did this because what liberalism is because urban liberalism 0:43:54 is is is the middle class trying to convince themselves that it's right and just that they're sitting in a nice appointed room surrounded by misery and that makes you start turning inward and it turns uh it it uh and that means that you end up being overawed by your super ego you end up being uh you end up sublimating all of your libidinal energy into denial and punishment uh and that is urban liberal that is urban american liberalism now suburban whatever the democratic party in general and the way you do that as a liberal is by finding somebody else to blame who is like you but isn't you yes white people but uh if i'm of white woman white men uh yes white people including white women but some way that it isn't me or even if yes i am all those 0:44:55 boxes but i'm aware of it and all of those things exude exempt you from punishment but that means somebody else has to pay and so liberalism is now making some type of uh understanding of republicans however you want to define that pay be the first through the shoot it's two for it's two guys falling into a \*\*\*\*\* uh uh meat grinder and they're fighting to see who can push the other one in first so that they can watch them go through and then yes they get destroyed too but at that point when you've given up hope for anything better that's the only pleasure you can imagine that's the only future that you can find solace in is one where now the republicans they haven't sublimated \*\*\*\*\* they're they're out there loud and proud because they their uh 0:45:56 political formations their uh their traditions their definitions of the terms we use to even think and reason our way through the world were forged in the more brutal chambers of slave of plantation economics so they're not sublimated \*\*\*\*\* the the it's everybody else it's somebody else's fault not me not not who i imagine myself or who i relate to another it's the other and i will destroy the other and i will see the other destroyed and so those are the two strains of uh oh also in this chapter uh uh james does a little uh mind blowing for people who might have always uh uh nurse the idea hey uh you know maybe if the british had not uh had not been kicked out 0:46:58 and we'd stay to colonies uh they would have gotten rid of slavery earlier and we wouldn't add a civil war because it's true that around the turn of the 19th century uh the british empire uh started agitating significantly uh internally to abolish the slave trade which it eventually did in the 1830s uh and then led and then began to patrol the atlantic ocean to suppress the slave trade uh after being the biggest slave traders and that's a story that is sometimes told in heroic terms you know like the abolitionists of america william wilberforce and all that well according to james as soon as the uh north american colonies were uh lost uh it became in england's long-term ben best economic interest and geostrategic interest to end slavery uh because

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they had enough uh slaves they could certainly ban the slave trade because they had 0:47:59  
enough uh blacks in the colonies that they controlled already meanwhile uh saint-  
domingue which was hugely profitable the most profitable colony in the americas  
uh but because it was so brutally exploitative and it required so much slave labor  
being imported because so many slaves died it was really it was the fact the fact  
that it was the most uh gruesomely uh physically degrading and dangerous slave  
colony is has an intimate profitable and so old wiley uh william pitt over there in  
england figures out hey we could uh burnish our credentials here uh and also enforce 0:49:1  
a slave trade ban in the atlantic that would allow us to cut uh access to slaves to uh  
the most profitable french colony and make it more vulnerable so once again james  
coming back to material interests uh and and how how you can see through the  
bones of social nicety so much more clearly in a place like haiti and in and around uh  
slavery specifically where you see every consideration social consideration dissolved  
before the exis exigency of uh maintaining slavery so having set up the the main  
uh within haiti on the eve of the revolution uh james's third chapter is about how 0:50:4  
the colony responded to the french revolution which is what really tips everything  
in out of balance you'd had a miserable grinding relatively stable status quo in haiti  
for hundreds of years at that point uh the the the reality of life as a as a slave in  
haiti was such that even though it was insanely miserably uh brutally uh miserable  
i mean one of the worst places to be a human uh it was the way of the very nature  
of the regime was such that resistance to it was sort of tired just drained of the  
population people just literally didn't have the energy they were kept at a state of  
pretty much perpetual exhaustion to the point of death and that allowed for this  
thing to stay kind of stable but then news comes from paris the king has called the 0:51:5  
general assembly the states general what are we going to do and uh it leads to a big  
explosion of political uh ferment on the island the big whites immediately uh attempt  
to use the moment to secure independence for the colony uh because like all big for  
their britches colonists they were sick of the mercantile system that forbid them from  
getting uh materials from outside of france or selling outside of the french networks  
uh and imagine that well with the king's authority now uh compromised \*\*\*\*\* it uh  
we will uh we'll just be our own dudes we'll rock but then the small whites uh joined 0:52:6  
along because the threat of the national assembly in paris and this new revolutionary  
government to perhaps mess with the racial arrangement and one of the big things  
that destabilized uh haitian politics during this period was the uh uh the loosening  
of uh restrictions on blacks the the uh are not blacks i'm sorry uh collards colored  
uh uh as they were known um haitians uh um increasing their access to civil rights  
and allowing uh even the handful of uh coloreds who were the product of two parents  
who were both free uh what at the time of birth the small and big whites who in 0:53:7

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france are killing each other or rather the the big the big whites are in the process of of of finally being you know held to account by uh by the small whites of like the urban uh uh artisan classes the son culat but they were on the same page in haiti because uh they were equally committed to the maintenance of the color line uh meanwhile the uh the colored population uh is trying to use the revolution to assert a universality of of rights among property owners and of course not among any slave which is what renders this whole pro uh uh this whole moment so kind of once again grimly uh absurd there is a lot that's really brutally grimly absurd about about the 0:54:10 haitian revolution uh and it's because of uh the absurdity of trying to run a civilized country uh with pretensions to ideas of rights and obligations and laws uh on top of just a giant machine of human misery right there not not somewhere else not baffled through chambers of law and language and geography right in your you have these people uh you know uh fighting for their civil rights their their universally recognized uh human rights to be equal to the other slave owners to be able to vote together with the other slave owners on what to do about and all for a sweet sweet delicious 0:55:21 treat that you put in your tea or coffee something that rotted the teeth out of your gums uh kept you up late and that's it that's all did it wasn't necessary it wasn't it wasn't a a needed element of the european diet so at the end of the third chapter uh an assembly has been called to replace an assembly that had broken up during this tumultuous battle uh where all the while the uh colonial authorities who were the other group of white people i didn't mention earlier the actual uh military leaders and the uh the governor the intendant and all that uh and then the bureaucrats this thin sheen of of legality on top of this whole process uh they were unable to control events there weren't enough of them there weren't enough troops there or enough 0:56:22 bureaucrats and they were there was an attempt by uh the colonial authorities to uh ally with the colors uh to uh check the uh rebellious uh coalition of the big and small whites and it was in the as this uh battle was uh heating up and as uh the color population started making moves towards uh insurrection one had already happened uh and been brutally repressed one by o'jay uh as this was happening out of nowhere some the people that these people have been talking in front of and mobilizing in front of the whole time and it just would not even thinking about what they might be seeing what they might be thinking because of the screen of dehumanization that they had to put up to keep themselves where they were that very thing that allowed 0:57:23 that line that allowed them to gain all that power to gain all that luxury and all those beautiful homes and fine silks became the very thing that meant that it would all go up in a \*\*\*\*\* blaze of fire in a \*\*\*\*\* inferno as their plantations were burned as they were because in the middle of all this strikes a strikes the the first mass uprising of the haitian revolution and uh fourth chapter will no doubt uh uh set the scene for that

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whole so yeah three three next three chapters for but i would say that that that the 0:58:38  
sugar uh industry is a good illustration of just how the colonial project provided the  
necessary uh raw materials uh uh trade establishment of trade networks um surplus  
uh uh production of uh helped capitalism in europe not collapse in on itself because  
capitalism is wildly destabilizing and it creates social uh it creates massive social  
dislocation as it occurs it is it is it bores everything into oblivion and that means  
that it creates unstable political situations and it creates conflicts within societies  
and between societies as the resources are ground into the maw and as people are 0:59:39  
pulled away from their uh their established connections to the world around them  
and the people around them and turned into individuals and they resist everybody  
resists the old ruling class resists because they weren't they didn't really sign up for  
this when they unleashed these forces but and now they're going to try to fight and  
then of course the peasants resist because they don't want to be made into whatever  
the hell this thing is has in mind for them which they can't even imagine and what  
gets them off of their \*\*\*\*\* tractors and which gets them into the cities and what  
soothes the ball and soothes the anxious minds of the aristocrats and the landowners  
sweet sugar sweet egos gim cracks stuff that is all the product of a trade of uh raw 1:0:40  
resources processed by uh slave and honestly i would say that that's the one thing  
that marx under uh emphasizes and i think that under under emphasis is the biggest  
explanation for why he uh wasn't wrong marx wasn't wrong about anything why he  
underestimated the timeline the time scales that he was operating off of and that was  
because not only did colonization jump start capitalism in europe it also provided  
a uh like a stabilizing uh fin as this thing is rocketing and then the crucial moment  
came in the early 20th century when capitalism's headquarters moved from europe to 1:1:41  
north america and in that case and once that happens the inherent uh instability in  
european capitalism can kind of blow itself up without destroying the whole system  
and then can be rebuilt creative destruction baby we love it don't we that's world war  
ii world war one and two the second thirty years war as i like to yes the cold war was 1:2:44  
world war three that is tracked eventually uh i might do a book on the 30 years war  
after this if i find a good one i don't know maybe wedgewood again there's this like  
thousand page behemoth that i've always wanted to read and never got around to it  
though yeah world war 4 is not climate change annihilating us all it's uh technology 1:3:45  
plus its human traitor minions uh the climate change is just the context of them  
liquidating us uh as needed and when i say us i mean all humans i don't mean us as  
in americans not right away we will be the last to feel the blade but what will make  
the blade send faster is how much we're going to be fixated on making sure that  
our enemies pay hit to take the blade first that is what's going to if anything does  
is is our politically invested populous being so committed to uh seeing somebody

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else suffer before them uh that if things get disabled destabilized uh they're gonna 1:4:47  
want they're gonna reach for the acts of destruction not yeah i mean we're we're  
they're going they're at war with us right now and of course for right now we are  
also the ones that aren't war on behalf of because right now they're fighting war on  
behalf of the american standard of living basically because the american standard  
of living is what powers the world economy it is the thing it's the reason we have  
stuff and economic development is extending the american standard of living as far  
into the world as possible now of course that's impossible you get to a point where 1:5:49  
you start having enough people living the american standard of living and the uh  
\*\*\*\*\* biome starts to collapse which is what we're in and so everybody who enjoys  
an american standard of living anywhere in the world is uh on one side of a war with  
the rest and a lot of us are really struggling with the implications of that how do i  
live knowing that i'm on the wrong side not because i do that i use plastic straws  
not because of any specific actions i do but just because of where i am situated in  
the global chain you can't not be uh in there because it's not you standing it up it's  
the uh it's the structures that you are enmeshed in that stand it up your individual  
participation is beside and i think that is one reason people like to think of climate 1:6:55  
apocalypse in in very uh mid-century mid mid 20th century terms they want to  
think of it as another uh dr strange love ending because they love the idea of of you  
know extinguishment rather they certainly find more pleasurable to imagine about  
apocalyptic extinguishment than they do of just slowly over time becoming more in  
nerd to the misery dished out on our behalf and more uh in need of a uh escape a  
mental justification for why uh what i'm why i'm not trying to do something more  
why i'm not risking anything to stop i can see why why you want to think everyone  
wants to think that it'll just one day that you're always going to be you can imagine 1:7:57

*A Farce that Gives Us Meaning*

**07.16.21**

i see a bad moon rising i see trouble on the way i see earthquakes and lightning i see a bad time today well don't go around tonight or it's bound to take your life  
\*\*Music playing\*\* i'll put some whiskey in your water sugar in your tea what's 0:1:10  
all these crazy questions you're asking me this is the best body that could ever  
be turn on the lights cause i don't wanna see open up this window let some air 0:2:13  
into this room i think i'm almost choking i saw a sale that cigarette just smoking  
scared me open up the window sucker let me catch my breath yes randy newman  
wrote that song definitely one of our best guys folks so today i wanted to talk uh  
as about broadly very broadly about like seek meaning from politics in the current 0:3:15  
moment and how that manifests itself in mass politics not not niche politics but  
like centered around significant numbers of americans all identifying with the same  
s constellation of symbols and ideas with the same leadership that is able to exercise  
like actual influence so we're not talking about anything on the left we're really only  
talking about liberal and conservative the two parties and specifically wanted to  
start talking about what it is to get meaning from politics if you are a republican  
that is to say if you're a so there's this article this uh in the post today washington  
post to trump's hardcore supporters his rallies weren't politics they were life and it 0:4:19  
is an embedding a reporter did with a bunch of people who were essentially dead  
heads for trump rallies these are people who would follow trump's public addresses  
across the country they would fly and they would stay in each other's houses they  
formed a little community of like the hardcore like these would be your the closest  
thing you would have to like the altar comforts and street fighters of the nazi party  
if you were gonna try to make the fossil fascism argument whereas those people uh  
were traumatized world war one veterans in germany their equivalent here are all  
because for the young politics is as dead as it was before it was born that doesn't 0:5:21  
move people the symbols have been exhausted so they've tuned out by and large the  
people who are still invested in this \*\*\*\*\* are people who still have an investment  
in this system because it's don't serve them well enough their whole life and now  
their politics is this spectacle of of uh nihilistic excess it's fandom it is fandom and

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if you want to explain if you want to understand january 6th it's not a coup it's not a it was not an insurrection uh it was barely not even honestly a riot it was well it was a riot uh like when the lakers won the uh the championship or like when vancouver lost to boston in the stanley cup is an excess of emotional feeling associated 0:6:24 with a spectacle of mass uh expectation of mass convic of massive warning into a \*\*Music playing\*\* it's like you're it's the sense of being subsumed into a greater uh consciousness that comes from mass participation ritual mass participation the kind of things that make people's lives up when they're struggling for survival and for uh power over their lives the political struggle that defined but that has been superseded in america because we got bought out everybody got bought out all autonomy all ability to to have a mass consciousness like work on behalf of something beyond 0:7:25 capital beyond the algorithm beyond the inhuman all of that uh all that ability has been stripped of us depoliticized whether we uh live or die whether the oceans rise or fall whether uh we uh are able to keep our house or we have to sell it whether we have to go in the pod and eat the bugs all of these decisions have been taken out of the realm of politics they're not considered by us so we can't struggle for them and there's no uh social order to back with like your material struggles beyond uh you know criminality or or something like that because uh if you want to express anti-social behavior because all violence has been monopolized by the techno capitalist 0:8:28 state so you cannot struggle on your own behalf but in exchange you don't feel the need to struggle because you are otherwise compensated in the form of the dream of the hope of not the actual fulfillment of homes consumer products conveniences and this is not anyone's fault because this change happens because the uh structure uh accelerates proletarianization over time but not evenly and and the the role of the post-war specifically the american post-war government was to direct as much as possible uh the misery of the building of capitalism world capitalism away from 0:9:30 americans at least the americans who mattered that that was what government did existed to do to keep the people in the center happy enough to keep the machine going and that meant that doing most of the real exploitation out in the periphery in the colonies where there is nothing but a pure miseration and pure exploitation but that is just abstracted away from the real lived experience of people in the center they get to benefit just from the \*\*\*\*\* excess and not feel the exploitation that's inherent in making that uh making these trade routes and and the difference between now and uh what we think of american government like the expectation that was created by the new deal and everything is that uh the uh hose is broken and it's just it's hitting everybody now it was all the tank was filling but now there's nowhere 0:10:33 else for it to go total admiseration is coming and that is the ah the entirety of our our political crisis is that reality is that emergence and what that means is that

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people are getting more and more anxious and they're needing their politics which is where they have subsumed away their uh their sense of any control over their lives because since the 70s there has been a general more generalized demiseration slowly but surely the ones who lasted the longest were the ones who got the homeowner deal the ones who in 1980 were said look if you got a house by now congratulations we're going to create a a bubble around this house that is going to make it turn it into a guaranteed investment a a a solid gold bond that will always appreciate in value because it is supported by the entire structure of the united states government and economy and so they got low property taxes reduced income taxes a deregulated market for them to invest in they got stuff out of it but their kids aren't getting that deal the people around them who weren't as lucky didn't get the deal and so they're feeling the heat turn up but nobody signed off on any of this because the whole time this was happening actual politics was turned into a pure spectacle of fandom where you go to seek the reason that the uh that soccer hooliganism exploded in england after world war ii is that you had the british of people who had been the most martial humans on earth people who had \*\*\*\*\* galloped through history at the at the drum beat of of a world ma destroying empire where um where military service and and military sacrifice was a defining feature of masculinity and uh just told no no they don't we don't do that anymore we don't do that anymore those animal energies got to go somewhere and if they're deferred from politics they go to some other public place public ritual that can allow people to feel communal for a minute feel like one one force feel like one mind even if it's around a spectacle an enjoyment a game a circus it is a venting of that energy that cannot otherwise be satisfied because the rest of your life is determined by the patterns of the market and of exchange and you have no real autonomy you cannot choose to do anything and that drains you uh and emotionally grappled with and that's where it goes and it was traditionally sports but now it's become politics because politics has been totally uh removed from a question of accountability the reason these guys can do this stuff and care and to treat our institutions so so cavalierly is because they know at heart more than the liberals do that none of them matter that might makes right that that is it that that all these niceties are and so politics is this it's a it's an indulgence it's an emotional indulgence it's a time to feel like you're in a room with other people who are also you and you get to see yourself reflected in a way that you can't in a world where you are alienated against from yourself and so that means that politics becomes part of the spectacle of fandom and the ritual of fandom and that's what the trump rallies were in our is a ritual of fandom uh which is why i think the best way to understand uh january 6th is as a sports riot and the thing that makes that meaningful is that this is all individuated this is not a political

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act they're not actually coming together as political actors they're not imagining themselves capable of actually changing anything they can only express their libidos they can only indulge and that means not cooperating that means not wasting any time they could be selfieing themselves in front of nancy pelosi's office they will not sacrifice anything from their pleasure their pleasure is why they are fighting this fight in the first place to protect their \*\*\*\*\* pleasure so why the hell would they 0:15:47 give that up when they don't think it's possible when they have discounted because they have not lived it that can supersede the algorithm of capitalism no that is inexorable and so what did they do they wanted to overthrow the government how they were going to mill around until somebody else did it and that is the key is that the american political subject is not political because he is always imagining that somebody else somebody has in the sense of some organization some uh abstracted mechanism that he is not part of will do it but that's impossible we all it has to be us we have to feel like it's us or else you're not gonna move the goddamn wheel because otherwise everyone's gonna hang back and do the least and do the most self-indulgent thing which is what all politics is now everyone is mesmerized by the pleasure \*\*\*\*\* 0:16:48 principle and trump is like the leading edge of hysterical boomers who are heading towards a death that they cannot comprehend trying to grasp uh meaning and and emotion and and uh and a sense of of genuine mystical like communal experience in the short time they have left because everything else has been burned out they're all stephen paddocks they're all husks nothing can get them off anymore because they're old and they're they're wasted up and then and uh this is a new thing this feeling this pseudo politics of of fandom but it's purely motivated by selfish indulgence which means no one will actually do the work of politics they will just mill around and then the people who are paychecks are being signed by capitalism and which is has 0:17:49 as its core uh objective maintaining the the schematic of american democracy quote unquote in order to maintain a minimal consent to fill in the gap of that cannot be technologically imposed i mean these literally are people who thought the rapture was going to happen and then trump showed up and like it just became they can't imagine heaven anymore because it's coming too close they have to feel it in the world they have to immunize the eschaton they have to feel god well alive because they have no faith that there will be an afterlife because they are totally alienated because they've never had significant communal experiences that have bonded them to others that have given them definitions of words that are more spiritually uh invested than the ones that we and so they're grasping for it they're going to do it 0:18:53 now but the only way they can do it is just to in do it the way that you watch the other team the team the fan the celebrity the the the high priest basically like trump is and represents a force beyond you that you cannot impose upon you're recreating

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a mythology in the in the here and now to make up for the one that you can no longer sustain in that thereafter because it feels too real and part of that i think is that these people have death drives i mean it gets over tight oh uh republicans are a death cult i mean sure capitalism is a death cult i mean that doesn't really tell you anything about what to do about it it's just it's just a bumper sticker but um but in a very specific sense i think that some of these people who are really committed to trump are seeking an oblivion that involves him that are that are that want to die like in a way that a viking wants to die in the field of battle so that he can go sup with the gods and valhalla these people think that if they die like in the orbit of trump in the trajectory of trump they will be absorbed into his light in some way they will be lifted up and made they because they see him as them like it really is the thing they love about trump is the thing that is they recognize about themselves uh and so so they want to be validated by him they want some validation from this other and to be subsumed in it and the only way to do that is to pursue life with purpose but that purpose can only be rotating around the thing and feeling the rays of it because you cannot imagine political subjectivity because it's been ground out of you because we really are the stripped threads of society here like we have bro for all the reasons that the frankfurt school in everybody's senses described and the \*\*\*\*\* postmodernist and everything we have busted off the conveyor belt of class consciousness and class formation because we've gotten to the terminal endpoint of capitalism whereas it's no longer it has fulfilled its historic role and it's still around the only explanation for that is that its superstructural powers have overwhelmed the machinery like the actual machinery of human interaction so yeah they uh we are we're through the looking glass in a real sense and our the the the task before us then is to live in that reality how do we confront the truth of this and like cut through all of the wishful thinking that undergirds our libido politics and this is what happens these people in this article are the op are the people who either cannot imagine or refuse to do that and therefore seek oblivion like i think these people want to die in trump's honor in some way listen this is one of my this sentence this paragraph is one of my absolute favorite first of all among these group of people uh one of the one of them dies is one of the first people to die of coronavirus in the country and it immediately shocks them and horrifies them but that they end up turning it into a motivate a story in their head about how it's actually uh christine whitner's fault and they start they keep traveling to these rallies even in like in empty planes because they're that devoted to it they they refuse to believe the dangers there they're like seeking to be around the virus but listen to this this is my favorite paragraph when randall thom a sixty-year-old ex-marine with a long-grain mustache fell severely ill with a high fever and debilitating congestion he refused to go to the hospital he was a heavy smoker

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who was significantly overweight and knew he faced an increased risk of severe effects from covid 19. still he refused to take a coronavirus test and potentially increase the caseload on trump's watch quote i'm not going to add to the numbers he told me tom survived the scare but died months later in a car accident while returning home to minnesota from a trump boat parade in florida now to me this is a person who is seeking valhalla in where where all the gods are trump and it's just trump as a mirror telling him how great he is and how wonderful he is and how he's tremendous and how he's so special and how we love him and how we love him like these are war boys for trump but what does that mean does that mean following someone's political directions hey you know uh seize that building hey uh execute those prison 0:23:59 prisoners hey show up for this \*\*\*\*\* meeting so we all know what we're doing no no no no no they watch the team on the field and then they get they get their uh sense of uh pleasure and identity from a mutual experience of of uh spectaclized uh indulgence just a pure uh a sin if you want to get like building this entire device of uh of capitalism that is destroying the earth and rendering to rendering it to the purpose of giving me everything i ever wanted even though none of it has ever made me happy put it in my mouth let me eat it num num num let me just have it i i need it i i cannot handle any less pleasure that i'm having right now and in fact even the thought that i might have less pleasure in the future than i have right now makes my 0:25:1 current pleasure uh miserable but uh we still need to direct the entirety of the world economy around this thing we still have to have that uh goal the miserable pursuit and consumption of \*\*\*\*\* uh of the of the limited resources of the earth where all of the misery of capitalism is externalized in the form of our drive to consume which once it became the engine of the world global system in the 19th century you could argue that was the end of humankind and maybe we can fight it back but i mean for real because once that happens we will consume until it's exhausted because all 0:26:2 social conflict is resolved through consumption yes there are wars yes uh there is class conflict and there's political struggle but fundamentally the some aggregate of the uh governmental policies of capitalist governments is to repress to the extent that you can and then increase consumption to the extent that you have to that is the that is the uh the algorithm that is the decision matrix repress until it becomes unsustainable because it undermines uh uh consensus government it undermines uh the adherence the basic like epis the basic uh uh like emotional adherence to the system of your 0:27:4 subjects and so those people get benefits and you cut it along geographic racial lines you create bright lines that can be seen in the skin or uh and in gender and then you at the top of the hierarchy that trickling down buy off everybody so the wealthiest get the most of course indulgent lives but then there are those below who get a little better and a little better and the post-war keynesian bubble was it filtering down

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and that meant that when the crisis of capitalism came in the 70s everyone was a consumer they were not workers even if they live work working class lives they were fundamentally estranged from politics by the experience of living that lifestyle where all of your anxieties all of your social conflicts all of your alienation is can only be 0:28:6  
soothed can only be directly and and in the present sense uh uh extinguished through consumption you give up control of your life you give up the ability to direct that animal energies and your bodies into anything collective the reason that we send our young people to kill each other and \*\*\*\*\* wars so they can vent off that sense of life that sense of wanting to actually assert control of their environment that capitalism denies them that has to be vented elsewhere ritually first in violence and then once you've got people comfortable enough uh in leisure until they go insane and start up killing themselves which is what we're doing the west the death of the west is that suffocation by by pleasure by consumption drowning in honey awaken a dream 0:29:9  
from a great clean side song secret rulers of the world they drifted away on a black limousine and that was the last of them it really gets the whole arc of uh modern paul it's like it's essentially like all every olive pension like just crushed into one's idea just we're we're all at the mercy of the lizards about the mercy of the lizards that is uh the abstract uh the profit motive expressed socially which is consumption that is the uh the profit motive the price signal expressed in social reality is people 0:30:11  
maximizing their their personal pleasure as the homo economicus model says and what that creates is a system where decisions the uh degree to which a decision matters to the direction of the system is totally proportionate to how uh close the the people there are to the benefits of the system the closer you are to the real gears when the thing formed and then uh the more insulated you are and our political cultures are all just built around certain formations that show up at certain points in time and then responses to them like the binary between our early yankee new england political economy and the later uh southern agrarian uh plantation slave one that has defined our politics ever since and that is distinguished by place in 0:31:12  
space time not by anything else liberalism broadly defined that uh was born in the county houses of new england uh liberal conservatism broadly defined was born in the uh in the slave markets of and those are places separated uh geographically and over time so that their political cultures emerge differently the the uh the plantation culture is the uh real tip of the spear of capitalism uh and therefore it cannot afford itself the the illusions of uh capitalism back in uh boston what has done instead is that if you're on the top in the charleston society you are presiding over slavery the 0:32:13  
thing that makes it acceptable to you is the almost infinite amount of treats that you get out of it because one of the reasons that it's such a relatively inefficient system relative to capitalism in the north is that um uh is that there's no reinvestment really

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once you have a plantation you just consume the profits and that's why they lived so disgustingly lavishly the new england puritans didn't have to live that way they accumulated money and then they had a little house and they went to a little uh clapboard shack maybe they had a bigger house as they got more successful but at no point did they need to organize their their life around those pleasures they had sublimated away a lot of that into their religious convictions into at that point their uh their puritan calvinist beliefs but over time that translates into uh secular liberalism but it's from the same associates some of the same arrangement people doing merchant capitalism which is clothed in rituals of consent and has certain understandings about what things like liberty and freedom mean what these words mean are defined the rival uh was developed in the south it grew in tandem with the north but at a slower pace but was where the super profits were to be found so it had disproportionate influence in the early days and later because it's where the profits were even if there wasn't the political organization around it and so it was able to stage a last-minute fight for its own survival because remember this is an attempt to re-establish or to resist capitalism the imperatives capitalism through slavery it was a rear guard action by the old aristocracy the old land-based ruling party that was being overthrown over the course of the rise of modernity from the 7th 16th to the 19th century so it's all about access to treats politics has become our politics shorn of a class basis which we briefly had in this country from about the from the 30s until like the 60s you had a little brief period where there was an actual organized working-class access of demands of political representation that had its own superstructure and its own uh uh its own counter hegemony uh even though it was within capitalism uh but it was never strong enough to with to uh withstand the corrosive power of the consumer model to dissolve the capital the socialist movement from outside from by dispersing its membership into suburbs and making them into \*\*\*\*\* homeowners which makes them into petty bourgeois in a meaningful way to some extent they're no longer simply workers and they live distance from one another and the time that they used to spend socially interacting is now created by uh is is now now spent interacting with a pseudo capitalism and now at the very end of this process we are a population who is to one degree or another fully alienated from politics younger people by and large have given up on anything happening anything changing through collective action because they've never seen it work they've never seen an example of it they've only heard descriptions of ideas that don't correspond to the life that they as they understand it and then you have older people who remember a time when there was a more uh coherent social bond that there was some sort of social responsibility beyond individual consumption but it's been so damn long that now uh their understanding of those concepts is wrapped up in a bunch of other concepts

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about identity about uh uh racial hierarchy and gender hierarchy all these things that are wired in to living in a capitalist system are also there and it just becomes one part of a mosaic of desi of things that is always going to be there but in years in previous generations was always undermined by the fact that you could vote as a \*\*\*\*\* worker in america and expect your interests to be actually represented in terms of trade policy and taxes and things like that and that handle broke in the 70s and so no one really thinks that that's possible anymore that you could get anything out of it so what else are you going to vote for you're mostly still going to vote some of you aren't going to stop some of you are going to still vote and then who do you vote for and then trump comes along and he just represents this package of uh he is just the sum total of the culture that made him he is this sock puppet just filled with the tides of history he is like a napoleon in that he has embodied the moment but whereas napoleon embodied the dynamic moment of capitalism in its birth liberal capitalism and its real birth on the continent he was like there at the explosion of the \*\*\*\*\* uh the big bang trump is sort of like napoleon at the end of that in that he is here at after the energy has been totally dispersed and the thing is collapsing in on itself because all of the um the modernizing forces that napoleon unleashed on the on the world the the modernization of legal codes the abolition of uh a feudal land uh jewish toleration which sets the tone for uh like cosmopolitan capitalism he is unleashing this dynamo upon uh europe uh and all the things that are created out of that unified nation state with a uh a unified nation say with a federal distribution of power strong and authoritative central governments that that uh essentially coordinate national capitalist formations that maintain like a a state competitive uh and then within those the the systems of technology that connect these things into uh one uh holistic uh being uh and that they're and that create one citizenry like the the revolution and the napoleonic wars were one of the big ratchets in making france into a thing because there were relatively few people in what is now france spoke even spoke french until the late 19th century and that process that wrenching process happens all through the 19th century and it's brought in the beginning by the napoleonic convulsion and it's a rationalizing process but what it creates over time is what we have which is a system where the liberal imperative having overwhelmed class consciousness is now totally unshackled from any uh real technological constraints and can now operate as a global hive mind of consumption and if napoleon emerges from in one moment to take the reins of power and you know show the muscular power of liberalism trump represents liberalism law exhausted of all power to do anything because trump is just the sock puppet that filled up trump had no real politics trump had no real desire to be president he had no organization he had no ideology he had never planned to be president he ran as a fit of peak and

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as a publicity stunt and he was able to win because all of the forces of global of of american capitalism had come together to create a population of people who were fully atomized fully the consumption of themselves as consumers their identity based around consumption identities that include a bunch of ideas about hierarchies and differentiations along age gender race and they're interlaced with our class position but not as anything that can be determined like as or they're not that anything that's self-conscious just as the thing that sets the shape uh and that they are going to uh involve themselves in a politics that is entirely spectacle-based where they have lost all belief that politics matters that politicians tell the truth that what you vote for matters everybody absorbed the last 40 years from watergate to the \*\*\*\*\* financial collapse and had the same underlying understanding that everyone is lying and it's all full of \*\*\*\*\* liberals have fantasies to try to deny that conservatives accept it that's the only difference once again that's because one of them loves doing rules and rituals to a better their consciousness about being in capitalism and others just want and and so people are driven purely by their resentments their loathing of another their desire to see politics is a conflict with the other where they're in uh existential threat and where uh they're at all points imagining the in some way the discomfort and pleasure of their enemy which is not a a class enemy but is just this social uh gorgon conjured up by uh uh are conjured up by our fantasies uh of uh these identities that we're protecting in the face of a collapse that we did not sign up for so everybody is one way or another disillusioned with uh the actual functions of democracy so that means that we can lose we can indulge ourselves and one of the big things that undermined me getting trump right in that i was i failed to at every point assume he would win as soon as he showed up is that i thought more people had faith in the system enough to not want to see these structures defamed because trump being running for president is degrading to the institution it is degrading to politics in a real way and i assume that there were enough people especially people who voted who cared enough about these structures to want to see them preserved and it turns out no at the end of this thing at the at the at the old scared white end of this thing or culture where where precarity is purely a matter of an aesthetic revulsion and changing standards and threats to hierarchy that really doesn't have anything to do with your material conditions except at the bottom where it's less at the top where it's most organized it's just petty bourgeois grievance and if you combine penny bourgeois grievance with a system of uh telling you that actually it's very these things these institutions are all very uh respectable they don't they're not filled with liars uh you should trust the media and you should trust political uh parties and you should trust science and they say yeah this is all \*\*\*\*\* and you're all saying that because you run them so i don't give a \*\*\*\*\* if we if we get hamburger

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grease on the constitution we don't have the illusions about the system that you do because we don't require to live in denial because our political uh our political pa uh uh conception our tool house of our reality tunnel that we're boring through the world is determined by our class position and and so trump just shows up and he's like hey 0:45:31 i'm you i'm i'm a famous cool guy uh who is as petty and vain and persnickety and uh miserable as you which means that he has the same things he doesn't like that they don't like that means that he has the same things that he likes the same symbols the same lazy symbols that they like like he loves the flag because he thinks america is him it's like these people love jesus because they think it's america because they think it's them it's pure narcissism which is all that a capitalist consumer economy can create as narcissists because that's where the price signal is so those are the those are the uh the maggot ladies and gentlemen who traveled the country and all 0:46:34 they're ever gonna do is go to \*\*\*\*\* rallies all they're ever gonna do is go to rallies and then if one if somebody says hey let's go to the capitol they'll go they'll storm in then they'll wander around and take pictures just like you would do if your team won the championship you'd go downtown you maybe throw a police car over maybe you make love in the middle of the street then you go home because it's just a venting of energy it is not a political act they are venting off their native creative impulse that is that as in creating the world by imposing your will on it which necessitates real expression of of of of the will to human liberty power freedom identity whatever you want to call it it requires coordination and cooperation because right now we're all being ruled by the algorithm which is that we are seeking the treats even as they 0:47:39 run out and even as we recognize that they run out we are seeking the treats so that we can be the one to go last if that's all we can hope from the future your conviction your belief that there's another way that people can be that really is what it boils down to do you believe that humans can at a certain level and then that you have like a you don't have everybody that's ridiculous at first or even in the very near term but you have a nuclear nucleus of people who are able to generate a political cultural economic inflection point that pushes through the human population the same way that individual consciousness did the same way that the liberal identity 0:48:41 was emerged from eur just burst out of europe in the uh in the 17 and 1800s that swept over the world it doesn't have everybody now but it has it now has for a long time now hit an inflection point i would say the inflection point is probably like uh 1989 where this is now the animating uh metaphysics of the global economy the people who are actually around the machines that move the stuff around even though we have reached a point where we could program them differently we would have to do it not any group within us and we have not had that transformation yet if you think that that transformation is possible that you get to a point where enough

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people motivated by a felt connection to others that allow them to transcend the 0:49:42  
pleasure principle the consumption principle enough to see the problems in front of  
them to act spot together with the other people to create institutions of organization  
and then uh political power and that if that were even in the context of collapse and  
humanity fracturing and the global supply chain breaking down still within this  
the possibility that formations could survive that could eventually form the nucleus  
of a revolutionized human subject a situation where you have a global population  
emotional sense of obligation to every con uh theoretical person in their world as 0:50:44  
they do the people around them if not in the same intensity then much closer than  
we have now which is zero where all human considerations are always sacrificed and  
you gotta ask yourself and if you don't if you don't think it's possible if you think  
that that we were we are too alienated from each other that that and this is our  
sort of like the christian case against socialism is you know we \*\*\*\*\* somebody bit  
the apple you know there is no what you're asking for is something that would be  
in practice the coming of the millennium that would be uh heaven that would be  
the the the the apocalypse like the good one and there can be no heaven not it's 0:51:46  
not for us here it's for us in the everlasting that's i think that heaven can exist on  
earth at all points and it does exist on earth in places where people have allowed it  
to exist little wormholes to heaven and that the task of humanity one giant portal  
that allows us to step truly into another dimension into another another earth and i  
can understand if you don't think that's possible like i said it uh it is millennial you  
know in a way that uh that the jaundiced uh late capitalist subject has a hard time  
believing it so and i certainly didn't for a very long time if pressed i would say no 0:52:48  
no no no no because you're only seeing things from the outside but i now know that  
experiences is what generates real knowledge not any kind of rational uh syllogism  
real knowledge comes from experience which is then translated into language that we  
use to convince ourselves that that experience was real and to anchor it and if that's  
true and i think it is if that's how we learn and that's the real if that's the truth  
of epistemology then uh then every moment is absolutely pregnant with possibility  
no matter what the overbearing structures are because you still have to live and  
then you have to live with that you have to live with that as the motivator so that  
you can be self motivated to short-circuit the pleasure principle you have to have  
a structure that can withstand the moments when you're not feeling so good and 0:53:49  
that has to be an architecture of ideas and and and proofs but it's built out of the  
experience it's a lot it's it experience love all objects in your perception right on so  
yeah i mean i don't think i'm anywhere there near there personally i i believe but  
you know whether that belief uh still is enough to generate action is uh intermittent 0:54:52  
at best i must say but i have to also have faith that and that's what keeps me going

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that's what keeps me funny thing is fukuyama was correct it's so funny that people say he was wrong fukuyama was right it's just that uh what that meant what end of history meant is not what people were imagining because i think because of uh the normative assumptions that we have where you know if you're a guy like fukuyama who was a conservative and you're arguing that this is the end of history because of capitalism's uh victory you would sort of assume that that meant there and that's a good thing and that that's going to be good for us and we're going to thrive in that situation and that's the part that of course and that things are going to be peaceful and that's the part that got roasted by events in the 20th century but if you 0:55:54  
remove that assumption that this means that he's means and therefore that's going to be good for people the argument completely is completely persuasive because since 1989 there has been no existing uh global center for opposition to capitalism and therefore since there is no center of opposition since it's since capitalism is one in every place except in you know like the \*\*\*\*\* what like the back country of uh of uttar pradesh where the \*\*\*\*\* naxalites are and like capitalism rules everywhere and that means that history has ended because that battle between classes has ended the 0:57:7  
the ruling class has won but in the sense that uh in the sense that history did end and that the struggle for history cuba i would say is the best thank you for reminding me of cuba actually i would say the cuba really is if you want to have like a a a word to use for like that little flickering light in your heart that you've got to keep stoked that tells you you know that there is a new there is a different way to be there is a different way to relate to the world that can allow us to act differently and not be overwhelmingly enslaved by the algorithm pulled by like \*\*\*\*\* iron filings by the algorithm and and it's hard to believe that practically i mean you have to have like that's why it has to be spiritual but you know you also need uh examples in the here and now to click to to to draw solace from if nothing else and cuba has 0:58:15  
got to be it cuba has got to be the name of the fire because like my god after the soviet union collapsed their economy went into complete \*\*\*\*\* free fall and the kind of thing that caused every other communist regime and they did it and the thing is there's no way they could have done it if it was a dictatorship i'm sorry they couldn't have done it the math is pretty clear when you have a brittle dictatorship on top of that degree of social con social uh crisis they collapse it is an x and y problem especially being pushed over by the united states on the outside at the same time are you \*\*\*\*\* kidding me that is a textbook example of uh everyone every time you 0:59:18  
have that situation you cannot say uh because of no dictatorships fall under much much less dire uh economic circumstances there is democratic uh there is a broadly felt democratic participation in government they feel like they're actually part of the thing that they're not passive spectators to the thing they feel like they're part of

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it you can argue whether much they are but they feel like it and that means that in a crisis they will pull together a little bit and not push outward against uh the perceived cause of the problems of course i'm sure there's repression too but how could there not be there isn't every \*\*\*\*\* society but it is socially expressed to some degree or it wouldn't have wouldn't have survived and then it's then they came back and \*\*\*\*\* fidel died and everyone assumed that when fidel died it would just be instantaneously there'd be mcdonald's on the \*\*\*\*\* beaches of havana and nope and then they even passed it outside of the \*\*\*\*\* castro family it's uh yeah it's gotta 1:0:22 be you gotta protect it you gotta protect the flame and that means of course which sadly for most of us isn't much we can post about it but who knows something might occur there's international so we need more solidarity that's for damn sure but keep an eye out bye

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the festival was over and the boys were your cameraman was quiet except for the they're clear if you had been lifted and the gambling wheel shut down anyone with any sense had already left town he was standing in the doorway backstage molly was playing five cards studs by the stairs lily had two queens she was hoping for a big jim was no one's fool he roamed the town's only he made his usual entrance 0:1:8 looking so dandy and so fine outside the streets were filling up with his diamond line and silver cane in every walking place he took whatever he wanted to and he laid it off the waist but his diamond mines and silver cane hi folks so tomorrow we're going to do uh the chapters four through six of uh the black jacobins which is a cracking read i hope everyone's enjoying it it's a lot it goes down smooth doesn't it uh we're talking about the uh the rise of the slave rebellion uh and also the rise 0:2:9 of tusson louvature who uh james is making a case as one of like history's great historic figures which i would agree with and uh i really do think that james does a great job of contextualizing like the romantic appeal and and sort of the intuitive sense of like the man of history you know the great men like there is something that is narratively soothing and and uh engaging about the uh imagining history as uh actions of uh embodied selves and therefore concentrated the forms of like these great figures and therefore and that they have a uh they have a role their individual will is able to count more than other peoples in a fundamental way you know the consent of all the actions of all make up a social corpus but some people get to make more important and then when history starts cracking open and crisis emerge 0:3:13 they throw up figures who would otherwise have laying dormant through the social strata and like one of the great tragedies of capitalism is that it as it overwhelms all of life and destroys initiative destroys the capacity for human initiative for human action to actually affect a change capitalism and technology literally strips humans at every level of our autonomy and that means at the top too the feudal lords of europe did not want capitalism to emerge they acceded to it in an exigent need to compete with each other for resources and power in the closed socioeconomic system or the closed uh the closed order the westphalian order and we're literally stripped of 0:4:18

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our ability to affect the world around us now we don't accept that fully that's what ideology is there for that's what our superstructure is for us is the culture we enjoy uh live in inverts all values and takes all that's bad in terms of good and gives us an explanation for why things why we have less power why are we not able to do what our uh what our forbearers have been able to do why we couldn't turn the wheel and they had some explanations that they carried with them but there's a fundamental sort of uh dimming of one's connection and eventually you become overtly aware that you're not in control of anything anymore and then you are defeated then you are made into a slave and it destroys your belief in the system sufficient for you to motivate yourself yourself morally and intellectually and energetically like you you are not able to fix yourself with with any uh investment behind a position and 0:5:19 then you are you are literally and that is where we find ourselves where everyone at every level has been stripped of autonomy but these sys these jobs still exist they're still filled with people we're still here we're still here we're filling the same roles but with less uh belief in them than ever less self-motivation than ever and that is the crisis of americans social fabric it's why people cannot do anything other than the most selfish thing because they are uh fundamentally unable to engage with each other uh in anything other than uh the the marketized relationships that have been enforced upon us by technology no you can't go come up down too hard on the romantics they were that was a necessary response and like they provided necessary 0:6:20 uh friction i mean it wasn't all great obviously but you you can't blame it it is a humane response to dehumanization it can yes it turns into things like fascism and uh uh and nationalism uh it has to that that heat has to go somewhere because capitalism is in control uh but no that the tragedy of our age is that it is a romantic there is no romance there is no sense that you can affect anything but there is no belief in anything but the south and its most narrow construction as a as an agent of economic uh inputs yummies and yuckies that is what we have become and now we're trying to make sense of a world where we are supposed to fulfill these social roles that had historically encoded with them uh a rituals of a firm affirmation of 0:7:23 belief in a system affirmation of belief in something beyond the self that's something that was worth honoring that goes away because if you're not building anything that matters if you're not actually responsible for anything that's another big part of this this is highly underrated is it one of the reasons that the system does such horrible things to people is not the the other side of the equation of these decisions being made by the algorithm what that means is that the people associated with the decisions who have to execute them as a moral question have to make the choice they are making a choice to execute and even if they and yes you could say but they could resign somebody else will do it yes but everybody has to make a moral choice and the

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fact that there's somebody else who will do it means we can avoid responsibility for doing it and i will implicate myself entirely in this this is it this is not nobody gets to choose out of this this is like the dunning-kruger effect this if i don't participate in this machinery of death someone else will therefore my involvement in this system is superfluous and that means i don't have any responsibility for what the system does so that means that i can benefit from an unjust arrangement without ever feeling like and i'm an exploiter because the system will go on and we all know the system will go on regardless of what happens to me and that feeling is associated traditionally with like higher high being high in the hierarchy where you feel like you actually can control something the idea that if i didn't do this it wouldn't happen you need to have that sense that something else can happen to make it a real world question for yourself like because we're all going to be a verse from self-sacrifice if we don't have connections other which we don't we have had them stripped off of us we can only believe in ourselves and our pleasure so that we participate in these systems and we get sorted really demographically and by chance into slots in this machinery and then we are asked to make choices and the fact that the choices aren't real allows us more and now we have a system where the logic of capitalism the algorithm of capitalism drives everyone to doing the wrong thing drives everyone to universal uh immorality because responsibility has been taken from them because responsibility has been taken from them and that is not anyone's fault to feel that it's real it really will keep going if you don't stop because remember the dream of a general striker a mass uprising is a coordinated one and we can't visualize those we cannot live in a world where those are things are possible we live in an era that has killed those possibilities the same way the 19th century people killed god we killed the capacity of there to be an overwhelming spiritual uh uh overlordship of the individual self uh no then there was the hope that there was a species consciousness which is god in another name that could envelop the self and integrate it and nope the answer is no that's how well that's what we come to uh understand the world to be when we observe it so we cannot imagine acting in uh universally we can only act independently and so our independent refusal to do something will by definition not change it so why don't we just get the benefit rather than somebody who's a jerk i mean virtue mongering on the liberal on liberalism liberal virtue mongering boils down to the fact that these people are accepting hierarchy accepting perpetuating hierarchy and have rationalized to themselves that they deserve it more than others morally that's that's because these people are the that's the lingering sense of internet uh connection uh to other people that that that exists in the residue of the death of uh of the search for a species consciousness uh that's more that's just uh our guilt our sense of guilt our not any sense of love connection our sense of guilt which is mediated by that big other

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that dominates us and it was god and it was then the possibility of a class-based uh humane revolution uh a a synthesizing of capital to the needs uh that feeling that was associated with that is gone and what was left is liberal guilt the conscience the the self projected outward the other that must exist to observe us and to make our it was god it was the the race maybe this the human race no now it is just the self 0:12:34 because of the domination of capitalism and it's dehumanizing effects literally and so we're all trying to live in this world how do we make choices that we can really strip to their essentials because we're all going to make compromises everybody reading this everybody listening this uh we're reading this everybody listening or watching this including myself everybody participating in politics at this level is of course participating in capitalism in a way but to greater and less degrees of individual uh importance which means greater or less degrees of leverage that could be utilized if it was expressed outward in solidarity and not individually but that requires staying in the system enough to you can't if you can't quit a job because because of the 0:13:35 company that you work for and keep the connections to the other workers you have to make an end you need jobs to live we need to work to live in this system at least for now we'll see if they fulfill the ubi where we can just be pure consumers which honestly might be what ends up happening to those of us on one side of the of when the when the final walls go up when the when the laser motes and the drone uh perimeters go up if you're on the good side if you're on the lucky side of that you'll probably see a ubi where where act uh where livelihood is at a certain degree uh detached from labor so that everybody can consume even though our labor is uh totally because of in the interior because at the end of hyperexploitation at the at the inside technology uh our labor is superfluous to the system now we can just be 0:14:37 the consumers because our consumption is what drives it our consumption is what keeps the wheel moving so as long as so it's a perpetual motion machine of dis of greed of individual desire collated by the price signal there was an actual article by some \*\*\*\*\* demonic christians about how the price signal is proof of god's design this perfect system for distributing uh uh understanding of this this is their idea of the human mind a demonic selfish uh um uh self-consciousness devoted entirely to self-pleasure the the vision of all seven deadly sins cohered into a will that's their idea of god's will the \*\*\*\*\* price signal but for now you got to have a job and then what about what job is it going to be what obligations do you have to other people all these negotiations you make about what to do inform every decision that 0:15:39 you make even though you take many of them for granted as i do as we all do and so our challenge in life really and in this thing is to strip moments to the to the bear and then evaluate what work where our chain of interests really lie and the thing is we can't do that logically you need to be honing in on other people honing

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in on other frequencies to collaborate your instincts because you're when making decisions you are battling your own body sensations which are independent of what you think is happening and that is where you get feelings because feelings are the undigested and unrationalized uh first like pass of stimuli from the outside that is what you do to make up the world but it is not at some point there is an inflection of self-consciousness that arises and that creates a barrier because an inflection point cannot be by definition at some point symbolized symbolized and then symbols come later and symbols therefore come and that is why our feelings are this undigested thing that we try to give words to and our whole like the human search for meaning is echo locating our our symbols and our and our our hearts and minds are symbols and the feelings are generate our symbols into one another and then harmonizing them and creating symbols that that transcend rationality and they convey truth that convey truth of human connection of of the systemic nature of the universe of our integration our fundamental integration into a a cosmic fabric that means that our notions of like self-interest that we think we carry with us from our genes or illusory it is a fundamental misapprehension of the universe that is caused by that gap in perception from a feeling to the ability to express feeling which makes up civilization that we then live in that builds this black iron demiurgical cage that we are trapped in and then we can only echolocate against one another and we are all therefore obligated in every moment to be present enough in our decision in our bodies in this in the time of crisis that we are harmonizing our feelings to the words we're using to express uh what we really want to do because we're always as rational beings at the end of history we're always rational consumers we're always looking for our best interest defined delusionally as some sort of uh individual interest a pursuit of pleasure that is by definition illusory a pleasure that is never attained this is the important thing the the rational pursuit of pleasure is irrational because pleasure can only this is basic buddhism lacan talks about it in in continental philosophical terms it's to my mind it is undeniable never seen anybody argue that this is incorrect desire cannot be fulfilled so a society based on desire of the individual will never run up against any uh uh natural boundary we'll dissolve it in the pursuit of this thing unless our desires are tethered if the thing we desire could be can be pursued because we're going to desire things if the thing we desire could be pursued say it's a communion with all like actual communion a sensed communion with the with all the a sharing of the hive mind now we can't have that in life you can have moments of it but they are forgotten as soon as they occur because they cannot be symbolized but and that is why we are always struggling to understand our own feelings and our own relationship to the to the divine and ourselves is because we don't know where these things come from but that can be pursued beneficially because all that energy

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that drive towards the desire that is motivating you why it can go towards building something it can go towards building a thing that involves the uh thriving of other people whose condition you care about as much as you care about your own condition that can drop that that that is everybody moving in the same direction in a way that does not require a state this is what marx talks about when he talks about the withering away of the state the state is there to enforce transactions and interactions 0:20:49 marx's conception is that if you get a situation of post scarcity remember this is post scarcity this is we have accumulated enough capital to work technologically our will on the world with minimal human labor input which we have absolutely reached by now the industrial revolution and then the technological revolution that came after the the uh the silicon va uh information revolution that came after it have given and they've given us the cultural tools uh to to comprehend a notion of like uh collective identity if we all believed in each other the way we believe in ourselves in a social context where we're born into no real danger of precarity never really feeling threat from outside never having those spiky adrenaline fight-or-flight relationships established at a young age we never get that because for them i mean of course we 0:21:50 don't get none of it but it isn't it is absorbed into an otherwise uh calm universe of humanity which is allowed because technology is doing all the really bad work and the remaining alienating work the remaining unfun stuff is shared or if there is some sort of division in time it is paid for in time like you got to do there's shitty work to do somebody does it one four hour it's like a volunteer shift because enough people because there's enough technological uh uh carrying out of the system what is left there's way more people than there are jobs there's way more people than there are jobs so you rotate people through the jobs at low levels of commitment well most of the rest of the work is done uh technologically if you get to that point the coercions of the state will be unnecessary you will have returned to civilization the pre-historic um 0:22:52 uh police force of mutual consent you will have you didn't have there was no cops no formal police force no formal state in a hunter-gatherer band because if you didn't do what was good for the group you were censored culturally one way or another away from that action over the course of your life because people were paying attention you're bouncing up against other people you aren't just flying uh uh frictionlessly through a plane of consumer capitalism where all this technology is destroying the world around you and hyper exploiting people all around you without you being able to invest yourself at all and in that context all the mechanisms of state coercion become superfluous the state withers away and as marx said you the final state is a 0:23:53 formula a social formula instead of being towards capitalism towards profit from each according to his ability to each according to his needs meaning what people need they get and the thing is you can't the reason people don't get that when they're

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trying to conceive outside of marxism why it so seems counterintuitive and wrong to like libertarians who say well that means that all the lazy people just sit around well all the people who have ability the smart people like me will do all the work no because they're imagining individuals living in an isolated capitalist social order instead of people living in a communal social order there will everything you need will be provided because the need can be socially filled the need and the capitalism can never be filled and so you have to have a hierarchy there has to be a if i'm smart i have to there's got to be something in it for me to participate in society to give you my labor to give you my smarts i have to know that i'm going to get something and sure it starts as stability but then it becomes uh i want a boat i want two boats i want two houses and look at these other rich people who are getting even more i want more of what they have and that cannot be extinguished that fire was and so that fundamental uh fact of of the of the innate suffering that comes with life the unquenchableness of shows that that action is either being channeled towards humane ends because it is it is it is a definition of self it is a definition of desire that is socially defined or is it a definition of desire that is can only imagine personal pleasure either in the direct sensual form one way or another or the pleasure of relative ease and comfort compared to others the the uh the bene the uh sensation of cl uh of hierarchical uh elevation over others the fundamental idea that i am higher than other people because if i'm seeking uh life to be only pursuit of individual pleasure then i have to define myself individually and that means i have to hierarchize myself and i have to ask myself do i deserve this power do i deserve this position so i can feel safe in it that's also a sensational pleasure liberal masochism is a sensational pleasure of capitalism and all of us are operating out of one or another of those to the degree that we are captured spiritually by these ideas how have we translated our feelings in our lives and so the challenge that we all have to face is how do we change fundamentally how do we fuse our notion of desire our libidinal energies to a felt emotional connection to others that transcends the barrier of the liberal subject of meaningful revolutionary action and i have to say many people either don't get to this point because they're stuck in liberal pieties and ideological blind spots or even if they think of themselves as like rigorously marxist they get to this point and then they lose heart they say you know what i can understand the logic here but this is this doesn't feel like the world i live in or can live in i would argue there is a counter example of this and of course it's not \*\*\*\*\* perfect it's not fantasy what it is is it shows that the market is not the ultimate solvent in all contexts with humans now that there are humans now who can coordinate actions and of course you could say it happens everywhere and every day yes and our lives are peppered with humane action generated by a felt connection others it's just it's we don't feel it enough it's

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too it's not there are places that you that show that given a social context that encourages it you can create this and i would say the example now is yes cuba the fact that cuba survived the fall of the soviet union to me proves proves that between 1959 and 1989 built a system that then was turned into a mass political organization put into place structures of power uh and democratic control of economic uh forces and distribution of labor and alienation through the system in such a way that when 0:29:4  
the time came when the crack of doom came and the and the f and the subsidy from the soviets dried up under the most immense pressure imaginable pressure that broke uh regimes that were much uh more uh economically viable and much less close to the united states and its wrath and much less uh attacked by capitalism and isolated from capitalism uh it didn't \*\*\*\*\* fall and the thing is we would have if they had done it through violence if they had cracked down on like this collective revolt of a desire for freedom that you saw in like the eastern bloc it would have been a \*\*\*\*\* bloodbath it would have been tiananmen square on a countrywide scale and the same way that neoliberalism was installed in china at the point of at the barrel of a gun in a country that thought it that by that point was trying to build socialist uh relationships meanwhile without massacring everybody did they use violence did 0:30:7  
they use state authority of course they put people in prison the uh the most the most the most alienated people left went to the united states they have a high prison rate in cuba relatively high uh and not just political prisoners just they have like they have a lot of common criminals who they put in prison because it's a very \*\*\*\*\* poor country but there is a degree of social of day-to-day social enchantment consent absent the machinery of the state that keeps people working together and it's under attack and it might be destroyed we've been trying to destroy it for 60 \*\*\*\*\* years but if conditions this is what i mean when i say this is possible if you would if if 0:31:10  
conditions in cuba in the sense that they got like brought into supply chains but not in the capitalist supply chains they were brought into a socialist supply chain the way that the russians thought they were going to get hooked up by the germans after their revolution that never happened if china if china if cuba got hooked up to a conveyor belt of like economic development from outside that system that was not predicated on neoliberalism that they would turn into uh the closest thing to like a scandinavian fantasy social democracy without the uh inherent racism that is born of being in the colonial center like general multicultural the real synthesis the thing marx said would happen the thing that now feels like a fantasy it is in my mind the germ of it is in cuba and for my ma and to me anybody who says i'm wrong on this explain how communism didn't fall after the father soviet union when you 0:32:12  
see what happened in every other \*\*\*\*\* communist country and you see places that did way more to crack down on public even vietnam who \*\*\*\*\* shed their \*\*\*\*\*

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lifeblood and did build it like a genuine esprit de corps out of the nationalist they made the choice to to to to give up the long-term the idea of being motivated by something beyond selfishness and the thing that and i and i and maybe the reason for that is because the united states didn't strangle them so much like you could obviously you could honestly argue that the fact that the united states embargoed cuba is what saved the revolution it was the \*\*\*\*\* fist that made the diamond now that doesn't mean at this point that we don't need to get in the \*\*\*\*\* uh embargo because it's literally they're getting to an asphyxiation point and uh you know the thing about vietnam is you can say well cuba was which means that they they were more engaged in the market anyway even before they went neoliberal and therefore they had established relationships and then like a way as a short-term mechanism of of especially and the other thing is when you're when you're vietnam if china \*\*\*\*\* neo-liberalizes you basically have to because china and vietnam historic enemies uh it was so hilarious how the domino theory which presented presided over american uh the uh cold war policy in asia goes into uh is what dom uh says that it's supposed to lead to the communisation of entire asia meanwhile a year the north vietnamese take south vietnam they invade cuba they invade cambodia and then china and so no matter what you want to do with vietnam if china's is going to liberalize you have to liberalize because you are still in a conflict because those both of those communist movements were based in a nationalist movement and the nationalism in my opinion sort of transcends the communism over time as as as the system of asphyxiates uh under the capitalist global system that slowly strangled communism everywhere and it was the re-emergence of a potential conflict uh a competition with china if china was gonna develop faster and everyone knew by this point knew that capitalism whatever else it will do will help you develop faster because it will alienate all of the violence of the system into the market and therefore give create a system where people are uh consenting to their own destruction responsibility so the world system cranks everything up and it pops off and there was no resistance the vietnamese acceded to it because there was no more belief there was no more real belief or not enough not more or less it's never it's never binary it's always gradations there's always fellow feeling there's always a transcendent understanding of the self in every uh government in every system in every social uh relationship but it is to greater or less degrees felt it to greater or less degrees is symbolized in the mind and given uh as a name to the feelings we have and maybe the fact that cuba didn't have that he didn't have that uh cuba was a nationalist project or i guess you could say that the nationalist the nationalist stage of the cuban uh in the initial bourgeois cuban revolution uh had extinguished itself had exhausted its capacity to enchant over the course of the machado and batista dictatorships meanwhile the

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communist movements that took power in vietnam and in china were part of a overall nationalist struggle the nationalist phase had already been extinguished in cuba the people who had dominated cubans on the island had been cuban for the entire 20th century by 1950 by the 1950s the idea that there was some nation that they could serve that they should be serving it didn't have any kind of uh emotional weight by that point meanwhile service to the nation was a fundamental driver of both chinese communism and vietnamese communism and post-colonial communism all and that 0:38:22  
meant that decision making and so when the time comes to make those decisions what do we do about the market what do we do about the western wolf banging on our door they they choose to uh to unleash the virus to unleash the pathogen that's going to dissolve the social fabric that has undergirded their entire project communist nationalist it's all going to fall before international capitals dissolving grey goo \*\*\*\*\*  
uh singularity scythe stripping human agency out of human relationships replacing them with the machinery of an algorithm of \*\*\*\*\* sorry it's whatever my favorite 0:39:24  
thing people say on the internet it's whatever it's united my it's my united states of whatever is what it is it was my united states of whatever still sounds like a robot well i don't know what to do i don't know what to do i hope i hope you can hear it because i so if you want to ask yourself like well why do i why do i commit to this 0:40:29  
why do i commit to this belief this new belief that there is a there is a frequency that there is a homing there's a homing device in all of us pulling us together that we can hear if because the world is organized to dim that it is organized to make us only hear the most the most selfish and self-destructive uh siren desire the carnality and i don't just like i said i don't just mean lust i mean uh that is not connected to like a greater good and that is also going to always be there like i said that's not going anywhere i mean we're not going to all be booties bodhisattvas if we were we could all just close hands close our eyes and we would literally transcend we would 0:41:31  
er we would wink out the universe in a moment if we could do that we ought we aren't though we're regular people we're still driven by desire but what desire for what that is why we must all put ourselves in positions to act meaningfully from a awareness of that homing sql signal because if we do that at key enough points in our lives and key enough decisions we can start driving the truck because we can start cooperating cooperating which is what the only thing that defines anything meaningful nobody has politics nobody is a political actor to the degree uh unless 0:42:32  
they're acting this is not acting this is indulgence but if you can imagine our degree of technological sophistication and a social order that at key points is dominated by people acting from a felt spiritual connection to the species as a whole you could move things in a direction that yes you would still have oppression you would still have violence you would still have conflict as as the various forms of domination that

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have been inscribed by the malforming effects of capitalism are resist but you will have a movement in a direction but what would make that happen it's not those people changing their opinions it's not everybody having a thing and then acting at once coming together to move the \*\*\*\*\* thing to believing in the thing enough to move it and the reason to talk about something like cuba is just to give another form to our rational symbolic understanding that we need to have to keep thinking this way because this is all about convincing yourself this is all about hypnotizing yourself and i gotta say if cuba does go the way of vietnam if somebody smarter than biden does decide that the way to smother the revolution is to just turn on the \*\*\*\*\* charm and turn on the money hoses they might i think over time they would win if there's no other um resistance outside the system you know or if the system doesn't collapse without without some other i need somebody else for cuba to \*\*\*\*\* stand up and resist this thing it would be but look at how long it took look at how long it would have took i think i've understood uh fundamentally like fundamental cuny and incommensurability between two intellectual factions of the left i mean i don't think the left exists but there are people who engage in leftist intellectual discourse it's all online it's all monetized it's all parasocial it's it's very gross but it really is revolutionary france that's sad but it's true times change things technology changes things more than anything and there are people who all use the same words that mean different things by them like marxist or socialist or left uh fascists all these things people are arguing over definitions because they genuinely don't think the thing means the same thing but they cannot convey the difference in words it's it's a deeper connection that transcends the logic of their position and i would say that a lot of friction within the left online is predicated on to one big fault line in the united states let me say the u.s lab people trying to understand how to do there are those who think that the constitution of the united states generated by the people who made the country or you think it was the product of emergent finding a political sanctification for the rule in the context of common land ownership rather than feudal land ownership of free real estate rather than feudal uh feudal divisions where that where where the peasants could not get the land because land was power so you can't give the peasants land here land is distributed relatively freely to any white settler so power concentrated differently and they created a system to concentrate to give democratic consent to aristocratic rule to tell the hordes have them walk around all day thinking that they were participating in these decisions that they were making decisions they get to go through the system and think that they're doing their best interest when in fact they're inscribing the power of an immersion capitals class they don't notice at first because they're getting the free real estate they're getting to be their own boss they're getting to be their own little baron and so they accede to it

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and over time that the form of that deal changes once the land runs out it becomes what you can do in the stock market you can get a small business and you can get a home after world war ii it's you can get a home you're you're a \*\*\*\*\* wage slave now you sell your labor you are alienated from your ability to reproduce uh your \*\*\*\*\* life you're at someone else's will but hey you got a house that means you have some degree of investment in the system and an independent of power even though you're fun you've been cut off from the land you didn't notice though you didn't and i do think that that might seem like a pedantic point but i really think that if you see a lot of the arguments between people who seem like they should be on the right the same side and are arguing about a lot of the times about definitions 0:49:50 of things because remember this is all abstract nobody's speaking from experience this is all hypothetical this is all as a hot dog a sandwich because nobody has is that the difference ways that people see different issues boils down to do they think that the constitution represents anything other than class rule now there are other divisions that fraction off within those divisions but i think that is one of the most fundamental and i honestly think a lot of people call themselves marxists if they got to put to them black clearly would be like oh \*\*\*\*\* yeah you know what i do and it's like i'm sorry i don't say well the thing is i don't get uh you're not a marxist i don't care about that my now my the way i understand history built on a bunch of different 0:50:53 uh intellectual foundations one of them i think marxism so i don't care if it's if it's socialism or not i don't care if it's populism or progressivism or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* i don't think it's true now that doesn't that doesn't imply necessarily that i'm going to be like well i'm going to say \*\*\*\*\* the constitution and \*\*\*\*\* america and i'm going to piss on the flag all the time no because most people do think the constitution \*\*\*\*\* means something that's one of the transcendent triumphs of america's \*\*\*\*\* propaganda structure and political superstructure was getting people to believe that \*\*\*\*\* is that bribe that mean that is the residue now and people who say yeah the system's \*\*\*\*\* rich people are in charge of it and it's all uh the class we need class working-class people to come together they have missed it and you don't get at them 0:51:54 though from saying you're wrong that is where i s that's why i say so much of online disputation is harmful people trying to make these points through debate all you're doing is solidifying sides because you're not arguing about the real distinction and even if you came at it like that you're not going to argue them out of their belief that the constitution is meaningful because it's deeper than a argument it's deeper than rationality it's deeper than reason because america has a national that had a nationalist movement yes marx did support the american revolution as a fundamental development of capitalism correct but it was that's what that but what that means in practice is that it makes a bourgeois government unlike in europe is able to gain

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a greater degree of public ascetency to that among the important classes the white 0:52:56  
people close to positions of power the white people on the hands whose hands were  
on the machinery able to buy them off enough to solidify it and generations of people  
prospered first is yeoman that is pioneers all of this at the expense of black labor  
and and indian land obviously that's that's the whole thing of capitalism it puts all  
the externalities off the and one of the ways it does that is by having these people  
within the bubble who think the thing works away that it doesn't who have seen  
in their own lives the system work because it's designed to work for them of course  
they think it works and so then when things start breaking down as they are worse  
and worse because the system is breaking down the ability to give those treats the  
ability to make people think the system is working is wearing away and people are  
asking what's the deal and then you get responses and if you start from the premise 0:53:58  
of well the constitution's good therefore these guys are against the constitution who  
is for the constitution republicans are for the constitution these are deeply welded  
things they might get disillusioned from the republican party but that's deeper than  
the republican party in their estimation republican party they support it as a vessel  
for their deeper national fusion of the notion of their best interests the constitutional  
order the patriotic regime of the united states the identity of an american but once  
again this doesn't mean you can just argue people out of thinking the constitution  
is good or saying i don't like the constitution or because this is deeper than those  
arguments you can't argue them out of that what has to happen is struggle at the 0:54:59  
level of labor that self-interest where at the root of my life this thing isn't paying  
off for me because it is in the root of the experience that you that other people who  
have a different understanding can say hey i am in the same six experience look at  
my experience look at where i have put my finger of play and then watch if enough  
people come together under this is how \*\*\*\*\* unions are formed i'm just describing  
class consciousness formation it is a comparing of notes and so all we can do as  
consumers and producers of political media is treat it as the entertainment it is and  
only take from it a greater will and desire to apply meaningful action in our lives day  
to day i would love to join a union but that would be a \*\*\*\*\* joke what i like i said  
i'm a \*\*\*\*\* artisan i don't know and i'm sorry any union i would join would be like 0:56:2  
what podcasters i don't know if somebody and the thing about this like fundamental  
what i like anyway about this like take away from all this stuff is as an action call  
is that it does the least amount of harm if you're wrong because if you do this what  
happens and and oh no i should have been online one you'll never know you'll never  
know if you were wrong it's only in your head and two you're going to find yourself  
waiting for moments to act uh and being driven by a desire to help that is going to  
be hard to overwhelm because this is the important part you have withdrawn your

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libido from this spectacle you have stopped imagining yourself to be an actor within a political struggle you have castrated yourself before you've gone online you put your dick in balls or your vagina in a jar and you went online to entertain yourself the same way and you did not tell yourself that you were being a uh that you're but if you say i'm gonna participate in all this stuff i'm gonna i'm gonna i'm gonna make these i'm gonna have these arguments all day and i'm gonna fixate on these things these hot dog sandwich arguments uh if you're wrong about that if you're right about that you'll never know because everything's just gonna keep getting worse probably and if there is anybody who fights against it you're not going to be there because you're going to have convinced yourself that anything that actually happens isn't good enough because you'll be too scared of being wrong to invest in anything because in the process of engaging in this battle of ideas you will have invested yourself in these hierarchies sufficiently to fear more than anything falling you will have the precarious paralysis of the fascist working class or fascist so every actual eruption of meaningful uh uh action will be uh you will scoff at it critique it maybe support it but only from afar because you don't want to be wrong uh mad projection i'm describing myself what are you talking about i'm not projection when i say i guess when i say you i just should because i'm still doing this i'm not in and the thing is i feel that i feel that i'm not politically active and so that sensation and my association of that feeling with that thought it changes the way i interact with the world changes my uh it changes my decision matrix but here's the other thing is that if i did do stuff outside of it i'd still do this because i do this for reasons other than a sense of i'm doing things politically this is for me something that has its own reward but participating in this \*\*\*\*\* like at the level of of content consumption of of consuming the arguments the arguments that make up the news cycle that is that is eating cheetos for dinner and you gotta you just have to feel like it and if you if you hook up your dick to this thing if you hook your genitals up to this thing it won't feel like it it'll feel like a delicious nutritious meal a balanced breakfast and the question of what to do is predicated by your skills uh your interests and your position your fixed position in space-time and of course your entire suite of illusory individuating personality traits and traumas both conscious and unconscious you fuse you bring together the two halves of your mind because there is the body-mind duality is is perc it is a perceived thing but it is a perceived separation that hides the fact that it's it's one being the mind and body are the same but there is this line between the two that is my opinion generated by the literal distance between the exterior of the body and the central and that like the transcended state we seek what we imagine the mystics imagine what we hope happens after you die and what is just what is always there but is not perceived is of that being one thing and then that one thing

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being connected to the other thing of the \*\*\*\*\* universe but there is a there's a screen there's a \*\*\*\*\* dividing there that is defined by the physical distance it takes and that is consciousness that is assigning symbols to feelings without a direct line to where those and we move through life trying to negotiate that uh barrier time try 1:3:23 trying to tear the veil and you can do it you can feel that but it requires conditions of will and and concentration uh and and emotional palate and self-restraint that are only possible in certain conditions and we the strive i think is the stripe to create the conditions where those feelings can be experienced and we're traversing that barrier and trying to will our way to action with incomplete information is what it is because 1:4:25 at the end of the day we're guessing at the end of the day we're leaping into a void every single decision every single decision on what is around us is a leap into the void because we don't really know what we're experiencing and our consciousness is shrinking its perception even further in order to make it easier to sort everything like we're less perceivers than win over is down of information as it gives a body we can perceive vastly more than our brains taken consciously to make up our world hear more smell more but it would be too much we have to differentiate and those differentiations are made arbitrarily in the mind and the thing is we know that we have to paper over that awareness we have to leave beyond our ability to describe what is going on which is what our symbolic after current of accumulated it's not 1:5:48 it is it is arbitrary to our consciousness there are reasons for every decision every decision at every point has a reason for it but we aren't aware of them we can't pin them down and if we can't pin them down we cannot follow to a a uh we cannot get a feedback loop that is perfect there is a signal there is a noise that accumulates in the signal over the yes of course it's part of the physical state these things these decisions are the body and mind there is no distinction like you're thinking mind you're thinking this thing there is something below that that is still mind it's just separated by they're saying it's not arbitrary see this is this this is the difficulty of 1:6:57 talking about this stuff because in the sense that there is a cause and effect going all the way through yes obviously it's not arbitrary but to the point that their mind from within a veil of ignorance is also true so that means people are arguing about a damn robot you guys are \*\*\*\*\* nerds all right whatever \*\*\*\*\* you \*\*\*\*\* all y'all i ain't scared of you i don't care that i cease making sense i realize i'm getting to 1:7:58 the point where i can't just explain myself anymore because i see it my head i don't necessarily have the words it's very frustrating

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\*Music playing\*\* in the shuffling madness and down down let the all-time loser okay 0:1:22  
you feel the piston scraping scraping off his brow thank god he saw the handles  
cause the train won't stop going though it could slow down yeah you hear the silence 0:2:23  
jumping angels as they fall a woman and his best friend \*\*Music playing\*\* in bed  
and having fun always going down the corridor on his hands and knees i sold charlie  
he stole the handle and the trainer won't stop going though it could slow down yeah  
\*\*Music playing\*\* flute solo you know how it goes you know you know jeff rotol  
you know tol you know about the flute solo you know does does it sound all right 0:3:27  
had problems yesterday apparently it was a little tinny i don't know what that is  
someone asked this is actually a very good question to start with somebody asked if  
i have trot brain am i a trot at the heart of it and you know what having certainly  
after having read deutsche biography of trotsky i absolutely feel like at a certain level  
i have to take the claim because i really do feel like trotsky is the lens that everyone  
looks back at history with which is not in a position of action but and that is why  
he refused to ever really choose between contradictory uh courses of action where 0:4:29  
one thing had to happen but at the cost of something else but i res i but the thing  
that paralyzes him is not so much it's that he is always seeking the transcendence  
of the conflict he's always seeking the third pole that should historically be doing  
the work of resolving these problems that is why he took the riddle of how to be a  
convinced marxist in russia which was a \*\*\*\*\* uh feudal backwater being integrated  
into capitalism as an essential a medieval country you still have to like if you are 0:5:32  
a marxist and you believe and marxism is the belief that replaced christianity at  
like within the the liberal cosmology that followed the death of god as well it had  
to something has to fill that gap and marxism was good but tenants its its guiding  
principles in a situation where you do not have a revolutionary role to play you  
only know the development you seek has to come through capitalism not through a 0:6:33  
revolution from above which it would have to be because of the unorganized nature  
of the peasant masses the mature communism is about building a a self-conscious  
class into a majority through conflict with capitalism not through conflict with uh

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the and none of them none of those bolsheviks would have gone through with 1917 if they thought they would have had to have done that they were assuming because they were all listening to trotsky some uh intervention in the form of a a european-led global revolution that would start in germany and there was a period there in 1918 specifically when those they thought it was all coming together they were just even though the whole country was falling apart they were in the middle of a civil war and they were doing brutal violence they felt like oh my god this shit's coming together because of the the german revolution of 1918 and the like the strikes in in throughout 0:7:36 german cities throughout 1919 but the tide rolled back and then when russia was defeated on the field of battle in the in the soviet polish war which hilariously you could blame on stalin and people have blamed on stalin for not deriving his forces directly towards warsaw uh when that tide rolled back new conditions observed and people had to decide okay what are we what are we more committed to the marxist project the socialist project or my place in it what are we more protective of and that was the conflict that defined the question of how to deal with the peasantry because in my mind bukharin the bourgeois could not defend itself in 1917 it would 0:8:39 have been overwhelmed by counter-revolution from the reactionary they were not there the only part of the political structure of the class structure in the cities uh was and saint petersburg specifically was the \*\*\*\*\* and so of course the people who ended up winning that question about what to do with the peasants were those who said collective eyes at the point of a gun because that was the way to save their position within this new uh new world they made and their conviction that they were right they were historically vindicated which is the thing they cared about 0:9:41 more and trotsky was paralyzed by the question he wanted industrialization but he did not want and so he sought the revolution he was perpetually seeking the third thing that would and according to marxism should eventually emerge it's a \*\*\*\*\* global revolution which is like supposed to be on its way and so that puts them in a position the trot at heart of being horrified uh by the prospect of uh actually holding power because they can only imagine holding moral uh like personal moral uh uh decrepitude personal uh uh violation and so like the posit the trotskyist is the person 0:10:43 who flees from power because they don't want the responsibilities it entails because they don't have their conviction is of something that is not in the moment they're not convinced they're not convinced but how could you ever be convinced and so you will always flee from power and that's why you gotta split in every five minutes because you have to flee from power and its responsibilities even the responsibility of supporting other countries that oppose the united states in some abstract sense that doesn't even matter in your day-to-day life because you're in the imperial court who the \*\*\*\*\* cares what you have to say about well how is this the most important 0:11:46

thing in the world that you've weighed the heart of this foreign foreign government against a feather and found it wanting like there's a context but the the the idea of appealing to uh the other to rise up instead of asserting power is i say i would say the the default state of leftists in the west essentially everybody is atrocious once the soviet union ends and the people who like cling crazily to supporting the soviet union in the history or current communist regimes no matter what they do like china uh they're doing that because they have uh they're trying to deny their essential trotskyism they're trying to deny their uh phobia of power because of and 0:12:50 so you can hold off and hold a position where the only uh political formation you can really support is one made up of people of perfectly like mind because that's all it is it's mind there is no material interest binding any of these people any of us we are not members of a class of of a labor class in relation to a means of production we are consumers first and foremost and so we cannot imagine we cannot conceive of power and so its most abstract expression of violence is abhorrent to us and so everybody is a trot everybody is either embracing it and going ham sectarian style and denouncing every other uh every non-american regime that does anything that 0:13:52 they wouldn't do in a platonic ideal of a \*\*\*\*\* socialist system that his nep that could not exist in the current moment and so even as we come together in what we think is an imitation of mass politics on the left we're really just a bunch of trots bringing together our splinter groups and that will persist until there is a genuinely materially fixed working class socialist movement in this country forget working class like i said that's a meaningful phrase now just people organizing not on not in political parties not in interest groups not in a third like pressure groups but as workers and building connections to other people that are like politically infused 0:14:58 but socially dense that are forged by mutual experience and that define our action out of the clouds and into reality where a lot of the seat of the questions that seem paralyzing from the heights are clarified because a lot of them don't even \*\*\*\*\* come up because we're all arguing about things that are theoretical we're arguing about conditions of what would who would i let my movement there is no movement you are asking these questions to have these questions to ask you are fleeing from power the very prospect of it which begins with submission which begins with submission of time and energy submitting to others will and the decision of what to do with your time when you're not being compensated for it when compensation is the sole mode of drive that we have built into our uh our like what we know the only way 0:16:3 we uh the market defines all uh in all actions that we then like associate with being productive like if we're not being paid for it it doesn't feel like real uh we don't feel truly motivated to do it that is the libertarian thesis and it is what they try to turn us into and we're pushing against that we're swimming again upstream at every

moment trying to pull together in the face of that because the work that needs to be done is not going to be remunerated or remunerated however the \*\*\*\*\* you say it is not going to be uh compensated for in the only currency that matters currency because everyone's trying to keep their \*\*\*\*\* head above water very few of us think of us ourselves as having time to spend not keeping a roof over our head when things are so goddamn scary so it's a lot to ask people to do work that's not going to be immediately pleasurable or compensated for and what's going to make them do that is not an idea it is not a theory it is not a side that can then take that fire hose of of selfishness and fear oh i don't have to just be anxious about this oh i don't have to just be angry because other people who know what i'm going through who are not compete who are not com who are not condescending to us from a cultural uh height which is very much what the online left is by definition this is true of all cultural expressions like it doesn't mean that there isn't it isn't necessary and it doesn't mean that ideas that end up by percolating into grassroots work don't start there or aren't rather i should say communicated there but there is a barrier there especially since a lot of the things that these people talk about me included are not relevant to people's direct uh strategic and tactical questions those strategic tactical questions uh are only answerable at we are all uniquely alienated we do not have a shared language of alienation that is perfect and the word language is the most important part there because when we say we experience we all get we are all mutually alienated by capitalism but we experience that alienation differently it means we have different words to describe that feeling that we use to for ourselves and among ourselves and that means that we build and forge definitions of terms in our intimate relationships now that now the terms we're talking about are are brought down from a cultural firmament all the expressions and language of culture and politics that we share we are having imposed on us not from around ours from those around us but from this this colder cultural superstructure but the definitions of those words the inflections the the unspoken uh shared emotional connotations of the words are forged into uh are forged not on the internet and we all still have some social life and even if it's more impoverished than it used to that's still where we get our definitions and so the sterility of a post-working-class politics or post-class politics at all is that when we feel this alienation we have this huge gap between what these words are used as currency in the culture and what we what we think the words mean and that means that when we're picking and choosing the words to describe our exploitation and misery we are uh not reproducing a relationship uh between like our material conditions uh and uh what we blame for it but we're picking from this gumbo this cosmic gumbo of you well of ideas that are coming from above and that don't relate to my direct experience because there is no working class counter

hegemony to express cultural ideas this is what grouch this is essentially gramsci's entire conception of how this works is that you do not get a working class that can vie for power with capital through uh just organizing uh at the base what happens is that through organizing on the base you create cultural institutions that do not answer the capital that are generated from uh the collective will the decisions of these people that are made outside of considerations of profit and compensation they're doing this \*\*\*\*\* as it were for free and it's the degree to which they will do things for free that gives them the power to act as a social organism against capitalism i could draw this as a graph i swear to god and the and that used to be in 0:22:12 this country there was a working class that had a organized structural uh pathways to power that gave it corresponding cultural influence and political influence in the form of its veto control over domestic policy in the democratic party on on many issues that were negotiated over the course of the and that was generated by this connection this this thing that connected grassroots people working in factories with union organizations that then confederated and then had relationships to a political party that was infested at every level and and staffed at every level with people moving through this with capillary motion through this machine and then getting into positions of authority within cultural creators and and policies that were directly 0:23:14 uh associated with maintaining the structures of of working class expression now the thing that a lot of people miss about this arrangement is that you don't get to a point i don't think anyway where capitalism is essentially culturally overwhelmed in this way the way that the revisionists would imagine the point of this the the point of creating this structure or the point that the rather i should say this the purpose this structure serves in generating revolutionary potential is that you have people who are self-aware as workers and there are more of them over time and they make up a bigger percentage of the of the unorganized masses so that when a crisis of capitalism comes that cannot be negotiated that can no longer be negotiated you 0:24:16 are now negotiating terms of surrender they they will go to war they will not sign terms of surrender without seeing how it goes on the battlefield we've seen that time and again there is a limit to the reform that any system can take and then either uh two things historically have happened either the ground collapses under the feet of the ruling class before they can declare war like in the french revolution or uh they declare war and usually honestly win because the working class isn't ready and i would argue that there were several points that called for the uh that strategically called for the and i would say that obviously the big one was 1914 but the the the 0:25:22 work of creating a transnational working class had not it did not happen it needed longer it needed longer who knows under stable conditions uh how how long it would have taken for uh solidarity in europe among internet uh working class parties across

national lines to overcome nationalism i think it would have but world war one happened and they weren't strong enough to stop it or risk their positions and so and then of course after world war one and the russian revolution you have another moment of conflict after world war ii is a huge moment when stalin backed down and you can say that he had to but again he had to do it to save the soviet union but that's not the soviet the soviet union is a \*\*\*\*\* vessel we're not supposed to \*\*\*\*\* uh care but you could argue that the the conditions meant we would have lost and so we stood down and that that fight by the way extended to the united states where there was a huge explosion of strikes immediately after world war ii uh the biggest strike wave in american history at that point uh and this was in conditions of you know relative prosperity following the great depression but all labor conflict had been muzzled during the war uh and there had been the popular front with the soviets and so a lot of the most militant workers in america were convinced that they were getting ready for a push after the soviet nazis were defeated to confront capitalism in alliance with the soviet union either overtly or uh you know as sort of a situation where the united states and and uh uh the soviet union agreed to a sort of leveraged buyout of each other after world war ii and that they could coordinate that from below through their mobilization within labor unions uh these are the cio communists and such and there was a huge huge uh strike wave part of the strike wave involved harry truman nationalizing or trying to nationalize the steel industry until the supreme court told him no but of course and that wave broke and with it came a counter reaction from capital in the form of mccarthyism and the red scare which was used to root out the real motivated people who will do \*\*\*\*\* for free uh core of the labor movement and replacing it with people who and with that taft-hartley which is a stake in the heart of the labor movement absent just as a self-preserving bureaucracy and and uh and mechanism for patronage distribution short of ideology uh just as part of like the the organ system of capitalism it also killed that too the red scare and tapped hartley killed the body and soul of the american labor movement of course nobody knew it at the time they thought okay we'll get them next and at that point the working class had been so thoroughly political vitality that when it came time to restructure the deal essentially between uh peop workers and capital have been struck after world war ii there were no actual working-class interests at the table there were only bureaucrats there were only bureaucrats of structures who were totally adhered to the state and had loyalty to the state not to the we've been living in the aftermath of and what that means is that there is no there is no counter hegemony there is no left-wing counter-hegemony there is a leftist strain within culture but as part of the broader liberal a new left must be built through struggle i think that's the first principle that's the first principle i operate

from and people wonder how the hell can get people get mad at the government and feel alienated from the government because they have to pay taxes and they feel like that's oppression or that the government tells them that they have to wear a seat belt or or they have to wear a mask that's oppression but their boss can tell them you know how much time off they can have you know what they can eat for lunch whatever the hell uh they can determine the the vast majority of their life and they don't see them as their enemy and it's because they're the ones who pay them and in a culture that is purely and fully from the point of view of capital that is that is constructed from the milwaukee and eye of capital at least the head the stuff that we all react to the same way the parties concentrate this and then we all react to it and and and uh revolve around it but the main the big stuff that everybody sees not the little stuff that micro sex see is hegemonically liberal there's no counter culture counter current within it and so we can only operate as as and that means that even though we're all experiencing capitalist exploitation and alienation more keenly every day because the most direct expression of that is compensated for with money we are paid for it it doesn't feel that bad and so consequently we vent our alienation at everything except the cause of it because the cause of it has been compensated for and if it's not enough money that's really your fault for not hustling hard enough for not having gotten the right degree for not standing up to your boss and asking for it's your fault you're not having enough money there there is like a god-like dispenser of value because value is determined in the market value is determined in the market and we absorb that and then we operate from those assumptions and that colors our entire approach to politics our entire conception of ourselves as citizens as political subjects and it means the class is washed away class is not perceptible in our expression there is an article in harper's about the bessemer alabama amazon union drive and they followed this young guy who worked who worked as amazon he was a young african-american guy he worked there and he was a self-described like uh entrepreneur like he thought of working at amazon as a stepping stone you he was going to end up selling to amazon he was going to have his own cosmetics company and then he was going to be a partner of amazon he identified with amazon and if he didn't make money he felt ashamed if he if his thing wasn't going to succeed he would have felt ashamed he would have because and so he didn't want a union because the amazon amazon told him and the only people in the neighbor in the the majority of people in the plant in the factory that wanted or the fulfillment center that wanted a union where the old people who remember when unions union jobs existed in the steel industry there before it went away their kids don't have those memories they don't have that experience of sharing grievances against the person giving you money the person giving you money has their entire life been the dispenser

of value in every element of society and now that doesn't mean we're all doomed to it but it's what you have to fight against and you have to assume that we're in a condition of prostrate institutions i would say that crisis is accelerating pretty rapidly even if it doesn't always feel that way uh the dispenser basically is going to disrupt 0:35:43 our expectations enough to bring us sort of out of a trance bring us more into the moment of our lives bring us more urgently into connection with each other over these crisis conditions what do we do what do we do at the end of the day you can only ask the computer what do we do so much because they don't know because they're asked we're all just asking and then our ask our us asking the question just bounces off each other and then we pretend that that's an answer you gotta you ask yourself and again this is not to blame anyone like one of the big things that makes 0:36:45 it so hard to communicate because of this is the emotional content of these terms and in the absence of material interests all politics as we experience it through media social or otherwise is moral it's all moralizing because there is no material dimension as i said that is all getting steamed off through self-loathing and so if questions are moral questions only then holding positions is of um holding positions on anything 0:37:46 is a moral act having opinions becomes the only moral act because it's the only public one it's the only one that we enact and so that means that these questions become totally colored and our ability to answer them throws goes out the window because we're \*\*\*\*\* defending our very self-conception as virtuous people which is all we have and the thing about marxism and this is forgotten because we just can't process it is that marx was a moral deflationist unlike all the other socialist leaders who were emerging and thinkers who were starting to to write opposed to capitalism in the mid 19th century marx did not object to capitalism on moral grounds this is very important to understand marx was not saying that that the exploitation of capitalism was evil and the capitalists were evil because they did it which is different 0:38:49 than all the other uh utopian socialists and christian socialists and anarchists of the period defined it to him capitalists were acting out their historic role in disrupting the feudal order and creating the conditions for a self-aware working class to emerge which would then act in their collective self-interest which would abolish bourgeois morality and would abolish all of the petty questions of of uh good and bad that consume us and consume our and make us neurotic with doubt about our ourselves oh uh is it moral to steal a loaf of bread to feed your family well nobody's needs to feed nobody's everybody gets bread everybody gets bred you don't have to worry about it all these all these questions become meaningless these questions that we fixate over if we can push through and so marx was more marx was morally deflationary 0:39:50 he wanted people to think of politics less about morality he was a is an opposed to rousseau he wanted it to be thought of not that way so that you could view every

situation dispassionately so that you could view the contours and because we live in a post working post-class culture we live in a post-class society in a real meaningful sense not that there isn't class exploitation but that it is no longer processed as such and therefore like the culture does not have within it the strands the the the expression of a working-class culture and with it is anything other than a moral basis for politics so all of us even marxists even people who believe in their bones 0:40:53 that that everything mark said about about the dialectic of history and materialism uh is true they still argue even if they don't know it on moral grounds and invest these and like if you want to understand the culture war as it is and the liberal cr ratchet towards a more and more strident multiculturalism the \*\*\*\*\* that the post left always talks about as though it's a conspiracy between raytheon and bank of america it is not it is the subconscious collective spasm of conscience of the urban liberal class these are people who are in a system with a benefit from exploitation and misery where they get to live lives of unalienation unalienated labor that is alienated 0:41:55 by that is motivated by their \*\*\*\*\* guilt and that guilt must be excreted somehow and that is where the the moral uh grandstanding and and uh and that means that more and more liberals as as conditions get worse as as anxiety and politicization of culture become more and and the urge to change something becomes more felt by they have to express it and if you feel even if you are not even if you are being exploited even if you are a working cl per a worker even if you are precarious you still feel guilty because you have conditioned yourself to view the world through a 0:42:57 lens whereby the world things aren't fair and it's capitalism's fault but you're still benefiting from it in your mind because of the cultural uh because of your cultural expectations it's not about any actual class position and it is people almost it is almost exclusively people who are feel guilty who are making the decisions about where the contours of the culture war should go both uh what politicians should say uh opinion makers online in social media uh people in uh trying to make a a job out of it like \*\*\*\*\* robin d'angelo and and other \*\*\*\*\* racial uh water diviners these \*\*\*\*\* racial uh rainmakers and then even at the very top you've got very 0:43:58 guilty liberal billionaires because this is this this thing has absorbed everybody it's declassed everybody including the rich the rich are being declassed the rich are being lumpinonized but of course capitalism doesn't need them to uh be class oriented to orient to for capitalism to work to their benefit because it is a machine of extracting profit and pushing it upward and even if the people who it's being given to are horrified by the machine and would like to stop it they can't and so they figure out explanations in their head for why they should still have all that money even though it's being wrought by this horror and the answer liberals come to is well you know it's the racism it's the racism it's it's white maleness we gotta defeat that which is

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of course most like they're it's a white male paradigm they're just trying to extract that part of themselves that feels guilty and then extrovergate that guilt through uh 0:45:0  
cathartic and then on the right conservatives think oh it's uh it's the blacks fault  
it's uh it's non-hierarchy's fault basically because black people form in the united  
states this other this racial other that is not fully within citizenship and that is the  
escape valve for class conflict within the american polity always has been that's why  
fundamentally northern capitalism could not accede to the end of the s uh racial  
caste system in the south after the civil war it couldn't do it because it would have  
destabilized the the uneasy data that was currently existing between workers small  
holders and capital it might have tipped things in the direction of class war class  
conflict because my god what if the poor whites and the poor blacks get together 0:46:1  
after the civil war what if they what if they uh compare notes they will be in an  
unbeatable position they will have leverage that will be undefeatable by by the the  
shabby trappings of post-war american capitalism that had not yet turned into the  
mighty dynamo and so that racial caste system is at the basis of american capitalism  
not as the founder the foundation which is what and i think that literally is where a  
lot of the confusion comes from is once again this is moralism creeping into objective  
questions it morally feels right to think because you get to talk about it in these  
terms that are amenable to the discourse and amenable to politics which is racial we  
can monkey around with that stuff we can't do anything about capitalism we can  
monkey around with the order of hierarchy and who gets to get in and who gets to 0:47:3  
go out we can diversify our but we have to not be uh you know moral we have to be  
morally committed to that now racism gets built in it gets it gets deeper than any  
other experience so for a lot of right wingers yeah throughout history they have been  
motivated in their mind by racism even though that racism is built on top of this  
machines need to perpetuate itself i think talking about it in those terms and saying  
that the capitalism came first is important so that you can see the mechanisms in  
every moment that need to be pushed you can see the real uh pressure points and  
not get caught in moral questions that aren't meant to be resolved that exist to  
keep us perpetually battling at so the war the the the war between conservatives and 0:48:11  
liberals that's heating up now the the the genuine drop in investment in institutions  
of democracy is a civil war between america's liberals essentially the boomer going  
to war over woodstock over the cultural revolution of the 60s and 70s one end the  
urban finance end of capitalism in collision course finally with its uh with the tail end  
which was the formation of uh local extraction economy based uh capital formations  
in the slave south and they've been banging and they've been uh they've been in  
conflict their conflict has driven american politics for a period there was a working  
class element that became a try that became a third uh poll and you had a sort of

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tripartite political structure for a minute there then that broke again back to the two 0:49:12  
back to the dynamic between these two parts of capital petty and small urban and uh  
and rural bourgeois basically now international and national bourgeois they're having  
their partisan war that is becoming deeply charged one part has completely at the  
grassroots given up on investing in any institutions or norms and that goes through  
the entire organization meaning yeah they'll \*\*\*\*\* cancel an election if they can of  
course they would because democrats would let them because democrats are even  
more comfortable they believe themselves to be even more comfortable even more  
snug the reason they're liberals the reason that they're happy to put the rainbow  
flag of things they believe on their yard and um and endorse theoretical diversity is  
that they feel more secure in capitalism's bosom than the uh the national bourgeois  
do and again we're talking about the people who actually make decisions and who 0:50:14  
things are generated around not the regular schmucks who are just responding to  
them they think they're comfortable national bourgeois they're all terrified they've  
convinced themselves of the boogeyman because of their racism or but all that even  
is driven by the fact that they're being crushed they are being crushed they will be  
absorbed into the \*\*Music playing\*\* international finance and they will personally  
either become cuckolded rich people and therefore lose their identity or they're going  
to keep their uh keep their identity and become poor that is something they feel and  
that makes them terrified and all of their fears get manifested in things like race they  
are afraid of being dominated they see the way black people are this country that are  
treated and they imagine that in this new global world where they're on the bottom  
they will be but at the lightly higher levels at the levels of hollywood at the level of  
the \*\*\*\*\* tenured academy my god where people live in these tastefully segregated 0:51:17  
uh integrated neighborhoods or gentrified neighborhoods or in inner ring suburbs  
where they get their diversity mark and therefore they don't have to have fear or  
their fear can be transmitted into uh anxiety about the bad white people they get  
to sublimate their racial anxiety onto the bad white people which is why they freak  
out about trump they're sublimating their their anxiety to this other group whereas  
the conservatives know exactly who they're afraid of because they're they haven't  
inverted it they haven't sublimated it they're they're operating out of their wild it  
unlike the the suppression of the superego of fixated democrats and both of them  
are imagining a future that's going to get worse they don't imagine anything better  
but what they imagine is their enemy suffering and so we aren't getting to a point 0:52:19  
of crisis if things get much worse i mean if supply chain disruption really becomes a  
thing if the \*\*\*\*\* tap of mountain dew runs out if the economy drops again if there's  
another if they try to do uh mandatory vaccines if uh there's another attempt at  
a lockdown or a first attempt at a national lockdown who knows if there's a close

election this is all being generated by and because we're all experiencing politics as this our categories get confused because most of the people on the left they're on the same cultural side as the liberals they have overlapping values at and so they feel the need to address those in their lives and they do but there's a conflict at the heart of that that can only be pierced by piercing the moral fog around all questions that so i am all about demoralizing our historical analysis demoralizing our opinions taking away the sense of uh of self-worth that comes with watching something or listening to something or reading something or telling something or posting something now you say that's rich coming from you of course but you know hey i'm also being compensated for this remember so that's going to make it much easier for me if you're not being compensated for this in anything other than like a psychic wage of moral virtue if you remove that energy if you remove that uh force behind your engagement things become clearer you regain you get something like a post not you have nuted yourself of your uh your morals uh backed up uh anima your your your repressed reikian uh orgone that you have been sublimating into this mind battle this \*\*\*\*\* you're putting this energy see someone says if people logged off no nobody'll listen to you i've said this before but nobody's logging off logging off is not a possibility because our social i there's no such thing as a person right we are a cloud of influences we are so and beyond the fact that we're made up of that we've encountered we also cannot define ourselves by anything so that means we are we we we experience ourselves by experiencing the world and that means experiencing other people other other people who can pose a reality that we engage with and fit ourselves with him and that is that used to be inhuman for most of human history that was a direct experience the entire time of other people over time technology has taken over uh the media sphere has increased and our degree to which our notion of others comes from this uh diffused technological sphere increases now of course this is good i mean in a dialectical historical sense this is necessary you have to create class consciousness across geography and that requires being able to engage with ideas about personhood that extend throughout all of humanity so that's necessary but as it increases our sense of self becomes mediated so if everyone logged off it would leave you in the same life you lived i mean presuming you live the same life with essentially a limb removed you will you would find yourself unable to uh navigate the world because of how much of your understanding of what the world is comes from this this zone this abstract zone so we're all we all have to do it to now i think some people could cut it off if they were going to change their life in a significant way like if you join a commune you probably can log completely off if you re if you are able to create a situation where you are able to replace have that cut off limb if you start organizing you can probably cut off completely but you know well but if you

still are where you are and most of us are because we don't get to choose that you know we can try to direct the ship but we can't just redirect we cannot dictate terms immediately we cannot take a moment of clarity and try to re shuffle the deck completely we're still constrained which is why you can never talk about someone being in you know about you know you cannot talk about there being some like mute moment of immune illumination where we all come together and we all have uh an understanding because every moment we're being jostled away and directing things differently takes time so shrinking you know reducing the size of it reducing the vitalness of it as an organ of self-conception is is laudable but i stopped telling people to log off a it's more about reorienting your uh emotional relationship to it because then that will dictate because if you do not invest these questions with more moral energy you know what if somebody's just literally pitch crypto that's very funny you know what blockchain the beauty of this thing is is that if this is true if the resistance to capitalism is within our like technological infrastructure is finally coming into fruition through the blockchain and crypto if that's true it's going to happen when no matter what i think about it i will not be contributing in any way because i don't know \*\*\*\*\* i must focus i must accept i must emphasize that on this point on the question of technology i mean i don't know much about much but i know \*\*\*\*\* about \*\*\*\*\* about \*\*\*\*\* technology i understand the arguments for blockchain the way that it could keep money from being it would be able to prevent capital flight and mutt and tax evasion and stuff okay you know i read that in ministry for the future uh but you know all the crypto currencies seem like speculative assets of an economy that's run out of profitable uh investment that definitely seems to have been the motive forget anything oh we're gonna be stable whatever libertarian crackpot notions undergirded it's building and i bet that was the motivation because those people were motivated they really believe that \*\*\*\*\* because they have aligned their politics with their sense of self-interest they think libertarianism will get them rich so they'll work for free because they've convinced themselves that they're gonna this thing's gonna work for them even though for most of them it absolutely will not they will be destroyed spiritually and financially but they really believe that shits and they have the technological those guys have technological respects man that that's one place that the right has the left feet 12 ways to sunday is that those \*\*\*\*\* nerds those libertarian nerds they love the computers and they know how they work and the left is a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* self included so whatever those guys were thinking very quickly it became first a money laundering uh device for avoiding taxes and buying things illegally which is a tax issue at the end of the day and a currency issue uh like they're basically the government basically says you can't that money is no good for that thing uh you can't buy that with this and i mean honestly i'm wondering

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to what degree is bitcoin still used to buy stuff considering how volatile it is value is and how much interest people have in it as a long-term investment opportunity and as a short-term like uh shake the money tree type thing it just seems like the profit motive has dominated it completely and that you would need that counterweight of people within it all pushing in the same direction out of not self-interest not financial interest i should say and i don't see the structures within it to uh so once again that's about as much thought as i have to put into it because it would be dumb of me to have a strong opinion on bitcoin or cryptocurrency or to spend much time talking about it because i'm i know with the time i have on this earth i'm not going to be i do think that the amount of \*\*\*\*\* energy it uses is monstrous and i do think that the basic the the phenomenon of of cryptocurrency and nfts is the market looking for speculative assets where they cannot be found because even speculative profits are now like long-term profits which of course are always been trending down since the 70s are now such that you can't even and so there so the thing i can't get over with this \*\*\*\*\* is that they literally take economic growth which is supposed to be uh what investment creates like you invest money so that work is done right and that work then creates more value that is then profit that you get to take now that work is involves human labor it involves technology it involves natural resources of some kind some sort of input and it involves externalities in the form of pollution and energy used for the transaction at the end of which you have a thing in some way in some respect you have a thing that is then that then contributes to like the built economy and can then serve as the purpose for more growth bitcoin removes the productive part of the investment cycle leaves the creation of energy the weight the use of energy and the ex uh the uh exhaust of externalities in the form of uh of these goddamn bitcoin mining rigs using electricity and and pumping carbon that is just that is the death that's the death spiral man that is capitalism at the terminal point where the profit motive has outstripped all signals from the \*\*\*\*\* uh the system all actual contact with it have been stripped there is no more human to animal to biome connection to the imperative for \*\*\*\*\* uh uh profit and at the end of that you have a situation where there's no more this thing cannot uh innovate anymore this thing cannot be a progressive force it is it outlasted its historic purpose like i said marx didn't think capitalism was evil he thought it was and it and this is one of the another place where moralism gets confused is that at the time right marx was writing capitalism was serving historical purpose he thought that that purpose was coming to an end and that's when he was that why he predicted but colonialism and the united states basically saved it colonial uh domination and super exploitation of resources in the periphery saved capitalism in a way that marx could not have predicted capitalism has fully exhausted its historic role its progressive role

of creating innovation of concentrating capital of creating cultural superstructures nostalgias of no uh ideas and uh and institutional knowledge that could be used to direct a technological society towards social ends to to take the machine and reprogram it to turn the terminator into the child protector and that was the historic role of the working class was to was to do that was to change the programming and they failed and we live in the aftermath of that failure and so now capitalism is deeply immoral in everything you can't even say it's it's progressive anymore it does 1:7:49 not even serve a historic purpose it is ju because obviously it was also immoral and marx used very scornful language uh to condemn the immorality of the ruling class but they were also fulfilling a historic role now they are just evil consumption is evil if it has replaced uh morality which is which it has a fully in consumption is a part of life but it is like anything supposed to be fixed in a matrix with other parts of life meaning other things other stores of value let's put it that way the value form in 1:8:50 capitalism overwhelms values and and exchange value is the only value but those are of course the difference between those two things which is an illusory fantasy and if we've and we live in a culture and a society we live in a society that has reified that into a principle that dominates all others to a way that is not sustainable i mean it's going to destroy the world not end life on earth probably but destroy what it thinks it's creating destroy the thing that it's supposed to serve which i mean my god you 1:9:58 have this \*\*\*\*\* going to space saying thank you to the amazon workers as if there's any deal we could make with him that would make that uh that would mean we won like you can talk all day about oh i got 500 socks and uh i clicked a button i got 500 socks to my house in two hours okay congratulations you got that convenience you got that consumption but what did you give up for it and what you gave up for is every other part of humanity and your own ability to determine your life like at a basic level you've given yourself over to a machine and we get to watch this guy go hey i'm going to pretend to go to space i'm going to pretend to go to space i'm going to do something that isn't even \*\*\*\*\* space travel something the russians figured out in the \*\*\*\*\* uh 50s with two tin cans tied together nope sorry someone 1:11:2 on twitter pointed this out and i think it's it's true it said he clearly sat down with his his space dudes and said okay i want to go to space how can i do that in a way that doesn't require me to train and isn't going to kill me and i said we'll just take you up and like show you the curvature of the earth it's just it's just a big boy goes on a \*\*\*\*\* plane ride and then he comes down and says we're gonna take all the factories and put him in outer space which is such a should be an in such an insult to the mind of anyone how anyone can hear them say someone say that and not instantly be disenchanted from capitalism astounds me this man has more money than anybody in the on earth he directly benefits from the exploitation of people

and their labor at every point in a global supply by any any system of value that 1:12:3  
 is wrong unless he deserves it and that is capitalist morality he is there because he  
 deserves it how could he deserve it now the old days hierarchy was upheld by saying  
 he deserves it because god put him there shut up liberalism came along rationalism  
 came along the enlightenment science it became harder to convince people of that and  
 so that became they're there because of a meritocratic process that put them there  
 as they should and that was the liberal revolution to take the industrial revolution  
 and replace orders of superstition with rational orders of merit that was the french  
 revolution that was napoleon marching across europe that was the 19th century was  
 the imposition of those ideas that by the 20th century were hegemonic and then 1:13:5  
 eventually overwhelmed the world so now you have a situation where we have this  
 so-called meritocracy that of course a lot of people don't believe in some people say  
 leftists say it's not a meritocracy because meritocracy is fake but liberals would say  
 no meritocracy is just not perfectly implemented the multicultural liberal project  
 is the attempt to impose a perfect meritocracy through affirmative action through  
 redistribution necessary to get to that point we are going we are more meritocratic  
 than they used to be but we're not meritocratic enough the important thing is that  
 we're meritocratic enough so that every individual liberal deserves to be where they 1:14:6  
 are in the system if they're benefiting from it if they feel like they're benefiting from  
 it said yes there's a lot of white people who succeed but shouldn't a lot of white men  
 am i right ladies who now there are a lot of liberals though who say uh you know it's  
 not that racist uh calm down but there are also conservatives who say who aren't  
 full race warriors who do think that you know what even though there's affirmative  
 action and and the media and stuff we still basically have a fair system of capitalism  
 so like i would say the center the center the vital center of capitalist belief in this  
 country says we have a system that is meritocratic enough that the richest man on  
 earth should deserve that through some sort of genius some sort of uh ability equal 1:15:7  
 to that amount of money and that \*\*\*\*\* came back from space and said we got to  
 shoot all the factories into orbit and if he really believes that he is a and he does not  
 deserve to be up there or he's lying to you which means that he is not a meritocrat  
 but a fraud and certainly the fact that he believe he thinks you're going to believe  
 him is the should be the ultimate insult more than anything the fact that he \*\*\*\*\* 1:16:8  
 thinks that some portion of you are going to believe him either agree with him or  
 even he does not have any uh but yeah no nobody who says something like that after  
 blowing all that money and then telling people yeah this is your money i'm blowing  
 goes up does that comes back has that result can possibly say that capitalism has not  
 failed in that it has fulfilled its historical \*\*\*\*\* destiny and is still hanging around  
 we have to rebuild some sort of workers resistance to it that can contest for power as

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it i was supposed to talk about black jack wins today but i ended up going off on a 1:17:9  
you know what next week i'll do uh i might just do the whole rest of the because the  
thing is it's much more uh it's it's much less detail-oriented than um the historical  
ones anyway like uh reconstruction it's it's much more like sweeping narratives so uh  
how about for next week bye

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uh show me the way to go home i'm tired and i want to go to bed i had a little drink about an hour ago and it's gone right to my head and wherever i may roam by land or sea or phone you can always hear me singing a song show me the way to go home i'm tired and i want to go to bed i have a little drink about an hour ago you 0:1:2  
can always hear me singing a song show me the way to go home pump show me the way you do and or see your phone you will always hear me singing a song show me the way to go \*\*Music playing\*\* or phone you'll always hear me singing the song i go do it on my phone it's taking too can't spell the name of the damn website hey 0:2:4  
there oh boy what is going on here do not auto correct that please criminy i walk along the city streets we used to walk along with me don't know and every step i take reminds us how in love we used to be how can i forget you when there's always something here to remind me i was born to love you but i won't and i will ever be free always be a part of me whoa \*\*Music playing\*\* i passed a small cafe where you 0:3:6  
and i went i would dance at night boom boom every time reminded me all it was to kiss and hold you tight how could i forget you and there was thank you yes i'm doing the dion warwick version there not the uh not the one from the 80s it's amazing how many new wave songs were like 60s pop uh covers it really does make you when you look back at a lot of the stuff like punk as a recapitulation of early rock and roll and then like the creation of like uh solon r b being recreated through new wave you kind of see how very quickly uh the creative cycle breaks down and you have to start over again and now we're on like the we're at the and yeah there were some motown 0:4:9  
bands that were still performing like the uh the pointer sisters jump for my love that song was huge that's an 80s song anyway i don't really know anything about music so i shouldn't talk i'm not going out enough on a limb on this \*\*\*\*\* that i should not be going beyond my embarrassed competency i just know that i like the dion warwick version better which is uh it's not the only version because it was originally a bert bacharach song that was recorded by a number so next week we're going to 0:5:15  
talk about the rest the second half of black jackman i guess the second two thirds but it reads very fast and uh i think it's better talked about uh it doesn't really

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require the granular uh focus and if you really do want to talk granular for uh the haitian revolution in general and luvature uh as a person i highly recommend the uh recent three-part uh haitian revolution uh addendum to the age of napoleon podcast uh that is highly recommended one of and if you want to like get into the muck on like the what happened when that's a good way to do it but like talking specifically about what james is talking about it's a little more abstract uh and i'm finding that 0:6:18 like what i'm getting out of this is are very abstract uh tangents so we don't really need to break it up into specific sections because it makes more sense to talk about them as they develop throughout the whole narrative but anyway uh the last time i tried to talk about this book i got completely off track did a whole hour and a half that was not even directly that wasn't even gesturing towards the book so uh i don't want to let that happen next time so i i was reading through and i hit a paragraph that i thought was so perfect in its description of the french revolution from which the haitian revolution emerges uh and which it is part of which is why it's part of the narrative of the ancient napoleon podcast uh it sums it up in a uh the the uh the fall of the end of the revolution the thermadorian reaction that ends the forward progress of towards social equality that the um that the revolution was and i felt like 0:7:21 this paragraph would cut if people just absorb this paragraph it would cut through a lot of the morass of uh of weird like emotional reactions and and investments people have in the figures of the french revolution because you know these are these are the titans who broke free of their chains you know so we we have this there's this charisma around them uh but we have they have to be understood not as protagonists but as emo uh historical actors you know what i mean they need first and foremost to be viewed is in their historical role not through the role of what values they personally embody because then you end up having to defend things uh and can uh conceptualize things historically around those assumptions so anyway i wanted to just have a little bracket here to talk about robespierre and the french revolution coming off this paragraph that's on page 177 of uh my paperback copy of the black 0:8:22 jacobins uh in the chapter the white slave owners again which is one of my favorite uh chapter titles because it's after the uh the fall of the the slave-owning aristocracy the uh the declaration by even the the uh republic in france itself of abolition uh saw the dispossession of from power of the sort of uh royalists and independence scheming uh slave owners and by by this time they've been owned but then there's an attempted resurgence to uh regain power and he titles the chapter oh the white slave owners again god damn it i thought we got rid of these \*\*\*\*\* guys so in describing what's happening in france while the uh while toussaint is rising to power uh in haiti uh 0:9:26 james writes robespierre and the mountain that's uh the j the left-wing jacobin uh faction that ended up overthrowing the girondists robespierre in the mountain

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had maintained power until july 1794. the terror had saved france but long before july robespierre had gone far enough and was now lagging behind the revolutionary masses in the streets of paris jacques varela and rue were preaching communism not in production but in distribution a natural reaction to the profiteering of the new bourgeois robespierre however revolutionary as he was remained rub and had reached the extreme limit of the bourgeois revolution he persecuted the workers far more workers working men than aristocrats perished in this phase of the terror in june 1974 the revolutionary armies won a great victory in belgium and at once the continuation of the terror was seen by the public as factional ferocity and not a 0:10:27  
revolutionary necessity right wing and left in the convention combined to strike at this sinister dictator and when he sent out to the call to the people he could not get the old response some of the sections came but there was a delay rain fell and they went back home again the revolutionary order which had inspired them since august 17 92 was gone killed by robespierre himself he seems to have been in constant fear of a split between the extreme revolutionists of frank paris and the rest of the country but destroyed his own left wing and here we have a perfect encapsulation of the how the french revolution ended it was because the uh the interests of the workers of paris and the bourgeois who were challenging royal prerogative in the feudal order were in alignment for a while at the start of the revolution but as the revolution took its 0:11:28  
own momentum as the window of possibility opened the workers started demanding more uh pressing needs an assertion of greater democratic control of the economy so that they could but the bourgeois revolution which only seeks to use working-class power to the degree that they have to to gain power essentially puts the brakes on it and that is because at this point historically it is not the workers of paris it is not the sound cool out of paris who are the true revolutionary class it is the bourgeois class because they are the ones who not only are radicalized against the status quo but have the organizational capacity and the access to power to actually push for their agenda and they used the working class of paris to that end but then a point 0:12:31  
came especially after the grandus decided to try to offload this tension in a war with austria that uh passions grew greater the sense of uh of uh lost liberty felt more tangible and the workers pushed for more radical demands which in the first place could be uh in a bourgeois framework only accommodated with blood because remember the bourgeois is not trying to create social equality here they are not trying to do a communism they are trying to do a capitalism in their mind capitalism and freedom are the same thing this is the founding birth of this is the explosion of modern capitalist the modern catalyst capitalist dominion right here it's bursting forth from the french aristo from the french and so their domination of the uh of the national assembly their domination of all of the political clubs in the city of paris and 0:13:32

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in the surrounding cities of france meant that popular uh uh popular agitation by the working class who have a different interest than the \*\*\*\*\* bourgeoisie uh which is hey how about we eat how about we we and the bourgeois state would now in the hand or the the state mechanism now fully in the hands of the bourgeois remember there's no real working-class participation in government in this new structure it is lawyers basically through and through lawyers and and progressive landowners that's it so those are the ones making the decisions and are wielding these forces because of the insufficient organization of the working class it wasn't even a working class it was a bunch of artisans who were out of work basically like it was not a working class in paris it has to be remembered it was a post-feudal remnant of the \*\*\*\*\* 0:14:36 uh the craft system you had artisans the sankhulat were artisans in paris who just didn't have enough work so you don't have a working class you have a movement towards one but it's not coherent there is a coherent bourgeois class and look at that they're in charge of the power to take power are the uh gerondists who squeeze out the fulantis the royalist bourgeois when it becomes untenable to support the system anymore because if you cannot change the conditions at the base which the bourgeois cannot do the redistribution of power and resources what they have to do instead is change the political structure in such a way to validate that to the people who they are aligned with keep the mob at bay with spectacles of uh of political uh in the political ritual performance of the power of the people let's say that like 0:15:37 we cannot give you pure you people you cannot have real power what we can give you is the performance of power publicly through you will fill the bellows but we will be the machine because we can do that for you and that means hey you guys hate the king he's gone uh and so that means that the royalist uh the pro-royalist constitutional democrats get to get our uh liberals get bounced by by bernoff then you've got a brasso and his boys in the geron they're willing to go to kill the king cut the king's \*\*\*\*\* head off damn right uh hell you know what they'll even go to war with austria to have a good cleansing patriotic nationalist uh ritual that will make their power uh conceived of not as a class but as a nation-state or as members of some nation state in a in a patriotic war uh that they will then go and fight it and 0:16:38 not be in the capital for that's great but the very the fact that the war didn't go well in the first stages meant that panic exploded and fear of retribution and reassertion of royal power became greater which means that the bourgeois structure had to do more performances of worker power of of of sankulat political desire only in the form of ritual sacrifice they couldn't give them land this marx said this too they couldn't give them land so they gave him heads and robespierre rose to power in that moment because he believed that this was not just some cynical appeasement of the people he believed that this was going to create communism robespierre thought that he

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was going to turn the bourgeois state into a russoian perfected state not by changing economic relationships because he is a liberal the first liberal in many ways one of the first real liberals uh because he couldn't do it through redistribution he would do it through the use of the state to assert a public virtue a internal uh motivator this is what i'm talking about the thing you're supposed to have at the end of the process of class formation where the working class takes the rule takes over the machinery of capitalism puts it to social use and creates a social being right the new man of the soviet vision like it literally is a different type of person with different relationships that are defined by their different economic conditions the conditions of production that they live within robespierre thought he could get that within capitalism even though capitalism is based on this exploitation at the center and this coercion at the center that rips apart consent who wants to consent to this system the consent has to be reaffirmed and reforged culturally in the form of politics in the form of laws and uh and it will be by assertion of a public will to punish that you will instill in people virtue they will be scared they will be scared of the state from sinning the same way that the medieval uh peasant was scared to sin uh because he was afraid of god sending him to hell if we now are going to have earthly institutions now that they've been brought to earth by the emergence of capitalism and the engagement and the alienating effect of the market if that's the case are we going to let the market destroy us are we going to let the market dissolve our humanity and the radical uh bourgeois are those who because of their personal collection of uh of of abilities values encounters with the world i refuse to accept that and want to defeat it and those become your liberals they think public application of fear will reproduce god will will like the way bentham reconfigured the penitentiary to be away from imagining the uh penitent in god's eyes but to have them imagine themselves under the eye of a fellow person in the form of the panopticon within the uh the and so then if that happens if everyone within a system is in the system of capitalism is self-regulating if their decisions are self-regulating towards the good in an abstract sense and not themselves then capitalism can work no boss will exploit a worker nobody will will uh maximize profit over human values they will be prevented from doing that by their own virtues this is the difference between ray kroc and the mcdonald brothers and the founder ray kraft the mcdonald brothers had enough because they were satisfied with their social endeavor ray kroc was a \*\*\*\*\* uh heartless demon because he's further along in the alienating process that jacobins and \*\*\*\*\* bonaparte or i'm sorry jacobins and uh and robespierre saw coming and wanted to stop and they thought that public virtue would do it that is why while there was mass confiscation of church lands and persecution of the church and a lot of the uh the future redditors i would guess of liberalism who wanted to tear up the \*\*\*\*\* uh church rooting branch

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from society uh robespierre being a more humanist in a many in a meaningful sense liberal than them said no no you can't just replace god with absolutely nothing you have to consecrate their relationship to the state which is replacing god and that's why he created the cult of the supreme being which led to one of uh his real downfall 0:21:48 in many ways came from his his conducting of this attempt to enshrine the this new revolutionary liberalism where the state is still under uh operating under the machinery of capitalism which is stripping all human bonds stripping away towards uh selfishness but but and therefore people's lives are worse they're pissed off this guy robespierre says we're gonna all worship this uh this concept of reason that is the collective understanding of our of our people uh and that that will guide us the way that god used to guide us and he had a big festival in uh paris and it was a cringe fest he had this big float he was incredibly happy and everyone around him was muttering and he got heckled at the thing and shortly after that he had a one of his many nervous breakdowns and he was off the public stage for a few weeks and then he came back talking about how he was going to finally clean house uh and everybody who was terrified that their corruption was going to be exposed got 0:22:50 together to \*\*\*\*\* uh nerfed him and there was nobody there to defend him because this is the important thing about robespierre in his pursuit of public virtue imposed from above on the principles of the bourgeois capitalist state that meant yes cutting off the head of a bunch of royalists and the old chirondist and anybody who uh looked to scans at the revolution but it also meant cutting off the head of a bear cutting off the head of danton cutting off the head of anyone connected to the actual streets and the actual demands of the workers uh uh from the machinery of state anybody who was even if they were crooked and danton was a crook had a public he was he was seen as a legitimate broker for the desires of the people so was a bear and they were also chopped up they were also fed to the machine and doing 0:23:51 that broke the the conveyor belt between the bourgeois state and the sankhulat they were no longer able to uh within uh they could no longer marshal the people because the people no longer had faith in the mechanisms that they had used to pursue power and so they lost heart oh we're no longer actually in charge of this thing because when we say things they're not heard because the people who used to hear them and take them to power and press our case are now dead it's very similar to what happened uh in after the 1970s in the less fraught environment of you know just the post-war uh cold war state liberal state eventually there becomes a point where it the crisis is too great the material uh disruption of capitalism is too deeply that you can no longer afford to let the workers the the unorganized the proletarians in the room the plebeians in the room you can't let them in you got 0:24:52 to keep it among the bourgeois to prevent uh them from turning them against each

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other and because the bourgeois class is a progressive class at that point they were the progressive class of the moment they were able to defeat the workers the fact that the workers lost proves they weren't ready to win because the progressive party was and what that meant is that the thermidor is the system stabilizing itself away from the maximalist fantasies of robespierre which were going to keep going until they hit a reaction because he was trying to totalize something he was trying truly as william f buckley used to say to immunize the eschaton he was trying to transcend the the arc of history and because he's a liberal idealist he was going to do that until the system stopped him and the thing is it did he found the limit everybody who was really truly connected to the working class anybody who had any real uh convictions about the revolution that transcended personal interest they were all dead by the fall of robespierre everybody who cooed robespierre on the left or the right shared one thing in common they were essentially more interested in saving their asses than in maintaining their commitment to the revolution ironically robespierre's pursuit of virtue squeeze squeezed virtue out of the system anyone with the virtue of their convictions got their heads cut off the only people left were the non-virtuous and that is what capitalism will do over time and that's why this undermines its own social foundations that's why it sells the root the rope and so what happens with robespierre is he essentially gets beyond to the point of his historical relevance and then he's \*\*\*\*\* uh he's he's removed because uh he is not he is not structured by the the demands of the bourgeois state which are towards stability not civil war with the bourgeois over who is most virtuous while virtue is squeezed out of the system by the machinery of capitalism giving lie to every revolutionary belief the the revolutionary uh faith in the in the in the uh in the state that the masses used to have is every day being drained as it fails to make things better to their lives and of course those people who's like i said the si when i say that they uh value their lives more than their principles that doesn't mean they were bad people most of us value our lives more than our principles the point of having a society is to encourage people's best selves to encourage their of themselves to when given a choice between the right and the wrong thing which they can feel in their heart they choose right and that means that they give people the social context where it doesn't cost to be good where there's actually a social benefit of being good because otherwise you only you create a system that is incentivizing sadists and martyrs masochists and sadists are the only people who can thrive in that situation i meant that when uh the the third reaction that uh that took over after uh roamspear yes these were these people had less uh literally less virtue than robespierre who was filled with virtue he thought he could impose his virtue on others but you can't that's the reality of life no we're all built different we all have different capacities for different things based on our individual

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experiences and that's why we need intervening structures to guide our day-to-day activity and to reproduce socially beneficial actions and minimize socially negative ones and that is a functioning state that distributes without or minute with while 0:29:0  
minimizing and moving towards an elimination of alienation instead of maximizing it and increasing it by the moment which is what capitalism does and in those early stages it's incredibly painful that's why you have revolutions and ferment and throughout all of europe in the 17th and uh 1800s is because this is the moment when these societies being ripped in half and there's this big explosion but in the explosion the bourgeois party is always the progressive force because it's the most self-aware it's the most self-conscious and they are able to use that self-consciousness to assert power now 1917 rolls around everybody involved in the russian revolution was keenly aware of everything that happened in 177 1794 they viewed they they in many ways viewed the french revolution as the first as uh the model for the russian one in that you were facing a similar situation where the crisis of an order had occurred and classes were now in revolt against the status quo uh but in and and 0:30:2  
at the very beginning of this process both the uh bourgeois and the working class have the same uh interests for a while but then they start to get in conflict but in this in the what happened that time and what guys like lenin and trotsky assumed would have to happen historically is that because in the russian context the working class party the working class was more organized and was more progressive than the bourgeois class that they would win and they did because in the specific context of russia the working class even though it was a small fraction of the population uh was more progressive than the bourgeois because not because uh but but and i think that there was an assumption uh that because this was true in russia it was true 0:31:4  
throughout capitalism but i think that if you understand uh if you understand the the input the inputting of capitalism into the system as a as something that occurs in stages and across geography and time which means that development happens in different places at different rates even though the general trend is moving in one direction and you have capitalism moving throughout throughout the systems of different states as they all compete with one another but at different rates because of different conditions and what that meant is that the uh the working class which had just emerged uh in the late 1800s brought so many people in russia so close together so quickly uh and hooked them into a social network of political parties and uh mass media that had been created by a bourgeois that was a fraction a sliver of the size that it was in more developed historically capitalist regions like central or 0:32:5  
like western europe where you'd had this the the \*\*\*\*\* bourgeois had been in the cat bird seat ruling capitalism in the in in in the in the stirrups since it began basically whereas you were uh the the crisis of capitalism in the emergence of capitalism in

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late 19th century russia is essentially capitalism showing up on the doorstep of a  
funeral regime and telling an uh a feudal autocrat that he had to institute capitalism  
if he wanted to keep his \*\*\*\*\* country together and that meant that that it was  
all instituted by fiat by the state it didn't emerge from social relations and the  
existing networks of trade that formed the basis of bourgeois social order in uneven  
and combined development as they say and so in the specific case of russia yes the 0:33:6  
protection was true the the working class was more organized because there were  
more of them they had access to basically the same social structures as the as the  
bourgeois class and therefore they were able to overcome you know the fact that  
they generally had less access to education with numbers and effective technological  
communication of those numbers into power that's the important thing all the french  
revolutionary soundcloth had was the jacobin club or or the kaye or the uh uh what  
the \*\*\*\*\* it called the club to cordelie so like you saw what i said what happened  
in 1905 was was the closest thing they had to a bourgeois revolution but it didn't  
take because the working class the bourgeois while obviously running at a higher  
temperature than the um the working class at that time had so few numbers that 0:34:7  
their ability to assert control was dissipated in very very quickly and was autocracy  
was able to reassert power because it wasn't a powerful enough current in that in  
that structure in that specific context of capitalist development and so a lot of the  
things that people predicted were going to happen western europe in in the in the  
gap between the first uh social revolution of bourgeois power and then the second  
or the first revolution of the bourgeois revolution and then the social revolution  
that comes later in that interval the bourgeois complete the process the bloody and  
horrible process of asserting uh this new uh detoratorialized humanity capitalism is  
basically supposed to uproot the human race grab it out and uproot it and then 0:35:8  
that uprooted human race through the fact that now it uh is able to interact uh  
cybernetically in a way it wasn't before because of technology and mass are able  
to build working-class counter counter hegemony that then takes over the machine  
but the uprooting is to be done in that interval between the bourgeois revolution  
and the social revolution so that the social revolutionaries can take over a state  
capable of redistributing labor through the system in a way that is unalienating and  
prominent or less alienating and promises to decrease alienation over time i think if  
you want to explain why why the cuban revolution has been so resilient a big one  
is that in its immediate aftermath things got dramatically better for poor people  
dramatically better of course it's it's stagnated and it hit a uh that progress was  
stopped strangled by the united states as much as it could be but you know there's 0:36:10  
still social progress it's just but the initial sense of momentum coupled with social  
institutions that don't alienate people because they seem to be to their benefit like

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democratic um democratic norms hot not multi-party \*\*\*\*\* like we have but you know like the direct democracy of this the direct like community involvement and the thing is you say oh they're not really voting for anything but the thing is if it feels like the state is working for them then they feel like they had something to say they feel like they participated so they are less alienated from their democracy than we are because we know that what we want doesn't matter and yet we're still supposed to invest ourselves completely in this political contest far less democracy here because we believe in it less and that's because nothing has made anybody's life better in any way since the uh end of the free real estate uh bonanza of the 0:37:11 post-war empire since they started to have to redistribute the flows and of course these bolsheviks were all very well aware that if they took power from the bourgeois in 1917 because they were unable to hold it which they were they were unable to hold power that it would be a monstrous counter revolution and probably some sort of uh genocide because if the black hundreds had gone hog wild in the pale of settlement after 1905 what would they have done so that's why the bolsheviks felt they had to seize power and they had been in unseen uneasy alliance uh through the provisional government with the bourgeois class and then they betrayed the bourgeois the same way that bourgeois had betrayed the french proletariat in uh or proto-proletariat in 1794 and the way that they betrayed them uh but the the tables turned because 0:38:15 historical forces had changed but the tragedy was is that what the bolsheviks had put in ins put in to fill in the problem here because they haven't done \*\*\*\*\* to uproot the russian people the russian people are rooted as \*\*\*\*\* that means that they would have to do the uprooting and therefore delegitimize the state into mass numbers of people they are delegitimizing the state to the people who suffer and you say oh no but uh that's just because they're koulox or something it's like if you're a regular person some new power takes place they say we're on your side and then things get worse for you you don't believe in it anymore and it's like they had to do it to keep the state right but they undermined its legitimacy what was supposed to fill that gap of legitimacy was the world revolution that's going to start in germany and allow them to uproot more slowly to ease out of the root but you can only do 0:39:17 that with a vastly more uh developed capitalist uh structure technological structure concentration of capital left to themselves in the competitive state framework they were going to have to uproot the same way the capitalists had only not in countries across the ocean to people of a different color and god to your own \*\*\*\*\* people to the people about and that happened because not everybody was uh more developed and the working class never developed the uh in the west they were they were always kept too comfortable they were kept too well fed and that's not their fault this is 0:40:18 the decision everybody is going to make and this is why robespierre is fundamentally

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wrong and why you cannot maintain virtue in a political system people's definition of virtue is in not removable from their self-interest there is not a virtue there's not a conception of virtue that is outside when someone is imagining what the right thing is what the what they're going to do what they're gonna how they're gonna respond to the world around them the good and the bad are built into and wired into self-interest personal sensual self-interest and when i say central i don't just mean erotic \*\*\*\*\* or gluttony i mean security safety not having to do unpleasant physical activities like filling uh digging a ditch or standing behind a donkey building a \*\*\*\*\* and our preference for some activities and feelings and sensations and emotions over others defines our idea of what the right and wrong in any situation is and so if we're in a social order like capitalism that prioritizes individual gain that does not allow one to have any investment emotionally in the idea not only that other people matter but that if i help them it would do me any \*\*\*\*\* good i would only be punished for it i would have to do it out of virtue i would have to do it out of pure non-uh self-interested desire which is we think to be superior somehow to fleshly desire they are in uh completely inseparable and the thing is is you want to say oh yeah but i'm uh i'm a calvinist i'm a self-flagellating calvinist uh i i hate sensuality of all kinds guess what \*\*\*\*\* you have just erraticized your super ego you're getting pleasure out of it the same way that a hedonist does out of their gluttony because you've rewired your pleasure center around your uh idea that you can represent goodness outside of yourself and therefore be uh be um put in the sight of god who you imagine as these abstract things un connected to flesh and earth sorry these things are all one even the most virtue loving liberal like robespierre look what happened he allowed himself to be overtaken by uh by cynics uh by by self-dealers by by the lukewarm who should be spewed out of the mouth uh because he couldn't read the \*\*\*\*\* room at the end of the day and he couldn't accept for himself that he was a presider over a bourgeois revolution which means at the end of the day he was more committed to a prince a a a society based on exploitation than he was on trying to uh resist it any further he was going to with the limits of his interests and their coordinate and and his interest connection to a group of people that he was not connected to he didn't live among them he didn't live in their conditions he didn't have their social reality he was a \*\*\*\*\* country lawyer like all of them were basically and so he did not have the experience to anchor him so he fought for this unmore liberal virtue until reality caught up with him and he was destroyed by the cynics who then presided over a state that had been delegitimized and it could only be reconsequested in blood but it couldn't be the the p the blood of the people anymore it would be the blood of europe in and the form of napoleon's wars that solved the social problem through colonial neocl like uh sort of pre-colonial like i should say like what was allowed in europe

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before uh they all decided hey you know what we're going to do all that fighting in the in the in the colonial world we're not we're not going to go after our own territory you can kind of see the the congress of vienna is that is napoleon is an attempt to turn the liberal bourgeois project into a self-sustaining one through conquest but within europe and they all decided okay no that's not gonna work uh we have too much power basically these concentrations the british the russians the prussians the austrians they couldn't be reduced because you couldn't colonize there's no way you can imperially dominate europe for geographic reasons uh and so this this stalemate 0:45:26 uh occurs and so the stalemate is solved with the colonies the stale the stalemate is solved by competing for resources in the third world to sustain the bourgeois state in the face of its mounting contradictions and so napoleon is the first one to say hey we'll do it in-house but then was tamed by the anglo-consent the anglo-sphere which said no no we're not doing it in-house we're doing it colonial style and that's why if you want to point to where capitalism was doomed it was when it was unmoored from the continent it meant that it had because it had gone from a progressive engine of social change that was necessary to a cancer vector when the \*\*\*\*\* anglos beat the french because the anglos connected capitalism in europe which had been limited by the social uh friction that was created by its creation that was created by its its 0:46:28 development could be soothed with the blood lubricated with the blood of other people in other places and then and then the people could just be soothed out of their angst and that's what has been happening to the western uh proletariat ever since i know that someone's saying oh that's smallest they're royalism you sound like jesus guy no because those people attach all of it to this wheel of of uh frankly liberal moralism that says these are all this is all a tale of who who is good and bad wrong wrong wrong wrong this is a tale of where people end up the point what communism does is it doesn't make people better what communism would do is it would allow regular people who are not good or bad who would lead them to make 0:47:31 the good choice more than the bad one because it would not just be the right thing to do abstractly it would do their lives better by doing it it would be the logical the rational the self-interested thing to do and that is what that's what the entire marxist teleology points to because what that is is a machinery to make humanity work as a species and not as a collection of individuated consciousness which is not it that is a lower level of development that is a lower level of consciousness it's an alignment of incentives exactly and under capitalism the alignment of incentives is to strip virtue out of the system and so that is why liberals within this thing cling to virtue more and more as the vice infiltrates is untroubled by these questions because 0:48:34 to them gluttony vice has become the virtue because their underlying uh economic press is not that they deserve it because they're good people they deserve it because

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they're strong people they deserve it because they are hierarchically better people stripped of any sort of ritualized uh uh consecrated meritocracy that is all smoke and mirrors all who do a literal social ritual for bored people sitting in offices to do to feel less bad about being in the system they are have turned vice into virtue have turned the enactment of their uh every selfish desire and like basically selfish like what whatever allows it so that i i have to spend the least amount of my time uh uh in like a starbucks drive-thru like absolute selfishness that to them is virtue 0:49:35 they don't have a \*\*\*\*\* superego it's and now we have this civil war at the end of a extinguished liberalism an extinguished capitalism that should have been destroyed by now and has not we have this machine that is running itself while we're all freaking out inside of it because we might have passed the point where the machine became self-aware honestly and so we're all freaking out in the hall of this is this uh uh we're all freaking out inside the the 2001 ship hal has decided to shoot us out of the airlock to make things more efficient and to make more profit in the third quarter even though there's nobody there's going to be nobody to \*\*\*\*\* and our politics reflect that it's a bunch of people in a ship that's slashed the mass has been last or the the uh in a big spaceship but we still have to sit around in here and like pretend 0:50:39 that our councils of state and our political rituals matter and so we decide all right i am strapped to this wheel am i going to enjoy it and what way am i going to enjoy this am i going to enjoy it by pursuing indulgence give me the app platter give me give me my give me all my treats i want to dry i want to roll coal roll i want to i want to i want to use a air conditioner in every room i want to be as physically comfortable as possible and feel good about it so i will create a political culture around hating people who think i'm bad for doing this because i know i am and i'm trying to deny that and so i had to have to displace my hatred of my of my revolution of myself onto others uh or are you a \*\*\*\*\* sicko lib who has decided that um that they are the the only people who deserve power because they're the only good people in the country and that if if bad things happen it'll be because they are willing them to happen to 0:51:40 bad people and that's the fantasy of power that we cling to as as we're just strapped as the bourgeois should say cling to and the rest of us just have to passively watch the psycho drama play out because the working class never came together uh the effort to do so broke on the shoals of capital uh in the late 18 the late 19th century the late 20th century that's the thing we are we are living in uncharted territory i would say people will talk about what's late capitalism what's neoliberalism what are these terms how are they different from the regular capitalism i would just say that they are chronological in the sense that they document capitalism once capital capitalism has ceased to fulfill a progressive social function which for a long time it did from its birth in late middle ages and europe to uh i would say mid uh the first

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the first half of the 20th century maybe later uh it actually did fulfill a social role that 0:52:42  
it was progressing it was creating the structures of uprootedness and technological  
uh transmission of information and resources and labor-saving devices and techno  
technological sophistication of industry and cool and the ability to coordinate i think  
once you get to the microchip revolution you're there but the very forces that built  
this thing also created a technological structure to capitalism that is different from its  
political structure that is no longer in human hands in a real sense and it is that the  
media the superstructure basically everything that you would call a super structural  
process because those super structural processes have been automated they are now  
the actual skeleton of of coercion because they're sending us around and everything 0:53:44  
we're doing all the politics we're creating all all the all of our civic action is stuck  
in the backdraft of this we are only able to react to uh the simulacrum of politics  
because all of the real politics is not political it is technological it is central banks it  
is uh uh fiat currency it's uh the it's the fire sector it's the entire global marketplace  
all of these are automated transactions that are carried out by the price signal being  
detected by technology and then distributing orders through currency uh this is the  
kind of structure that put a new type of human in in a stupid uh lame cringe way of 0:54:46  
talk putting it a new type of \*\*\*\*\* person and the poc and liberalism is apocalyptic  
and nihilistic because it seeks to do that absent the necessary transition away from  
capitalism and into socialism which they resist because their best self-interest is still  
pleasure they have of course have a ritual of wanting to deny it and some things they  
do deny themselves but they will you know that you know what they don't deny  
themselves unalienated labor they're not alien they're not \*\*\*\*\* doing that the idea  
of doing work that could be unpleasant that could be uh exhausting that could be  
not creatively rewarding that could be physical that could be physically alienating  
they're not giving that up and since they're not giving that up all of their politics  
is a \*\*\*\*\* performance to obscure that fact and that's all we get to watch because  
there is no working-class counter hegemonic uh culture to to transmit to people 0:55:47  
who see themselves no longer as workers but as consumers because they have been  
brought to that point by a system that answered every political conflict with more  
consumption every politic every meaningful political conflict in england in the united  
states results in uh increased consumption now in europe for most of its history all  
met all the really big concentrations of political uh conflict erupt in violence in the  
form of wars and attempts to conquest the united states that only happened once  
the rest of the time it was pushed off into uh border wars against non-subject people  
that led to increased consumption decreased liberty in the way that the yeoman  
imagined themselves to be uh possessing which is that unalienated sense that the  
the the the sense that i can work myself on the land like this is the peasant mind

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uh the dream absent the the the landlord is to be my own baron because that's the 0:56:48  
only model for and so they come to america and they all try to be barrens and every  
time the con there becomes a thing where they might not be able to be not even be  
the barons but imagine that they could be the barons somebody else dies somebody  
else is uh is uh colonized uh another regime falls uh europe blows up oh boy that's  
sure convenient for us and we become the the the globe the striding colossus and  
instead of capitalism trying to meet local needs as they emerge the way it did in  
europe capitalism after the war develops according to the needs of this centralized  
system that has politically directed all the the machine of capitalism towards one aim 0:57:50  
surplus yes the extraction of surplus value but then that surplus value having some  
of having some percentage of it funneled into the non-productive class to keep them  
from gaining sufficient revolutionary class consciousness and now and that meant that  
there was no coherence to the working class of the world as they came into being uh  
in the the bloody exploitative colonial context of the post-war cold war which meant  
that their social movements became entwined with nationalism and with these uh  
like warlord political parties that that meant that they could not pers and especially  
in a context where the us was a total economic war uh with the communist bloc there  
was no hope for them to spring up because the central force was dominating and  
was using its resources to do so and it's technological sophistication and there was  
insufficient technological ins uh sophistication among the soviets because they were 0:58:52  
not supposed to be there they were supposed to be the beneficiaries of this global  
system they weren't supposed to be the centers of it because they what were they  
supposed to direct it towards there was no central objective in america there was a  
central objective cap uh uh the maintenance of these structures and that meant you  
have a problem give them more to eat give them more to buy give them more dreams  
that they can become rich first the stock markets in the 20s then the the uh the good  
union then the uh the more importantly than anything the the second uh the second  
or the gi bill and the second homestead act basically which is what created the uh  
the suburban working class homeowner and of course things like that were happening  
in europe too uh hell it was the american uh the american state that broke up the  
large uh concentrated feudal landowners in japan after world war ii uh and then  
gave everybody a little thief and gave them a chance to conduct this sort of phantom 0:59:54  
economy of exchange within a system where all the real work was being done outside  
of it and all of the real uh resource exploitation was being done outside of it all that  
was really happening at the center is consumption and then the economy that has  
to exist to facilitate that consumption that has to circulate the capital through the  
system to keep all those signals up and to keep the machinery moving things through  
the shoots and so the tragedy of robespierre to get is that he was he embodied his

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moment but so much so that his belief in the moment transcended even his ability to perceive his immediate interests or his own his own conviction in his material interests rob robespierre probably didn't really care if he died because he'd been hollowed out by his belief but that's a very rare dude they got thrown up by the time but the machinery the incentive structure that is always there under capitalism 1:0:55 means that you're always sorting towards the most soulless the most cynical towards the top because the people who uh who care about something that might allow them to resist capital's encroachment are being eaten away literally they're being their heads chopped off they're failing to advance what it remains are those who have an idea of virtue that conforms to success under capitalism and we're all operating under those conditions and that's why virtue is is a is a is a furrago and something that can't be uh uh nobody's it's not about people being better than other people it's not and and it's not like i said it's not even to say that that subjects under socialism would socialism would be better people they would be people who would be more likely to do good things because the system rewards it and here's the important second part of that is that having that happen over and over again changes at a 1:1:57 fundamental level what you would have done in a given situation gives you more pleasure to see the affirmation of this system than to get a narrow self-interested point and that is where it becomes self-generating and turning people and and changing the conditions of life it like it's it's the alchemy at the heart of of uh of the socialist vision in my opinion but it is not done because people become better it's not done because people look inside themselves and have a transformation it is not millennial or pentecostal it is that the system incentivizes them to make good decisions good with a capital g not good see we have that nudge system we have guys like cass sunstein saying oh we need to nudge people in the right direction but they're not talking about good with a big g they're talking about small g economic 1:3:0 good which of course is bad is destructive is suicidal and it is the contract it is the cognitive dissonance of trying to figure out the fact that we have literally labeled good for bad socially and reinforced bad behavior exclusively while still believing that we're upholding a system that generates virtue means that we have to continually create greater and greater fantasies in our mind and jump through more and more uh mental hurdles to justify ourselves and i really think that the hysteria of the hysteria of virtue mongering among liberals is this process playing out so yeah you can't you have to change the you're you're operated by an algorithm either way like 1:4:1 it really the singularity does occur like the singularity the technological singularity is real the only question is when the two fuse which one is uh in the driver's seat and which one is in the back which one is which which one provides the which one provides the feedback that creates the conditions that will operate the technology is

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it us in the form of human need expressed through the social institutions uh and uh religious and civic concepts that move us through life that nudge us in a direction as we're we follow the orders really of a technological uh technological uh neural uh superstructure that pushes us through a maze what's going to push us through a maze no matter what the dream that there's not going to be a maze is the dream of the yeoman fan it's the yeoman fantasy it's the pre-capitalist the landed dream and that is not it's not compatible with humanity as it exists we have been uprooted come from the earth we could not re-establish ourselves in it without destroying so many of us without killing so many of us that the structures that would be left from that would be \*\*\*\*\* monstrous and would only bring about more destruction would only eat up everything until it was gone that is the that's the carcinogenic model for a human civilization and it was strapped to this social order that became uh eventually obsolete and it is now programming our entire uh technological infrastructure and if it continues to we'll get to a point where there's no people left except for some \*\*\*\*\* strapped to a \*\*\*\*\* uh like duct taped some guy in a in a in a giant tower uh strapped to some uh vr headset with a goddamn flashlight on that he thinks is the in internet and he's there getting like paced uh uh fed through to him through a tube and he thinks that he's living immortally in the machine until some you know they just there's a there's a uh there's an energy pulse in sector four and the \*\*\*\*\* uh the lights go out and he just \*\*\*\*\* dies and then everything else is a machine that is still grinding off that is still where the where it's still where it still is power through it is still moving things back and forth through still sending drones in the sky still protecting borders that are no longer acknowledged by any living thing in the year 2525 a cheesy song but if they they knew that they knew the score or we stick around and the machines fuses with us in the sense that it does it becomes an extension of us not an individual person but an extension of a will and that's the that's the cap i think that uh kim stanley robert i haven't read his his books about uh or like ian banks too this the society or the culture but of course all that stuff is just purely theoretical we'll never see any of that we'll probably see we'll probably never see any of those outcomes but in some universe they got they happened because in some universe everything happened probably not this one but in one universe out there that happens both of those cases we're going to be somewhere in the spectrum and what that means is we're going to keep collapsing breaking up in this cycle until we either run out and uh and are no longer viable as a species and then something else happens we get cephalopods in another hundred thousand years and maybe they go to the boomers they go to the space they become whatever or it just cycles through low-level non-intelligent species until the sun explodes that doesn't do anything to the human consciousness it doesn't do anything to the to our understanding of the

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world because because we're here now i know that i don't know i can never really articulate it i just have this weird i really should know more about astrophysics because i've heard about this stuff about like times time going backwards in some direction or time going backwards in some instances and like being detected is going backwards and and and like causality being reversed uh and i think about the idea 1:9:11 that if the universe is like one consciousness slash substance if it is one thing and we are like within it experiencing it subjectively then it it really could be the fact that it is the it is consciousness it is perception of the universe that i'm not going to learn anything someone says learn civic engineering i'm not going to learn anything dude that time has passed i will i mean not anything that exalted like i'm maybe i'm going to learn some stuff that like might help me you know do a \*\*\*\*\* garden i'm not going to learn anything it's just you know some vocabulary words is basically what i'm looking for yeah i'm going to build a \*\*\*\*\* bridge and i count with my fingers 1:10:12 who the \*\*\*\*\* yes but yeah the universe exists because and so maybe that means that no matter how hard it imagines to believe no hard no no matter how hard it seems to believe that this could be the world where we pull it off man maybe the only reason we're here experiencing this is because somewhere it did get pulled off somewhere we can connect to and if that's the case then you are absolutely obligated by every sense of self-interest personal sensual spiritual you are incentivized to do the to do the right thing yeah i'm gonna go off i'm gonna go off i'm gonna go get 1:11:17 one of those home correspondence courses to learn about astrophysics i'm gonna like read some wikipedia pages yes bye

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### *Nude Dorker*

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wow in 1814 we took a little trip down colonel jackson down the mountain mississippi  
fired our guns and the british kept to come because it wasn't as many as it was a  
while ago fired once more and they took to run mexico please mr kennedy oh i don't 0:1:4  
wanna please don't send me into outer's place please mr kennedy oh oh please don't  
please don't send me please mr candy oh oh i don't wanna please don't hey folks uh  
so there's another dang article about chapel in this \*\*\*\*\* new yorker they love doing  
this it's weird and you know what if you put an article about us that gets people  
talking on the wheel of samsara that is twitter conversation topics along with men  
be not having a bed frame and david foster wallace is toxic uh and \*\*\*\*\* there's a 0:2:5  
bunch i'm not even thinking of uh should there be slurs in dsa that people can argue  
about all day long and then wait a few months and get another one it's on the wheel  
of pain for sure it's and it is very funny to me that uh that media the media is so  
incestuous now it is so cloistered now obviously they're not all rich a lot of them  
are \*\*\*\*\* like broke freelancers but i mean it is so culturally cloistered like there is  
no real money for uh media anymore like the infrastructure of making content it's  
much easier to do it through the lens of uh all the media is bad is what i'm saying 0:3:30  
that uh it's it's shallow it's shallow because that's all they can talk about all the all  
the people who are making culture they're not having independent lives right it used  
to be that the people who can who made uh mainstream like cultural media you  
know tv movies that kind of stuff the people who wrote about that stuff and wrote  
about politics all of them lived separate lives and had separate personal sort of uh  
frameworks of life you know they've they have fixed positions in a world that builds  
their identity and then they uh they go to the media to express it and then we all 0:4:31  
watch the result and it is it is a a personalized uh uh context right like we're getting  
obviously capitalist propaganda but filtered through the individual perspectives of  
these individual people but now everybody doesn't have a life that they bring to their  
art to the media to culture to politics those things have replaced their lives because  
that's where they feel agency our lives have been drained of agency sociality and  
agency which means that we we we put our real mana into our online experiences

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we pump our orgone into the social media cloud and then what comes out is the result of that it's a cloistered little house instead of everybody individually you know coming together it is one hive mind of of anxious of anxiousness of elite that segment 0:5:32 of those who are being advantaged by the current apocalyptic conditions who feel bad about it who have sublimated their desires into and who would need to perform culture of uh of abnegation of that responsibility without challenging the situation that is the uh that is to say it's bourgeois but it is a bourgeois that is now been truly homogenized everybody is living in the same mansion like mentally and therefore their concerns are so measly and miserly a lot of it is because like i said they're not 0:6:35 experiencing things outside of the place they're just content creators in mills they're not living jobs that aren't part of the media that like inform their lives they're not coming to media from other experiences no college and then directly to so uh so they're just these uh bundles of neuroses of liberal neuroses because it is the guilty rich the guilty successful the guilty lucky however you want to put it and that might be the best way to put it the guilty lucky the ones who feel bad about being lucky are the ones most likely to want to do culture work and not work in the actual machinery and those people staff it the meritocracy is powered by people who believe that their 0:7:37 luck can be consecrated by that will mean that they don't have to feel guilty anymore that's what liberal politics is and liberal culture is enacting your difference enacting your non-uh culpability in it and the thing is you are largely powerless in the face of this you are we are all slotted where we are through the happenstance of of birth of the the the guilt that that creates like this is the thing is i say this that we're all guilty we're all accomplices we're part of this machine and people and the response is oh 0:8:39 god no that's the that's the neurosi that's uh gonna \*\*\*\*\* people with this neurotic need to uh you know destroy themselves to to negate themselves and i'm saying no uh that's what the liberals do with this reality they take it as a hair shirt and then have to expiate that but it's all indulgence it's all to their own gratification they're still comfortable they still are economically secure and now they don't feel guilty anymore they feel elevated and therefore they feel okay with being where they are it is a ritual consecration of their uh of their innocence and that's what the cultural liberal left is is a ritual denial of the reason this is important is not to reinforce that neuroses but to point out that it's beside the point we're all where we are we still 0:9:41 have to live and if we are living to scourge ourself of our personal guilt we will never be able to directly address the world around us because we will still be trapped on the on the hedonic treadmill you we will still be oriented around self gratification this case abnegation that's liberalism though that is progressivism absent power that is the ant in the attic of the victorian mansion the left the socialist project grounded as it is in daily experience and motivated by a increased sense of connection to others

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uh solidarity as it were that neuroses is not less prominent and can be assuaged away 0:10:44  
now the thing is some people say that means we should all be culturally reactionary  
no because that's just a nervous breakdown of the other lucky people who want to  
maintain their power the right wing side of the culture war is just the reverse erotic  
display it is the indulgence of the senses and of domination insistence that one cannot  
should not feel guilty about the power they hold the position they found themselves  
because it was ordained by god or nature but in a condition of terminal decline just  
not only personally in that good things don't feel as good over time they wear out  
their pleasure and you end up noticing everything that's uh unpleasant instead to  
like create a just a zone of distinction the ability to indulge is going away or the 0:11:45  
ability to induct to to both have a life of ex of total uh consumption and then also  
pass it off to your children as your legacy that's going away and that creates its  
own psychic outcry and that is that is the conservative culture war class politics is  
orthogonal to this conflict and this is the central absurdity of that new yorker article  
this is its assumption is that that the podcast creation and consumption can be  
meaningfully political in the current context and i submit that people like to point  
about talk about podcasts and the internet and talk about gramsci but gramsci was  
talking about the uprooting of a peasant society into a work working class conscious  
of itself to the creation of cultural structures around uh the working class and the 0:12:47  
peasants that would generate their own cultural superstructure independent of the  
capitalist one nurtured from the roots of struggle funded through the people's share  
of profit that is our uh socialization of institutions like newspapers and political  
parties and uh and radio stations and culture and culture and they compare that  
moment to ours and say podcasts and stuff are that they're not we are within the  
culture capitalist superstructure we're fully generated by it because there is no more  
grassroots uh uh connection between working-class people as such and any kind of  
cultural production they have been declassified we have all been declassified and 0:13:49  
we re-entered the market as monads as atoms reconstituting ourselves along and so  
the culture we create even outsider culture coming from social media and not con  
traditional media forms something that isn't subject to uh the market because it's  
provided for by uh by uh user uh subscriptions that this is counter cultural work  
it does inject left concepts into the the slurry of \*\*\*\*\* that people encounter every  
all day and allow them to take political concepts from the left and add them to  
their consumer identity but they can only do it from there to a position of still that 0:14:51  
the the kind of things we're talking about culture we're talking about that would  
really be challenging would emerge around struggle around specifically labor struggle  
and we haven't seen that yet doesn't mean it's not going to happen i predict it will  
but it's not yet present which means talking about what type of political podcast

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is the morally right one to listen to because it's doing the most and best politics and by listening to it you're going to contribute to the best politics is delusional fundamentally it is trapped in the matrix it is stuck chapo and the whole online left created a new consumer identity for people now that consumer identity could be useful in getting some people invested in the actual struggles happening but it does not generate counterculture power and the proof of that was the 2020 uh primary 0:15:52 when the decided the the center of gravity of the democratic primary electorate was so far removed from the cultural eye of the the mores and concepts of left twitter that got consecrated into things like chapa that they were completely it was completely irrelevant to the question those questions all those hair splitting arguments about is this good for birdie that this guy endorsed him and oh my god what about uh what about come town and how how's that going to make uh bernie look with african americans and oh what about bernie needs cutting edge uh bernie requires cutting edge positions on things like sex work uh and uh reparations uh and prison abolition to keep to excite the the the people who have already embraced these positions no 0:16:54 matter what people's discreet opinions on any of these questions is the matter the thing that mattered is that nobody who was captivated by that language no one who is engaging politics through that lens uh was meaningful to the process because they were already overwhelmed they were already self-segregated because they were cut off from people who were worse off than them more alienated than them but less likely to have ever encountered any of this \*\*\*\*\* because this these are different worlds we're creating these little bubble realities within the capitalist uh media sphere they're all just bubbles it's like a buckyball and they do not interact only be to experience them from inside and outside is a fundamental different reality because it is now boutique reality there is no monoculture and that means it comes down to numbers and that 0:17:58 percentage of the people politically agitated young uh downwardly mobile young people broadly was a was uh a fraction of the total number of young people the most have completely detached from politics as a part of their identity and therefore aren't encountering this argument through the lens that you would need to understand it they're only maybe seeing it and not engaging with it and then everybody older and better off is completely outside of it and has created their own reality that is generated by the mainstream media that they still believe in because they have not yet been fully broken away from that even if they're they now have like a partisan view of it where like there's two mainstream medias a good and a bad one and you affirm your goodness by watching the good one and being mad about the bad one but it's still fractured away from like what you saw even 40 years ago but it's not as fractured as what younger people and those people are going to the both po the 0:19:0 voting booth those people are engaging with politics earnestly and there are way way

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more of them than there are of you and and there's no conveyor belt to get outside of that bubble because you have to opt into it and who would opt into it if they were not being pulled there by some demographic magnet did you go to college did you expect to have a professional job after you graduated were you forced to take work that you never wanted to uh or are you forced to delay are you prevented from maturing in a real sense are you stulted in your development because you cannot uh actually exercise power in your life basically but because she went to college because 0:20:4  
you had bought into a certain package of assumptions about uh what a responsible citizen who deserves a middle-class lifestyle and an alienated labor should be doing and that means having a political identity having political morality and voting or if you don't vote voting as like trying to prove a point which is the same thing as voting you have you have enchanted voting as a meaningful act it is it is identity for me to you that does not happen to most people now and certainly most people who fall outside of the lucky zone for whom the state's compact has always been a fraud for whom there has never been a chance to invest yourself in belief in these things because it was never going to pay off there was never a bargain said that if you do x y and z you will get treats it is you will do x y and z and if you don't bad things will happen to you but if you do bad things will still probably happen to you and so the question of how to consecrate my dedication to the state never occurs 0:21:5  
that means you're not encountering this political argument within this bubble and bernie's campaign passed through you like gamma rays by and large if it brought working-class people to bernie it was through the lens of the mainstream media it was what they saw in commercials and and even though it was all biased against him he's such a powerful figure and and he has such a clear message that he actually did win a bunch of so this to me renders the question of the political valence of podcasts or anything on the internet moot this is not where the action is in terms of moving forward a project to save the human race distraction but not in i would argue the 0:22:6  
pure negative sense of uh you know there to prevent a revolution to prevent energy from going towards uh uh saving the the people i would say that in the absence of any class formation which is what we have now there is no way that you can argue that uh the media screen that we view the world through is inherently a distraction from people recognizing the their the condition and then acting in a revolutionary fashion and that those sum total of revolutionary desires will be channeled into a socialist current that could challenge capitalism and isn't happening because people are being distracted by media i think that absent class politics uh uh the immediate that in the current moment everybody has increased alienation that they wouldn't be able to distract themselves with by political engagement the the the idea that 0:23:7  
they actually do have power uh would not go towards revolutionary anything it

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would go towards self-destructive nihilism like actual self-annihilation in the form of drugs in the form of suicidal extreme actions of one kind or another in the form of increased hostility to the world around you to the point that you create some sort of confrontation just because why the hell would we assume that this misery that we're now distracting ourselves from if he felt more keenly would have us be able to do anything useful part of the reason that we're all so anxious is we feel how powerless we are which means that if you say oh yeah the very few things you do have a ability to imagine yourself in charge of like what you watch uh who you vote 0:24:9 for what positions you hold what things you'll fight for what demonstrations you'll go for go to uh what organizations you'll form if you're telling me that none of that uh if you're telling me that none of that matters well then what am i supposed to do i'm morally obligated now to essentially uh begin guerrilla warfare with the state to actually do the revolutionary \*\*\*\*\* that we're all talking about i have to do that now because the current machinery is out of our hands and we have to reclaim it and only through violence because we are no longer capable of asserting power through organs of law they will simply rewrite the law and it's too late for anything else because of the closing walls of climate catastrophe so we have to try but okay say 0:25:12 you say i'm gonna do that you have to do it even then what do you do even if you say i'm willing to forfeit my life you still want your life to mean something right you don't want your life to be like the the glass of water that's just poured on the floor which was hegel's metaphor for a life that is ended without purpose a life that just ends when somebody isn't intending to do something water even if you're ready to die what are you dying for because what do you do there's nothing to do what do you attack who do you shoot what do you blow up what do you personally do you're not you can't join a group there are no groups to join how would you even go about doing that are you going to go on the internet and start asking around until the fbi entraps you and then you get to \*\*\*\*\* die on uh adx florence writing scrawling spirals in your own \*\*\*\*\* so only the most extremely agitated will do violence at 0:26:16 first everybody else will just try to distract themselves with something else all right fine if it's not politics give me something else that i can indulge as a consumer i'm still have that freedom and that will keep me from the point of terror that oh my god this is getting worse and there's nothing to be done and that will lead to greater self annihilation you have you're going to have to keep upping the indulgence to make up for the increased sense of fear as as the as the end rushes forward and you feel uh un the existential horror of life under capitalism as the winners which is what we are if we're on here the existential terror of of the winners which we're all trying to 0:27:25 exploit through politics indulged it has to be distracted because it's essentially your body trying to call you your mind trying to call you into accordance with you're

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under the reality of the world around you which is oh there's a lot of stuff that i ca  
i prioritize above being more like active politically because i like it more but i don't  
recognize that because i get to i have the privilege of that and that is not to condemn  
anyone morally that is just a fact we are built to be pleasure seeking robots and we're  
fighting the programming because we're human beings who are embedded in reality  
and embedded in connection to one another and we feel it every day we just have no  
way to express it through any sort of uh uh in any way in our lives because we so most 0:28:27  
of us are gonna prefer to stay alive and to maintain our position even if it's tenuous  
even if it looks like it's gonna get worse and even if we can only hope for worse in  
the future and even if it's gonna be worse for our kids there is still is pleasure in the  
moment there still is security in the moment there still is most of anything anxiety  
about losing it in the moment that has to be assuaged and if you can't imagine that  
politics can change anything then you have to get busy living basically and how  
do you do that without and so you either destroy yourself or you either implode or  
explode and either way there might be some people who do it with a political mind  
but there can be nothing good could aggregate out of it because it is the stochastic 0:29:28  
social violence uh created by capitalist alienation as it just hyper so there there's no  
sense that culture with large is preventing revolution it's only pro it's only soothing  
us through essentially hospice like it is as marx referred to as religion it is the opium  
of the people but not in a pejorative sense in a medicinal sense it is allowing us to  
maintain our sanity as it were to to prevent ourselves from pulling ourselves apart  
in the face of the the overwhelming uh horror that living and every moment in this  
hyper-alienated world that we see collapsing around us and feel no power to be able 0:30:29  
to stop is engendering so we all still have to live because most of us are going to  
stop short of self uh purifying violence against the state and and the ones who do  
are going to do it without coordination and end with the aid of the fbi and so what  
you'll be left with is a bunch of people even more paralyzed even more commitment to  
indulging at least imagining themselves as political beings means that when they are  
confronted with the conditions deter as they deteriorate around them the changing  
conditions the reduced circumstances that throw into uh uh uh disarray sort of the  
the hedonic bargain we've struck with the world and make us reassess our priorities  
say you're or as a tenant in a building and if you have a political consciousness that 0:31:34  
is a that is to say politics forms a visceral part of your identity that you've been  
encountering in the culture but nothing said there is going to provide any basis for  
change it's just it's a star in the firmament that we're all and so they wrote a whole  
article just to preserve in their mind the propriety of caring about podcasts when  
the world burns it boils down to the fact that whoever wrote that piece that i didn't  
write really wants his podcast preferences to mean something even though we are at

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the end the last stage of american uh democracy i mean obviously it's gone but it's 0:32:35  
been gone for a while but like even our ability to maintain basic faith in its existence  
half the population already doesn't think the election the last election was real so  
when the republican wins next time with another minority of the vote it's going to be  
a universal sensation and that's going to create its own crises that are going to ripple  
out and it's going to be accelerated by the the collapse of the increased and so in this  
moment caring about podcasts to the degree that you're writing a goddamn article  
in the new yorker preferring one to the other because one of them is more polite and  
it's more convenient it's more aesthetically preferable to you it is more aesthetically  
pre preferable and that is a contribution to the the the uh the political culture that 0:33:44  
is on its face motivation but it's it's the drawing room antics of versailles where a  
bunch of board aristocrats who'd had their power taken from them by louis xiv had  
been gelded had to just run around versailles of giving each other uh uh mental uh  
that's doing mind combat with each other uh for for favor within the court as like  
a as as a distraction so i i do like to remind myself that there's no use getting mad 0:34:48  
at any of this stuff because hey it's all it's all just grist for a mil it's all grist for  
a dynamic that is built into the system at this point we're all stuck in one way or  
the other because we can't really opt out our identities are too enshrined and it's  
we're only going to get knocked out of these things one by one as our relationship  
to the world changes that there's not going to be any uh mass organization through  
media that's going to turn the turn the page because everybody is still operating as  
little hedonic uh tardigrades just thrashing towards but this is the guilty bourgeois 0:35:50  
trying to uh trying to have a bridge party uh while while the streets are running red  
with blood trying trying to tune out the sound and once again not anyone's fault  
within this because i'm doing it too we're all making compromises at some point  
for pleasure because we see no point in acting that would be anything other than  
self-annihilation because there is no hope that's because this is through the veil of  
of this uh this media sphere where we're just communicating to each other through  
this screen of alienation that that confounds any attempt to build anything outside  
of it that has any real size or or uh uh coherence and it's because so much of it is in  
the language of culture war that is dominated and created by the media itself and  
that this is just a subset of that's the main problem is that the things that defines 0:36:53  
this political current the left political current can only define itself and the terms  
within it through the lens of the liberal conservative culture war because those are  
the only issues that get reinforced culturally that aren't just being referenced in the  
goddamn uh internet tube things like elections and television shows and politicians  
who say things those people are all outside of the left uh twitter culture creation  
network they have to feed off of something else because they cannot generate any

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actual initiative you're only reacting to the real contest between the political parties so that means that they're all they have to sort along these access related to these culture wars because those are the only reinforcing things and so as much as we have invested time in it and energy and passion and we have made our lives better and this is very crucial made all of us who have i think contributed participated in one way or the other better equipped to handle the moment we're in not by their posts or their consumer choices but by the more pressing issues of how do i get through this and and their engagement with this stuff is going to give them a lens to act that is superior to other things you could be listening to and reinforcing yourself with all day highly preferable to to uh giving your brain over to one of the political parties that is a dracula machine giving yourself up to the the uh puritan nihilism of of violence for its own sake or uh the absolutely pure isle infant if you're marinating in that stuff and the world changes around you your encounter with it is going to be filtered through what you've been marinating in and i'd say the stuff that we've been brewing up is better to marinate your brain in than other stuff that's all i can say though i cannot say that we're we have any definiti we have any real uh pop power in any sense we sure \*\*\*\*\* did not prevent liz warren from uh uh endorsing bernie and even if she had outcome like we all have to live and and like i said mature uh the reason everything's everyone is freaking out no matter where they are in this thing from from bezos on down the reason everyone's freaking out in some way or another acting out like i'm not saying everyone at all times i'm saying in the main most people in most positions throughout most cultures are freaking out and it is because wherever we wherever the the totalizing touch of of capitalism has really dissolved social uh identities and replace them with the we are motivated by our desire to consume in the market as an expression not just of pleasure and this is the important part we're all wanting to the idea the the quest for identity the quest there's two kind of axis of of of motivation there's abalone and died icy and you know uh we're getting into the nietzsche stuff but uh like we all want some degree of actual sensual comfort but then we also want to feel like we are in control of our surroundings which is part of pleasure because it reduces our sense of anxiety and fear because that is related and what capitalism has done is that it has removed the capacity for action to such a degree that people have had to subsume all of their sense of uh that sense of control of themselves because an identity stabilizing the world and therefore mastering it can now only be channeled into consumption because all that but one of the things that that struggle that struggle is the real conflict it's class conflict working itself out throughout all social strata that is that friction that's being generated and it has to be resolved in one way or another unless it can be consumed away and like the pressure gets vented off into most people choosing

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to indulge over destroy that's not anyone's fault it's not it's about like degrees of sensitivity of like of uh of like emotional and and sensual sensitivity that are built by happenstance they're not created by anyone's will you end up on a bell curve of decency and it's related to and it has nothing to do with anything you did and over time most people in most positions will choose to indulge and we have now created a situation where the entire global uh economy is fixed around persuasion conflict through consumption well that's only useful that's only workable if you have infinite growth we cannot have infinite growth on an infinite planet and we are hitting finally the biological limit but our social order still necessitates venting off uh conflict into consumption because our actual ability to control the world around us is gone in that we have given it over to capitalism we have given up with the way the reins of our sense of uh assertive identity we all have to feel like we have some will to power and it's been totally uh neutered and that's nobody once again no one's fault class conflict emerged the working class lost and we have all liv we were all living in the backwash of that none of us were there when it happened now and so that means though that because we're all just pushed in the consumer direction by crisis and by anxiety because we can't imagine using our political uh our will our will physically like to actually change the world we have to consume because if we were to uh if we were to actually take power or try to take power in our hands it would involve violence it would involve a breaking of the fake piece of capitalism which was uh which was put over the whole globe after world war two and said that said we are subsuming conflict into into a political battle over resources in order to maintain the the conditions of the game and maintain the actual bio but once that battle was won by capital there was no more resistance to it and it overloaded as the ability to continue to offer consumption as an alternative to action goes away people start doing action people start acting and now that violence is is is undermining our friend the non-existent social fabric we already have and is being met in response by the creation of this techno uh industrial military panopticon surveillance health state that we're all going to be living that we're all that exists to keep us from expressing ourselves from expressing a will to any kind of but that alienation has already hitting culture and is only going to hit it worse and i think that the candy is going to stop tasting good enough to keep you hooked to it and uh and things are going to start shifting and that's scary because we can only imagine any change we can't imagine a future with a lower standard of living as superior to this time and the fact is there absolutely absolutely is a world where people are eating the bugs and living in the pods and it is not worse than this in fact it is better and it is salvation it is if the buds and the pods are what a socialized instrument of um government representing a truly democratic will chooses to do to meet the real uh crisis created by capitalist

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over consumption and the i won't eat the pods i won't eat the bugs thing is comes from a fact that people have no faith that the anyone giving the bugs and pods could be anything other than an agent of goldman sachs and of course because we can't imagine an alternative but honestly one of the things holding us back is that even people who uh aren't you know culturally neurotic about those issues and about masculinity the way that those people are and that want fully luxury automated space communism or like no actually don't tell people that because it's the future it's going to be like now only there's going to be robot butlers it's going to be like the jetsons but everybody it essentially says the consumer-based identity of a late 20th century american subject we should universalize that through technology but 0:48:15 you cannot do that you would have to squeeze the the poor end of the human race into a pulp to do that and at the end of it you had just created the \*\*\*\*\* decadent monstrous elite of zardoz who would destroy themselves from neuroses from within as their pleasure it's just that when we imagine the future we imagine no matter what the regime is no matter what the uh what the powers that it will be good or bad to the degree that allows me to continue being me as i understand myself but 0:49:16 that conception that identity is a that through struggle would be broken down by definition because none of this could be imposed at this point capitalism is run out of runway there is no more deals to be struck there are only conditions to be imposed at the barrel of a gun because there is no the deal the cheap the cheap food the cheap \*\*\*\*\* uh consumer goods the the uh the inefficiency allowed into the heart of the system is going to be squeezed out one way or the other is it gonna be squeezed out by people negotiating us away from planetary suicide or by the uh the reptile-brained 0:50:17 monsters who want to who imagine themselves as like eternal god emperors in space as they gallop us to extinguishment following a a fantasy into annihilation the \*\*\*\*\* crimson king jibbering and jabbering it's because they view the bugs in the pod uh and and the soylent and they view all that stuff through the lens of their consumer identity well if i ate that stuff i would be uh i would be uh cucked composed most 0:51:22 almost entirely of our of our coping mechanisms to deal with living under capitalism and that would be fundamentally different and differently arranged under socialism or under even the pursuit of socialism the earnest pursuit of socialism we need all of these creature comforts and we grasp them so tightly because we can only imagine losing them we can't imagine gaining anything by because we have no faith in a project and that's because our only encounter with the project is through this gauze of media anxiety which is the winners the people who are going to be the last to do 0:52:25 anything meaningful to people who are most enchanted by this thing because they're able to spend time away from truly physically painful and alienating labor they're able to pursue some sort of vision of a life of the mind either through grad school or

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an attempted a media career or even just going on twitter and having a uh having opinions on things and then investing those symbols with real emotional energy and emotion and investing the spectacle of it with real power and other people this is the more this is the most important part other people near us and around us that's why 0:53:26 we they get pulled like magnets to the cities to work in uh to work in the knowledge economy those are the people whose family has been kept in the golden egg of post-war prosperity long enough to allow regular people access to the same heights of education uh and sophistication that had previously been reserved for aristocrats we really we did create a democratized uh america in that we democratize the which means people who are not going to encounter too much trauma in their lives such that they fall out of some sort of arms length of comfort like even if they're working a tough job in the city and they are laid on rent a lot they know they could call their parents if they had to even if their parents aren't rich if you've got a piece of that 0:54:27 middle-class prosperity say a house in the suburbs equity family's been sitting on you're within arm's reach that allows you and the fact that you probably had a dirty decent education and access to the the mores of uh school and the more a's of college more so even than learn anything so that you could be accepted there and learn the rules there and even if you're poor even if you're poor broke and working shitty jobs you still have your hand in the \*\*\*\*\* thing you you might be precarious completely but by having your finger in the pie of online uh politics filtered through activism and voting and cultural consumption then you could progress maybe we build uh socialism and they do something about these student loans maybe bernie gets in there and i don't have to pay for \*\*\*\*\* medical insurance anymore because i can't 0:55:28 i'm not still on my parents plan like everybody who has a podcast and those people are going to always including myself given any any increase in crisis any any question of what to do in the moment are going to defer to something that concretizes the possibility of politics that says we can vote we can demonstrate we can organize we can do something other than put our bodies in the gears of the machine because it has an effect but we can only believe in that because the system has shown itself to have some rationality to it that could benefit us in our lives because our parents you know someone in your life who went to college and got a good job and lived a middle class life somebody who got to do unalienated work or less alienated work 0:56:29 didn't have to work dangerously or fear lack of uh security because they couldn't find work wasn't as precarious and so you carry that belief with you going through life and it's not going to be disavowed just by events happening because your and so as politics continues to not work the need for politics to be more baroquely intense in its emotional satisfaction becomes greater and that's why we see now all of politics being consumed by culture and vice versa because these are people including myself

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at the end of our rope needing something to mean something that allows us to not  
take the next step and we can only hope that opportunities arise that are outside of 0:57:31  
that matrix of hey here's what we care about this week these are the questions that  
matter right now these are the vectors of meaning in these political contests this is  
what matters while this \*\*\*\*\* is going on other things are happening and if those  
things interact with the other things that facade will shatter that is that is the hope  
of it that i think is the marxist uh dream there is a spirituality i think suggested  
by marxism that is often ignored and i think it boils down to the belief that if you  
did present a orthogonal coherent counter-cultural challenge to the dead uh political  
contest of an exhausted bourgeois which is where we are a historically exhausted  
bourgeois presiding over a collapse that that whether we have the conditions for one 0:58:33  
to emerge here and now with the humans we have is a separate question and one that  
i am fully agnostic on but i have to be because the same way you have to assume  
free will you have to assume that you live in the world where that's possible because  
the other choice is nihilism which is what's so funny about people who say that we're  
nihilistic now after burning lost i fundamentally put it to you that anyone who says  
that there is meaning value in the question of what podcast people listen to the  
strategies of consumption around political media is the most black billed person on  
earth because they have accepted that they are going down with the ship drawing  
on their spirograph they're going to encounter oblivion having learned nothing they 0:59:37  
will have failed to uh undue and the reason and to get back to a point i was trying to  
get to earlier the reason that this is is because the process of maturing as a person is  
a process of letting go it is as you come into self-consciousness you create an identity  
that becomes fixed it is illusory but you require it to move through the world and  
that process is a creation of assessing threats and hazards to one's existential life but  
then eventually reading reaching equilibrium with the world around you to the point  
that you begin to realize as your uh stabilization with your environment comes as 1:0:38  
your adulthood flourishes that you are not really alone that your life really isn't the  
only thing that matters that there are other things beyond you that have meaning  
and so therefore you don't have to hold on to life as much as you did before now  
this is in ideal conditions where you haven't been fighting for your life from the time  
you're a little kid and that's the thing that damages maturity but on the other end  
to be brought into uh the anxious bosom of consumer based um identity among the  
bourgeois is also uh to be \*\*\*\*\* traumatized away from that recognition because  
you are kept in a state of childhood that that sense of precarity where the only  
pleasure can the only meaning the only meaning can be derived from consumption 1:1:39  
where there where you cannot confront your powerless you are not you don't get to  
reach the limit of your personal power that's what happens is that maturity part of

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maturity is coming to the limits of your ability to assert individual reality you hit a bump you hit a border and once you hit that border you have to come to terms with it if you want to keep living and that means giving up some that's the other end of it part of it is is coming to see other things as meaningful but it's also to seeing other things as different and as able to impose upon you and to prevent you from just asserting whatever and if you are brought up in the bosom of the civilized post-war america uh post-war america there's nev you never hit a limit donald trump is of course the ur example of this someone who never faced an obstacle in his life 1:2:41 and therefore never gained any limits to himself we are all on some continuum with trump having had that experience and what that means is once you get adulthood you just keep taking because you haven't hit a limit you you you have not hit a limit of your your ability to assert your identity and so even if you might be constrained uh financially in a way that trump isn't you aren't constrained mentally and you can consume like trump but at a lower level which giving you the same satisfaction and you can miss and you can compensate for your felt lack of power in your life with consumer indulgence and you can keep doing that but it requires you to deny the reality of others because it's hurt it's hurtful of others and it's exploitative and you are aware of it and that awareness fuels anxiety and guilt and you have to 1:3:43 deny the meaning of anything outside yourself to keep that feeling good and that is to maintain the sense of childish selfishness throughout of all of life and so we are at the end state of capitalism and everybody is having a temper tantrum because nobody all babies one way or another traumatized into traumatized by uh either uh indulgence or punishment at an early age and people expressing their powerlessness 1:4:44 the way they can and the thing is is that in order to express your powerlessness you really need money so you get the suburbs you get this the cult the middle class consumption uh habits that become fixed but then at the lower end of the spectrum where people are poorer people try to get money and generally in a way that is illegal because it's the only real way to access capital because it's it's because the process in america is one of and has always been one of cutting people off from an from a market and so that expression of powerlessness at least some sort of conflict with the state that the wealthier powerless powerless person doesn't have to resort 1:5:46 to because they have access to more money and politics is now the temper tantrum of all of these babies once again nobody's fault and this is why it's impossible to engage in these questions through the lens of the online argument because it's just a moralizing moralized argument that is totally beside the point because you're trying to just describe something if it's all encompassing and all i'm implicating then there's no point assigning uh blame to anybody there's you just have to move you have to go through it you have to assume it and then you work from that assumption but we

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continually go into chess beating denunciations and we continue to argue the point because we have to renounce our association with something that we find morally abhorrent the idea that we're immature we only have to ourselves the responsibility to act differently to let go to let go to the ego associations that we have with our spectacle to let go honestly of our expectation of living a long time expectation of living a long time comfortably expectation of the world being but that ex letting those things go contributes to an ability to live more in harmony with the world around you because letting that go means letting go the urge to do all the indulgent nihilistic \*\*\*\*\* that makes things worse it's being caught in the in the in the stirrups that gets everybody crazy to consume it's being it's having your leg in the if you have let go of the need for every moment to be pleasurable in a certain way well then \*\*\*\*\* you can maybe act politically stripped of the need for your politics to feel good in an immediate way stripped of the ability of the need for it to be uh paid labor basically just the the the strip of the thing that prevents people from working as i have said for free because working for free is the key to building socialism and when i say free i don't just mean paid money with money i mean emotionally the concept of emotional uh labor is real but the attempt to put a \*\*\*\*\* price on it is the end state of neoliberal hell it is emotional labor that is the only thing that can defeat capitalism because emotional labor is what gets you the question is what is the desire what is the emotion that's being served that allow you to let go building connections that allow you to offload the neurotic self reification that a critical end state narcissist suffers a child detachment is cope correct life is cope the fact that cope is now the enemy really does prove that we have fully assimilated the \*\*\*\*\* the death drive we've eaten you thinking that you're going to do politics thinking you're going to post your way to anything isn't cope thinking that your memes can have that's why of course being based is the most cringe thing possible because it assumes that there is some authentic you whose expression is the uh is the consecrated endpoint of western civilization that's what being based is based is saying yeah you know uh my dumb ass that's why this thing exists that's why the human race pulled itself into uh into existence so that i can do what i want to do whatever i want to do whatever i want to do whatever i want to do okay cool what do you want to do oh wow looks awesome we're doing a great job everybody is operating off that principle you \*\*\*\*\* dumbass all the goddamn social justice warriors are doing it too sublimation yeah everybody everybody is is just doing that everybody is doing that and look what it is it sucks it sucks so bad that you're only the only future that you really imagine and i think this is the actual when you say like these people don't believe in the future i think they do we all have to we all do to some extent it's just a question of our emotional uh relationship to that like what we what it

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means to us when we imagine it uh and i think the best case scenario the optimistic scenario for for the politically engaged at the level of culture uh is some version of seeing their enemy annihilated before them before them and the only question the distinction is what that enemy is and i would say that for the uh for the liberal side of it they want to annihilate themselves because of their loathing of themselves because they are based at the end of the day on the principles of calvinism because they are 1:13:7 trapped in a prison of uh of individualism that does not allow them connection to the outside world god anything they are frozen from connection but they do believe that the other exists and so they are failing it and so liberal project is is continuing capitalism but taking alienating away from the people who make up liberalism piece by piece to destroy whiteness maleness all that stuff patriarchy of course it's all just uh symbolic and ritualized because they they don't really because their politics is completely symbolic and ritualized but bad things are going to happen to people in those categories as capitalism accelerates and their project is paying attention 1:14:9 to those bad things and being any rooting for them and then the conservatives are those who believe that they are that are as isolated as the puritans believe that they are everything but believe that everything else is nothing that they are now of course the gods in rotting human bodies so that creates a shrieking cognitive dissonance that has to be it means blaming all of this on the other and then trying to punish them because of the cultural coherence of conservatism and it's able it's the ability of it to manipulate the constitutional framework that was left behind after 1:15:10 the civil war they're able to actually do it a lot they're actually able to direct the fire hose towards the other but if the water is pooling around their ankles too and their project is watching it happen first and that is the punitive sadism that fuels the actual political uh contest that that the left is only responding to on its terms and cannot provide a a genuine uh uh a genuine resistance to because it's premised on the the the social divisions the consumer-based social divisions of the greater conflict between the parties a synthetic humanity will emerge from struggle like conservatism 1:16:19 emerged after the cold war and it has now taken over the republican party uh is one that in the aftermath of the war saw the necessity like the democrats like the liberals like wall street with confronting communism the soviets were giving terms good terms for capital that would in the long run allow capital to triumph and so the managers of capital made a deal permanent war economy eventually encircle and eventually overcome uh the soviets a good deal but to do that certain things had to happen the u.s had to take over a global capitalist order replacing whatever national bourgeois 1:17:20 function structure we had before the war which has already been changed uh been permanently altered by our intervention world war one as cap as which pulled power towards the united states but it also had to extend power outwards it had to do the

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marshall plan it had to prevent macarthur from going to nuclear war with china it had to let china go communists in the first place it had to make a deal that gave up the the iron curtain and later it needed to get rid of racial segregation because we were fighting with for hearts and minds in the developing world that we needed access to the resources of in order to continue to continue our encirclement of the soviets this 1:18:23  
all has to happen but to the smallholders at home who don't see that side of it all they see is culture changing all they see is power devolving away from the united states and all they see is their basis for for their security at the top of the pyramid being removed their precarity being felt with robert taft in 52 with goldwater with reagan before he became president if this is the cost of containing communism in the long run to preserve this thing before it is dissolved now the thing that they are thinking is being is this dissolving it is communism right because they believe communism and capitalism are the same thing at the end of the day it's a usually jewish conspiracy that's the end point of all capitalist critique are all right-wing critique of capital it 1:19:25  
has to be there has to be conspiracy at the middle uniting capital and therefore that whatever those capitalists are building is going to scot squash them it's going to be some wall street moscow bolshevik capitalism which is now and to stop it they want to go to war war of course would have annihilated the earth except in its very early stages if the united states had continued to fight or had initiated a fight it would have been catastrophically but it also would not have preserved anything that those 1:20:26  
uh stupid national capitalists thought they were doing because it would have and now that that republican party which was moving its way through the machinery all the way reagan took power in 80 there was still enough institutional control by uh by wall street by big capital within the party structure within the people who run for office within the american bourgeois generally that the leaders of the party by the time they got to uh uh that the leaders of even the conservative movement once they got to power they largely played ball they did not escalate with the soviet union in fact they uh negotiated arms control and the conservatives felt they got like 1:21:27  
reagan had gained a lot of his uh national uh head of steam running into 1980 on a campaign of resisting the panama canal treaty that gave up american sovereignty over the canal in uh in 1999 or whatever he got into power he didn't do anything he revolution he neoliberalized the economy but he was just continuing what carter did and what clinton did later he was doing what was to be done and he was heading off the suicidal imperative of american uh fixed capital but now 40 years later they've worked their way through the system they hope they have the entire thing conditions are drastically worse in all ways precarity is felt everywhere throughout all of the social order including at the top of even the american uh like upper bourgeois they 1:22:28  
feel that whatever capitalism is it is now going to destroy them not sucker them

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anymore a lot of them at the middle of level are probably right their kids are going to get squashed they're going to be proletarianized and so they want to fight before that happens but the war they want to fight is the suicidal war of the bourgeois it is the suicidal annihilation of the bourgeois on its own terms the death drive of the bourgeois and anybody on the left who thinks oh that we're going to follow this current in order to resist capitalism it's only along for the ride because the working class is totally not is totally absent from this picture composed think of the role that the nuclear bomb had in per saving capitalism at every point technology has stood in because at a certain point technology and capitalism became inextricably linked it is now capitalism it is now technology more even than the capitalist relations that it fosters that actually asserts capitalism's cold but of course this technology assumes the open system assumes that within it our answers to all of its crisis that oh we're warming up this we'll just in bring this into the uh equation but it's it's breaking down because it is only serving uh profit it is it is rerouting all it is sending us all towards the platonic crispy chicken sandwich at the expense of every other at the expense of every other structure of human order that allows capitalist uh interaction market interaction to persist and it's us versus the machine now but we have to re define us we have to refine us and we can only find us by letting go a little bit of confronting the real sober reality around us and letting go of our own virtuously that is out of a felt communion that is outside of of the pleasure principle or the pleasure denial principle wow yeah like that's a perfect example we have the solar power now that we could that we could make free energy but that means solar cannot be adopted because that there's no way to price it there's no our hope the hope that exists is is whether any shred of this technological infrastructure can be socialized can we get any of it from within from the center from the edges can we bring together some social coordination of technological ability that can coordinate human action that can create like a harmonic reinforcing tuning a fork effect throughout social organisms the thing is is that i am the least qualified person on earth to talk about that because i don't know anything about \*\*\*\*\* technology i'm a hostage to it so once again i reach the edge i gotta bump my nose and say blockchain spyware i don't \*\*\*\*\* know somebody does hopefully and maybe they can get their \*\*\*\*\* together no i'm not a luddite because this stuff is all has to be socialized it cannot be destroyed then we're back to not if not square one we're back a lot of spaces and with way worse conditions to uh way less um forgiving conditions than humans had before although you know we all came from 5 000 people emerging from the bottleneck maybe the people who come out of that bottleneck no matter what happens will have had the technology and its discontents that we can hope some of that made sense catch everybody on the flippity flop all right uh blackjack bins maybe either

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it's five o'clock on saturday it's a pretty big crowd for a saturday and the manager gives me a smile because they know that it's me they've been coming to see now john is a real estate novelist talking to davey who's still in the navy the waitress are practicing politics while the businessmen slowly get stoned they're sharing a drink they call loneliness people say he's bad the songs are undeniably catchy which means 0:1:1 that in a certain base way he's good like he's a good songwriter and that the songs are pleasing in some way to listen to at least a good chunk of them at least to the point that your brain wants to hear them you know but lyrically he is a very insipid uh musician the one thing that's very interesting about his songs is how he is always the protagonist the voice of the song his perspective in the song is always yelling at people uh making demands of people criticizing people uh and is above them like he's 0:2:3 either if he's a character like in piano man he's literally too they put they sit at the bar and put bread in my jar and say man what are you doing here you're literally too good for us and then like so like moving out my god just like a bratty teen talking about how everybody else is working for the don't go changing to try to please me just finger wagging and uh and superiority and then if you and if there's a song that like the character is being criticized it's always from outside like angry young man you may be right i may be crazy but i just may be the lunatic you're looking for or 0:3:6 he's doing some very pretentious attempt to do a novelistic like character study like allentown but you know the songs are fun and honestly the chutzpah to write and then release um we didn't start the fire once again all-encompassing narcissism it's glorious but the interesting thing about joel is that joel hit his limit of talent and then tried to exceed it which is pretty rare because musicians tend to flame out early there's few there are fewer like long-term success stories or who are who get to a 0:4:8 point where the pop format is no longer uh is no longer worth it like they've they've exhausted all the their uh all the possibilities of it from their point of view and so then they have to try something else if they're still you know challenging themselves if they haven't checked out like mick jagger who's happy he tried to do uh classical music he tried to release uh uh like i think it was like actual classical you know no

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one liked it that's like oh yeah there's that's actually the limit of your ability billy and i honestly think that might be why he keeps trying to kill himself with alcohol because he has not given up his fantasy of himself as a great artist that like justifies his torpor and said look i'm a great artist look look at all the stuff i've done but then you know he he ran out of stuff to do in pop and he tried to do some stuff in a more challenging more complex larger format art form and he was mediocre and so what's he going to do stop being a celebrity stop being resistant no just going to dial it in at uh at madison square garden and should keep wrapping your bentley around trees another guy who did that uh by going to chris gaines thing uh and and honestly garth brooks's uh status is like the most well adjusted uh musical genius of american history his predict is proven by the fact that he got to the edge of his talent his ambition met his ability and he just said oh okay and then he retired when when went to oklahoma and hung out with then he did like a comeback a few years later a few years ago because you know he missed the big crowds but like he didn't feel like he had to be an artist anymore unlike billy joel who's cannot get over it so he keeps divorcing younger and younger women and drinking more and more because if you're not going to come to terms with who you are after a certain point of hedonic pursuit it's going to destroy you you're either going to turn into a piece of jerky uh like the siberic rolling stones or you're going to just be a big weepy drunk like uh billy joel uh or you're gonna keep pushing yourself uh until if you're good enough you know you don't you you you find yourself uh finding satisfaction in the pursuit of a deeper art like the reason kirk gave cobain killed himself is because he knew he didn't have it in him i just like emotionally to carry on the hard work of being an artist to what would be necessary to overcome the torpor of being a \*\*\*\*\* rock star and so what are they going to do i mean the answer is for these people who are that pot successful and huge uh just do something else or don't do anything but you have to have a certain degree of ability to just be with yourself to uh to ex to handle that and you know people like we explode out like our consciousness explodes out like big bang style and especially if you know as we find ourselves as like a total alienation at the end of history uh and our and what we're doing is we're fleeing from quiet we're feeling from emptiness because emptiness is the true the one true reality is the is the fundamental emptiness of the universe which when confron if you confront that fact and you like really live with it it makes uh living much easier it makes you need a lot less but if you're escaping if you're fleeing from that emptiness if you're always trying to not be in a room alone with your thoughts if you're always trying to have a earthly um pursuit to invest emotionally in a career a skill a hobby an ability that you can pursue artistic athletic business you could pursue and then on top of that personal pleasures you can pursue you know consumer uh the the things you

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can only get from from buying a giant house and having a \*\*\*\*\* yacht and having a helicopter that goes on top of the yacht and if you're a musician and you are living by that relationship at some point you have to mature you have to let go enough to not need but you're not getting that reinforced anywhere if you're a success you just keep pushing and nothing and it all gives there's no resistance and so you press until you find resistance either by indulging yourself to the point of physical annihilation or pressing yourself uh demanding something of yourself and of course none of this is to 0:10:25  
blame anybody like if somebody has adhd and they say excuse me i can't sit with my thoughts it's literally impossible that's because that's how we have been acculturated we live in a world where where we have been so stripped from our bodies we have been so disembodied by engagement with a pseudo-reality of mediated uh identity that we cannot be in our bodies there's there's a constant panic because we live in a material world where we are finite beings but our brains are separate and eternal how are you supposed to live trying to reconcile that every moment of your life your brain is the world the universe all of time and space you are god because remember it is a soul consciousness that has no connection to any other consciousness but our bodies are the same material as everything else the same flesh as everything else 0:11:27  
governed by the same laws of thermodynamics as everything else in the universe and it is trending to death it is trending to decay physical pleasure is trending towards uh redundancy and so we indulge the fantasy of immortality which requires distracting ourselves from our actual bodies our actual lives our meshed physicality that means we have to press the \*\*\*\*\* pedal to the metal on making our encounters with our body purely pleasurable like when our body is going to be noticed it's going to be new notice doing something fun in tasting something feeling a a way uh having a 0:12:28  
urge satisfied feeling a sensory experience hedonic pleasure otherwise we don't want to hear from it and that means like you either take command of the world's resources and try to destroy it to the extent that you can in the world of business in in the in the struggle for control of the machinery or if you're born lucky but you don't have the stomach for that you pursue the arts i will be meshed in the system i will benefit from it but i will not directly contribute to to the the carnage of it and the thing is that's reasonable why would anybody give up and then they compensate for the fact that they're doing all this indulgence by the fact that but i am also doing this artistic project i'm i'm making people happy i am you know there is a social affirmation there 0:13:32  
is a combination of that artistic integrity and then the hedonic poll and there's this push and pull between them and the people who make it to old age and in rock and roll for example have been just where their humanity has been just totally vestigial but that means that they you know have to keep have to keep pursuing this hit this lifestyle that killed everybody else in so yeah being a pleasure lizard is the best you

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can hope for because if you're here for a finite amount of time life is only going to get worse over time because you're losing time on earth and your brain can't handle it 0:14:33  
and you're being panicked about that emptiness that you cannot and the pleasures that you seek only become commonplace and become banal so that you're not even getting the pleasure out of it the only pleasure you're getting is the pursuit of of a fantasy pleasure and the sadistic thrill of seeing others that's the best case scenario turning into donald trump that's the best case scenario you're miserable but you're comfortable and miserable physically comfortable and miserable even if it doesn't give you any joy pleasure uh any comfort at all even that you're just screaming rat in a cage brain uh none of this has been to your benefit none of it has actually contributed to to your happiness this is why the libertarian idea of the self of people 0:15:34  
motivated by self-interest creating a good society or just society is insane because that self-interest is not our self-interest it is our self-destruction and if we and our society is destroying itself precisely because everyone is pursuing that the market only responds to people's death drive which is to say give me momentary pleasure in the here and now for uh oppression admiseration uh uh carbon emission misery dealt somewhere else to someone else and that the that that is the we imagine capitalism as transactions right freely arrived at transactions they're not freely arrived at and 0:16:35  
the thing that makes them not freely arrived at the coercion is the violence done to the biome and to people that is not calculated into the cost of the transaction and that is a negative feedback loop that undermines our ability to uh sustain ourselves meanwhile denying like your body denying your connection to anything outside of yourself pursuing just hedonic pleasure rich people are not happy this is the important thing if anyone is watching the white lotus on hbo it's very good this is what it's about they are comfortable they have these things that we connect to some degree 0:17:36  
with a basic you know quality of life maslow stuff like food shelter security they have those things but their subjective subjective experience of it is of discomfort anxiety misery which they could have had if they were poor and we wouldn't have to have a world that is choking on their \*\*\*\*\* consumption the excess of their of their pursuit of something that they can't have and all and the algorithm of capital is is psychologically wrapped around that impulse and that means create a machinery of of of surplus value creation that can be monopolized by people who need greater and greater con indulgence to soothe their alienation from their bodies and from the world around them so to get to black jacobins this perfectly describes the situation 0:18:38  
and it describes slave uh slave social more of these people were able to just sit around and enjoy luxuries with people literally being whipped within earshot the more luxuries they needed the difference between capitalism the difference between if uh slavery and the more efficient labor uh regime the capitalism developed and

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refined out of contact with slavery uh is that profits under northern capitalism as as as it was devised in the cities of england and then in new england uh reinvests profit certain percentages kept for for for the capitalists but beyond a certain amount 0:19:40 profit is reinvested in the company that is where the growth comes from that's the engine of the whole thing under the slave regime and this is why slavery is a less efficient system and why once it comes into conflict political conflict with uh labor capitalism it's gonna lose as the north law as the south lost it's because that profit gets privately consumed nobody you don't need to reinvest beyond a certain amount there's only so much land you can realistically hold there are only so many slaves you realistically need to hold it and if it's cotton you have very little capital investment rice the same thing the diff sugar is different and sugar helped create sort of a uh the closest thing that the slave agri economy had to a proletariat because it was relatively capitially in capital intensive you had like little miniature manufactures on plantations in order to take the sugar cane and turn it into the paste that could 0:20:41 be stably shipped you had to do that on site it couldn't just be shipped to another processing place the way that but even then there's a limit to how much you have to invest once you've recap once you've made that capital you just have to maintain it because there's only so much sugar there's only so many place things you need what you do with the rest of it is you consume it you sit in the you you either uh go to paris so you can have more fun in the in the temperate regions or use if you don't have that much enough money to do that yet you spend it all sitting sweating in your \*\*\*\*\* uh uh living room trying to find more and better wines to drink more more silks to wear all the while terrified of being \*\*\*\*\* brought to justice by the people that you're exploiting to make this happen and as our global ruling class begins to 0:21:44 have the same relationship to us emotionally that those french planters did to their slaves you're going to see and you are seeing this insane explosion of consumption billionaires now aren't at the top unless they can go to space they have to bid up experiences among the rich because thanks to our global village that we live in they are as aware intellectually of the exploitation that goes into their consumption as a haitian slave owner was to his fortune you had \*\*\*\*\* bezos say in this stupid cowboy hat thank you to all the amazon customers and employees who paid for this those stakes are only made possible by the amount of money involved by the amount of misery caused by that money and the amount of misery that these rich freaks 0:22:45 feel themselves and can only and that's why we're at the end of this thing we're now because this is not anyone's individual choice because these decisions are made below the level of choice by the by the profit extraction mechanism that is carries out through the technological structure and you know when i say technological i just don't mean computers and the internet and \*\*\*\*\* uh container ships and factories i

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mean governments languages the entire human apparatus of extension of human will wrapped around one human will the abstract human desire abstract human hedonic desire all of technology wrapped around that spoke and it's pulling the skin off of the earth and so these rich people at the top who are basically along for the ride 0:23:46 and have to spend all this money and and and create all these fantasies of eternal power to make up for the fact that they all know at a certain level that they're not actually in charge they have been disabused the 20th century was one big psychic break as every class everywhere came in contact with capitalism in its final form and reckoned with what it would mean for their identities and they fought back one way or another and then they were accommodated into the system one way or another and now we have a ruling class that used to have a a basis of power in land that was only constrained by other humans and god which just meant their conscience that was power that was power through human history but in the european struggle for dominance these earthly powers unearthed the demon they dug too greedily and too 0:24:47 deep and brought forward this machine that they wielded in battle with the other european powers to preserve their position but then over time saw their position overturned saw their power evacuated democratized into a bourgeois state structure that would carry out the will of no individual person but also not the people as early liberals thought they were going to do who didn't understand what technology would do to it marx understood what technology was going to it was going to not be on behalf of the people human beings it was going to be on and that has been what has driven politically the structures of liberal uh uh and there was strike against 0:25:48 that there was a fight against that everybody fought against that the old ruling elite fought against it from the \*\*\*\*\* english civil war to the french revolution they fought against it in 1848 they the workers or or the former peasants being pulled into industrial relationships pulled into a proletarian either pulled from an artisan class or two uh to a from the artisan class or from the peasant class turned into a new urban proletariat who could only sell their they fought back too from the peasants wars to uh their sides within all these conflicts because you know they they often supported 0:26:49 the immersion bourgeois because they were the most coordinated and organized and motivated they were the progressive historical force they took power they seized controlled the state mechanisms on behalf of a notion of democracy that had that was theoretically in in their minds at that point encompassing of some group that was beyond themselves some group that was composed socially but it was never the case it was always the individual id of the unorganized lump and middle class operating as independent beings without a coordination the way that the working class was able to create coordinated mechanisms of asserting power through labor unions and political parties and through the soviet union the china the and all the uh

post-colonial uh nationalist and communist movements wars emerged millions died 0:27:51  
in the fight between these three forces and what emerged was this new social order  
governed by no human consciousness no human will and you can call it technology  
or you can call it capitalism it's the same thing in the end because if it's just a  
machine it is a machine that is programmed by people and those people operate  
through structures of political and economic and legal power that are created by  
this machine or by this social uh formation but they're essentially along for the ride  
they're there to move money around they're not there to actually enact a will the  
closest thing we have to a will is the is the uh outcome of the democratic process 0:28:53  
in the form of the collective desires of the middle class which in america thanks  
to our free real estate and the fact that we could create a subject cast that was  
outside of the realm of pure of full uh that middle class included a lot of the workers  
included a lot of people who were workers and had a relationship to the means of  
production that under marxist orthodoxy should have pulled them towards class  
consciousness but the creation of that the fortis compromise shattered the the uh  
conveyor belt that led working experience to working-class consciousness because  
instead of living in tenements in the packed streets of europe the way that marx  
imagined uh working-class people and that american working class had been like in 0:29:54  
the early 20th century they were pulled out of those relationships and put into the  
gentry life of a low landowner they were given the yeoman dream minus subsistence  
which is the important part they have lost the subsistence that yeoman had that gave  
them freedom and independence from having to sell their labor now they have to  
sell their labor but in exchange they get land and they get an investment instrument  
that gives them the same material interests in the uh up in the continued health of  
the capitalist economy that and so when the crisis of the 70s happens by this point  
the working class can no longer express itself as the working class in the political  
realm all you have instead are a bunch of working-class people voting subjectively as  
their along allegiances to a fake pseudo class of middle of of yo of homeowners that 0:30:55  
had the trappings of class because hey honey i am a little bit of a capitalist i have a  
capital asset if i have a home so like i'm not the same i'm a still worker but now i also  
am a little bit of a capitalist so that means that that's part of my understanding of  
myself and my interests that i put alongside my working class identity but as long as  
there is a political structure that allows me to express my class interests my working-  
class interests i will vote for that but aft but by the 60s the two parties had headed  
off the threat of populist revolt from below broken the back of the working-class  
political uh power through taft-hartley uh and so and and suburbanization the carrot  
and stick of the red scare and taft hartley plus high wages and so that because the 0:32:0  
democratic party essentially strangles its own connection to the work or strangles the

working class within its coalition replaces it with this new consumer identity where the working-class people are now they are still part of the coalition of democratic voters but where they were a coherent working-class project within the democratic party they are now just more voters along with the urban professionals who vote for democrat democrats uh and the southern rural types who vote for democrats at that point they're all just part of a coalition of individual voters who perceive themselves as capitalists because that's what's on the agenda now taxes and social policy they've given up hope of control of actual production which is the end goal of union organizing and the working-class movement the teleology and all movements 0:33:3 needed teleology uh of uh the teleology of the socialist movement the working class movement the labor movement is control of production not extracting higher wages not getting a house in the suburbs control of production but taft-hartley the red scare had broken the back of the labor movement made it so that it couldn't grow as large grow at the same speed and wouldn't have the same active uh ideologically committed leadership so since the democratic party is a bourgeois party controlled by the bourgeois always was even during the great the new deal it reassert that that the uh the bourgeois interests reassert themselves completely they no longer have to contend with the working class within the democratic party and so politics becomes a question of responding to social ferment that is created by uh structures that have 0:34:5 been deemed beyond politics and so when the crisis of the 70s comes to answers that the working class should have been demanding like okay this is the point when capitalism has reached its full it has exhausted its social role its progressive historical role but where is the working class it's gone people in the middle class people in the uh who are responding to politics through a cultural screen and caring about things along the lines of their cultural uh conception because now they are middle class which means they are consumers because you're either the the the the dividing of the old socialist division of the world between makers and takers is correct there's 0:35:7 those at the top who eat on from the sweat of the brow of those on the bottom that's always been and always is the case the difference is that this subjective experience of being in that relationship differs depending on what your job is there are a lot of people who technically are exploited in that their surplus value is taken by their employer but who don't really feel that way because the job they do is pleasant the job they do gives them meaning the job they do provides a sense it is not alienated from them the time they spend doing it isn't fully alienated the way the time that a 19th century laborers time at the line was fully alienated no brain no choices to make no will to assert just carrying out a mechanistic uh act mind numbing time on life time on earth that you'll never being at the center of the \*\*\*\*\* post-war empire this thing made of technology that requires all these super structures within it to

function this this architecture this cultural civic architecture gives a lot of jobs that 0:36:8  
can provide meaning because they don't involve a lot of physical exertion unless it's  
met with uh independent ability to decide what to do with their time on the job so  
you need some combination of that and that is affordable under the fortis compromise  
because all the real exploitation is being done at under the auspices of local local  
bourgeois powers that are essentially and even those factory jobs that the the guys  
that the the relatively alienating factory jobs uh that the early these new home  
owning working-class people had they were it was it was uh you know the alienation 0:37:9  
of it was undermined by the fact that they did have access to a home they did have  
access to conveniences of course it topped out and there was a lot of alienation very  
quickly building up because hey everybody everybody else gets to hang around in  
cities drinking coffee and writing reports and and they get to have the same  
lifestyle as i do but i still got a whole i got to still \*\*\*\*\* press this button and the  
levittown or uh the lordstown strike uh which was part of the big labor crack up of  
the 70s uh was a strike that expressed that reality uh young guys who were brought  
to this new state-of-the-art facility and given good paying benefits and houses struck  
because the work sucked if you create a society around people sitting around having  
leisure people whose work is not is alienating are uh their enjoyment of that life is  
made less by seeing other people have better and so they get resentful everybody gets 0:38:11  
resentful that's the middle class existence is precarity being stuck between isolated  
with no class no solidarity and that is why the middle class in control of politics leads  
to annihilation because it is miser it's this social misery that doesn't have the ease  
of that wields the machinery towards annihilative ends because it's just a machine  
of resentment from everybody feeling and the thing is is that on the other side of  
that divide the people who do get to sit around on their ass they are feeling misery  
because they're seeing all the people who don't get to do what they're doing and  
they're feeling guilty about it and they feel responsible for it and then they have to  
build up castles in their minds to understand uh why it's okay that they're in this  
and that involves them being better than other people it involves them being better 0:39:13  
than the retrograde better than the the spoiled factory so is either guilt or resentment  
in the middle class when i say middle class i mean not an actual class homeowners  
precarious homeowners let's put it that way precarious homeowners not in the sense  
that they are either at risk of losing their home or they know they have uh kids who  
aren't going to be able to have homes and who's and and that their home that they  
if they sell it is not going to provide for their kids or the thing that's wrong with the  
pmc discourse is because it's supposed to describe just these people and i think that 0:40:14  
the the the professionalism of it is beside the point what matters is what is motivating  
their politics and the answer is it is it is a expression of their alienation from within

a system where they perceive themselves as receiving the benefits of capitalism but are still miserable and that means the pmc it is people in the middle section who do not have the comforts of solidarity uh or and therefore power their politics through a lens of resentment like everyone talks about how you know people pointed out like the republicans have more fun because they get to transcend norms and they get to trigger the libs but the problem with that is that it means that they have to like get genuinely upset when colin kaepernick kneels that's not fun like these guys talk about how like they hate football now it's like of course none of them they all said we're going to boycott it they still watch football but they like it less they have less fun watching it but they have to to sustain their identity as as republicans as as good people in their understanding of it means pissing off liberals and that means being pissed off at what liberals do it's resentment politics across the board it doesn't matter if you're in the cities uh working as a graphic designer or you're a \*\*\*\*\* uh uh adjunct professor or you're a teacher or you're a nurse none of these like oh are you a working class or none of this none of these fine grade cheese whether you're some sort of urban whitish worker or you are a landlord in in lubbock if you're a \*\*\*\*\* uh beautiful boater somewhere in the hinterland your politics are not motivated by attachment to material interest they are motivated at base and at at the level below consciousness of a desire politics cannot change material conditions you believe that if you're a \*\*\*\*\* homeowner you have benefited enough from the system over the your life that you are committed to it ideologically as in so you're not looking to rock the boat you're not looking to change capitalism you're looking to make the system more amenable to you and that means sure in your in your conscious mind i'm gonna if you're if you're a pmc liberal we want to raise up the poor benighted minorities but in practice you know they're not going to rise up because of the racist whites so what you can do what you can root for above anything is the racist whites to suffer same thing goes for the boat owners petty bourgeois whatever streamers anybody who is at the capitol whatever they are motivated by a desire yes to defend america and to be able to consume all they want and drink all the beer they want and eat all the the burgers they want and not wear masks and trigger the libs but once again their ability to make that decision is going to be uh squeezed by forces that aren't political what they can do is they can root for the suffering of the libs it's a pure resentment politics that is driving the system towards uh collapse because you are talking about a situation where there is a fundamental uh dissolution of the social uh basis of of the fiction of the united states of america the only question is it will there be enough uh uh material uh intervention in people's treats to break their balance because right now they're happy to just post they're happy to vote for politicians and observe this thing through the lens of of uh of uh the pure removed

spectacle but if actual privation enters the period if they don't don't they go from actually being afraid of losing uh like basic stuff not freedoms abstractly but actual pleasures and and then actually losing them they're gonna need to enact their politics more and more but again that requires a larger economic crisis that i don't i'm not smart enough to be able to predict but like you that's how it would happen 0:45:26 if america cracked up it wouldn't be a civil war i don't think it wouldn't be divided along those kind of lines because it really is an urban suburban rural conflict it is fixed it is the small it is the centers of in the the interior of the united states versus the concentrations of finance capital in the cities and the cultures that those two and like this creates competing realities people seem to be very i'm kind of baffled by how much inc has been spilled talking about um the \*\*\*\*\* vaccine and why people 0:46:28 won't take it and what to do about that and how to get them to take it first of all a lot of people aren't taking the vaccine because they don't trust they they have no trust in the system and it's a non-ideological non-branded distrust of the system uh and that is absolutely understandable because if you have not gotten a good deal out of this thing like you didn't get a \*\*\*\*\* house in the suburbs out of this thing then maybe you don't want to hear what they have to say and like people who just don't believe it's free or believe that's not safe but then you've got people who are as part of their identity as part of their brand have decided that they cannot uh they cannot be themselves if they get their rejection of of the system is very selective like the basic premise of capitalism the basic premise of the united states and its structures the constitution they absolutely absorb that's what they contribute to their their uh happiness that's such that they have it and their comfort and security but it is the 0:47:31 use of those structures by others that renders them corrupt what that means is that as things get worse as their property increases as their sense of control over their life drains as their even ability to get all their treats under kova gets compromised uh their distrust and hatred and alienation from this system uh intensifies and by now to them what that miss system means is the cultural expression of the system because what else could it be that's all we have what do we see through the looking glass and what the alienated conservative sees what the alienated landed homeowner and people in those in the cultural jetty created by those structures uh what they 0:48:33 see rather through culture is this culturally alienating display of values that have nothing really to do with economics no matter how much they talk about communism goes down to identity because this is all about individuals trying to see themselves affirmed through the they see someone of a different race and they see that affirmed as above them in the zero-sum game winner take all hellscape of america they say no thank you what that means is is that whatever they get from that apparatus things like and and when i uh things like analysis of a vaccine awareness of or or uh

the the media the government specifically agencies like the cdc bureaucracies when 0:49:34  
they come together and say something is happening and assign values to things they  
reflexively reverse them they reflexively reverse it so when science and the media  
and facts come together to say there's a virus that's very dangerous they hear either  
there isn't a virus at all or if they can't accept if they can't uh believe that anymore  
the virus is not dangerous because it's being said by their enemies so it cannot be  
true the virus therefore cannot be dangerous and then when they say hey here's  
a vaccine for that uh virus by the way it's safe there's nothing it's nothing more  
complex than that what is said by all the things the reason it's baffling to people is  
because they see these institutions the cdc the media government facts science they 0:50:37  
see these things as the expression of an independent structure that is not political  
that has an objective ability to differentiate itself from interests and then tell people  
the truth which is the liberal fantasy and this is the end fantasy of liberals the  
liberals are committed to the illusion that there is such a thing as a non-political uh  
structure the conservatives have lost that illusion they don't believe that if they ever  
did liberals believe that these institutions are transcended of politics in a way so they  
are baffled this is a why do you think that a um a dangerous virus isn't is safe and why  
do you think that a safe vaccine is dangerous and the answer is because they think 0:51:39  
that those institutions are on your side and that you are in charge of them and these  
largely write about that when it comes to the aesthetic showdown over culture the  
people who make up these institutions are disproportionately liberals so you there's  
no strategy you can coordinate from within these institutions that will reach them  
because they are reversing the meaning and you wonder why are the liberals still  
believing in institutions why are they because of course there is a the critique of of 0:52:41  
that argument is not reactionary it's a heart of the socialist critique of capitalism that  
there is no such thing as a non-ideological non-uh partisan institution within a within  
a government government is the standing committee of the bourgeois that carries out  
the bourgeois will through its organs so that means all of its structures are organized  
around that and so socialists have disabused themselves of these fantasies at least  
a lot of them some of them still hold on conservatives reactionaries have fully given  
up the idea that there's a non-political institution why are liberals holding on well  
amongst politicians amongst in within the political class they're holding on because 0:53:42  
the fiction of independence of institutions is central to the democrats argument for  
themselves we can work through these institutions to achieve these ends because our  
will can be shift our will could be expressed your will can be expressed through us  
and then through these institutions but of course it can't be their will is disconnected  
from the machine the machine operates by the will of capital because now there is no  
working class to pressure from below there's just a bunch of working-class people who

think of themselves as either homeowners or republicans or democrats but they don't know that they think their class interests a lot of them think their class interests are still being represented but they're not they can't know that though so they have to be validated in the idea they have to continue to validate the idea that there is an independent structure because if there's not then the democratic party shouldn't exist the democratic party is a rent seeker in the political structure because it literally says i will help you fill out these forms if people knew that it doesn't matter what the forums say that there's no reason to have the \*\*\*\*\* democrats there to fill out the goddamn forms but for the liberal voter uh in large the generalized liberal voter someone who thinks of themselves as with it with the people someone who's someone who thinks of themselves as vaguely progressive in some sense why do they believe in these the independence of these institutions it's because they can afford to because they amongst the people who actually make up the party and make up its media representation and make up its uh party apparatus that actually coordinates how it's gonna run not according elections are beside the point the parties decide who is going to fill they have to believe that these because it's they're participating in them that makes it work that makes them worthy of being rich makes them worthy of now there are plenty of working-class people specifically working-class people of color who vote for democrats genuinely out of a desire to see their interest fulfilled their material interests fulfilled but that's because the republican party by definition cannot allow them to see their benefit their their because they because a lot because black people have the closest thing to class consciousness we have in this country because of the of their relationship to the fact that they never got the deal they never got the post-war deal they never got bought into the system uh by and large of course except i'm talking about like the center of gravity that's the that's that's the real generator of racial disparity into the 21st century is that they were not brought into full but they keep voting democrat because they think there's some reason there's some institutional validity within these structures and that and that by voting for them i i but the people who are better off who actually staff the the party provide the majority of the money for the party write about it and our media members are well off are comfortable and therefore are able to devote a lot of their time and energy to soothing their neurotic guilt of their wealth because remember the distinction between democrats and republicans liberals and conservatives is geographical it is the republican worldview has been generated by landed power in this country either in the form of uh plantation agriculture or the financialized uh fully capitalized capital portfolios of the people who followed in their footsteps the beautiful voters the franchisors the was based on intimate association with the rituals of capitalist exploitation uh northern finance capital was conceived and uh executed by people

sitting far removed from capitalism carrying out ritualized exchanges in abstract symbols that kept the reality of capitalism at bay and that's the very thing that allowed them to treat george fitzhugh was a uh southern theorist of slave power a slavery apologist from before the civil war was the only really intellectually coherent uh and and thoughtful person to ever argue in favor of slavery uh because he did not distinguish in his prescriptions between races he said slavery is not only good in the south it's not only good in relations between africans and the europeans it is good in all relations between men because the abstraction of capitalism allows capitalists to let the market do the violence to their workers and then not have to not feel guilty about it and therefore not have to build politics around it wasn't just that that uh owners had a stake a literal investment in the health of their slaves it was and that would in his mind create obligation bonds of obligation and what capitalism would do does is it you are no longer obligated because it isn't you doing anything nobody is doing anything supply and demand are doing the work so urban laborers can live in monstrous conditions of filth all through the 20th to the 19th century you saw a stunning uh trajectory as as america's wealth exploded after the civil war americans average americans uh life expectancy uh average size general health number of teeth in their how could that happen in a nation of free people because it wasn't the act of a tyrant it wasn't the act of overlord and we're living at the end of that now where our politics is completely dominated completely dominated by this because these are the actors the politicians are the actors the companies are the actors everyone else just gets to react which means we don't get to create meaningful counter culture we can't do detour mod we can't do \*\*\*\*\* we can spit the battle between the parties is sterile that is why anybody who says you need to commit to one party or the other is delusional or a \*\*\*\*\* fraud because there is a genuine belief that because the democrats are are are squatting on this tradition of being the party of the people that they no longer hold therefore we can try to make the republican party the party of the people because one of them has to be the party of the people like no there hasn't been a party of the people for you could argue 50 \*\*\*\*\* years and there barely was one when so the idea that one has to be part of the people that was a historical anomaly created by the great depression we now live in the in the aftermath of that where the working class has to somebody says if the dems lose that's bad yeah it is but what does that have to do with any of us we cannot coordinate our votes enough to matter we are all \*\*\*\*\* remainders in these goddamn equations when i say we might i everybody reading our \*\*\*\*\* everybody listening to the \*\*\*\*\* podcast we are so me caring about who gets in doesn't matter obviously there are butterfly effects that affect every decision but at the level of who's president i think 2020 should have proven that this whole thing is beside the point it is a busy box for the anxious

downwardly mobile children of this home owning class who aren't going to get the home yeah i do keep saying the same thing over and over again i've come to terms with that what i appreciate is that i i feel like i am refining my conception of it so that i can now of course that doesn't mean everybody my god now the whole point is that we're dealing with populations demographic tranches and within a demographic trench it's a big some people feel some part of it some people feel other part of it but they overlap to create is culturally enacted to them the republican party the project of like national ravanchism that they represent the middle class revolt the petty bourgeois revolt that they represent is culturally anathema and it's not going to not be some people are going to trickle over but it's just it can't because like these are deeper like i said these are deeper than your knowledge these are deeper than your conscious thought of who you are and what you care about so by and large they are anathema to the republicans so it's not like they can go over there like everybody moving to new hampshire and becoming a libertarian that's the principle is the same either way it can't work because the thing that defines these demographic tranches is that they are just a exposed facto description of a group of people there is no coordination between them they participate in culture together but they do not meaningfully coordinate action they just expressed the same preferences through voting because of their general demographic trend trunks yeah you go you won't get that trunks oh you won't get one damn tron \*\*\*\*\* you getting one of them tranches oh yeah you gonna have a good time i'll guarantee so they can't do anything with do what they do which is respond to things vote don't vote but the the decisions are being made by voters groups of voters demographic groups of voters whose commitments are completely different who's whose understanding of all the words that we use to describe politics are different it means that they see politics differently they respond to events differently uh hollowed oh what do you call it middle class politics is a holodeck bunch of people worrying about losing their homes worrying about their kid not leaving the house but fully committed to capitalism fully aware that the system as it exists benefits them and see change to it as a threat to and they're the ones having this argument between the democrats and republicans that's playing out in policy and it's playing out in culture we can only respond to it until we build something orthogonal to it and that is the hope that is the hope that lies at the end everyone has to take the black pill it's like getting chickenpox you have to accept that there is no hope because it shouldn't be about your long-term interest in the future that you have to sever that connection you have to make your so you gotta take the you take the black pill you still gotta get up in the morning and everybody just decided to be a doomer that's \*\*\*\*\* miserable they're miserable that is the ultimate rejoinder is that these people are not so you reinvest out of in my

mind the contingency of history and also the duty to leave a mark that others can follow to leave a trail to leave a trace in any way and i don't just mean by posting or doing what i do i mean organizing making decisions in your day-to-day life putting out more good than you take from it and so you metabolize oh okay this isn't real politics oh that died 40 years ago oh we are just rearranging deck chairs truly on a 1:10:26  
titanic where the the the uh the captain has lashed the wheel to this to make the the lash of the wheel to the side uh has nailed has nailed the door shut and shot himself and if counter hegemony is the only thing that can challenge capitalism it can be built the rudiments of it can be picked up later by other people even if you aren't there's two things you can be if you really want to stay on the treadmill you could be a pleasure lizard and the pleasure lizards are the beautiful boaters are the are the are the villages people are the resentful petty bourgeois white suburbanites and the pain 1:11:29  
pigs are the urban and if you stay in the in the on the holodeck you're gonna you're gonna destroy yourself trying to conform to so yeah i had for i talked about how is that don't be an \*\*\*\*\* don't be a \*\*\*\*\* party those aren't very catchy slogans and also as people pointed out it's vaguely derivative of uh south park uh i'm sorry of uh team america although i would contend it's different because that idea the team america thing by creating \*\*\*\*\* as like this third category sort of allows americans allows americans to like transcend uh the cynicism it is it's the most ideological part 1:12:31  
of it the \*\*\*\*\* part of the triumph uh of the triad there uh is is that's the the same thing as the uh as the sheepdog in the american sniper cosmology it's made up it's not a thing it's a fantasy it's the reactionary fantasy that goes with the institutional fantasy that the but anyway for those reasons get rid of don't be an \*\*\*\*\* don't be an \*\*\*\*\* party are the pain pigs and the uh don't be a \*\*\*\*\* party are the pleasure lizards but they're all miserable none of them are happy for a minute even though they get to do whatever they want for the most part buy whatever they want for the most part have whatever fun they want to have for the most part but it is that most part that drives them insane they're denied everything they ever wanted and even if that's unrealistic and impossible they're going to keep pursuing it forever and then 1:13:32  
as their misery increases their desire to see their enemies punished will eclipse all other considerations in politics purity versus superego with the poor ego the poor the poor people themselves being destroyed being strangled being broken away until all we have are these these monsters who have lost their humanity the human part will have been broken off when the walls go up and we get the little compounds based around these identities that we are going to call governments and they're going to have their little techno feudal uh armature of a coercion everybody inside that circle is going to be a monster because the real human thing that kept them connected to to a a full human consciousness was the people who are on the other side of that

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\*\*\*\*\* wall who've been dissolved and the real fear i think that a lot of people have 1:14:34  
not everybody but a lot of people who really invest in online politics have and the  
thing that fed it they and the reason that they are terrified of global warming and  
its consequences in the future is not because there's going to be a climate collapse  
that kills them or makes them have to live in a mad max world i think they say that  
i think that is actually their pleasurable fantasy the thing they're really afraid of is  
ending up inside the circle and having to live as a monster in order to preserve their  
comfort and i i am way more afraid of that than i had of the system breaking down  
and me having to fend for myself free of the of the shackles of of so once again i 1:15:43  
did not really talk about uh black jackets which is fine because i didn't really finish  
reading it and i said it would so either friday or next week we will talk about the  
rest of blackjack events \*\*Music playing\*\* catholicism i think has its virtues because  
it does it emerged from a a social context that involved human relationships you  
know where there was actual power in human hands and therefore responsibility in  
human hands so that's why capita and one of those technologies that wiped it out 1:16:45  
was protestantism which was a spiritual solvent that dissolved the bonds that had  
kept up the feudal order and allowed the market logic of capitalism to arise what  
that means is we can't go back to catholicism it's got to be something else something  
that is as universal as our imagined understanding of humanity is the benefit of  
technological uh intimacy is that we do know that we're one p one species now we  
really do know that we're one species now and so that means that our religious  
conceptions should be emerged from that awareness instead of out of the parochial  
fixedness of our previous pre-capitalist religious formations we need a new one we  
need a new religion we need blockchain we need a new religion so the challenge of the 1:17:46  
moment is letting go in a time of terror because comfort i talked about how comfort  
breeds neuroses but a certain degree of comfort is necessary to prevent the emergence  
of deep neuroses around the fear like i don't think buddhism works either buddhism  
is just as geographically and temporally fixed as any of these other religions none of 1:18:48  
them are going to feel natural to people outside of certain frameworks they're going  
to feel alien it's going to have to be a a a religious vocabulary that encompasses  
everybody and that's not true of any of the conditions the existent religions because  
they're all forged in fixed pre-capitalist social relationships that persisted through  
and that means that they cut that they were instrumentalized by the ruling power  
of the time and have been instrumentalized there's a reason that the ideal is one 1:20:7  
where you don't really encounter anybody it's either a hermit in a cave or a part of  
a monastic order where you have self-sufficiency and stability and no responsibilities  
minimal exchanges with strangers with non-intimates with people who might bring  
heat might clash with you and i think every religion understands most people are

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going to have to live with a portable version of religion they cannot be sustained  
in uh in the frictionless ether i think somebody says zen priesthood zen because 1:21:8  
like zen seems to be part of that uh tradition that says you don't actually have to  
withdraw you don't have to deny yourself these emotions you just have to process  
them as they occur and extinguish uh like their clouding of your of your consciousness  
instantaneously it's just it's a very high it requires a lot of mental dexterity to it's in  
many senses easier to withhold yeah the new religion must have thrown consumerism 1:22:16  
it must reassert an emotional value around the social at its base which we do not have  
no matter what our religion we carry around with us every day our calculus our our  
sense of uh our motivator is wired towards a very narrow because our vocabulary has  
been impoverished because it's all been run through the machinery of capitalism and  
been drained of sacredness it's been drained of meaning all these forms are dead in  
our like religion the reason people fear theocracy is because the idea that it would be  
um it would be authoritarian because they imagined themselves being compelled by 1:23:17  
the state to do things the vision of a theocracy is that you wouldn't need that because  
everybody would do things because they believed in them and they had a similar  
understanding of what the good was that they would act towards that would be a  
a perfect theocracy it also describes the condition of the state having we need new  
terms and new religions because when you say christianity to it is understood as one  
more identity that is an expression of a consumer preference just like all the others  
and so rule by people thinking that they're that is going to be rule of the so of course 1:24:18  
it will be authoritarian and people who aren't of that and don't like those words are  
going to resist it so it becomes an obstacle it has to because to have a free society  
in in a free technological society people have to have an internal governor of how  
much is too much people have to say and that means throughout the entire business  
leaders whatever you have this is the virtue that rob spear was trying to impose this  
is the virtue that the mcdonald brothers had that ray kroc didn't the thing about  
capitalism though is that ray kroc will always beat the mcdonald brothers over time 1:25:20  
he will always win so that which means you cannot have structures but that means  
people acceding to a limitation on their consumer ability hey you don't get to buy  
everything you want you don't get to hypothetically have any experience you want  
in order for us to redistribute things if you perceive that only as a domination of  
your freedom and identity you will resist it and you will have to be unless you accept  
it unless you understand oh yes there is a greater value than me but people are only  
going to get there if systems don't exist that allow them to have that power and that 1:26:23  
is why the early stages of revolution because you have to keep people who want to  
consume from grabbing the reins of \*\*\*\*\* uh government and they're not going to  
listen to you because they believe deeply that their freedom that goodness depends on

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them getting whatever they want they have to be physically disabused of that notion but over time as distribution is equalized as people see that there's a benefit there's a actual benefit to participating socially to abusing social relations with meaning that there is something that you get in exchange for that lack of consumer choice oh my god i'm not just giving up consumer choice i'm getting all these other things holy \*\*\*\* then you create a system of true and what's going to get people to live 1:27:24 that every day is going to be some spiritual understanding of vocabulary symbols rituals that they wrap those beliefs those those behaviors around and that make them that inform their choices as but the thing about that revolutionary element of that moment of authoritarianism is that you you would not have this being carried out by some fragment you would be having this carried out by the organs of the actual working class so there would be a social underpinning guiding the actions of everybody within this structure and because of that they would give up the power of course this is where people say this is ludicrous this is a happy talk this is fantasy never has happened and that's true because every revolution is tipped over has tipped away from the point of and so the regime went into self-defense mode but there's nothing else to believe in so you might as well come to terms with it all right next next time i promise we'll talk 1:28:25

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ugh trailers for sale or rent rooms to let 50 cents no phone no pool no pets i ain't got no cigarettes two hours of pushing broom buys an eight by twelve four bit room i'm a man of means by no means the king of the road third box car midnight train destination banger main old worn out suit and shoes you don't pay no union dues i smoke old stogies that i have found short but not too big around am i a man of 0:1:2 means by no means king of the road i know every engineer on every train and all the children and all of their names and every hand out in every town and every rock that ain't locked no one's around isn't greyless for sale or red spruce the ruts if they sense no phone no pool no pets ain't got no cigarettes two hours of pushing broombizer hey what's wrong with that mama i think that's it if it's not correct i've 0:2:4 been sitting around thinking with the drinking with the rest of the guys six rounds bought i bought five spend the groceries in half the rent about 14 at 27 cents so dang me dang me they ought to take a rope and hang me high from the highest tree woman will you weep for me do do do do do \*\*Music playing\*\* sugar sweet and so is 0:3:5 maple circle and i'm the seventh out of seven sons my daddy was a pistol i'm a son of a gun a girl guiding me dang me they ought to take a rope and hang me higher than the highest tree \*\*Music playing\*\* so i have a new audio set up here with a uh mixer so that i can go from a microphone instead of using the laptop mic and i know a lot of people have uh been unhappy with the sound of these things at various times and i know that chris isn't particularly happy to be putting out things that don't have an optimal audio quality to them he's got you know he's got his own uh pride and his work and i respect that so hopefully this sounds good please let me know 0:4:7 if it doesn't damn it uh oh boy here's how i gotta do tech support good luck wish me luck guys all right i gotta close that i should close this i need that i just don't need that that or where it is it says is the microphone i don't know what do you 0:5:8 think because i all right whatever hopefully this is adding something uh presumably chris will know if it sounds better from because he's an actual audiophile i don't trust you i don't you can hear the computer clicking so you know it's not that well i don't know what to do about that turn off computer input oh brother don't we all

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of tech support with oh i think this might be it i think i might have fixed it okay 0:6:28  
great i'm a genius guys folks i'm a genius trouble has been shot by a super hacker i'm  
practically hugh jackman in the film swordfish over here very pleased with myself uh  
so we're going to finish up black jackets i think maybe tomorrow or wednesday but  
today i wanted to talk a little bit about some stuff that's been in my head about uh  
the good old cultural superstructure and and how it's generated and i think you can 0:7:30  
really map out uh a a historic trajectory that kind of shows that uh we are living  
in a in a situation where culture is the thing that determines politics like politics  
and our laws and the real to the extent that there's human agency in this system  
it is being generated by that it's it's it's that political structure that we all invest  
ourselves in because it is the laws that keep us doing the things we do and i mean  
obviously the law is not uh outside of our politics it's carried out by politics we make  
it and unmake it according to power's desire but uh it is what tells people what to  
do because you're not operating internally you're being manipulated from outside  
by the system and it has to tell you what to do and laws and politics are how you  
do that it is the deliberation that gives human agency to uh its decisions to to to its 0:8:31  
actions on the markets or on and the law is bending to the algorithm because there  
is no human resistance to it because we're all pushing no matter what we think we're  
doing we're all pushing in its direction because we have lost the war over control we  
are no longer in control of politics the 20th century the violence of the 20th century  
was essentially the human race in its final attempt to assert control of the machinery  
of capitalism and losing the war humanity lost world war the human humanity lost  
the 20th century war the long 20th century is one big long war between humans and 0:9:33  
the machine and and what that means is that a lot of the assumptions that underlie  
politics in the 20th century are no longer operative and that of and that means that  
our analysis has to be updated or else we're not and the main condition is that the  
assumptions about politics that are around that that we're operating under the ideas  
of elections the ideas of cultural production pushing public opinion public opinion  
forming into action you know the things we can actually do to feel like we're affecting  
things in a market economy where we aren't for the most part operating from class  
and the explosions of socialism and then fat the counter explosion of fascism and 0:10:34  
then the through line of sort of imperial domination that knitted them together is  
all the human race in revulsion to the depredations of capitalism which on the one  
hand are creating this horrible destabilization and uh undermining of understandings  
of the world and human autonomy and uh like the the soul you know you want to  
get goofy about it uh against this force that's pulling it away from them or pulling  
out your ability to be a person and the reason technology won the reason that the 0:11:35  
machine won is not because it was uh necessary for it to win because it wasn't for

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human advancement it had to lose the final class war where humans come together to overthrow the it won that war not by annihilating us all a lot of people died but we also built structures of social order that allowed for a lot more people to live lives that were much more comfortable than had previously been possible and that comfort made possible by their technological control of space and time in the form of laws and we acceded to that because a lot of people got essentially bought off the closer they were to the machinery center the more they could be bought off when that technology is used to do direct exploitation away from power in through the empire and that solution to the contradictions of capitalism uh pers was pursued as a way to ameliorate the anxieties of the of the lower and middle classes which then formalized into socialism and then fascism as conditions deteriorated even as the and that created a situation where first there was the uh the hobbesian war over uh access to imperial markets that made world war one inevitable and then once that happened uh made world war ii inevitable by allowing this uh defeated germany the capacity to create a social engine powered by middle-class anxiety that could literally uh like seize control of capitalism and direct it to its own ends the same way that the and they extended their power to the extent that they could until capitalism contained them and the way the capitalism contained the fascism was not by defeating it in world war ii it was by absorbing it in world war ii it decapitated the nationalist sort of id of national socialism but it incorporated the structures of power that had been developed within it the actual he people the human capital with the institutional knowledge who had built it were brought into the american imperium to administer a global empire that would have at its base the job of hyper-exploiting from the undeveloped areas of natural resources uh for the benefit of everyone broadly across class lines uh in the in the europe first and then in and that meant that as all of the the crisis is within national capitalism erupted uh like popping up throughout the 19th and 20th centuries uh you see over and over again capitalism absorbing the energy of its opponents to further its goals of extending itself until you get a situation after world war one where you have finally a a geopolitical conflict between capital and humanity in the form of the first the russians and then and then you know the common turn and then the third world movement after that this coalition of forces resisting capitalism and then coming together to put down this like cancerous eruption from the middle that is fascism but then doing so by absorbing it now the path not taken after world war ii the one that maybe henry wallace or fdr would have pursued could actual cooperation with the soviets after the soviet fall of uh after they filed the nazis might have theoretically created a new a a a a uh a world system that could slowly bl drain the fascist strain capitalism out it where they're out of it where sufficient uh cooperation between the conscious working classes of these

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various nations like the the new the popular front basically persisting now that would have caused more war we still would have had huge conflict in the 20th century in fact we would have had an extension of conflict into a probably a third world war but it would have been one that could have been winnable for the people for humanity and i think the upshot of that and like i said the reason they lost they destroyed who they had to destroy with the technology that had been created but those who could be bought off were incorporated into the structure and then you have a superstructure created around that a cultural superstructure that incorporates these or these groups of people including the self-conscious working class of these advanced nations that it formed along marxist developmental lines exactly as he had predicted these europe had these concentrations of people who thought of themselves as workers and they were everywhere through the world and the hope of after world war ii is that they could all come together but because stalin pursued this cover my ass save my ass strategy where his well-being as ruler of russia and his regime's empowerment is more important than the his duty to the working classes of the world allows to create the conditions that make communism defeat inevitable because as soon as the bretton woods system of global trade is commissioned after world war ii and the then the the under the the wildly underdeveloped and then recently war ravaged soviet union and then its allies in the underdeveloped third world and by going alone they were going to have to try to compete within the global system within capitalism on the and that required the state capitalist uh alienation of the labor of workers for the state's benefit which is why late the the stalin estate did not create a worker state it created a state where workers were in the same alienated position from their labor as they bet under capitalism but there was a socialized utility there was a socialized decision mechanism free of capitalism that apportioned their alienated labor which is of course superior in every way to capitalism but still contains alienation that has to be socially solved the only way to socially solve alienation if you're not going to to to alienate further with repression is treats is goodies which is why cruise ships turn to a consumer economy in the 50s was not some sort of betrayal it was the only logical next step it had to happen in order to get people to work you needed to give them incentives and those had to be market-based incentives and they were going to be less efficient than capitalism and so capitalism beat him in the fight for resources in the third world so that they could they beat him in creating the the global currency and that means that in the late 80s when the final crisis came and there was no more treats to give out and there was no more repression that could be exerted effectively the whole thing shattered because they had not built a new soviet person because the people in the soviet union were still alienated the same way and that was that was made inevitable and stalin decided to fight it out in material to to fight it out on

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uh uh economic grounds after because he had basically forsworn a real challenge for power on the field of battle but also uh a uh pressing forward of creating a coalition beyond russia's uh borders because they uh gave up on the the greeks they gave up on the greek communists in order to solidify the warsaw pac line the iron curtain line uh and then they uh they uh did not do any significant work to reach out to uh post- 0:20:48  
colonial regimes or or colonial resistance movements that were fight fighting to push off the last so as soon as the soviets have to fight us on consumer happiness as an index for uh can for building and maintaining a set a consensus reality a consensual reality capitalism has coercion in the form of its cybernetic network of but they also have social consent in a mass spectacle of of mediated existence that is generated by all that surplus that they get to play around with they have a dream factory we all get to live in the matrix we all get to live in a fun house version of reality because we're living on the surplus extracted from others now i'm not saying stalin would 0:21:55  
have won that fight by the way probably would have lost i'm just saying that we know he didn't win by not doing it we know he didn't win by by he the his position was not favorable to do what he did because soon enough what do you have the though the chinese gokami this but they were they were more social they were just as much a feudal backwater if not more so than russia had been vastly more uh they they had no developed capitalist mechanisms no social relationships to create it through the uh the intensification of economic you know they were absolutely it was it was a it was a 2000 year old empire for christ's sake and so there's this massive crisis well how the hell do you get them to compete and what do they do they had to 0:22:56  
kill like every system of accumulation does had to kill massive numbers of peasants and then they had to exercise the guilt from that with their uh with the cultural revolution just like the bolsheviks had to exercise uh the crime of uh the famines through the through i'm sorry not the red terror so one way or another this system is uh it has it has won the one in the 20th century of the fight then the final terms of of final surrender of the human race were laid uh there in in the neoliberal order which is what the deal we got which is all right this is the final crisis moment to set in conditions to move forward as we cybernetically uh our control to our ability to 0:23:58  
technologically control outstrips your ability to resist it and so all we really have to do is provide as minimal basis as possible for you to keep fulfilling your necessary social role without us creating it making it too big of a headache to put you down and to use repression to prevent you from doing that how much social coercion do we need to give you and uh and because the working classes of the world had been scattered to the winds by the 20th century there was no coherent response and so the institutions dominated by capital as they were made a deal on capitol's behalf and that is the neo-liberal deal the washington consensus what you can grab in the

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market will allow you dignity uh humanity it will be it will be the final uh hobbesian descent but it will be buffeted it will it will be buffeted and prevented from just being a free-for-all collapse into chaos that doesn't serve capitalism's interests will give you 0:25:0  
enough treats basically to make it go down smooth but of course those streets are going to be dwindling over time and so all of our post uh ritual ex exercising of all of our anxieties about the fact that we no longer control our and so we're all freaking losing it but and the reason we're losing it is because none of us can have identified where the enemy is because of the fact that we are all grasping for meaning through a miasma of post-class identity formations like we are declassed in a way in a 0:26:2  
fundamental way and what i when you talk about the gramscian model when you talk about superstructure as the place where you build power through counter hegemony you're talking about an assumption that was in the context of gramsci in italy ants trying to answer the question how do you take a country full of fearing peasant hicks uh and make it uh an effective and guide it towards socialism and his and his answer is well you have to allow it to generate uh it has to generate through the the lives of these people uh in the form of their interaction with culture because they do not and cannot experience the other more clarifying conditions of a working-class existence and so gramsci spoke to was trying to speak to the question how do you try to get to socialism from there and it was build these counter institutions that can give you the 0:27:4  
legitimacy that the experience that you're not getting uh because people not enough people are in labor relations it's what do you do with the serfs these questions always come down to what are and i think we're in a situation now though where because the conditions the terms of conditions of human surrender that happened in the late late 20th century were such that human control of institutions at all levels would be ceded to the market it meant that the culture that we're going to absorb will not contain actual working-class perspectives actual working class values concerns the kind of things that people would interact with in a culture and then use to clarify their actions in life because we're even though working-class people still make culture 0:28:6  
in their day-to-day lives in their interactions with uh elite culture uh and in their folk culture their technologically aided folk culture your tick tocks and stuff unlike in the 20th century uh throughout the world this culture is not those working-class people do not experience their lives as working-class people 20th century people across the world when they thought of themselves they thought of themselves to some degree as a worker it was a meaningful coherent sliver of their identity and it had a defined meaning and that was a notion of solidarity notions of democratic control of resources to that was always there and that was always that means that people in all of the highest levels of our uh structures that the labor union heads people who wrote for 0:29:8  
television uh people who ran for office people who got stock jobs in the bureaucracy

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uh people who were living in the culture were living so were with an understanding of what the working class was who was in it and what its interests were and that made their actions in the public stage like who they voted for coherent and it also gave coherence to what they said when they were uh part of the superstructure like the working-class people who made it through to hollywood to write to write and to direct and to produce or and to act working-class people who who made up uh the the people who wrote on newspapers because that was a working-class job at first that was like people started on the streets selling the paper and then they started writing for it um and then of course the politicians like they were they were people 0:30:9 who uh had in many cases come through labor unions for example so they had an understanding of who they were and what it meant to be that and but we've given over now to the reagan revolution we gave over to that turn worldwide we all came to some conclusion we are giving up control of our lives in exchange for treats and that was because that was the best deal anybody thought they could get at the time and the ones who didn't think that were crushed if you thought you could fight on and you had integrity enough to do so you did and you lost you were shelled out of the out of the uh the russian white house by yeltsin you were cooed you were sanctioned you were embargoed you were assassinated you were fired your movement was destroyed from within or if you were willing to take the deal you got treats if you 0:31:14 were a post-war american worker you got and you were white for specifically you got a house you got a little quarter acre lot that was yours it was like your homestead even though you couldn't grow crops on it and you couldn't live off of the land and so you still had to be a schmuck working every and things and that meant that over time you act that there was less of a coherent uh working-class element to this culture because the working class were feeling themselves their lives their lives were defined not by the work they did but their inner their interaction with the market as homeowners as members of the capitalist class and that affected the way that they interacted with culture and it meant that by 1980 uh the the american working 0:32:15 class was sort of bought off and repressed that way because remember there was a big strike wave that also happened and it was defeated and that was the stick and then the homeowner republic was the carrot and everybody was everyone made that decision on an individual basis they were everyone it was every man for themselves and that's why when reagan said look you can't ask any more from the market but we can gut some others the state fat that we're giving to these other people that aren't you we're going to let you compete more effectively in the market and you have a head start so let's go and they took the deal and why wouldn't they it was the logical thing to do everybody made the logical choice which is why we're headed towards disaster because the end result of everybody making the logical choice under

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capitalism is apocalypse it's the end of the world is our uh it is our illogical choices that bind us together it's our illogical choices that that define our relationship to the world and allow us to act not as individuals but as a part of a greater whole that can cooperate beyond compulsion and what we have to reckon with now when we're talking about what's the role of culture in politics and and what's the difference and that means where is the power where can you assert influence i would argue that there is no place you can apply uh apply power to the culture now that can meaningfully interact because everybody including everyone who is trying all of their hardest to to affect change at that level can really act as a working-class person so that means this is not assist the situation where you're creating counter gramsci encounter hegemony you're only powering the dynamo of the capitalist uh war uh the capitalist because the center of gravity among everybody if the the voting public who is going to vote the most is going to be the most comfortable the people who are going to go through with earnestness the ritual of voting are going to be the people closest to power hell the ones at the very top don't just vote they extra vote by putting money in and that's because they feel like there's something that they're getting out of the transaction they feel like this civic ritual can gives me results my my contribution to this thing and my er the earnestness of my contribution for this thing assumed in others is going to assure uh that we all move in the right direction but our experience of class is only post-modern we experience our lives as consumers we are we are a consumer nation and you uh array your your politics around the symbols of these that we get from the culture the mediated landscape that replace the practical realm where we used to define our world now everything is coming through this gauze this this this veil of maya that were that were and so when we interact with politics it means we are we will always be interacting with it on the conditions on the terms created by the most comfortable amongst us which is then going to be divided into two big camps because the beauty of the system is that it will always create this binary opposition this polaris this polarization along two widely understood groups now in cap marxism this polarization is supposed to go workers and uh capitalists and uh in a in the in the bernstein revisionist model that's how it's supposed to work eventually you get a system where there's two big political groups within a democratic uh uh structure one of them is a party of capital the other is the party of workers and then they go at it and guess what the workers win because there's more of them that is the that's the uh sdp form form formula for uh reform and what we have seen is that the the the combined and uneven development has made it so that all of the alienations within some capitalisms that form up nationally can be bought off with the pain of others elsewhere because you are getting you're not getting class consciousness untainted from nationalism they are stuck together

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at the same level because they are also experiencing their lives through meaningful structures around these nations that they live as realities the same way they um and so our we are getting to the point of like honestly we are getting to the point of critical class conflict in every or i would say not class but sect conflict because what i'm saying is in all these societies where you have the format of democracy with some sort of flexibility within it to contain political uh uh alienation shy of like revolution and and con and violence uh you you're going to develop into an eventual situation where at the final moment of crisis there will be two groups two broad groups and that they will then come to violence over their inability to use the system to resolve the the the at that point one or the other winner take all them or me contest for survival which is what everybody thinks they're in right now they're not but it feels that way that's our that's the frequency we're vibrating vibrating at because we all understand that that's where it has to end when it ends that way we don't know but it has to end at some point in the near future and that's going to be true in every country but what that alignment is and right now we have a situation where we have two sides shaping up along universal suffrage where the most comfortable are gonna vote and then that most comfortable is gonna break along one line of recognition into two others it's not like it's gonna all go to one end it's gonna stay in the middle because this is this is not a this is not the conflict remember this is the conflict being resolved this is humanity being bought off from its own youth its own destruction this it's the it's the um it's the fent patch as we're being and so that means even though we are all still have a relationship to a means of production that means that we are that we experience those concepts class from a remove from a from an emotional connection from a from a level of reality that puts them on par or or actually no far below other more visceral attachments around nation around race around gender around all the other axis that make up everybody's personal sense of self that is not just defined by material interests that's only one that's only the basis for it once you have a material interest once you have a general interior interest everything that is built on top of that is is all based on all the other things that you're experiencing in your life and those things over time as capitalist technology overalls civilization humanity our lives become less social and more mediated and so our understanding of words like class and ideas like solidarity and and what politics can and should do like the entire note the entire structure of our of our understanding of the world through like a political lens uh is shaped more and more by what we view not what we experience what we experience is class exploitation that over time coalesces into class consciousness as we cooperate as workers now as we cooperate as workers we do things like create a newspaper or have a political party and those political parties do things and those reporters those newspapers write about those things and that

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creates a context where we're acting and we're defining ourselves and through our interaction with the world and that and that is being generated by this working-class movement but once the working-class movement is destroyed where every every working class was put down everywhere from the soviet former soviet union to china to uh to latin america uh uh of course in the united states uh in the form of paul volcker just putting a stake in the heart of the working class there was no sufficient 0:42:35 formation uh anywhere to defeat it because we were all too comfortable the ones who were the most crucial to this system were too comfortable and had been made so everybody all the suffering was was scattered the the deepest pools of suffering were not touched by political power they were they were uh they had never been allowed to to uh let sufficient capital formation or for stay to allow for uh the intensification of those cultural production that could interact with these structures and enforce a voice there was only ex there was only the the vulcan shock was uh because remember 0:43:36 so stalin thought he was at his best you want to give him credit stalin thought that at the end of world war ii he was giving he was doing a temporary armistice with the west he was saying look we're beat we're in trouble uh we got our asses kicked during that war we're they have a bomb now let's just play on their terms until we recover a bit and that's the under the best uh the best faith the the most charitable reading of stalin's thought process was that's what he was thinking if he cared that much but uh in hindsight we can see that uh no by cr by seating to that contest the and so by the late like the the eastern block had been kept alive through the 70s by high oil prices and then uh western loans to try to create more uh com more efficiency 0:44:38 in their economy uh and in so doing they uh became debtor nations and once you ratch and and of course the latin american countries that tried to do uh export or import substitution industrialization uh had done that basically at yankee credit uh and there that meant that all of those working-class parties that had emerged and had pursued power and had fought against the reactionary tide of uh the generals uh such power that was able to be concentrated was done so under the auspices of uh of this uh investment that was all that was all borrowed and as soon as that interest rate went up it just shattered uh the uh it shattered the political legitimacy basically 0:45:39 of all of these less efficient exploiters and so as soon as it became a contest for treats and there's no more uh the the west was going to make it harder to dispense treats uh under those econo with that political order well then the people would make the logical conclusion that the political order needed to go and so the legitimacy of these states collapsed and what happened is that all these people uh let the doors open to the trojan horse of capitalism that then just showed how much how little it had any concern for but what this means for the culture question is since we're 0:46:42 all interacting with the market uh interacting with culture as as consumers who are

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related to who the more we matter in the cultural discourse the more likely we are to vote the more likely we are to participate in political uh contests and volunteer and and participate uh by talking about it to each other and and we are people who have a faith in the system that was bought off by the middle class boom and that is being undermined and that is being eroded every day but because of the uh accelerating pace of the technological coercive power of capital our ability to resist that is never been lower there is no reflection in our lives of effective class resistance to capitalism there's a democratic party but the democratic party does not represent in any way a class project no one experiences that way there used to be a class project associated with the democratic party and it's through that lens that people still assume there is one and that structures their relationship to it but it's fake and what that means is that those comfortable homeowners who might have been a professional person might have been a factory worker they view through the spectac spectacle of politics through this lens of credulity and that leans them to either be democrats or republicans and to accept one or the other of these frameworks of of blame and and and virtue that is uh the political system acting out the question of who will be sacrificed to the god malik and the democrats and republicans fight over who is more worthy of molex extinguishment and so politics becomes a shadow war between these two cultural demons that we're trying to exercise because we have given up control of the system we do not believe in it which means we do not believe it bends to human ends so we enter we're still in it because we have individual interests that we need to concern ourselves with and so everybody at every level participating people making art people making posts people making podcasts people running for office people making tv shows people trending topics people donating to campaigns people volunteering for campaigns are all operating from this level of belief in the system born of the fact that they were promised something their parents got something they were promised it and therefore they think that there's now i would say that even if all the socialists in the world who say they're socialists now really understand that and have full clear understanding of themselves no i am a worker sir i am a worker i will show you how i'm a worker even if they're fully uh even if they know what that word means and they're using it correctly and it's not just like through the the lens that they've been observing it even if they are uh absolutely aware of themselves as workers all they can do is act alongside everybody else because there's no collective thing to do except things like vote and we vote for parties made up of and voted in huge numbers by people who don't think of themselves as workers think of themselves as americans or taxpayers think themselves as entrepreneurs or would-be billionaires think of themselves as white or black or trans or male or female or anything things that everybody feels to some extent but for these people it's all there's no lived

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experience of class that is expressed through the culture it was killed because the conveyor belt from the working class to the creative class was cut because they said we're gonna get a deal to you humans you guys who got a house congratulations you keep your house you have that little bit of equity you're not gonna be ground up immediately and fed into the slurry you're not going to be turned into paste and bone meal congratulations but of course you know over time you're not all going to be able to uh live lives of luxury but we're still going to have to figure out a way to to dole this these treats out that keeps you mutton heads in the game and the answer was the knowledge economy college the idea that everyone believed at some basic level in the way they acted that the deal was now everybody for themselves but there is something you can do to ensure at least a minimum level of safety and 0:51:49 comfort in life and that go to mother mother in college go there the way they said in the 19th century horace greeley said go west my son and grow up with the country the 21st century answer after the extinguishment of the frontier the end of plenty the end of the myth and the need to start cannibalizing the human race the answer became go to the go to college get a knowledge job there's no more working through you're not there's no more clearing land there's no more struggle to be had your labor in most ways is superfluous it's getting more and more superfluous to these productions because we're doing it elsewhere with greater exploitation and greater uh uh uh profit but that's just because we're develop we're uh we're going to where the profit is as profit declines we're going and sucking up and hoovering up all the 0:52:50 profits that can be extracted through exploitation through sheer gun to the head exploitation stripped of political legitimacy or political uh uh but we don't live that way the ones who vote don't live that way so that means that us born into this world we want to be socialists all that can mean is interacting with the issues of politics as defined by the democratic and republican parties which represent two formations of middle class nervous breakdown around failing uh the dying american dream and they are cosmopolitan uh cosmopolitan capital and provincial capital the brahmanas and the merchants as uh thomas piketty has called them that's it and everyone else 0:53:52 is along for the ride because with the death of the working class as an engine of politics uh after taft-hartley and and and then the neoliberal consensus and then the breaking of the labor movement and no more forward momentum in labor uh uh organizing and then offshoring removing labor's leverage because oh we're gonna close the the plant you're gonna go on strike good yeah that'll make it easier for us to so that had been broken there was politics had no working class in uh input from the late 70s on it was gone you and so the culture that we're interacting with is one that 0:54:53 has not made by working class people some of them are the children of middle class homeowners who are in the middle working class but they went to college we all went

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to college whether you're the son of a forklift driver or a electrician or a uh ad man or a cop your kid went to college and the idea was if you follow the rules absorb the etiquette and social mores that were imparted in these this finishing school and then gained some technical skill that could be priced into a market interaction then that you could get your own semblance of what of the of the upwardly mobile comfortable consumer based happiness that your parents had aspired to now the 60s had seen the kids rebel against that and say oh no i don't want that man i don't want your 0:55:55  
gray flannel suit man but then at the end when the other when the alternative was was high gas prices and uh and inflation uh and and unemployment going up and higher taxes and and less fewer uh fewer they were happy to be able to buy in at the ground floor of something because they didn't just get bought out at the uh at the level of you know you got a a university tenure track position or uh you know a job in a uh like a think tank or whatever the uh the other part of that was that 0:56:56  
the cultural uh restrictions that had been implaced uh by sort of the middle class uh morality of those comfortable people in the middle uh their parents uh that was negotiable that could go because hey you're the guys who have money now you actually matter you set the terms and so people came around to the idea that okay i can affect the liberation i want which was always a consumer revelation because i never really lived a working class life i lived in the suburbs i lived as a homeowner's child as a little squire on the uh mansion the a squat a little a little squire uh in the uh the countryside a little little a little font leroy with with crushed velvet culottes skipping through the little suburban and the jobs you got out of college that first generation those were jobs that were relatively intellectually rewarding gave you a 0:57:58  
degree of autonomy and uh uh some degree that some degree of belief that you chose your profession and they were well compensated but that was all predicated on this search for profit that was being funneled over to the extent it could be and as increasing uh crisis reordered things the the treat faucet went down that's why everybody post world war ii is part of one generation we're all boomers the only difference is over time our relationship to technology and our uh understanding of the horizons of our personal uh autonomy are different and that explains everything because everybody is seeing themselves as a consumer because that is what they were brought into the world they were brought into post world war two was one of for the people who went on to do politics the most and defined these things not everybody but for the ones who were the center of gravity of american culture it was a non- 0:58:59  
alienated time that's why they got instantly nostalgic because they were the only people who ever lived non-alienated lives and college is the peak of non-alienation and everybody who came out of that machine went through a process of finding that on the other end of that was not the liberation that they'd been promised but just

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the same exploitation that and so you see the disaffection and cynicism of the xers then you see that just the the anxiety fest of the millennials and now just the dead-eyed nihilism of the zoomers it's and politics that means everybody participating in politics is participating on those those terms the terms of of uh people who are 1:0:0 were promised a thing believed in a thing and are seeing the thing fail to deliver and are having a crisis one way or another of confidence in democracy and a uh and the systems that they've been uh consenting to participate in their whole lives and now they're starting to question them and what that and the way that they question them is defined basically at the wholesale level demographically and so you have capital funding both of them but then the top level of one being finance capital in wall street and all these college-educated uh fancy types with very developed uh moral codes and and and very advance who consider themselves progressive who are the end result of the puritan cult of virtue because they have defined virtue and they are cosmopolitan capital and then there are people below and they set they fund out this whole shooting match but at a personal level they are more favored to 1:1:2 the democrats and then hollywood another formation around the creative types who didn't really want to do the dirty work of watching this machine sausage make itself they needed more express they needed more than mere money they needed a sense of creative outlet they couldn't do a political outlet they tried and failed but a creative outlet so hollywood and then science and technology like please just let me try to make the world better make let me allow me to express myself and so you had silicon valley and these formations all take and they create a vision of uh human liberation through the market that becomes the democratic orthodoxy and that is also world capital consuming the world and from the the the eye of the storm that turns into liberalism because these are the people who have been living most comfortably the longest and whose faith of the system is most deeply ingrained and then lower than 1:2:3 them you have the people in the super structural relationships around them they're kids usually like people in academia and politics which is also uh for working class the the the children of working class people uh who uh also want a middle-class life and think of themselves as middle class and then pursue it joe biden is the perfect example of that joe biden is a guy who's like okay my and that's my way of feeling like i'm in charge of something and so that is that's who makes up those strata and then the voters at large are the lower level versions of that like k-9 like uh teachers uh and of course there's also other people voting but at lower levels people lower at the totem pole are voting at lower levels but even within that you have like in the black community it's still arrayed around comfort the most comfortable black people vote 1:3:4 and participate in politics the most it's true with any kind of group you everywhere you want to uh define it that's how voting is is structured and so our elections are

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just these coalitions of different people with different levels of affect for government participating in politics and the main thing you get out of that is democrats and republicans duking it out but now we're getting at one level at one end of the hysteria of q anon and the dream of uh the day of the rope and and uh all that and then the other you have the liberal ragnarok around creating like a a new like having a new cultural revolution around uh like and those are both expressions of these this middle class breakdown this nervous breakdown among people who self-identify as beneficiaries of the system no matter what their job is or their background they self-identify at a basic level as beneficiaries of the system who are trying to get a better deal and then you have people in socialist counter movements and even if they do believe that they have a class interest and they can only do they can only respond to the political structure that is being generated by this this end state of uh neurotic breakdown like we're witnessing this this breakdown among the middle class mind and we're enmeshed in it in one way or another and we can only participate in it we can't stand we cannot participate in it without aiding it is what i'm saying we are all providing energy for this this process but we can't not do that because there's nothing else to do it just means that we have to put our gaze lower to the ground when we ask ourselves what is to be done at every point at every point the vet the usefulness of this critique in my mind the usefulness of this line of thinking the usefulness of my whole approach to politics as a as a as your we all still have to make the exact same question uh decisions that we had to make yesterday no matter what we think about what's gonna happen no matter where we think politics is grounded no matter how we analyze any of these questions we have the same and they pose us always a question of what to choose to do and we choose wrong a lot of the time because our understanding of what's happening in front of us is in some critical way misaligned with reality and the the baggage we bring to our lives from our pseudolife in this uh winchester mystery house of uh middle class neuroses ruling class i guess you would say neuroses either actually move ruling class or self-deluded ruling class neuroses it makes you able to answer the question do i need to care about this a lot easier and when i see how much and i know in my own life how much time people spend preoccupied with questions that in the real scheme of things are irrelevant is that knowing that or being able to ask that question do i need to care about this can really free up mental real estate for other things like what to do about your direct life and how to apply your political uh anime your your your self-directed need to assert yourself in the world to assert your humanity in the world to express yourself as a being how are you going to satisfy that and i think a lot of it gets misdirected by a sterile engagement with these so yeah that's where i'm at with the whole thing is that that our understanding of the gramscian counter hegemonic dynamic is not

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operative in the current circumstances in the there has to be an emergent working 1:8:14  
class counter hegemony that breaks out of all of these structures that cannot come  
from these structures so it can't be the democratic party it can't be any of the issues  
that we're always arguing about because to get people to act from class consciousness  
they have to take those moments when there's a conflict between their class interest  
as they understand it and their individual identity interest there has to be a certain  
degree of uh of thickness of belief in notions of solidarity to withstand a real uh attack  
so you can't participate in these questions without assuming that most people are 1:9:17  
going to put you in a file on one or the other side of this great divide we have between  
the the cosmopolitans and the provincials uh the pubes in the grays if anyone's read  
uh is as a bystander we can only participate in it as either aloof bystanders or as  
people who have invested in one or the other at the level of fandom but then the  
point where fandom becomes self-identity like we have fused fandom to identity so  
that we care as much about how we define ourselves in what culture we consume as 1:10:18  
who we vote for and they mean the same thing and the voting has to be on the terms  
of this this nervous breakdown it has to be on the terms of this sterile culture war  
because that's the only game in town it's that it's it's what the people in congress are  
voting on and it's what culture is producing so an emergent working class identity  
is going to form around practical questions of direct tactical use which means that  
these big structures of sorting that break us apart it will not emerge to challenge 1:11:20  
and break apart uh trust because everyone will be in good faith working towards the  
vote the local goal and they will put all that other stuff aside one way or the other  
they will put that other aside and come to a consensus and then move forward from  
that and then that will create counter hegemony within it and we can all participate  
but for now we are in this we're suspended in this goo and it's our job to not go  
crazy in the goo it's our job to not decide that we love the goo and that the goo is  
real and that the goo is life and then if we care enough about the goo that it's going  
to push us in through it we're going to be able to move through the gu just by sheer  
willpower we cannot we cannot will our way to anything we have to cooperate we  
have to humble ourselves and i'm not i'm saying i'm not doing a great job i don't  
think a lot of us are but that's because we don't have anything to do and it's and it 1:12:22  
is action that brings clarity and then it's the lack of action that so we just have to  
not necessarily try to push to the very barrier of where we're gonna get resistance  
but maybe just ask ourselves where can we put energy that will leave us feeling less  
shitty all the time it could really come down to that because i honestly believe that  
if you're aware enough of the world and and and uh ideologically aligned enough  
with reality to understand the source of pain and alienation in your life and not to  
allow the the the specters of of middle class bourgeois breakdown to that you are

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seeking the best i think that if you are on that side you're trying it's just you're also  
trying to pleasure yourself we're all trying to pleasure ourselves and those two things 1:13:24  
and by denying ourselves easy indulgence to distract and we have we we can put  
ourselves to the task of like saying okay what and of course the question well okay  
help how emerges and the ego wants that to mean how can i do it in a way that is  
going to make a difference but you have to get rid of and if you get rid of that part  
it really focuses things because if you're going to act in spite of your you can act  
from the heart because you're severing yourself from your selfish devotion because 1:14:29  
you will still feel better as opposed to always wondering what it was and it requires  
the leap of faith that's why it can't be predicted or prescribed that's why it's the  
realm of art more than politics and that's why i find myself in this weird position as  
a podcaster straddling the line as everybody turns culture and politics into the same  
slurry of of uh indulgence and distraction that i am a just a a part of that process  
that i am an avatar of that of that happening of the the podcast uh eruption is is  
people who have a desire to live at the pleasure of a system that benefits them but 1:15:30  
to be exempt from and there you can do that by trying to affect political change or  
by expressing yourself culturally and artistically and part of the problem for a lot of  
people is that politic the political horizons got so sh uh were constricted so quite fast  
that all faith in that avenue collapsed leaving only the pursuit of art by the by the  
way by the canny you know by the ones who didn't want to be cringe but not most  
people aren't very talented and it'd be one thing if you wanted to express yourself as  
a hobby but having to make it your career means having a deep investment in your 1:16:31  
ability to do it that makes doing it less fun and more scary and then people just get  
paralyzed i know i did before that choice until a new thing comes around where hey  
i could just talk about politics and it'll be entertaining and that's like artistic right  
it's like art adjacent it's making people happy which is better than making them sad  
and people get to acknowledge me and i get some of the validation that i can now  
only seek virtually because our conditions are pretty much set unless you get wildly  
lucky and become an so that's why i find myself now having to refine and be like all  
right if this is gonna be worth doing it has to be meaningful because otherwise it just 1:17:32  
makes me feel bad and i can't distract myself anymore from what is the source of  
that because i know it and that is the power that's how real class consciousness and  
right action are formed is that you get stripped to a sanctuary awareness point and  
an interaction with reality that is sharp enough and you maintain and you retain  
that association and it becomes this plangent chord that your brain plays as you  
in order encounter the world and it keeps you grounded in a truth that you use to  
identify everything that and so now i'm like i mean am i i probably have to make  
something that's like more labor-intensive uh more risky than whatever this is and 1:18:33

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that's what i'm trying to do and i think that yeah the degree to which i feel any anxiety right now in my life it is in trying to manage that uh that tension between the the manifest indulgences that i can uh pursue and my drive to to actually do that and i'll probably just walk that i'll probably end up walking that tightrope for the rest of my life one way or another unless there's a big phase shift which very well could happen but i just trust that i'm walking it for now i trust that i am holding a balance between and not being pulled from one way or the other and that that's all i can really go on is that but i do think things are going to change for everybody in a relatively uh the relatively near future not catastrophically necessarily but in a way that when you look back on it you will kind of be like oh damn i mean hasn't that been true of the last year and that's of course the the dread the poisonous mushroom that uh felix identified when he says everything stays the same but gets worse and that's the perfect description of it but that's still motion and you and you don't get motion all at once you get motion through a a a and we're all going to have to act in that moment and the decisions we make are going to be guided by what we've been doing until that moment comes and the other thing is is that moment's not going to be the same one for everybody that's not going to be the same one for everybody that moment is going to be the accumulation of moments everybody the the the twig is snapping under everybody but it is doing so at an uneven rate but it is happening to everybody in and so that means that we are getting more and more opportunities to confront moments and not to try to bury our head from them or try to incorporate them into our fantasy narratives which is another bad suffusing your action with like the will drawn from conviction and that is what we lack the best lack all conviction because there is just so much information isn't there and there's so much of an expectation that we can come to a logical mastery of the moment that will justify our action because there's no other reason to do anything that more than anything is what we've been taught there's no other reason to do anything other than it is logical and what logical means is in my self-interest in the broad scope logical means to my that means nobody believes in any institutions that means they cannot believe in working within them or resisting them because that would be involving themselves in other institutions that but i just i i keep myself at the moment balanced on the beam because things are good for me largely i am pretty content and i do feel like i am moving forward and then it's only when i kind of start self-doubt kicking in and sort of sloth that it gets bad but you know then i i kick myself i pick myself up and get back in the race i pick myself up and get back in the race that's life i get cocked down and i get up again so yeah stick around if you want more of these nuggets of content that i'm trying to craft into something beautiful for yes jack black jackman probably wednesday i did finish it so we'll talk

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only one morning the sun was shining i was laying in bed wondering if she had changed at all if her hair was still red some folks said all the eyes together sure were gonna be rough never did that and when my son was dressed headed off to the east coast you know so i got a job in the great northwoods working hardcore 0:1:17 for a spell never didn't like it all that much one so i have a new microphone set up hopefully i can use this one most of the time and i uh somebody did me a trevor troubleshoot or chris thank you chris did me a troubleshoot in the uh oas so now i have a mic that is set up so i don't have to hold it because that is kind of goofy it doesn't really feel right for these yes the oss the office of strategic services forerunner to the cia while bill donovan alan dulles all those guys uh yeah yeah like you kind 0:2:18 of wonder if like that whole group of people and then the structures that they built in government after world war ii if those people were not essentially like the final archons like they were the the people who most grasped the real implications of a worldwide capitalist order headquartered in the united states and they saw what it would mean to maintain that and the answer was they would need to wield this uh this um mixed economic uh sort of hybrid system that vent off social pressure in the 0:3:20 form of democratic activity uh rule of law all that cute stuff that the humans like to have fun with all those adorable little things that they like to distract themselves with from the reality that they are now trapped in a machinery that they are only participators passively in and so if that's the case then the only positions of real power in the world are going to be in those extra uh extra democratic structures to private ends specifically the social ends of this class of people who are unified in being the scions of the ruling class this wasn't even up striving uh this was not upstriving 0:4:21 uh middle-class guys these were the rulers of the the elite of the elite looking at the world seeing how it has changed and recognizing that capitalism in winning had dethroned and so the only place that you could even hope to put your and therefore your classes interests forward is in control of those structures of government that are going to be able to move this \*\*\*\*\* thing uh and override at every point any theoretical democratic checkpoint because as long as there was a time when the

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capitalism that was being born with the american state was weak enough that that state could have really challenged it for power but that moment you can't hear me 0:5:23  
god damn it maybe i need to turn up the volume on this thing does this help i've got a volume tuner over here is i hope you can hear me because i feel okay and i think all of those weird rituals that those freaks like to get off to is really them who have gone to the end of history they are do not believe in god like guys like alan dulles or george bush these guys have been absolutely hollowed out by by being in charge for so long because we know that that's what idle wealth does in the imperial centers it liberalizes you it abstracts you today's fire bearing in new england the first generation of capitalists there were fire-breathing uh uh calvinists these are literally 0:6:24  
the the direct descendants of puritans people whose grandfathers \*\*\*\*\* uh pressed giles corey between boards to get him to \*\*\*\*\* uh to plead guilty or not guilty to charges of being and that by the time so you get the atoms is by the time those guys seize power in the executive branch in the you've already got john adams being a congregationalist which what the \*\*\*\*\* is that and like flirting with deism and then john quincy adams is just fully post-christian like we know that from his diaries like he he he was a unitarian so you go from \*\*\*\*\* calvinists to unitarians in only a few generations in the same conditions and those conditions being the very soft center of urban comfortable so that means these peoples the blue bloods of the of 0:7:31  
the 20th century who not only had had that like civilizing uh experience but that then had gone through the civil uh civil war world war the labor war on behalf of capital that they carried out uh and against the workers that then the working wars against fellow bourgeois in in uh the in germany and in japan over the spoils of the world they saw the 20th century and all its horribleness they were and they were cultured and sophisticated so they knew the the they had a a cultural vocabulary for explaining this that is the same one that marks counter culture this is the same one that marks proletarian counter culture because it so these people have no religious belief what they believe in is that this thing is the real power on earth this thing this 0:8:32  
imperative prophet motive whatever you want to go whatever you want to describe it in the form of a giant suction machine that takes resources from one end of the globe and brings them to the center of it and then provides comfort and power in that relationship these are the ones of those now deracinated ruling class elite who looked at the world saw it as it was and said i will consecrate my bonds to this new god and then carry out its will and in so doing i will be of the priestly class i will maintain my position as a \*\*\*\*\* brahmana and these are literally boston brahman in some cases and though so the state they built the national security state which then bloc and you can't just that's not just the cia that's the rand corporation uh that's uh the 0:9:33  
nsa obviously it's it's the uh domestic intelligence bureaus like the fbi uh and then

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it's it's uh technology \*\*\*\*\* it's darpa it's the internet it's literally the internet it's the nuclear uh it's the it's all of these things that are carrying out america's oh and let's not forget financial institutions like the and uh the uh brettton woods system constructed after world war ii that then distributes like a global currency imperium courtesy of the world bank and the imf none of these things are permit permeable by through politics and all of them operate on along the axis of doing the disinterested 0:10:34 uh aim of capitalism but they're in conf they're in conflict with these institutions that have within them a popular participation we do vote we do have elections we do administer the economy through laws which are technology and is a necessary technology to keep this \*\*\*\*\* thing going and there is a dynamic by which the social pain created by capitalism is then met with some punishment and some amelioration in some distribution and the entire american post-war project is distributing that pain throughout this new global uh uh economic order and you could not do that demographic democratically by definition because you cannot you you um it goes against profit and you will you will you will give up to the degree that they make you give up that human instinct humans be acting through human institutions like 0:11:36 political parties like cultural expression those things press the case on behalf of the human \*\*\*\*\* race but these institutions at the top are manned completely by people who have consecrated themselves spiritually to capitalism and will never give it up until it's destroyed everyone but them they have to be dethroned and that means that they have to be uh resisted by humans through human cooperative action and the reason this matters is because so much of what we call political commentary and action in this \*\*\*\*\* country is moralism we are tr we are operating on the assumption that people are making decisions to make the world this way and that means that there is this ability for us to convince people and mass to act differently people 0:12:37 are going to act the way that their incentive structures their individual incentive structures uh tell them to act it's not going to be through decisions now people are going to change their minds and they're going to be radicalized but it's not going to be by those encounters it's going to be by encounters in their lives that are then filtered through culture and the reason this isn't a pedantic distinction is that which way you understand that dynamic determines how you interact with the world how you interact with politics how you emotionally invest in the spectacle of online political participation how what what you bring to uh what priorities you bring to in-person organizing these are all determined by do you think that this is a materials struggle where people are going to have to cooperate along a desire to improve their material resisting these structures these dead-handed structures being carried out by people 0:13:38 one way or another are zombified and if they wake up they will be replaced with somebody else who is zombified you have to create a counter pressure among people

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acting that way together if you think it's the other way around if you think we're all just making actions out of our own free will and then eventually enough of us just see how wrong it is in some abstract sense and then act that way vote different get a different job behave differently in any way not coordinated to a material aim but to a moral position you're pissing in the wind you cannot affect change that way you will provide fodder for the people who are going to do the work but you're only going to be spitting into a \*\*\*\*\* windmill so that is what the central point that i've been trying to make about all of these questions about how to engage with the world in the imaginative space of politics like what is how are we supposed to fill that gap that we all have and it boils down to this that it is humanity versus a abstracted principle carried out by people not because of their individual choices but because what is what power selects for within its own structures committed to it they might one by one decide that they can't live that way anymore and they will be replaced because they are not acting in because many of these people are benefiting from the system because we don't have class consciousness when we're all consumers they understand themselves even if they feel guilty they understand themselves to be benefiting from the system materially and that is going to commit them to their material ends so that means that no matter what you think your beliefs are depending on where you find yourself in the social strata you will not you individually but you collectively and over a large population will choose this which means that these organizations are all filled with people who have made the moral choice that is going to keep them where they are any horrible thing they see they will be able to rationalize away from exposure to moral exposure to they will perform more ritual politics but they will do that to distract from the need for material politics because they feel threatened at a way belo and the reason it's hard to talk this way is because when you hear things like you do this you make this decision people think they're talking about you're talking about me saying that i am fated and structured no individuals can choose against this and they do all the time but there is no cumulative effect that actually challenges power that emerges from that everybody after god died and we had to bring heaven to earth everybody basically has had the same idea everybody no matter where they are uh politically if they have an id like some people don't some people have bigger fish to fry but people who are modern subjects enough to go through life imagining heaven which we now are to be moral uh required to strive for right and it has to be a material heaven because remember we got rid of we got rid of we cannot all imagine the kingdom of heaven because we all have to live together now and it's more real over time as we break from the land it is less real the heaven we cannot feel an ineffable heaven and also we live longer and it's we spend more time sitting around there's a lot of things that make it so that we cannot imagine heaven

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collectively and express ourselves politically through that lens we have to imagine making the world a certain way and everybody from arch capitalists to communists to uh uh everybody like i said who is trying to engage with modernism and is not trying to you know be reactionary to the point of wanting to return to like hunter-gatherer society or something like the non-reactionary progressive face of all political uh expressions from the left to the right including fascism is a place where at peace where robots do all the work everybody gets to hang around and robots do all the work that's what that's what all the mid-century visions of modernity whether they 0:18:45 were in the soviet union or in the west were about they had the same iconography and they had pointed towards the same goals because if we were going to increase if we were going to keep developing technology and then having that technology's uh resources distributed broadly through a population so that people can participate in creating a culture around economic activity uh then eventually you get enough socially controlled technology that you have an over abundance and then what do you do the answer is you go to space you keep building but not in the uh in the death spiral way that our program of capitalism is pulling us towards one where we solve all these problems because we're democratically deciding either because we've purged 0:19:46 the world of non-uh aryan uh or we've used democratic principles like in the west to bring about this consensus reality through reform or in the soviet sphere the working class has fully overthrown capitalism and has socialized the means of production which is what marx was dreaming for and which i think is really something that is possible whether we're going to do it is a mother much different question but i think given the raw material of humanity i think it could have been built or and could be built and because that's what we're imagining modern subjects trying to live together what do you make you make a world at peace filled with robots doing the work whether it's because we killed everybody else off or because we overthrew a system of capitalism we are doing that so everybody is pursuing their political aims to get to that point through institutions the institutional logic is not pulling you 0:20:47 towards this because there's no human ballast to it there's no humane social reality there is no conv conception of like the human race as such that can survive the the logic of the thing it's it's part it's one of the many things that is conditioned out of and so everybody thinks they're using the tools of capitalism to direct us towards this uh this utopia whether it's hitler stalin mao uh with a great great leap forward uh or the \*\*\*\*\* uh new dealers uh you know or frankly even uh the like neo the uh the taft republicans if they weren't dreaming of you know and so they're all using 0:21:51 capitalism to make this thing happen and what they're getting is the technological development but the technology developed technological development put to the the goal of coercing labor out of people because you have to extract profit and that

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means uh alienation and that alienation has to be stored somewhere and it is stored in the surplus profit that is that enjoyed by the people at the top and it starts off as a social uh programming but it becomes a transcendent sentinel that motivates human behavior over large populations and the historical role of the bourgeois is to take technology this thing that is being used to compete between these ruling classes that are like not recognizing the fact that we're all human beings and then technology 0:22:53 creates gets to a inflection point where we understand humanity to be a different thing than we did before and and the technology exists to coordinate labor and reduce labor inputs that's the important part now there's a point though in capitalism where if you use too much to uh if you do too much capital investment in technology you you get a crash you get a terminal crash uh because what are what's everybody doing you know that boiled down to what is everybody doing when they're not \*\*\*\*\* working and so they're put to work while profit is extracted and democratic deliberation is removed from the system so by the time you get to the 70s and 80s after the high point of like space exploration at a point where everybody thought we'd be on mars in 2020 absolutely you ask a person on the street in 1971 are we gonna be on mars in 2021 they'd be like of course we're gonna have a \*\*\*\*\* embassy on mars there's going to be there is going to be a mcdonald's on mars and that's because nasa was 0:23:56 part of our folk collective dream be it popular front left wing or uh like small town babbitt republican to build it or like walt disney the fantasy like tomorrowland we're all gonna use capitalism to get there use use market logic to get there meanwhile you're building a machine that is sufficiently advanced to no longer need the human inputs and therefore can distribute less of that profit to them and therefore increase the profit that it's the the profit accumulation where it's supposed to go it makes the system more efficient it rationalizes the system towards total profit extraction and as pockets of humanity that have been able to band together politically to make some sort of social demand on capitalism as they lose their ability to resist uh they lose 0:24:59 their material comfort and they become precarious the giant drop in life expectancy in the soviet union 30 something like 20 years over the course of a decade the largest peacetime and that could happen because of uh the relative honestly the relative lack of comfort there that could have bred like social rebellion the united states got because we've been because we were more developed the united states was more developed in the center their their workers had gotten a better deal longer because they were always the headquarters they were the most advanced part of capitalism they were not a backwater like the russians were russia was not supposed to be where the \*\*\*\*\* soviet where the communist revolution began maybe only as a spark not as like the so by the time the system comes into equilibrium uh with the oil shocks of the 70s it's like okay we're repricing these exchanges now because we've reached a certain 0:26:1

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point of connectivity uh and and over production frankly that we're gonna have to start redistributing this stuff we're gonna have to start redistributing things away from certain populations and the less represented you were in government through the bourgeois the expressions of bourgeois politics the less able you were to resist it and so that's why in america when we had the shock therapy of the 70s which came before the shock therapy russia had in the 90s uh the people who felt it most most viscerally were of course the urban african-american population the war on drugs and the the uh was a direct response to the uh the destruction of the economic base of the uh black working class in the american cities uh people think of it uh people think of deindustrialization as something that started after nafta uh and some or maybe 0:27:2 they think it was the 80s with the japanese it started in the 50s internally and then throughout and then started to really ramp up in the 60s and the first places to see industrial employment really collapse were uh the pop were in the cities that uh black people had moved to from the south during the great migration all the way through to post world war ii uh to work in factories uh and they were able to build enough sufficient internal political will to do the civil rights movement the civil rights movement is an expression to which degree the black community once it was in the condition of like urban life was able to build itself into a coherent class response to exploitation it really is you get to the cities and it's like it it's it it super accelerates the process by which a coherent resistance to exploitation can be expressed so that's 0:28:3 why you went from you know uh the imposition of neo of apartheid after the civil war with relatively little resistance from the ex-slave community because of their lack of political organization because they had been or lack of uh social uh sophistication because they've been \*\*\*\*\* slaves and then that they and then during through the 1890s there was a languishment in uh in the sharecropper economy but then with increased efficiency in technology of agriculture there was a lot of extra hands and unfeedable mouths in the south and it led to the great migration and so those black populations got access to those jobs but those were the first jobs to go because these while they would have been able to press the civil rights movement which was a sort of the bourgeois revolt like the it's equivalent to like this essentially what you 0:29:5 got is you got a 1789 revolution you got a bourgeois revolution uh in the form of the civil rights movement and its apogee but then there was never a kick over to uh like the next level of radicalism uh and it's because the engine of that resistance which had been these emergent urban communities began to unravel in the face of de-industrialization and so the pressure went away and what happened was is that those uh black work leaders who had made it sufficiently advanced into the system we're given a deal go along with this in exchange for your own personal security within this new uh system you are now going to be a winner you're going to be able

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to have a house you're going to be able to find employment in the system and people took the deal because there was nothing else on the table there's no blaming anybody for selling out because at all of these points in america there was nothing else on the table because we working-class coordinated response to capitalism and so everybody's community however they understood it and so that means that the conditions of uh austerity implied on america are going to be endured first by the people who have the least amount of political influence within the system some people make it into the new strata and then can reproduce themselves with thanks to affirmative action but most people are going to fall into the maw of prison system uh and and uh and the welfare roles to the extent that those existed and uh low-wage labor uh and the reason that this was allowable is because other groups were spared if you had gotten a home by the 1970s you were consecrated in your in your property you now have an investment instrument that will ride the market and guarantee you uh security forever congratulations you now get to vote like a capitalist and they did it's like when thatcher uh one of her biggest coups was in allowing people to buy their flats from the council estates that they lived in because unlike the united states the uh the british went in a huge spree of public uh housing manufacturer after world war ii they cuz they didn't have to \*\*\*\*\* be the the um the army of the world anymore we could do that we're gonna spend we're gonna our keynesian engine of post-war prosperity is going to be our \*\*\*\*\* defense industry it's going to be uh every bomb we build now and every \*\*\*\*\* uh b-52 bomber and and this bill what we're gonna do that's gonna be our uh uh thing we're gonna subsidize housing for people uh in order to give them access to the middle class but it's gonna be through private enterprise that's just uh subsidized whereas the british because they were handing over to us the money they had they could spend on public housing but uh thatcher in the 80s offered people the option of buying their flats and a bunch of them did and then they started voting tori a lot of the older anti-corbin labor people who torched him in 19 in 2019 didn't do it because of anti-semitism they didn't beat him and they did they did it because of brexit but not because they understood that brexit is in the working classes best interest is because they didn't vote as working-class people they were homeowners many of them weren't working at all and in any way they are homeowners living on their and that's what the whiter working class with more political prep representation got i mean these are the people actually make the political structure who make it up who fill it there is a certain understanding of best interest there especially since these people all think of themselves as americans you got to remember this these people everyone here is thinking of themselves as an american so their best interest their understanding of their self-interest does have a social element and now our current crisis of faith and institutions boils down to the

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fact that as uh our instruments of government are more and more carried out are the actual uh the actual meaningful decisions made about our economic destiny are not democratically arrived at in any way let's just get that that is an axiom that has to be accepted as a first principle there that they have been there's no more human hand in this not that humans aren't doing it people are in these institutions they're not all algorithms but they have no they cannot be influenced by the public is what i mean the way that anyone in the political system really can be to some extent or theoretically could be that was true and that's been true for a while now but most people until like 2008 didn't really notice because if you had a house you were pretty much set and those are the people who voted so they understood the economy as this thing that's going up meanwhile you're gutting uh these inner cities you're gutting these uh rust belt towns white people in the middle west are now starting to have the same cultural pathologies that black people in the cities had that you used to say was uh actually what you used to say was uh genetic and all of a sudden you've got these poor white people acting like poor black people what what's going on but these are people are they either weren't in the home owning class or they fell out of it individually so they never contributed to the discourse their pain was drowned out by the general prosperity of the land owning class but now since 2008 which was the beginning of mass dispossession mass uh evictions after uh they just decided to in the one of the most single crucial decisions of the entire obama presidency uh to bail out banks instead of letting people keep their houses which they it was a choice made not democratically that no one if you'd said hey we're gonna put that on a ballot initiative re do the banks or give people their houses you what do you think would have won with about 95 percent of the vote wasn't on the ballot because those decisions are not democratically arrived at even if the what we can do is fight about \*\*\*\*\* uh and ever since then people have been aware not all the same amount but in growing and growing amounts holy \*\*\*\*\* all this stuff is \*\*\*\*\* all these promises are lies there is no future where we're all living together in the robot paradise now there are some people who still live in the believe in the robot paradise but there are guys like elon musk who believe that the robot paradise will be on the other end of a genocide and i'd say like your hardcore nazi dumbass types think that too they think we're gonna do a genocide not a not a um formal one we're not gonna do ovens or anything we're just gonna put up a wall between the place that has food and water in the place that doesn't have food and water and then you're just going to kind of wait for the noise to die down meanwhile you're building your little now of course that's a fantasy and it would break down and these guys would all die screaming too but they would be the last ones to go because they're the ones most entrance to it and they will go at the end because their position is too compromised for anyone

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to who to enter it to be a human person i think that's the most important thing at a crucial spiritual level these people are not human that doesn't mean that they should be killed or that it's morally permissible to do so they are they ha they were human but the way that they view the world the way that they're emotionally wired to understand the world around them is not what human beings understand it i'm 0:38:28 sorry about the balance somebody's mad about the balance so yeah they're lizards that's why david ick was very good it's worse now it is better okay uh you guys are gonna have to shut the \*\*\*\*\* up about the balance i don't even know what that means i'm sorry so let's i i promised black jackman's and god damn it i'm gonna try to get there even though that is a hell of a diversion \*\*\*\*\* sorry uh so in a very 0:39:31 similar sense uh the the white people of san demang were not human beings the way that even others at the time would have thought of themselves uh and that is why the treatment that uh james gives of desolene's massacre of the whites after the expulsion of the french is so well considered because he acknowledges uh he acknowledges that it was a mistake and that it helped kind of doom haiti to um uh under development but he does not shed any uh any \*\*\*\*\* tears for the planters and it's because to live that way while believing yourself to be a civilized person is to be a i don't know 0:40:32 what's the word for a dybbuk or something a demon something that has the form of a human being understands the world in human terms but responds to the world emotionally in a way that does not recognize like a dimension of humanity it doesn't recognize others as the self in any like at a visceral level and of course that's a process that has been happening over time and is intensifying as technology allows us to intensify uh and it's being distributed more broadly but it's like it's not just being distributed like culturalization also makes people more empathetic what this is it's it's the culture plus the proximity to horrifying violence it's the it's the listening to 0:41:34 your \*\*\*\*\* uh your your chamber music and watching moliere next to a goddamn yeah so uh i just wanted to read this part that uh james does talking about that um early in the new year 1905 the whites in haiti were massacred by the orders of desolene all histories are full of this whatever and he says the massacre of the whites was a tragedy but not for the whites for those old slave owners those who burnt a little powder in the arse of a negro who burned buried him alive for insects to eat who were all well treated by toussaint and who as soon as they got the chance began their old cruelties again for these there is no need to waste one tear or one 0:42:35 drop of ink the tragedy was for the blacks and the milados it was not policy but revenge and revenge has no place in politics the whites are no longer to be feared and such purposeless massacres degrade and brutalize a population especially one which was just beginning as a nation and it had so bitter a past the people did not want it all they wanted was freedom and independence seemed to promise that

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christoph and other generals strongly disapproved had the british and americans thrown their weight on the side of humanity desolene might have been curbed as it was haiti suffered terribly for the resulting isolation whites were banished from haiti for generations and the unfortunate country ruined economically its population lacking in social culture had its inevitable difficulties doubled by this massacre that the new nation survived it all is forever to its credit for if the haitians thought that imperialism was finished with them they were sorely mistaken you guys are killing me with the audio here i'm going to go paddock mode on myself what is going on 0:43:37 what do you guys want i allow you people are dogs i will go how do i no \*\*\*\*\* hell i don't the thing is i don't know i want people to understand what i'm \*\*\*\*\* saying i'm trying to be to communicate something what the hell is wrong with you \*\*\*\*\* what are you listening to this \*\*\*\*\* on do you have like \*\*\*\*\* bose headphones do you have are you listening to this on that format that neil young insisted on 0:44:38 because it's a super perfect uh sound are you all \*\*\*\*\* christ so what's i think is really good about that segment and it is very indicative of uh james in general is that he understands like narrating history like morally and individually creating uh you know uh a human response to events but also grounding it always in what was conditioning those events so that you can kind of drain them of the residual uh uh sort of bourgeois sentimentality that accumulates because there's a lot of romance in this book the way that uh james describes toussaint louis tour is incredibly romantic i 0:45:40 mean that's very intentional he's trying to build tucson up to the level of like a great historic romantic figure like napoleon or simone bolivar and when he talks about like the power of the masses of slaves when he talks viperous uh evil of the planter class or of the maritime bourgeois or of the british \*\*\*\*\* empire there's always um it's always but that's always in the service of highlighting the real stakes the real responsibilities who's really doing what to who and there's no way that the massacre of the whites in 1805 can be understood out of the context that not only have these been the people who'd been slave owners before the war and the revolution they were the ones who had happily uh lived under toussaint and then gone to watch dogs rip 0:46:41 slaves apart with rochambeau when he was descending into his \*\*\*\*\* kurt's ass uh heart of darkness i i it's too low on phone i don't have so who is responsible for that and how is haiti supposed to go on as a society not try to compete as a nation among nations and therefore have like a productive economy in which the white slave owners are back there in charge of them now what ended up happening of course is that they were replaced by black rulers but that is more socially convivial it is 0:47:42 less of an affront to humanity because of the specific experience of slavery but there was another path that toussaint wanted to go to sant's vision because he was at the end of the day one of these enlightenment figures he was a guy who was as much a

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embodiment of the moment as napoleon ability vision coming together with ability who after deciding to fully commit to this to the project of after i would say so at first i think he was moving from and james talks about this he moved from position at first when it looked like the slave revolt had petered out he was willing to exchange his freedom and the freedom for some of the other leaders for the slaves going back 0:48:44 into slavery which is you know a betrayal but for someone who didn't want the country to descend into total bloodshed who wanted to see it progress socially and that was it there was the offer wasn't accepted so he said \*\*\*\*\* you he joined the spaniards fought for the king because the french were trying to reimpose slavery but then when slavery was abolished first by santa knox and then for toussaint that was a lifeline that was the lifeline uh that honestly that like trotsky and \*\*\*\*\* lenin were hoping would be extended from germany after the bolshevik revolution they this was the thing that was going to allow haiti to develop through the stages of non-racial 0:49:46 capitalism to socialism now maybe he wouldn't have thought of it in those terms but that's where he was pointing himself which is as progressive as you can be at that stage in history because of the the lack of development of of class relationships is there a thing i could press to all right i'm going to turn this back on what about that people talking about on to one side you have zero sympathy with me i am half 0:50:48 deaf i can only hear out of my left ear i don't \*\*\*\*\* give a \*\*\*\*\* about what side it comes out of \*\*\*\*\* there's only one side you are being i don't need to hear you whining about not being able to hear out of both ears \*\*\*\*\* i can never hear out of both ears just like you can oh shut the \*\*\*\*\* all right nevermind never mind you're trolling me and i'm enjoying it too much uh and the tragedy of toussaint is that he was marching towards that direction towards that vision of of a revolutionary 0:51:49 france dedicated to human principles of human equality uh extending the hand of uh of uh brotherhood to the new multi-racial revolutionary bourgeois of haiti the tri-color bourgeois of haiti creating a new uh rationalized market-based relationship where people worked for money with no racial discrimination at all and then were able to express themselves through the chain channels of popular politics eventually and who and you know what if you got him if you got them like an ayahuasca haze and let him see it to the end of that he would prefer he would prefer to see a final communist pace but only but he knew that that could haitian uh social structure sufficiently to do that and what he was pulling against was the fact that after having been \*\*\*\*\* uh slaves for so long uh there was very little economic incentive that uh 0:52:50 the ex-slaves could be given to go back to working in the cane fields because you paying them doesn't really exchange the experience they're working to make sugar that somebody else is going to \*\*\*\*\* eat and even if they get a portion of the profit which was the the uh deal that toussaint tried to give them small recompense for

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that labor what they would have liked to have done was work way less and like a communist subsistence economy could have emerged there like there's especially after the revolution my god you could have had a collaborative experience towards that but haiti isn't isolated haiti isn't all by itself haiti is enmeshed in a modern world surrounded by modern powers and a subsistence communist haiti would not have had the sufficient economic uh activity and capital formation to resist being overtaken by any of those other powers they wouldn't be able to put together the structures of government that allow people in the modern world to execute uh control in their borders and outside of them the machinery of state that emerged out of capitalist development and so that is why toussaint always tried to sucker the the the uh the planters it's why he resisted calls to declare independence from france uh and it's why he so vigorously reimposed uh discipline in the plantations so that people were working similar conditions as under slavery but you know less punishing but uh but still not what notions of like uh of collective uh enterprise that would be necessary to keep a state together had to come out of people becoming and having and then james points out that the fatal flaw i mean as much as this might have never been possible and the reaction of napoleon indicates that it was never possible uh but that was a contingent decision and could have gone the other way and like up until that point tucson had every reason to think he might be able to get it done uh but once that happened once once napoleon decided to reimpose french control it became impossible and toussaint's big uh failure according to james is that he failed to recognize when uh it was too late he failed to recognize that his dream was not going to be possible and that he was going to have to organize the the people of haiti for freedom whatever that meant or else slavery would be attempted to be reimposed and then that would lead to a race war which it did and he didn't want any of that he didn't want to race war he didn't want massacres he didn't want the country to descend culturally and socially and economically he wanted it to progress but he thought for too long that that was possible basically that was his great tragic flaw and so he did things like suppress workers uprisings and execute his popular nephew moyes and refused to rally people in advance of a french that was his great flaw and and the thing is is it was a failure of his it was not even a failure was a it was a weakness of humanity it's that he didn't want to do what he was going to have to do he wanted to create civilized structures of exchange which meant employer-employee relationships in a market that was human liberty in that moment there was a vision shared by all these guys rob spirit and napoleon and that meant that you guaranteed that the person who would end up taking power would be someone like dessaline who i'm sorry i know it's epic and base that he killed all those white people but and of course he wasn't he'd had a much more traumatic life experience than he had been

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tooussaint had been a a a well-treated uh driver and then had been free for five years  
desolene as james points out had the lashes on his back so desolene didn't have like  
this expansive vision that toussaint did but what he did have was an understanding  
of the moment more and an understanding of the french more and what they were  
going to do and the irreconcilable of them the irreconcilability of them and so he was  
the one who won and the thing is is like what he was willing to do to strike back at the  
british or the french uh indicates like it's just a absolute coldness like he suppressed  
french anti-french uh rebellions uh on behalf of the french on behalf of rochambeau 0:58:58  
while he was torturing people in the pits he alienated enough actual haitians that  
uh his uh he was foiled at his attack on port-au-prince by a maroon band tipping  
but that isn't but like you get desolate not uh toussaint because of frank the french  
decision now there's there's two there's a couple of interesting questions here though  
so let's say napoleon changes his mind and says let's let's let's let toussaint be uh  
enshrined in power because he's the only one who can rule it like napoleon was super  
racist obviously uh and that was a thing that influenced his thinking josephine his 0:59:59  
wife was a \*\*\*\*\* planter like he had that and he also didn't really care about that's  
the colonial policy as much and didn't know as much uh but there was somebody  
there should have been somebody who could have argued to him uh that it was  
just not possible to hold the island without tucson because that's what every single  
one of his \*\*\*\*\* uh french uh officials who came back from uh haiti had told him  
over and over again and he was just i guess too \*\*\*\*\* racist to accept it and but  
anyway let's say that he changes his mind which he could have he did write a letter  
uh giving to son command when he thought he might be able to join with russia  
to attack india but let's say he says fine we'll give it to you and toussaint gets to  
carry out his experiment what he's going to have to do because remember enshrining 1:1:2  
property rights is at the foundation of the modern state and modern and modern  
notions of legality that he's trying to impose that means that the people who are  
going to be getting the majority of the uh surplus of this sugarcane operation are  
going to still be the white planters i mean not all of them a lot of the but some of  
them are going to be generals in in tucson's army now but there's also just going to  
be the there's going to be this continued alienated condition of labor that is going  
to continue to alienate people uh and the question would have been how will tucson  
handle that and it really is why the only thing that makes sense from napoleon  
and toussaint's position is to join together to launch a \*\*\*\*\* invasion of from new  
orleans it's the only thing that makes sense because when you have a situation where 1:2:4  
you have a developing social uh relationship or a developing capitalist economy um  
you have a developing capitalist economy you have a exploited proletariat that ex  
that exploited proletariats anxiety alienation has to be directed somewhere and it's

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some combination of inside and outside through repression reform and war those are the three ways the state can respond to social alienation of capitalism and it's some kind it's never all of one usually it's some combination of the three internal political reform that redistributes socially and not rationally pulls away from the commandment of profit just the repression of the state against those who resist it 1:3:5 and then the outward venting first in in america colonial war and then uh and so that means if you have mounting alienation among the uh planters of haiti some of it would be directed towards uh there would be some rep repression of course some of it would be directed towards uh reform towards democracy but there would also be this desire to create a project for everybody and that project could have been marching through the underbelly of america to help turn the uh caribbean into the french mediterranean because at this point napoleon is basically \*\*\*\*\* in england or in the uk europe rather because uh the mediterranean is at that effect by that point effectively a british lake and if he gets a crescent he is able to exert uh maritime 1:4:10 power which he has to be able to do to compete with the \*\*\*\*\* british because this is basically a fight over who is going to be in charge of capitalism the french are the english that is what the napoleonic wars were who's gonna get the stick who gets the stick whose ruling class gets to wrap their hand around the stick of power and slowly be turned into reptiles and of course the british win for a number of reasons one of them being that they are more but a lot of it is because we speak \*\*\*\*\* english because they got and held north america the french had fought for north america they had a bigger chunk of it than england did until the french and indian war when they lost canada and then it's the loss of uh then they lose that and it's over at that point the english have it and they're gonna they're gonna win and they that's why 1:5:12 you know your romantic counterfactual dream is to go back because they had the french revolution because the english had instead the english civil war which is a bunch of \*\*\*\*\* freak-ass puritans doing a giant uh self-mortification ritual a bunch of just sickos filtering this this rightful execution of a uh of a tyrant with with some religious horseshit about uh about the key people who carried out that people there was the english civil war was won by a q anon there are these people within the inner circle of the post uh stuart protectorate the people who'd cut the head off of the king 1:6:15 who were called fifth monarchist men who believed that england was destined to be enshrined like the uh a monarch who would then usher in kingdom on kingdom of uh the kingdom of whereas the french revolution is liberty equality fraternity \*\*\*\*\* those are some \*\*\*\*\* words man but that's why they lost if you wanna if that's why we're where we are because that was never on the table really because there were never going to be more efficient so i'm going to wrap up now but i just want to say 1:7:17 one more thing about black jackman's which i hope everyone enjoyed if they read

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it and i recommend they read it if they haven't uh a really great paragraph that i think says something very important about the structural incentives i talked about earlier to bring it all back to like how we're in a system where once you are within a once not even once you don't put it that way not once you are in a position once a position exists within a bureaucracy it will be filled by people who will do what it wants it wants because it has an institutional prerogative that is independent of human will and the person who is in that job will do it if they don't like doing it anymore they will stop doing it somebody else will start doing it and it's because the people within these structures overwhelmingly will always filter everything they experience in life through their best material interest which is to keep the position they have if they care about it which most of them do because of we have nothing else to do but sell our labor and this is talking about uh a french officer who had served under uh toussaint for a lot of the period of the war with the british who like many of the french white uh officers who served under tucson loved him and thought he was a goddamn genius i mean that's really the thing that james likes to point out because this book is historically contingent on it's historically situated his he's writing in the 30s as a direct response to like the racist understanding of the war like lothric stoddard the guy who wrote the uh the rising tide of color against world white supremacy wrote a book about the haitian revolution about how it was basically uh the white race destroying itself uh and allowing itself to be destroyed uh to be massacred by by savagery basically um so he was directing he was directly responding to that and one of his big pieces of evidence is of of the of the sophistication of the haitian revolution and how it represented the humanity it expressed the humanity of those who participated in it was the french response to tucson so anyway this guy even though uh his toussaint's uh office toussaint's soldiers during a rebellion uh had put him in jail and he got knocked around a little bit and he still loved tucson but uh so tucson is starting to realize that the french aren't going to allow him to maintain his position and let him do what he knew he needed to do to keep things on an even keel uh and vincent before he sends him away is begging dussan to ex to just uh to go back on his pledge to create sort of a unilateral dictatorship on the island because he believed in his heart that they didn't have anything to be afraid of he was one of the voices telling tousant that they didn't have anything to be afraid of because there's no way france would ever try to bring back slavery because they'd won the goddamn revolution so yeah so he leaves for france uh he's telling him don't do independence whatever you do uh and he wrote a letter from philadelphia on the way to france telling toussaint don't do independence vincent did all that a man could do even in trying to detach christoph from tucson he was acting as he thought in the best interests of france and of san domingo to him the

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restoration of slavery was unthinkable he expected it as little as millions of british people expected the intrigues of baldwin \*\*\*\*\* and eden with laval and mussolini after the denial of arms to abyssinia and the grandiose promises of fidelity to the league of nations and the idea of collective security many an honest subordinate has in this way been the unwilling instrument of the inevitable treachery up above the trouble is that when faced with the brutal reality he goes in the end with his own side and by the very confidence which his integrity created does infinitely more harm than the open enemy that bit about the confidence in his own integrity and that is true there are so many people who do daily murder to the earth who believe in their hearts that their values align with human goodness they are not the dead-eyed musk nihilists who want to drink everyone's blood they really believe we can get to that democratic uh uh post-war jetson city vision future they really think that and they think the fact that they're in that system and they think they believe that is proof that the system works is proof that their commitment to the system that keeps them in it is worth maintaining and keeps them making these decisions that are always the least bad ones that anyone could make yes this is a bad thing it's going to hurt people but it's going to hurt fewer people than something else and other people are doing other things that'll make it all okay we're all participating in our own way and we're all making the world a better place and the fact that we're in means that we will stay there and that means that when our superiors who remember are higher up and therefore literally less human whose blood runs colder who do not believe the fantasies that you believe because they can't afford to they cannot allow their decisions to differ from the coldest decision that the machine would demand so they cannot amuse themselves with morality and that means that they're going to operate according to the machine and tell you what to do that will help the machine and then you carry it out thinking you're helping people because you think people are telling you and people have not been telling us what to do for a while now and our whole civil breakdown is people coming to terms as their ability to affect the control of their environment goes away that they this is not black pill i know it's dumb but it really isn't because we are using the people who exist within it but the system is evolving and every day is responding to the increased entropy within it entropy is entering the system in ways that is producing unpredictable outcomes and we are all still human beings within these systems who have as long as we're going to be alive the imperative the unchallengeable imperative to make sense of what we're doing here and why we're here and what's good and what's bad and then move from there we have to all make those decisions some of those and those decisions and we're making them every moment we're like as i said black pill is not a thing that you uh don't take it it requires to then it must be taken as soon as possible honestly and

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then digested because it doesn't tell you what to do now and if you say no it tells me to do uh hedonism and nihilism well how's that working out for you as sarah palin would say well i'm gonna definitely talk to chris about what to do to fix this maybe i wasn't close enough to the microphone i don't know i hope people could hear it alright bye

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come on without come on with him you not seen nothing like the mighty quinn come  
on without come on within you not seen nothing like the mighty quinn everybody's  
building ships and boats some are building monuments others counting out floats  
everybody is in despair every girl and boy when quinn the eskimo gets here every- 0:1:2  
body's gonna jump for joy come on without come on within we not seen nothing like  
the mighty quinn i like to go just like the rest i like my sugar sweet jumping chains  
and making haste just ain't my cup of meat nobody can get no sleep to someone  
anyone's choice when quinn the eskimo gets here everybody's gonna want a dose  
come on without come on within you're not saying nothing like nobody quinn come 0:2:3  
on without come on within you not see nothing like the mighty quinn if i do what i  
want to do you can't decide on my own just tell me where to put it and i'll tell you  
who to call i didn't get no everybody is out there feeding pigeons on a limb but when  
quinn the eskimo gets here all come on without come on within you not seen nothing  
like the mighty queen come on without come on within you not see nothing like the  
mighty quinn shoot i got the wrong can i change this i need to change the designa- 0:3:6  
tion i gotta edit the stream info because i'm not supposed to have i have to have  
the correct type oh i also didn't turn off the volume \*\*\*\*\* i'm really bungling  
today sorry guys i think i sound better i realized i literally just forgot to turn the  
knob up on the volume last time and when everyone was telling me it needed to be  
louder very apologetic sorry i am not okay it's now under talk shows and podcasts  
there we go all is right with the world and it sounds a little louder does it sound  
better i was getting all frustrated and i realized oh i'm no longer just on my laptop  
with the laptop microphone i have an external device over here with knobs on it you  
so i turn the knob and i think it's louder i turned off the other thing so it should 0:4:7  
not be echoey any so i'm going to turn it up a little bit more how amazing is it that  
the taliban very well could take control formally of afghanistan's government on the  
20th anniversary of 9 11. can you just get your head around that and even if it isn't  
it'll be close enough for government work 20 years all of it a chosen war of aggression  
we know this because we know that the taliban offered in exactly what we have now 0:5:8

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or what we're going to have now which is a taliban as part of a government at least but without el and al qaeda and uh bin laden handed over on a \*\*\*\*\* plate to the united states or at the very least like executed in afghanistan and instead we got this and it you cannot say that it was a mistake this is the important thing that it was a bungle or a \*\*\*\*\* up or a missed opportunity we were we've been ever since the fall of the soviet union the united states had been blindly groping for agenda that could fit the underlying economic necessity of a continued war economy the united war ii was premised on military military spending in order to maintain a military hegemony that then undergirds a economic hegemony a global capitalist system that is not distributed uh evenly across the globe but that is concentrated in the united states where the entire global economy acts as a ratchet pulling towards the united states like the big black hole and it's the and that regime is a imperial regime and that regime is undergirded by imperial relationships but thanks to technology more than anything that imperialism no longer has to be formal so that means no more colonies instead you have trade networks and the us dollar and then after the 70s the but it's also upheld by the military it's upheld by this force projection that makes the american dollar the safest place for value to be stored because we have the \*\*\*\*\* capacity to assert our \*\*\*\*\* will which is what is the actual basis for the value of currency it has nothing to do with intrinsic value of precious metals or anything else transcendent notion of value it is the the power of the state to affirm the exchange that involves that currency and thanks to our military the united states is the world currency that is most affirmable militarily so therefore the most stably store value so we get to be the consumers at the end of the supply chain our consumption gets to fuel the entire machinery and the context whereby we affirmed that after world war ii was in the context of a cold war with the soviet union a conflict of values between democracy and totalitarianism or freedom and uh and conformity whatever \*\*\*\*\* we wanted with the soviet union that prerogative failed fell away and the nakedness of american empire became uh clear and there was a crisis at first there was a lot of talk in washington about something they called a peace dividend at the end of the soviet union all that money we spent in the military should come back but that would require but that would undermine america's consumer economy would undermine the so there had to be a new modus vivendi george h.w bush started it off by essentially tricking entrapping saddam hussein into invading kuwait they entrapped him like uh like \*\*\*\*\* marion barry so that they could affirm the america as the global policeman after the global policeman of the new world order but that doesn't really have the same uh persuasive power of a civilizational crisis so we just kind of drifted even after that hell that war couldn't even get \*\*\*\*\* bush re-elected for christ's sake and then clinton spent eight years uh struggling for something hey what if we some

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kind of argument were why we have and then 9 11 happen and this for me is why we will never get rid of uh the sneaking suspicion that 911 was an inside job because it fulfilled a historic role that seems outlandish to have just occurred exogenously to the system but of course the thing to remember is it wasn't it was the outcome of 0:10:15 all of this it was the outcome of america's imperial power play it was blow back but when it got we received the blow back from 911 there was no accountability there is no danger there's no concern oh no people are going to realize that we've made we brought this on ourselves because they have a new story to tell now and it does not involve making a deal with the taliban to hand over bin laden and then we all have to sit around and say hey why did that happen why why did these guys blow this place up no because where does that lead sure \*\*\*\*\* doesn't lead to another argument another tale to tell to justify a globe spanning empire \*\*\*\*\* no and if you have both parties on board and you have more importantly than that you have the military industrial bureaucracy forget even just forget even the money involved just the sheer weight of bureaucratic uh momentum and then the specific desires of the freaks of 0:11:17 the in the bush white house no one is gonna take that deal they're gonna \*\*\*\*\* put pedal to the metal hell they went to iraq more than anything in order to keep that energy going somewhere they ran out of good targets to blow up in afghanistan that uh rumsfeld was pushing iraq from day one because they wanted a \*\*\*\*\* project and afghanistan even though it's crucial in like geostrategic terms uh uh in central asia you know uh where it's positioned especially related to things like opium and \*\*\*\*\* pipelines compared to the \*\*\*\*\* middle east it's a total backwater they needed some place at the center of the great game and the great game had moved south and west and also if you're going to keep this new war footing it requires continued pressure and continued threat because eventually people are going to normalize that 9 11 0:12:18 happen so you have and it's like the joke about like bin laden said that the point of doing 911 was to make america destroy itself through imperial overreach and people say ah he's getting exactly what he wants well it's no it's what he wanted but way more importantly than that it's what he wanted it's what the system demanded it's what was neces it was what was required for the system to continue and the system will continue because it can no longer post-soviet union be resisted or is resisted in the current moment in any coherent way we have a broken working class a broken humanity and we are at the mercy of this thing and we have been for a while by the time 9 11 happened we had been declassified we had been atomized and the last 20 0:13:19 years has been only the continued acceleration of that process as the the systemic shocks the ex the the environmental the truly the environmental and resource-based shocks are accumulating in the system and creating this spiral of destabilization that is now reverberating through our entire political structure and it's undermining the

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system's ability to uh to continue and that is what makes it so hard sometimes to understand nobody actually in charge wants things to be the way they are like that's why people have to invent lizard men who want to eat babies because you ha there is no human desire for where we are and where we're going nobody wants the world to cook nobody wants it maybe there's a few nihilist psycho billionaires i think they're going to mars but they are a fraction of a fraction of people and they don't really they 0:14:20 have no power their money is what nobody wants this but we're getting it because we have lost the fight for control of the technological mechanisms what we lost it to was capitalism was and so the thing that would have been best for humanity by any stretch including the ruling classes of america after 9 11 would have been an inward as is always the case it would have been an inward look towards you know actually creating democracy just like it would have been better after world war ii if we'd had a henry wallace-led reproach mount with the soviets and in a mutual uh progress towards decolonization instead of the cold war and if we had gotten a real reconstruction and after world war one after the civil war and if we'd gotten a german and at 0:15:22 every turn the wrench moved the the the human intervention in the system became less our ability to actually do our regular lives and make it mean anything has has changed has reduced we don't we still have power and this is why this is beyond black pill we still have power we're all humans we literally are in charge of this thing still but we cannot be humans the way we are now and stop it if the incentive structures that are built into our social relationships if followed if l if rationally followed will prevent us from ever meaningfully resisting this thing until it's too late so the hope is 0:16:32 that we become different people and that the changes the changes that are going to come to our understanding of our material relationships and more importantly than anything our faith in the existing structures that we operate under are going to be fatally compromised and once that happens we aren't the same people anymore we respond to different stimuluses and different uh different motivations and respond differently and so we have hope but the reason that it looks like we don't is because we are trapped in structures that were created uh at the at at the dawn of the of the mot of the of the modern moment the high modernist moment of of the cold war like everything every structure we have is design was designed to facilitate existence 0:17:33 in the context of the post-war world which was an extensively uh infinite progress that will always be able to create new avenues of profit by intensifying and that that process will be overseen and we're going to utilize structures of science technology to be able to figure out the correct thing to do and then we will use democratic means of governance to figure out what the what the collective interest is and then pursue it using these technologies now this system contains within it inherent class contradictions racial contradictions al all sorts of social pathologies that come from

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the fact that it's an unequal society but we can manage those that uh pain manage that alienation through a redistributive redistributive process we redistribute wealth 0:18:35 to the working class first the white ones then after black self-assertion to a greater degree uh the black ones than other uh groups as they assert their uh rights also and and are accommodated into a uh a and that we will all be deliberating through the lens of a mass mediated culture where we all have certain understandings of what america is american interests we have a certain credulity uh to the best interests or to the uh we have a credulity about things like the media and things like government we assume a level of honesty uh we assume a level of trust because if we're in the center of this thing if we're people who are who have succeeded enough to be citizens to vote then our experience with america has only been positive we won the war 0:19:36 and now we're creating mass comfort and con in a consumer society where we all get to be we don't get to express our individuality our humanity through control of our work but we do get to express it through control of our environment in the form of consumption so we have sublimated away all of that class conflict and we get in return material comforts we get the suburban home we get new and better appliances that make our lives easier we get dreams of greater and greater uh uh uh consumption bigger cars bigger houses trips uh to disney world fantasies we never knew could imagine we create and and it functioned for a while but then first the social uh conflict started heating up in the 60s but at that very moment the environmental constraints the material constraints started to kick in the one of those big key 0:20:38 of that equation cheap energy inputs blew off there were a bunch of uh warning signs that the system was going to seize up in the 70s uh and nixon tried his damndest to try to keep the thing going with pushing every button uh that keynes has but it was the \*\*\*\*\* uh oil crisis that permanent made it permanent and that put us in a new permanent position vis-a-vis all these inputs and what that meant is is that the treats couldn't flow the promise of treats would would dry up and instead of confronting that because by then the democratic party had become a husk with no working-class imperative and all it had was more uh liberal moralism to sell people wear a sweater and stop wanting so much reagan was there to say with a pitch honed by uh 40 years of anti-new deal uh uh reactionary uh ideology being formed hey you know what there's still hope if we cut regulations and taxes if we make you pay less 0:21:40 for the state then you will be able to have more to use we're not going to give you any more money we don't say that out loud but it's the obvious outcome we don't push these points anymore we just push taxes and regulations and people do make some money if you had a home by 1980 they protected it you were in under the gun if you didn't you were \*\*\*\*\* and if you were in an urban area that had been de-industrialized early you got the drug war shoved up your ass but if you were in the

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suburbs you got home equity that you could borrow against you got cheap credit that you but what that means is that the number of people who are invested in this thing who believe in it who do things like vote and care and participate civically starts to dry up and the only ones left are those people who have succeeded through it but over time there are fewer and fewer of them and their kids don't have access to any of these deals and so all the premise the structures of of government the structures of belief and compulsion that had been forged in the post-war era are still there still all we have cannot be interfered with because we don't have a political uh um counter hegemony to it but no longer hold any persuasive power to people fewer and fewer people participate and the ones that do are now participating through a lens that says these uh collective structures these things that we believed had like a universal character like we're americans in this together those are gone now the outside is not not america it's inside america and that's all because things keep getting worse and the ratchet of misery keeps uh going up and the ratchet of precarity madigas is talking the other day about oh actually everybody has it great americans have it so good and of course if you put it on paper yeah everybody has it good but that's not how people experience the world the world experience is experienced relatively and subjectively and the relative subjective experience is being my wildly lonely and miserable all the \*\*\*\*\* time and if not wildly precarious and terrified all the \*\*\*\*\* time some version of that some version of of anxiety and alienation felt and un that cannot be subsumed by pleasure by uh consumption because one the consumption is less satisfying than it used to be and two so everybody is miserable you can put them on a graph and say their lives are uh by relative measure to other countries great uh and there and uh things are john shade said that the other day he's like he's saying why everyone's mad is fox news and he eliminated all these other options and by any by pointing out that the math the science didn't work and for him it's like hey things are getting worse and shade says actually things are doing fine things are actually getting better wages are slightly increasing and you know uh all these people are earning uh uh wait uh you know middle class lifestyles sure it doesn't feel that way and that's where people live people live their lives through those felt associations and politics is an expression of those feelings not rationality not some coherent ideology very few people everybody's \*\*\*\*\* miserable i was looking at uh this amazing thread that alex loan option uh fym god curated of the police blotter of the villages in florida and a bunch of people driving drunk in golf carts but one that stuck out for me was a woman who was arrested at a burger king in the villages for losing her \*\*\*\*\* burger king employee because she didn't like the tomato in her whopper and she called her the n-word and i think like a black \*\*\*\*\* or something and was actually arrested she got probation now obviously this is a racist bitter woman uh who just saw a a

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black person who was not subservient enough to them and was enraged by it but just imagine the idea that you're gonna get mad that your \*\*\*\*\* tomatoes in your burger king aren't good it's burger king man it's never been good you live in the villages how could this be your last straw i can get somebody whose life is a misery 0:26:48 getting a bad tomato in a in a whopper and then they don't get a nobody helps them and they flip out this person's life is sim has been a gossamer hammock but it feels like misery because they're getting old because they know they're gonna die because they have to displace that anxiety somewhere and they put it in these culture wars they put it in fixating on not any of the pleasures of their life but the all the ways that the pleasure isn't sufficient so that they can build up uh resentment which is the only kind and people call that a karen or whatever but everybody is doing that to some extent or another everybody is trying to find somebody to yell at for the misery they feel no matter where they are on the scale it's universal misery and it is expressed through a universal desire to yell at someone because fundamentally we 0:27:50 are consumers we're not workers we're not pmc either uh we're not bug men i mean we're not any of this \*\*\*\*\* we are \*\*\*\*\* consumers i mean i guess that is bug man fine but we are all no matter where we are on the spectrum no matter what our edgy political takes are no matter uh what chan we visit we are \*\*\*\*\* consumers and that means that when we're confronted with a bad customer service experience which all of us feel we're getting from living in the united states right now everybody feels like they're getting a bad consumer experience they have only the resource and recourse to yell at someone to make it change because the assumption that we all live with and don't speak of is that we have no power over anything we individually people have no power over everything there is somebody else somewhere who does though and if we yell at them we will get somewhere the same way that if we uh yell at or we i mean somebody says mad as hell that's one of the things that's so 0:28:51 perfect about network among other things is that it's understanding of like someone trying to galvanize the alienation that is accumulating in that other moment of crisis the 70s by the way that's when the great reset happened everybody freaking out about the great reset the great reset happened in the carter administration and it was solidified by the by reagan's election that was the great reset everything has been reset since then now and what that reset was is the end of the equation the end of that post-war order where you had a political system fed by this economic system a political economy we built a new political economy but we didn't talk about it we 0:29:52 didn't notice it we didn't actually debate it or fight over it it just it just happened well we kept all of the same structures and we've been using those same structures to try to govern ourselves and try to imagine that we're participating in a political process while the actual political or the uh economic machine restructures our lives

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completely without our consent because it's being done undemocratically it's been abstracted out of democracy it's being done at the fed it's being done uh where in the wtf wtf the wto and the imf is being done by uh the federal reserve it's being done so every decision is made every crisis emerges and a decision is made and the decision is made at the expense of people in favor of profit that is chincy but it's true 0:30:54 and of course there are people associated with those profits but they are really just at this point along for the ride none of us are actually in charge of the and so the reason everything looks hopeless is because we have structures that exist that are no longer connected to power in any way but we have no way to act differently because there's no counter-hegemonic uh structures that we can involve ourselves in we used to have that we had a working a a conscious working-class political counter hegemony in this country that it right it reached its apogee in world war ii it was beaten and destroyed and broken after the war with uh the counter-revolutionary forces of the american uh bourgeois coming together to carry out the second red scare to pass 0:31:57 taft-hartley and then it carried on as part of this executive committee of capitalism along with you know uh the corporate boards uh and and the the deep state and all that stuff uh the military industrial complex all of it the the whole deal they were they were at the table of power and they were making sure that working-class people got more uh got better wages got more respect we're invent we're allowed to move through and up into positions of cultural power and influence and therefore make art that was informed by a working class a self-conscious working-class experience that saw the new deal once you change the economic structure once you break class power like was broken in the 70s and 80s that conveyor belt to culture is broken 0:32:58 nobody more and more working-class people cannot expect their kids to be able to uh take the risks to enter the arts or to be able to compete on an even playing field with the richer children of the upper classes for the meritocratic spots that they're all going for and they get squeezed out of the system and the ones that are left have been exposed their entire life to a culture where they were never a worker whether they're working is not something that they understand they were only ever a consumer because they've only encountered culture that was created after the death of of the labor uh movement and but the hope the reason that there's wild hope in 0:34:2 everyone's hearts or should be these structures are of course doomed to be destroyed by the changing uh material conditions that they deny but that doesn't just mean you know climate change it doesn't just mean uh ocean action if acid ocean acid acidification or any of that \*\*\*\*\* it's also uh that it no longer can persuade people to go along with it it can no longer persuade people to keep and if it can't persuade them to keep reading their jobs keep doing their jobs then the thing can't operate because it still needs people for a while we'll see but right now we're all stuck at the 0:35:8

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end state of of consumer panic where we're just complaining the capital complaining to the going on the internet to to complain to the uh the helpline of the united states on twitter uh anywhere else but no one is paying attention no one is actually manning the lines your and that's why it feels helpless but that just means people have to are going to lose faith in this thing if you don't get enough calls if you don't get enough responses you will decide to do something now the thing they're going to do isn't necessarily going to be great not everyone is going to be spontaneously moved towards communism but the window opens the historic window opens there's a reason that toussaint breda which was what he was named called for most of his life when he came to prominence in the haitian revolution started calling because 0:36:10 that was a haitian phrase for where where possibilities emerge and he was that he was the opening that like and draw with the changes but of course this requires a certain degree of faith a leap of faith that we haven't gone past the point of no return 0:37:11 that skynet has not completely con but that hope is the same hope that carries you through the day the hope that makes you think that opening your eyes is going to be worth doing and that spending any time on earth is worth doing and that is that is not a rational thing and it's certainly not a prediction that you can confidently make through the missive absolute bafflement that make up our and yeah that's why i think it's going to be religious i think there's going to be a religious element to it just keeping my i'm right now i'm doing my best although probably not my best 0:38:12 i'm doing i'm doing an attempt at keeping my no my keeping my ear to the ground to hear the tremble of i do think there is something heartening in the fact that at a terminal point aristocracy which is always what the ruling class is becomes uh so interbred uh and so uh decadent that it can no longer exercise power i mean that's one of the that's what doomed feudalism is that the aristocracy lost its vigor like there there are potential kings who could have handled the conflict the the crisis of 0:39:13 like 1789 or 1917 but they sure as \*\*\*\*\* weren't the kings produced by hundreds of years of in and i don't mean inbreeding literally i mean inbreeding class wise of idle aristocrats the places where ca uh where power was able to stay uh in stable hands were places where the uh aristocracy handed over power to the bourgeois on some conditions the stewards had a hard time coming to terms with it and they had to be several times disciplined and then eventually removed because they could not accept the reality of bourgeois rule in europe in england they had to \*\*\*\*\* import the dutch to do it they essentially the first two capitalist economies of europe did a merger they were no longer competing they were and it and out of that became a 0:40:18 ruling class that essentially gave up power in exchange for privilege wealth uh and uh a big hat and so the dutch and krauts who came after the stuarts were a new house broken ruling class but in countries where that process happened differently

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like france like russia uh the ruling the uh aristocrats held power until they had lost their control over uh the rest of populous and were ruled by incompetent dullards whose ability to intervene in events from a position of information and and will and authority leadership have been attenuated by their lack of struggle that their lives 0:41:20 have been just as fat little babies sitting around and that would have been true for their because capitalism is also class rule just as social so just as feudalism had been it must also be ruled by an aristocracy but that aristocracy has to have a different cultural validation feudalis feudal the feudal aristocracy was validated by their uh first their warrior prowess and then later more abstractly uh their the will of god through their ability to uh win at battle basically god's will is determined on the battlefield whoever wins deserves power because god is willed it that is the evangelical christian notion of right that persists today into uh america's ideology america's 0:42:22 national ideology which is at war with its uh in the international ideology of but a new era requires a new justification uh people didn't believe in god that same way uh democracy was more insistent people at the base had more of an ability to articulate their uh their wants and desires and rights like the urban hordes of uh paris and moscow and in that context a new validation for aristocracy had to emerge and it was the meritocracy and that's why the signal figure of liberalism the the godhead of liberalism is napoleon bonaparte the meritocrat of meritocrats who seized power from the decadent and decayed uh bourbon dynasty through sheer will and ability 0:43:24 replaced one monarchy with another where the premise was not god but of one's ability napoleon when he crowned himself emperor he literally crowned himself emperor he put the \*\*\*\*\* hat on his own head pope \*\*\*\*\* off and under napoleon liberalism is vital under napoleon liberalism is a fighting creed that gets people to \*\*\*\*\* fight and die in thousands on the battlefield march into russia and freeze to that because it gets results because he but then the meritocrats kids you're not going to let the kid go out and and compete on an even playing field with everybody else they couldn't if they wanted to they're absorbing \*\*\*\*\* at a level that gets them and so the kids of 0:44:28 the meritocrats are slightly less meritocratic than their parents had been their kids are less meritocratic than theirs had been some are so unmeritocratic they fall out sometimes people from the working classes move up in to the top through being so damn meritocratic but then guess what their kids less meritocratic than them until they either fall out or stabilize and it is a decline that cannot be interrupted and now our meritocrats are absolute \*\*\*\*\* habsburgian incompetence they are dull-eyed slackwits the president of the united states the last two are demented old men and so that's part of the reason that this machine is this \*\*\*\*\* plane is crashing into the 0:45:29 mountain is that they have no ability or will to work against uh the impera imperatives of capitalism even if they even if they wanted to even if they desire something

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different they can only express it through the most idiotic way the \*\*\*\*\* rich the the there are billionaires in this country who believe in q a basically or i think his brother the guy who owns the cubs one of those ricketts is a billionaire uh has had their emails leaked and it's all denise de souza \*\*\*\*\* that's supposed to be for rubes that for generations was for rubes but now rubes is all that's left and that goes for the liberals too the most slack-witted sork and true believing \*\*\*\*\* are all that's left or people who are a little more uh a little more practical understanding of our gerundocracy they hang around because they're the only people with everybody else grew up in little pods and this system and as i said the system is doing things against the will of those in charge of it these people see their kids are worse than them they don't want them to suck they see the ways that the system makes them suck but they can still only do what the system tells them to do and so then they have to explain this and they can only get the same fake delusional cultural explanations that used to be for the dummies because they're just as dumb they don't have any more insight into the world because they are experiencing it as just a far removed from power a guy like joe biden he has faint memories of his hat in his head of when government meant something and he's been living in that echoing that's why these old \*\*\*\*\* are in charge of their democratic party because there is no will to take power from them among those younger than them because power doesn't mean anything to them so eventually even though your ruling class has all of these tools at their disposal to wield power and the working and class has nothing but their uh their cooperation eventually their misery and alienation becomes so acute that they are able to come together and assert power that the decrepit ruling class i do believe that we will get to a point of of organizing among the the dispossessed and the question that is still open though is to what degree has technology filled the gap of human experience and intelligence and initiative that used to be the thing that undermined and there is a hole that we can't see into because it will only prove itself one way or the other through the passage of time uh and the intervention of events which we can't know we can only participate in them uh in good faith and that is that is our task to participate in good faith in in the life that emerges around us and not to deny uh somebody asked for an example of the demiurge if you think of if you think of the the demiurge as as this uh as the will of humanity's uh the nightmare mind of humanity basically uh that is what that is generated by our alienation from one another and that we then inscribe in the world to reify that alienation because we need it we need to be alienated from each other in order to exploit one another and our will to exploit has been traditionally stronger than our pull toward away from uh towards each other because at every point those in power are using their power to create structures that reinforce alienation one way or another and then everybody

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who's born into that world is experiencing it through structures that inhibit and uh  
uh that inhibit human interactions that can uh be a wellspring of of uh of solidarity 0:51:49  
and i would say that the american uh road network our automotive infrastructure  
is a that has the lived effect of imposing this false world on us where we are alone  
and where we have to orient our desires we have to orient our values around solitude  
around isolation where we have to privilege our own sensory comfort and pleasure 0:52:51  
over others even others close to us because it is the only real thing we feel and our  
interest our uh automotive infrastructure ensures that our felt day-to-day lives are  
isolated that we spend time away from each other time like the time in our bodies  
is alone and if we live in a in a in a house if we got a part of that post-war dream  
it was in exchange for living more isolated lives instead of living in a walk-up good  
news instead of living in a shitty uh walk-up with two kids in one bedroom uh you  
get a nice piece of land in the country and the kids can run in the background that's  
great but what you're giving up is the fact that you had \*\*\*\*\* neighbors that you  
had you could you spent a day walking amongst people living amongst people the  
that suburban ease and comfort and convenience is at the expense of time spent  
with others now if people say do new yorkers talk to their neighbors of course they 0:53:52  
don't now this is the next step of that our \*\*\*\*\* uh computer infrastructure our  
media infrastructure are our mediated lives generate that are now uh pumped to us  
through wi-fi are another lattice work think of how much time you spend online think  
of how much \*\*\*\*\* even that how much time you spent just watching television or  
did before the internet that was time that you did spend i'm sorry commiserating  
building notions of value building notions of the good building feelings around ideas 0:54:54  
and symbols that are forged in a social context we receive these symbols passively  
and apply them from a in a apply a solipsistic lens to them and that is not a choice  
we make it is not us moving towards sin it is us being that is yelled about swooping  
in and severing us towards the light of uh the light of unity which is where we are  
always living but i think yelled about somebody says does yell to both dumb or 0:56:17  
does yell to both get off on human suffering i think if we conceive it as in human  
terms which is what you know what it all comes down to these are all these concepts  
are just metaphorical and symbolic structures to talk about the human mind the  
collective and if there is a evil god in intervening through a assertion of will and  
power uh into our affairs as humans it is not individual poi it is not the choices of  
individuals it is the combination of uh the and i think that's the real uh symbolic  
value of of you know epstein \*\*\*\*\* and uh and bohemian grove it's the it's just a it's 0:57:20  
a it's a sociological observation that people of us of sufficient acuity of mind to know  
what they are doing when they're presiding over this system have to ritually invert  
human values in order to continue living consciously subconsciously they do this the

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more self-aware they are the more consciously they have to do it and that means now the problem with this metaphor and the reason it's dangerous just out there as a way to understand the world and why it leads to things i think the way people understand this process is as powerful people doing rituals to affirm their power and to uh make us miserable i honestly feel that these rituals are better understood you are trapped at the apex of a power structure that you are fully invested in it's given you more it's giving you pleasure but more importantly it is giving you the anxiety of losing that pleasure but it's also making you carry out monstrous acts and and preside over monstrosity well if you feel that you cannot leave that position and you won't remember if you do and leave somebody else comes in who's in that spot who doesn't have those qualms then you have to do something to to make hitler did that these through his uh racial occultism and our rulers do it through whatever \*\*\*\*\* weird now not all of the ruling class has to do that remember i said they're mostly dummies and dumb people never have to worry about this stuff dumb people are so fully propagandized by their own \*\*\*\*\* that they spew out culturally that they it doesn't even occur to them like the rickettsis like those dumbasses like the \*\*\*\*\* koch brothers who think most of them are \*\*\*\*\* dumb by which i mean they are propagandized by uh truths that given their uh exposure to reality they shouldn't believe basically is what it boils down to like we as regular people can be forgiven for believing the propagandized notions of american uh the values that's why we live in the black iron prison that's why we carry out evil even though we're trying to do good it's because we emerge into a culture we're told certain things we can only live a life and then and then compare it to our experiences or compare our experiences to what we're told and then we have to if you are at the apex of power you have a different experience of existence you see different things that undermine all of the \*\*\*\*\* that you tell everybody else so there's a sufficient system of power you should have no belief in any of this stuff you should understand it to be \*\*\*\*\* that's why they do ritual stuff to fill but if you're just a dumbass who rises there because all it needs is a body and a chair it doesn't need will it doesn't the system at those points it doesn't need human initiative it just needs a \*\*\*\*\* body to fill a gap in a chain of reaction they need somebody to complete the \*\*\*\*\* uh um to complete the circuit they need a warm body to grab two uh hot ends together they actually think this stuff ron johnson senator from wisconsin uh my cousin knows his family and has been to his house and he said that every room of their big \*\*\*\*\* mcmansion has fox news on at he's a \*\*\*\*\* you should know better but he doesn't need to know better because what do you need to be to be a senator you need to be a warm body in a suit who'll vote away same way in all structures of government there are a few places at high at high levels of uh sensitivity and intricacy that you still need intelligence and

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that's where all the sickos are that's where all the people who have some freakish inverted consciously evil understanding of the world live because you still need to be smart but everybody else is just believing the same \*\*\*\*\* that we all do obungler is a pure narcissist he believes only in himself and completely to him in himself to to of degree where he has become god which is of course the ultimate sin and makes him satan and trump is the same thing but trump is also trump isn't really dumb 1:3:34 so much as he doesn't care he is so purely self fixated that he doesn't care he has no intellectual vanity obama has trump just wants everyone to be paying but that's who's going to run for president and a glitching old robot like uh joe biden who still thinks it's 1975. someone says trump is pure id but obama has a bit of superego i would say that trump is pure id obama is id transubstantiated into superego by an 1:4:36 and that's why i really have to say that uh if i have a candidate for like archon of arkhans right now it would be biden what did i say by name and obama archon you 1:5:42 know what trump is an archon trump is a demiurgical archon trump i'm sorry obama is a demiurgical archon trump is more like one of those gods of chaos from warhammer anybody know about this warhammer you guys are aware of warhammer paul paul you know warhammer warhammer there are these gods of chaos who emerge from like the the soup of consciousness like the residue of human experience and they and these gods are sort of risen up by like human uh human civilization so you've got a god of war obviously there's a god of uh of uh of disease and then there's a god of just pure vanity and it's it's him like with with obama i think there's just too much uh self-consciousness there like he is trying to embody a system trump is pure 1:6:44 will to be seen like the collective desire the reason that he is loved and worshiped like no american president ever has been is because people who love him he is a media personality he is a big he's a air ballon filled with the collective narcissism of the white boomers basically no i see someone says you think you'd have a beautiful 1:7:45 god of vanity no no no that imagines that there is an objective my existence is self-validating it's not because i'm beautiful it's because i'm me that's why people love trump because he asks nothing of them so he doesn't have the the directed desire to wield power or at least assimilate power so that it going through him he gets to imagine is his will like obama because obama he knows that he's not really in charge of anything but he feels like being in validates him and infuses him with this structure because he worships the structure he he is invested in the structure and 1:8:46 he validates himself in relationship to the structure trump just wants everyone to be paying attention to him he ran for president for people to pay attention to him and then he accidentally won he didn't want to win and then he accidentally won and then he just wants hey now everyone is paying attention to me and every act of his entire presidency is only understood that way which is why by the way there

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is no revolutionary potential there is no socialist uh radicalization potential there is no useful political potential in the trump movement because it is an expression it is certainly generated by how miserable everyone is and alienated from the system they are but it captures that the form that it that captures that feeling is a form of pure nihilistic narcissism it is looking in the mirror and being bewitched which is the opposite of the uh perspective that needs to be asserted in the political stage in order to actually create people willing to work against their own most narrowly conceived of pleasurable interests like i said be willing to work for free trump has never worked for free he's never worked period he's never for a second thought what can about doing anything that wasn't in his most narrow selfish interest and that goes for everybody who votes for him not that that's all they feel but that when they vote that's and even if they have some sort of vague populist resistance their votes aggregated are simply this this monstrous un uh or unshackled it rather unshamal that's so anybody there's so i see the people like oh man like he he he triggers these bad libs who really are bad distrust of all these institutions which really are bad if we could just turn them towards a project as long as it is trump as long as the form is trump and if it's through the two-party system that's the form it'll take because that's all there is it will be this narcissistic project and the reason people don't want to admit that is because it means you can't post your way out of it you can't oh i'm going to i'm going to epically meme trumpism into being socialist and then all these dumbasses are going to vote uh for what they think is trumpism but is actually socialism no no now these trump voters could be part of a future coalition that challenges capitalism that's the thing and that is a thing that a lot of leftists claim and they are wrong if you vote for trump you're you cannot be uh part of the uh pro the solution that is absolutely incorrect bernie understood that and it's key in fact it's important and it's crucial to any progress because there's a lot of them and a lot of them are genuinely getting \*\*\*\*\* by capitalism and could be useful against it but they will have to be appealed to from a political uh project that is orthogonal to democrats and republicans but that means you can't meme your way into it you can't just argue culture war stuff and hope it has the accumulated effect of pushing us towards socialism it only advances this sterile culture conflict that benefits the machine that's whirring in the background the whole time and doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* about the outcome of these contests that means we gotta do hard work that we got to give up on the idea that we're going to have a vested interest in presidential elections or uh what happens in the house and senate we're going to have to put our noses to the grindstone and and focus on local power which is not glamorous or fun it's going to take a lot to push people off of that hedonic treadmill but it's happening it's happening in bits and pieces person by person across this country and eventually

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you get enough popcorn kernels going off and you have the potential for something to emerge not the necessity that it will not the guarantee that it will this is why in my mind marxism doesn't have to answer to any question of teleological uh it 1:13:59 doesn't have to marxism doesn't have to answer to the charge that it is excessively teleological because right there in the manifesto it says you have a conflict between classes one common ruin is on the table common ruin common ruin uh is a 14 point favorite going into the but we can't say that's happening now we don't know that's happening now saying it is happening now is indulgence to get out of the political commitments that morality uh requires of you both options are on the table you've 1:15:0 got to fight the second half it's difficult and we don't know we don't really know what to do because we're all talking at a level of abstraction that cannot answer our we only have to think more deeply of those questions and ask more of ourselves in answering them that's not satisfying but it is it's a course yes dumerism is absolutely bourgeois it is a it is a decadent attitude and everybody is going to be indulging it to some degree or another because we're humans and we're treat addicted and we 1:16:1 are solipsistic we're not going to change that overnight and if we do try to change it overnight we'll probably end up becoming destabilized but we have to every day try to adjust try to hear the voice try to hear the uh to sound like a hippie here but to hear the vibrations in the air and to don't not over run them with our own uh uh hedonic nihilism because that's never going to satisfy it's only going to feel bad it's going to feel worse over time because that's the that is the real rejoinder to the argument that just be uh is that black pill is the logical conclusion is okay fine how how do you feel your black pill how does it feel feel good so what are you gonna do about it and i and if and if it feels fine if you're like grooving on uh on 1:17:2 dumerism and it's like you've got a balance where you're not miserable more power to you i don't \*\*\*\*\* blame you but i really don't think that's true of most people i think most people are are are not satisfied with the hedonic calculus that but the important thing to remember is that nobody knows anything nobody knows what's gonna happen no one knows what's happened no man shall know the hour or the 1:18:3 day and i'm sorry that's you it doesn't matter how many posts you've read it doesn't matter how much analysis you've done it doesn't matter how many google alerts you have for climate disasters or whatever the \*\*\*\*\* it doesn't you don't know you do not know because who the \*\*\*\*\* are you who are any of us but giving up giving up the certainty that we're seeking is is agitating and i think in a good way because if you're agitated you are aware something is wrong and you have to address it there 1:19:4 might not be a reason but i really think that if you search for a place to put your energy that you'll find it if you're pursuing in good faith whoo all right i didn't do a chat all week so i guess okay so next week i'm going to try to uh maybe on monday 1:20:18

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we'll talk about what uh book to do next if anyone has any ideas we'll talk about you

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### *Speak, Memory. Listen, Fat.*

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got kicked out of noah's ark stuck my teeth on bad remark there's two of everything one of me \*\*Music playing\*\* as the rain came tumbling down i held my breath and i stood my ground and i watched that ship go sailing out to sea take it back take it back oh no you can't say that all of my rock anther stone the black wind still moans sweet revenge caught an aisle seat on a plane drove an english teacher half insane 0:1:17 making up jokes about bicycle spokes and red balloons \*\*Music playing\*\* so i held up my local dj he didn't have a lot to say and the radio plays all my favorite tunes take it back take it back oh no you can't say that all of my friends are not dead or in jail through rock and through stone the black wind still moans sweet revenge the white meat is on the run and the dark meat is far too done and the mike milkman left me a note yesterday get out of this town by noon they're coming on way too soon and 0:2:20 beside that we never liked you anyway hey take it back take it back oh no you can't say that all of my friends are not dead or in jail through rock and through stone the black wind still moans sweet revenge sweet revenge will prevail sweet revenge sweet revenge will prevail ah damn it of course the volume is low kill me with a \*\*\*\*\* rifle \*\*\*\*\* hell is this better okay the thing is i don't want to hold it so i got a problem 0:3:24 here because this is the only microphone i have it doesn't have a stand oh \*\*\*\*\* that's connected \*\*\*\*\* i don't know i don't know is that all right can you i had a lav mic uh i don't know what happened with i just maybe i didn't i don't think i lost it okay now i have an insane angle so that's not great let's see if i can get this 0:4:32 to be less i'll stop doing these guys god damn it all right so i'm done with the crazy angle i just want to be able to feel like i'm being heard and all i have is what other people tell me to do so this is a setup that chris walked me through he told me how to set up the settings in the software and i did that and beyond that i don't have any other abilities i never know who to believe because people say it's fine but then 0:5:43 i see later people are like no this was serious people couldn't hear it and so i'm like \*\*\*\*\* what did i do all right now i have no idea what to talk about just got totally blanked out by that which is probably good clear the it is interesting to say look 0:6:56 at the afghanistan uh withdrawal considering that you know the one thing we know

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about biden is that he is he is a puppet he is a a senile declining man whose ability to assert control over a uh administration staffed with democratic lifers who pr who pulled him up to use as a as a necessary uh vehicle he's still got some ability to assert independence because it really does not seem like this invasion this withdrawal was his people wanted him to do now of course that could all just be stuff they say after the fact to cover their own asses because you know he's the old codger and maybe that is it maybe he is the one who takes it because why not look why not have him 0:7:58 take this there's nobody committed to biden he has no long-term investment with the party because like he doesn't really have a network outside himself so he can be the sin eater for it he can be the sin eater for the whole war on terror because he is the judas goat but then again that does mean he's going to uh lose his popularity right i mean he's still alive at all is still kind of amazing to me i'll admit that i was 0:9:2 one of those people who thought that they were going to swap out cuomo for him at the convention just because it didn't seem like he could make it through a whole general election and then during those at least a couple of those debates with trump he looked genuinely adrift he looked genuinely at sea and unable like you look at him he would try to answer a question like because trump would get a question and he would of course just ramble on with gibberish but he would push through like whatever crazy uh stream of consciousness connection he made to the question that he decides to riff on which has nothing to do with the actual content of course at least it's like a coherent story biden would start responding to trump and he would get a head of steam along a a point and then he would just take a breath and look around and you could tell that he didn't know what he'd been saying and then he would have to try to find so that was you know and he's looked very checked out 0:10:7 at a lot of the more recent uh public appearances and so that makes you wonder did he actually insist on leaving afghanistan was it him asserting his prerogative as a guy who had gone to the white house as vice president as the foreign policy guy as the experienced guy in the obama white house and who was the one who told obama get out don't listen to the generals the generals are full of \*\*\*\*\* they're lying to you they say 40 000 that won't be enough no matter what happens and \*\*\*\*\* obama did the perfect emblematic obama thing of saying okay you're saying we need i wanted to get out and i promise to get out you're saying we can get uh 40 000 we can stabilize things with 40 000 more but that's politically infeasible that's 0:11:10 too much the opposite of what i uh had promised i know we'll do 20 000. we'll do 20 000 troops which you are even saying from your incredibly optimistic uh \*\*\*\*\* uh averages is half as much as you would need and oh biden was the only guy in the white house who said point blank just get out take the hit it's not going to get any better over time and he was right and maybe this is his assertion you know

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he's back he got there after an entire lifetime of doing things like carrying water for obama with no real stake in the administration now he's going to actually get to do something because foreign policy is the president's prerogative in a way that so he can't pull out and you could say that but trump did make withdrawal within his term basically uh inevitable because of the the momentum generated by the p the treaty he'd made with the taliban and the fact that the taliban had because of that 0:12:12 and other reasons made so many advancements in the countryside in the last three years that basically got ignored by the media and lied about by the generals that's the real context for this quick collapse but it seemed like the uh the mo of the deep state and the blob was very much accepting the terminal decline of afghanistan but playing for uh the moment keeping them there as long as we could afford it and since there is no political pressure to end the war in afghanistan because there is no uh there is no organization that can catch anti-war sentiment because the two parties are in lockstep on occupation so they can keep going as long as the checks clear and the checks keep clearing so they would say sure we have to leave but we'll just keep talking about standing up the afghans securing the peace all the \*\*\*\*\* that they've 0:13:13 been talking about for the last 10 years that was never being prepared for that was never being prepared for they said we need to do x y and z and then those things did not get done instead they just cycled money back to northern virginia from the pennant the money just went from the pentagon routed through afghanistan and came back to northern virginia like 90 of the money we spent there we didn't build any durable forget \*\*\*\*\* physical infrastructure social infrastructure we just so it was going to take a politician who did not give a \*\*\*\*\* it would have to take someone in yolo mode to actually pull the pull the trigger which is why you know that trump 0:14:14 is at the end of the day a \*\*\*\*\* uh and not based and if you think he is it just proves what a \*\*\*\*\* you are that you look at this guy who at every critical moment buckled when the uh establishment told him to that did what was expected of him as a regular politician even though he hated these people and he knew that he couldn't trust them how come every time he would fire somebody and then afterwards he'd say he was never good i never liked him and yet you did what on syria on afghanistan everywhere domestically he did what they wanted up to and including stepping down from the white house instead of \*\*\*\*\* trying to actually do the coup that uh you know the people who really thought he was based was thinking he was uh going to uh uh uh go for and what the liberals now think he went for they told him to leave and 0:15:15 he left uh and he was clearly preparing a withdrawal from afghanistan as a populist uh agenda item going into the election he thought i am i'm a breton circuses guy i get people on my side by doing what i know they want me to do in big bold ways that's why i pushed for the wall so hard because it was a tangible thing that you could

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point to that was i did this similarly getting out of afghanistan satisfied that sort of  
nativist anti-imperialist thing that has existed in america ever since pitch pork ben  
tillman uh protested the annexation of the philippines because of his horror at the  
prospect of of asians running around uh the senate so he was going to try to do it  
and he made a lot of progress he made a group he made a deal with the taliban they 0:16:17  
were going to pull the trigger and then he didn't and he didn't and i i don't know  
if there's any record of this yet but i'd be willing to bet that if we ever find out the  
conversations that went on to prevent him from pulling the trigger on a pre-election  
because he's a showman last \*\*\*\*\* flight out of kabul right before the election hey  
look what i did and they told him that'll be a disaster and uh he said oh no i'll  
look like a Biden they did the same thing to him and he said \*\*\*\*\* you who cares  
partially because he just got elected whereas dumbass trump was waiting to the last  
minute to do this thing and yeah when we left it would have been like this no matter  
what of course trump now gets to pretend if i had done it it would have worked it  
would have been great and it wouldn't have been any problem which is hilarious uh  
the fact is they probably just would have kept scaring him away from it until he 0:17:18  
left office but especially before the election they said hey instead of you're gonna get  
instead of getting this big uh victory for the people you're gonna get this this uh  
spectacular military debacle that's gonna make you look like a loser and Biden as  
we talked about on the show yesterday doesn't give a \*\*\*\*\* about lose being a loser  
he embraces that that's he loses on behalf of america and then america rewards him  
with more power Biden is causing suffering but he is suffering with us remember when  
Clinton said i feel your pain that was his pitch in 92 and that was the democratic  
pitch that's been the democratic pitch since the neoliberal turn when they can no  
longer promise any kind of uh improvement in conditions they cannot really promise  
anything that will improve people's conditions in a way that they can feel confident  
they'll be able to enact and therefore worth putting out there as a promise they have 0:18:21  
to just to to feel the pain with you and Clinton said it and he was very charismatic but  
Biden \*\*\*\*\* lives it Biden literally feels pain which fits because liberalism in terminal  
decline which is what we're seeing now expressed in the two-party system and our  
political conflict is a conflict between uh sadists and masochists at the salo party  
we're we're in the terminal freefall of this system uh and those who are dedicated to  
maintaining it like in intellectually uh and existentially in uh invested in maintaining 0:19:24  
the structure of capitalism as it exists so that they can main their maintain their  
positions within it their positions of wealth influence self-actualization identity deep  
\*\*\*\*\* and stuff that they consciously and unconsciously connect to the presiding  
capitalist system now doing so in conditions of planetary uh collapse and uh and  
resource crisis the kind that come at the end of any empire any system of uh of

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extraction uh built around castes and built around uh exploiters and exploited will find itself at a point where it is no longer the structures that were created under one ecological conditions can no longer function given new ecological conditions there and now that doesn't mean that humanity or those civilizations were ever doomed what doom them is the incapacity of the systems to adapt because they were fully 0:20:28 in the hands of people who to one way or another were committed to the system as it existed which means they could never uh never correctly identify any problem or address it democratically they could only displace their uh because if anybody moves to undermine the thing they get got and replaced by somebody more committed to their position than to addressing the problems it filters out at the keyest points of power any commitment to a thing outside of capitalism like previous systems this is true of the slave owners of the south it's true the feudal lords of europe it's true of the uh the empires uh of uh of ancient of the ancient world and uh and africa and \*\*\*\*\* the americas and southeast asia power persists until the conditions that 0:21:29 allow it to persist uh no longer obtain either because of an exogenous ecological shock when the system creates the system is no longer able to function given the inputs it's receiving which happens over time because you're no longer once you've created a structure that is built with an interface with the world around you it is no longer uh after it gets going referring outside of the structures that have been created so no social order that is based on exploitation is ever acting in crisis or uh uh in moments of flourishing on behalf of the entire social order they're acting 0:22:31 on behalf of the one half that rules it which means they are disconnected from the actual conditions that are being created by the system of exploitation that they have arranged the technological order that they have constructed and there's two things that i said there's there's two things that can interrupt one exogenously two an emergent class from within rising to challenge for power now the thing about that is is that traditionally the form that that internal uh challenge to the ossified system comes in is some sort of alliance between the lower half of the ruling class the exploiters and some percentage of the and the thing is though is that throughout all 0:23:36 of human history because of the relative lack of social organization that occurs in the rural idiocy of peasant existence which is where the people who actually do the work live once you get a point of social crisis all of the social uh organization effective like force multipliers of numbers and structures that allow for deliberation and action at a coordinated level are hoarded among the ruling class and that exploited class misery is only channeled effectively by this upper class formation and what marks the moment that marx was writing is a moment when emerging onto the scene from history is this new thing a new class that had never previously existed this is a class 0:24:38 of people who are as crucial to the product the reproduction of the system through

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their labor uh as the agricultural laborers of slave societies or feudal societies were they they were not making food the process of food make manufa of food production was being technologically intensified what they were doing is building the machines that allowed for technological intensification to continue and in doing that emerging from their new social relations which are closer to the social relations of an urban bourgeois than they are to a rural peasant you create a new worker a new exploited person who is not just an exploited person but who is able to perceive themselves as part of an now the lower up the roller the lower bourgeois the smaller bourgeois when they get alienated and they begin to understand themselves as oh i am being subject to capitalism i am not uh benefiting from it either because of lowering uh economic conditions or cultural disruption and alienation they answer the question through the lens of the middle class so they're not saying oh i'm i'm i'm uh suffering as a member of a class that is exploited because they imagine themselves as the exploiters they do not imagine themselves as exploited through their labor because their labor is not alienated the same way that a worker's labor is and they therefore as individuals are more likely to identify with capital than with labor subjectively because there is no class experience to organize them towards a shared understanding of what middle class means like that's it's not that the working class is smarter or that their oppression itself the misery they feel gives them some extra insight what it is is that they are living conditions of exploitation together that are shared as opposed to the exploitation felt by a middle-class person which is totally individuated a small the the people who own uh small businesses or small industries they do not work in a shared condition of exploitation they live in and work in a shared uh uh and like your urban uh urban intellect your urban intelligentsia their labor isn't alienated they're basically living in this post-scarcity world for christ's sake but they're still alienated by the system because they see how much misery is created by it and they see how much of value is destroyed by it every day and how do they express themselves through things like nationalism the lens of the nation the idea that there is a national interest that we can and an individual identity that i can use to make sense of the world and to and to fight for and that this will defeat the the alienation of this system which i can't identify as being capitalism because i benefit from capitalism but some of those alienated urban middle class people especially the intelligentsia they're also going to recognize oh \*\*\*\*\* there's uh this economic thing here yes i benefit from it but it's bad or or rather it now has within it the capacity to organize social goods collectively to truly transcend this bifurcated social order because the technologies that we've created to exploit can now be collective collectively held because we can for the first time as humans imagine ourselves as part of one group that could command power over a technological sophisticated civilization and the working class because their

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group is the most numerous and because its interests cannot be uh divided against itself the way the interests of the rulers can always be used against workers in any situation where they're allied in a that they will therefore become the and it begins the way that any of these revolts against the power structure begin as an alliance between the progressive small bourgeois and the stirring emergent working classes and what we saw through the 19th century was the emergence of this new powerful bourgeois that used the working class essentially as a stepping stone to power that directed their alienation from this system as they were pulled from the land and turned into proletarians and and had their and if they were artisans thrown into proletarian labor from a position of autonomy seeing a real death of the human the human i mean they were being redefined their ability to assert their humanity in the world was being ascribed away from them because they were being thrust into a wage relationship that alienated them from the vast majority of their \*\*\*\*\* lives in a way that had never been felt before but in those early stages you have not yet developed coherent structures of class power and that emerge counter hegemonically from working class life because it is only in its infancy and what ends up winning is nationalism uh uh in the in the mantle of the uh bourgeois classes which a lie temporarily in the 1848 revolutions being the most uh crucial example of this uh nationalism uh post-napoleonic european nationalism a working-class response or i'm sorry the middle class response to the traumas of capitalism erupts and and seizes the agenda of politics in europe that define the next \*\*\*\*\* century and that caused world war one on the back of an uncoordinated working-class movement but these new nationalists also believe in these liberal nostrums of individual autonomy the nation is their solution to the problem of how do we come together if we are all individuals with individual rights and and these and and natural rights all these enlightenment notions and the solution is a nation now the solution has to be national or racial as it became later in some places because it cannot be economic it cannot be about exploited and exploited because these are emerging within the middle class with an assumption an assumption metaphysical in nature that capitalist uh that class exploitation was the the economic engine of their society which meant all they could do is find nationalist explanations for the misery that they continue to but then after the fall after the suppression of 48 you had the moment which marx was there to witness when working-class people started organizing counter-hegemonic institutions labor unions and then parties emerging from those unions from the ground up that mirrored the power structures of the states made by these nationalists made by these triumphant bourgeois nationalists and able to challenge for control over the state mechanisms of power and technology that these uh nationalist and that they would be able to uh challenge for power in a in a context of crisis but even this thing it must

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be pointed out is as it develops a class alliance between the progressive bourgeois and the workers it's just that the relationship is flipped and now the uh energies of the uh bourgeois the energies of the progressive bourgeois are being filtered through the structures of a class counter hegemony and through class institutions which are led by which are uh uh filled with and commanded by uh working people they are tailing a working-class movement as opposed to in the 19th century and during the first explosion of this uh the working-class movement was tailing the small bourgeois which is why they were betrayed and the july days in france as always in france 0:33:55 being sort of the textbook you really could say that like france is the modern country and that france is the the european country where capitalism emerged in a national context for the for its for the longest duration capitalism of course first emerged in the low really really emerged uh post black death in the low countries but that colonialism once it was headquartered especially after the uh the seven years war in uh london was expansionist and imperial and of course french capitalism began imperially too but over the course of the 18th century it lost a huge chunks of its territory and 0:34:57 then over the course and that and that meant that once uh it emerges and once capitalism emerges in france you have unlike in europe you have or unlike in the uk you have capitalist uh capitalist um contradictions intensifying in conditions of crisis and uh and trauma emerging from this new relationship without an ash without a a significant uh release valve without anywhere else to put the energy so that's where you had and and it happens as it does you see uh the emergence of a of a revolution in paris the the the the jacobin uh the jacobin rule the reign of terror uh the \*\*\*\*\* 0:35:59 reaction napoleon the restoration the 19 july monarchy 48 to the paris commune you see these like ideal conditions of of the emergence first of bourgeois uh bourgeois self-consciousness emerging on uh piggybacked on top of uh of like peasant and early worker uh uh anger and then eventually uh the transition to the social revolution with the paris commune where you have again workers and uh the bourgeois allied but where the center of gravity has changed and therefore the the radicalness of the and that was the conflict that was the that was the eschaton that uh marx predicted 0:37:1 was a final conflict a final battle between the emergent cultural forces and like or uh social organizational structures that the working class was be able to create uh unions political parties then state power against those institutions in the hands and we had that war and the reason that the working class lost is that it never created sufficient power projection it was stuck in the back woods developmentally and that is the thing 0:38:4 is that like yes marxism is marxism is the in fact is the completing of the project of liberalism like it is it is teleologically and eschatologically the the transcendence of liberalism it recognizes that the liberal subject created by capitalism is the first human being capable of socially organizing production and reintegrating the human

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race into a homeostatic ecologically uh stable relationship with our biome without the cyclical misery of uh pre-capitalist social formations where we were all separate 0:39:5 from one another exploiting one another smashing into one another and seeing our social progress destroyed when ecological conditions changed it was things that were happening without our ability to reckon with them because we and you can chart history as this movement as class as as social order is defined once you get civilization and division of labor you have so society divided by those who enjoy surplus and those who uh produce alienated surplus as like as subjective social experiences they live their lives working for others or live their wives worthy working from others and 0:40:7 when i say working i mean doing \*\*\*\*\* that sucks doing stuff that's not fun and that is in almost no conditions possible to be made as physically pleasurable now it's not necessarily alienated when it happens in a pre-social order but it's still not a fun time people want to have and so alienation when you have a social structure where decisions are made hierarchically there's going to be every incentive at the top of the hierarchy to maximize your distance from stuff that's not fun and sucks and they're not and the other people at the end of this uh transaction the ones who you are using your control of the technology of the social order to compel to do things doesn't get a \*\*\*\*\* say their misery while it is part of the system and which uh is an externality that has to be dealt with just goes off and is unregistered and becomes just one more thing that echoes back and undermines and destroys 0:41:9 and so society is defined as mark said by class struggle between an exploiter and an exploited but as i said the real conflict social the real conflict politically and socially does not occur between exploiter and exploited classes it occurs within the exploiter class between people oriented uh depending on where they're oriented uh to capitalism are they direct exploiters of it are they slave owners or uh or later on factory owners or small business tyrants are they uh college professors who are essentially the people who live a life closest to that imagined a life of labor that is of the mind and unalienated and and well compensated this is of course talking about 0:42:10 that small handful of tenured professors who are it matters if you are uh somebody who sees themselves as a beneficiary of a national hierarchy of like consumption where you get to consume even though you feel like you are exploited by work and that your boss sucks you feel more that you benefit and all these people are pulling in different directions and that makes up our politics as an attempt to try to coordinate this nervous breakdown that cannot express itself coherently or effectively because it cannot address the real conflict because we have reached a point at the other end of that range of that parabola where we go from a relationship of uh exploitation between classes carried out by technology over time where cycles of civilization and 0:43:12 collapse happen because of unstable economical conditions underlying them but the

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thing that happens is over time there is a buildup of civilizing uh technologies that allows for the creation of an abstract social subject who can imagine himself part of a human race and have that mean something to them and also technology that can radically reduce the amount of shitty unpleasant labor that anyone has to do and you can bring those things together and and the emergent social forces that marx and marx both recognize and help call into being uh we're all erupting from that peak moment when we now have not we had something before which was this cycle because the working people could not intervene it was always just a civil war between the ruling classes that led ended up with something breaking up and a new 0:44:13 ruling group within the previous uh groups coming up to rule with a different mode of production maybe but the same process this is the first moment the 19th century in the emergence of modern capitalism where a third social force headquartered in the working class could assert itself coherently and effectively and challenge and marx predicted mark's thought like the teleology of marx is that you could tell marx thought that the workers were going to win but and so that means we're now on after that war has fought and and the working class loses it and we go back to a situation where uh the the political question is one that is fully uh obs fully uh sealed away from 0:45:15 real input from below because now we have a sufficient technological sophistication to rule groups of people who identify as things like americans as abstract concepts like like members of a racial group and that that can powerfully motivate them through media mediated reality not lived and so now we're on the other end of where we are still now we are once again a society defined entirely by class exploitation a social a political order that is simply uh a civil war within the ruling elite and an oncoming ecological uh reassertion uh or a oncoming uh disruption of the ecological balance 0:46:19 that undergirded the system and that it can't operate without like that's why the \*\*\*\*\* the anker civilization of cambodia had an insanely developed social order an incredible uh physical infrastructure that in medieval cambodia that involved among other things some of the most impressive systems of water control canals locks uh and dams and it ever were any ever created in a pre-modern world and it was able to distribute water through uh through irrigated uh this it was able to distribute water to irrigate uh uh crop or irrigate like uh rice fields and to accommodate for rises and falls in in river conditions uh like it was a perfect machine that could deal with adapt 0:47:21 with any conditional change within a band of assumed responses that's all you can go for like what what if the what if the water is this high will we do this what if the water is this high we do this what if the water is this high we do this and that's how you design it because the water has only ever been here here and here and so you have a structure designed and assuming that the water is always here here and there and if it has been for hundreds of years why the \*\*\*\*\* wouldn't you think it

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would continue that way but then somewhere else in the world a little ice age starts the the wobble of the earth on its \*\*\*\*\* uh axis or uh a burble and some sea ice and you have conditions that radically change and instead of it uh it floods three years in a row it floods 10 years in a row or floods 30 years in a row and then instead of it being dry for two years in a row it's dry for 15 or 20 or 30 years in a row and all these structures are now useless now during that time of crisis once you realize 0:48:22 conditions have changed you could be able to adapt and keep your civilization going but it would mean redistributing labor it would mean redistributing shitty labor upwards and nobody who's making decisions is going to make that decision and so it collapses marx imagined a movement the fulfillment of liberalism that would allow for the but the thing is those previous civilizations didn't have the technology to do it any any so they're always their their revolutions were always their peasant uprisings were always sort of romantically doomed always brought about new forms of uh exploitation because they couldn't not there was too much shitty work to have to be done we didn't have the technology to distribute it significantly enough were too 0:49:23 connected to the land to allow it now and then in the 19th century all this is thrown up we're creating liberal subjects but we're also creating a technology of control that can hypothetically remove the rest of lower classes from the equation but it takes a massive amount of violence as all of these things do they're not smooth like you can look at the the monstrous horrors of the 19th and 20th century imperialism uh the world war culminating in the world war uh fascism these are all parts of that conflict it's a three-way battle between the old landed ruling class the the new urban commercial uh ruling class uh and the the newly self-aware working class and it is a three-way war that that uh ends with the merger of a new emerg the emergence 0:50:25 of a new synthetic ruling class out of the conflict between uh old and new money basically and they rule over this new decline we have the sufficient technology to endeavor to create this sort of fulfilled liberalism that this this social world that can allow for productive labor and for actual human um self-expression and actualization to commence for the first time not individually but for the first time collectively we can pursue this project and live and create history and i really do think that that was possible i think that the ingredients that existed on earth allowed for that and i think that that is a fundamental schism that people have to reckon with like where 0:51:26 are you on the possible i think there's another thing to say that it's inevitable i think that is a relic that's what the way that the early christians were like jesus is going to come back before i die i think there's a very similar millennial yearning in the idea that it's an inevitable victory of the working class and it's and it's necessary to get people motivated to do the work you know when everything looks so \*\*\*\*\* hopeless but i would say now we have to reckon that we're and so now we are reaching that

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decline phase of an empire where ecological conditions are undermining the old social orders like in america for existence the social order that we've created after uh world war ii was social conflict diffused through consumption which is that's a great deal to make when you have a uh essentially infinite input there's no even theoretical limit on but now because of that faulty assumption that that that presentist fantasy that undermines all of our rational political pursuits we've created conditions that can no longer accommodate that social order and so it's breaking down our faith in this thing is breaking down our ability to invest these institutions with meaning is breaking down so we have a \*\*\*\*\* vaccine for a virus and we cannot use it to uh reduce the threat of the violence the way that previous uh uh pandemics have been uh tamed because through the failure of the institutions that comes from starving them because the money's got to go elsewhere the money's got to go to profit because there's not enough to go around anymore because that's we have to we have this new multi-polar so that means we don't have the capacity to get needles into arms of people who want them if they're uninsured or poor or not connected to infrastructure and then there's a huge other chunk of people who because of their deep investment in the tribal \*\*\*\*\* the frantic neurotic saint vitus dance of culture war between republicans and democrats that these \*\*\*\*\* delusional petty bourgeois psychos on both sides are fully invested in as an alternative to under uh to recognizing the \*\*\*\*\* ground falling away beneath their feet because doing so would mean we can't keep doing the things that keep you fat they won't get it because it defines it it's against their sense of self uh self conception their identity which is all we have we're fighting to to to to protect our tribal identity from the rising tide and we want our enemies tribe to be \*\*\*\*\* dissolved in it i know people get mad when you talk about tribalism in america but this we're talking about a decline phase here we're talking about a capitalism that has fulfilled its historic role and is now staying out its welcome because it broke the human resistance to it and now we have a exploited class a global exploited class that is so separated by nash by nate by geography nation by by and you do have the fact that for many many years the center of the colonial empire imperial system benefited at the expense of its periphery which means people have a deep investment beneath their own consciousness in protecting it in a way that they and that doesn't necessarily determine their political uh points of view and and what they're willing to do it certainly informs it and those things that it's this lattice work of of of alienated uh mediated cultural identity that override any sense of one as a worker at least in the center because we did so much consumption instead of uh controlling our labor we ceded our work hours to the boss in exchange for a greater intensity of pleasure that we could experience in our off hours and now that pleasure comes from feeling like you're in control of your life feeling like you're

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doing what you want but part of the reason that capitalism won is because it was able to build sufficiently sophisticated technological uh systems of of mediated uh reality transmission that you can essentially just oh we can just tell them what they want to do and then they'll just do it we tell them to do things that that they spend money on and then they spend the money on them it's great but there has to be things to spend money on and there has to be more things to spend money on and there have to be continually more things to spend money on because it is a hedonic treadmill and we've been great at and at uh innovating but innovation has slowed as the inputs have changed and now we're in a situation where like look at what we look at what's happened in the last two years to significantly reduce the uh enjoyment that the average american can have in their life uh the degree to which people have been increasingly alienated from this system now again i'm saying that doesn't have to turn into anti-capitalism or socialism or anything it's just hey this is \*\*\*\*\* and i don't like it and the powers that i used to think were invested with meaning are actually lying to me and have no real uh influence and their access to treats has been disrupted now we've gotten some money you know there was some money there was a there's a a a per patetic spirit spigot of government cash for people to spend things on but what are you going to spend things on half the stuff you want to do is closed or uh it's just a bummer like wearing a mask at like six flags looks like the most depressing thing on earth like it literally just taking away your ability to enjoy the things that used to be what you did instead of feel like uh you uh were able to control your life but what have we gotten instead we have gotten in the last 12 months at least six new cut of the uh state of the art cutting edge spicy chicken sandwiches from different that is the only innovation left in the system that's the only place where there is any return on investment in streaming services and chicken sandwiches that's it and then everyone has to pretend like oh my god i'm so excited to eat this chicken sandwich because it's something and i gotta admit i have been looking at a lot of those chicken sandwiches like i gotta try that i've tried the burger king one i tried the popeye's one but that's where optimism lies because that's not enough you know and if there is any emergent if there's anything if there's any juice left in the human race that can be coordinated commoners access it's going to be as something beyond a worker it can't it's not going to be worker that's not going to be the the organizing self-conscious clip principle i think we are literally as i said tracing the parabola past that it was real it was a live ball but now we are in a but it still will emerge specifically from the economically exploited the most pain it has to because if you're on the good side of the coin of uh global wealth distribution if by and large barring exceptions your response to increased misery increased uh alienation uh increased precarity is going to be expressing your alienation through

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the cultural levers currently existing to do so things like culture war things like politics through the lens of of a culture war you are literally too entranced by this ferrago to do otherwise it can only be the workers who will emerge but what they will call themselves is because something that was supposed to happen as part of that process of of humans coming together to socially determine uh socially determined economic activity through democratic means like as in finding out what people want now democracy does not \*\*\*\*\* mean voting it does not uh mean two-party systems and elections which is why all of the critiques of cuba from the united states are so hilarious like oh they don't have a two-party system oh no there's nothing to do with democracy those are in fact anti-democratic structures meant to capture questions of democratic legitimacy for the ruling class to keep all deliberations about what we should do among rulers people who are self-conscious of themselves as rulers i mean you're either part of a political party structure that benefits you or now you're just a rich person they're all just \*\*\*\*\* millionaires now nancy pelosi's worth like 200 it's not about parties at all it's about people expressing what they want to do and making a deal hey there's x amount of shitty work that sucks who is going to do it well instead of just having whoever has who is most desperate does it whoever is most compelled does it whoever has the gun of the state or the market the same thing does it or we all decide who does it and then maybe or maybe one person does it but they don't do it for very long they spend much more they have they work way less they work and then a bunch of people do it for a little bit of time how about that what about that what about everybody we don't want to we don't want to do away completely with the efficiencies of lab of uh separation of labor so in terms of like productive non-recreational stuff that like has to be done socially important labor maybe the same people do the worst of it but they do it like and then maybe people who like doing the stuff that's uh traditionally been rewarded with surplus yes hey yeah hey you who get who who's the scribe you get uh some some some you don't get it you don't get uh you got to work as like you know all the time but that's fine or you mix it up one way or another you get to a point where people are willing to make a deal and they feel like they've been \*\*\*\*\* consulted and they understand i am doing this for these reasons it's providing me with this you are unalienated from a social order the way that humans were when we were hunter-gatherer societies everybody knew why they were doing what they were doing and they were cooperating if they didn't like it they \*\*\*\*\* said something and they had to be accommodated because there were insufficient technologies of coercion at and the the post class dream of cap of uh marxism socialism is that you can recreate that level of social investment that level of faith in a cosmopolitan social milieu that is that create that is a advanced uh cultural context where you are an individual

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among individuals pursuing individual desires but without the context so you can 1:6:11  
really say it's like marx's teleology is correct in that at the end of the conflict between  
capitalism and socialism you have abolished class the only question is how have you  
done it socialism sought to abolish class by abolishing exploitation uh it seems like  
what we have accomplished is abolishing class by abolishing the ability to perceive  
class which is i guess the liberal nightmare okay hope some of that made sense 1:7:16